Holy Trinity Church

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Letter to Parishioners

Reading Ecