Holy Trinity Church

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Letter to Parishioners

Reading Psalm 71 verses 1-9



Dear Friends,

I find these nine verses such encouragement when life is difficult, sad, tiring and lonely. They remind me to seek refuge in God and to turn to Him in prayer, seeking salvation. I find myself agreeing with the writer of the Psalm in pleading for God to be his rock of refuge, to which he can always go. It is such a comfort to know that there is One we can always go to who never changes. Sometimes life changes too quickly for us. The unexpected catches us unaware and unprepared. It feels like the wind has been knocked out of our lungs and we are on our knees.

When this happens to me, and it happens often, I turn to this Psalm and use these verses as a prayer. A prayer of pleading with God to be my rock of refuge, to rescue me and to be my source of Hope. The Psalmist is very clear that all the days of his life he has known the hand of God guiding, leading, protecting and preserving his life. I can identify with that also, and maybe you can too.

I love verse 9 more and more as I get older. What a wonderful prayer is uttered in those words. A prayer of hope, of trust and of pleading with God to keep us ever near Him. I want you to stop and think for a moment about verse 9. The Psalmist knows who is in control and who decides his destiny. Hence he pleaded with God not to cast him aside, especially as he grows old and loses his strength.

In a world which more and more values youth, strength and virility it is good to turn to the One who values us much more than our age, ability and strength. He is the One who will not forsake us because our strength has diminished with age. That is such a comfort. Yet, it is important that we pray such words. In those words there is an acknowledgment that

with age comes a diminishing of physical strength and maybe even some mental impairment also. However, age or mental agility does not disqualify us from an ongoing relationship with the living God in Christ Jesus.

So let me encourage you today when life becomes hard and when the difficult season comes our way turn to Psalm 71 and use it as your prayer to God. Find comfort in its words. Find strength in its pointing the Rock of refuge and find hope in its promises.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Young At Heart

We finished our meetings for this year with a very enjoyable outing to Coleman's Garden Centre. Lots of retail therapy then delicious lunch and great chat.

Thank you to all of our ladies who have attended and supported us this year. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September. Please do invite any others you know who would like to join us in the autumn for fellowship and fun. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 11.00am.

God bless,

Yvonne and her team

Storehouse

Storehouse continue to help those in need within our community. Please contact me if you have items of unwanted furniture and I will gladly arrange a collection.

Thank you for your support.
Donna Harrison

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Studies continues on Wednesday's.
Lunchtime Bible Study - We will be resuming our study in the Book of Psalms.
Evening Bible study - We begin a new series of studies - beginning with the Apostles Creed. Knowing what we confess is important - so plan to come along and learn together.

Please note the following day and times for prayer times and bible study:

Wednesday's

1.00pm-2.00pm - Lunch time Bible Study in the Bennett Room
7.00pm-7.30pm - Prayer Time - Kerr Room
7.30pm-8.30pm - Bible Study

Everyone will be very welcome.
God bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Holy Trinity Fundraising



The 'Fun-raising' team and I would like to say a huge thank you to all who came along to our Preloved Party at the end of April and to the Plant sale held in May.

From donations of cakes, bakes, & buns to seedlings, & jigsaws you have generously given each time, and these have been gratefully received and used for each fundraising event – Thank you!

The team are taking a well-earned break now, but we will be back near in the Autumn with our Harvest Fayre on Saturday 17th October.

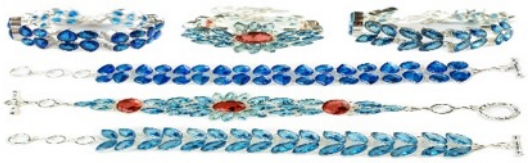
If you have any ideas or suggestions of Fundraising events, please come and have a chat with me.

Keep Shining.

Karen Hambleton & the Trinity 'Fun-raising' Team

Craic and Craft

Great fun was had at our bracelet making meeting last time out. Some amazing colours and designs were on display at the end of the evening.



Our next meetings of the summer session will be on Thursday June 4th and Thursday June 18th from 7pm until 9pm. We will have an organised craft for you to join in with plus please bring along any crafts you are working on at home. With tea and craic, we are hoping for yet another great evening and all for just £2.

You can't beat that!!

Looking forward to welcoming you on the night.

Hazel, Donna and Anne

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



Thursday mornings, 10.00am - 11.30am
for play, chat, snacks, singing and craft.

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching our summer break! We have had a very busy year, lots of new members and great to have past members returning to us with new grandchildren. Our toast makers have been kept very busy!

We will have our last session for this season on Thursday 4th June and have decided that any donations given on that day will be passed on to the Air Ambulance. We want to thank everyone who has supported us this year, helping out when leaders have been away, putting out chairs and tables for us and to Drew and Karen for ordering equipment for us. If anyone would like to join our team, even one or two Thursdays in each month, please do speak to us. Our babies and children are such fun and their parents and carers a lovely group of people. Have a lovely summer.

God Bless
Trinity Tots Team

Scrap to Money to Crosslinks

Any **scrap metal** such as; kitchen utensils, car parts, unwanted trampolines, garden gates, tools of any kind, central heating boilers, etc, etc, collected and redeemed for cash, proceeds to **Crosslinks Missionary Society.**

Contact ***: Lynn Rodgers***, 07970974604.

Prayer Team

Alison Allen, Joan Harvey & Libby Todd



Two members of the Prayer Team will be meeting in the Prayer Room on Sundays after the service to lift your prayer slips. Two members will also be available at the front of the church to pray with you at this time each week. We will rotate in these roles so you will see different faces from week to week. Please do ask if you would prefer prayer in the privacy of the prayer room. The slips will continue to be lifted weekly and on 4 occasions as previously (usually over 4 weeks but may be over a longer period). Therefore, please do continue to make use of our prayer request box situated in the front hall of the church. As always, be assured that information on the slips remains confidential. We would encourage you to complete a prayer slip after you have attended for prayer so that we can continue to pray for your situation when we meet together.

If you would be interested in being part of the prayer team we ask that you consider this and know that we would dearly love to have your support. Please do approach one of us.

On behalf of the prayer team

Carrickfergus Food Bank (JVC Church)

Please place non-perishable donations into the 2 black bins in the entrance hall. The food is delivered monthly.

Thank you for the continued support which is very much appreciated

Fellowship Café



Thursday
10.30am – 12.30pm

After some deliberation, we have decided that from the beginning of July, the Fellowship café will become the Friendship café.

We are planning a trial of opening over the summer, and we will close from 24th June 2026 and reopen on 23rd July 2026 to go through until Christmas. We would love to see you all at the café to support us and the work we do for the Lord and the people and organisations we give financial help to.

Due to retirements and family commitments, we need helpers. People to make tea/coffee, serve the food, collect and wash the dishes, and, most of all, people to smile, chat and make our customers feel welcome. Please bring this to God if you feel it would be something you would like to do. You can come 1 morning per month or 4, it's whatever suits you. We would love to have you.

Please pray that the Friendship café will be successful as we go forward into a new season. Pray for our leaders and our helpers who are truly gifts from God. We could not do it without them.

Every part of this ministry is important
You can keep up to date by following us on Facebook at:
"Holy Trinity Fellowship Café"
Yours in Christ's service,

The Fellowship Café Team.

Holiday Bible Club



This year's dates for Holiday Bible Club are 20th - 24th July. I am appealing for people to come forward and join our team….. we cannot operate without you.

There are a variety of roles you could play, from serving refreshments to leading at the front. I am looking forward to seeing past members of our team returning.. but also would love to see new members coming forward. Think about it and pray about it.

Also if you have any children/ grandchildren/ neighbours who would be eligible to attend please pass on an invitation/ flier.

And a vital role all of you can partake in is to pray for God's blessing and protection on this outreach to children.



God bless

Yvonne Best

Carrickfergus Baby Bank

We thank you for the support and ask for donations of nappies, new baby grows, wipes, lotions, baby bath shampoo etc. Please place the items into the bin provided. The contents are delivered each month

LIGHT (Sunday School)

Hi everyone,
We have loved having your children/ grandchildren again this year & looking forward to welcoming any children starting P1 in September.

Our last class this year will be Sunday 14th June.

Just a heads up that prize giving this year for Light will be during the service, Sunday 21st June.

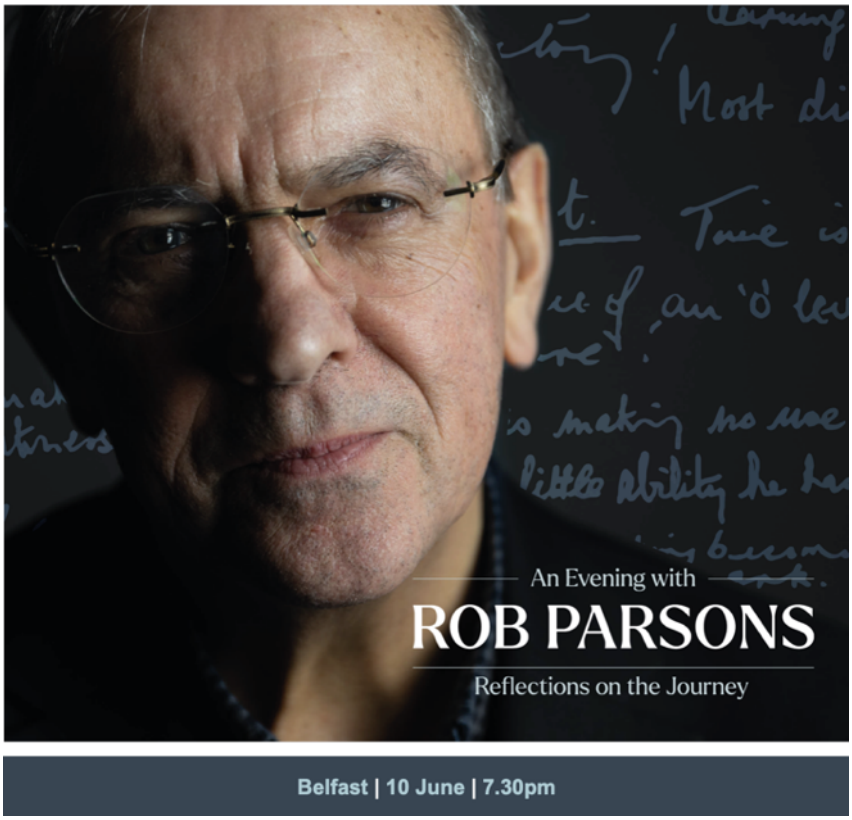
Thank-you for your continued support.
Chrissi & the team.

Select Vestry

If anyone wants an item raised at the Select Vestry please contact:
Elaine Wright : secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk
Drew Buchanan: treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk
or any member of SV. This includes booking the church hall for any events.

Hon Secretary

An Evening With Rob Parson



Hi Friend,
I'm so pleased to be bringing this popular event to BELFAST in a couple of months and I'd love for you to join me.
This event is something a little different.
It's a chance to journey with me through the moments that have shaped my life and are close to my heart.
Perhaps, like me, you've had people put expectations on you?
Struggled with fear of failure?
Or have been knocked back by disappointments?

My hope is that, during the event, you'll discover that we can all become more resilient to the obstacles we face and grow through the challenges of life.

I hope you will be able to join me.

Orangefield Presbyterian Church, Belfast.
Cost £6.

Rob

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps

Holidays may be approaching but please continue to save your used postage stamps (including a small envelope border) for CMS work in Africa. Money obtained from their sale will help fund various projects including education, commerce, irrigation, health and church ministry. You will find the church stamp box on the church table.

Many thanks
Yvonne Best

Creche Rota –Jun 2026



7th Jun	M. Lunn	H. Fittis
14th Jun	J Hunter	L Ross
21st Jun	C Lafferty	G. Fittis
28th Jun	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

Tea & Coffee Rota

Team	Team Members			
1	Ann Calvert	Tracey Bowden	Joanne Hunter	
2	Arlene Macartney	Marilyn Hulme		
3	Lorraine Hagan	John Doherty	Gail Doherty	
4	Yvonne Best	Jennifer Hamilton		
5	Wenda Gray	Sue Majury	Eva Dunn	
6	Kel McDermott	Drew Buchanan	Karen Buchanan	
7	Lorraine Ross	Maureen Lunn	Adrienne Tasker	Maureen Jackson

Team	Dates			
1		28th Jun	18th Oct	6th Dec
2		6th Sept	25th Oct	13th Dec
3		13th Sept	1st Nov	20th Dec
4	31st May	20th Sept	8th Nov	27th Dec
5	7th Jun	27th Sept	15th Nov	3rd Jan 27
6	14th Jun	4th Oct	22nd Nov	10th Jan 27
7	21st Jun	11th Oct	29th Nov	17th Jan 27

Karen Buchanan
Hon Secretary

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates		
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		14th Jun	22nd Nov
Karen Buchanan Jenny Wightman		21st Jun	29th Nov
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		28th Jun	6th Dec
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker Maureen Jackson		6th Sept	13th Dec
Karen Buchanan Drew Buchanan		13th Sept	20th Dec
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett		20th Sept	27th Dec
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley		27th Sept	3rd Jan 27
Libby Todd Marjory Edgar		4th Oct	10th Jan 27
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan		11th Oct	17th Jan 27
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton		28th Oct	24th Jan 27
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr		25th Oct	31st Jan 27
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray		1st Nov	7th Feb 27
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	31st May	8th Nov	14th Feb 27
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings Linda Purvis	7th Jun	15th Nov	21st Feb 27

Karen Buchanan

Holy Trinity Chair Rota

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Kel McDermott	Dougie Hempton	Graeme Hunter	David Sprott	John Fittis
Colin McIlwaine	Simon McDonald	Jim McNerlan	Charlie Killow	Daniel Lafferty
Garry Richmond	Phil Moody	Bert Macartney	Richard Hambleton	
Peter Moffett		Maurice Langley		

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5	31st May			



Please note: Some teams need additional help. If you think you can help, please contact Simon.

Please take note of church announcements regarding organisations using the church and possible need to put out and put away chairs each week. If possible, please liaise with the others in your group.

Thank you

Simon McDonald

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
7th June 2026	1st Reading	Vic Wootton	**Holy Communion Peter - Who are you?**	Psalm	Psalm 50 verses 7 - 15
	2nd Reading	Rev Dr Alan McCann	Prayers Yvonne Best	Matthew	Chapter 16 verses 13 - 23
14th June 2026	1st Reading	_____	**Joey Refitt**	Mark	Chapter 14 verses 22 - 31
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Jack Blair	_____	_____
21st June 2026	1st Reading	_____	**Peter McRoberts**	John	Chapter 21 verses 1 - 10
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Kel McDermott	_____	_____
28th June 2026	_____	_____	**Family Service**	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Colin McIlwaine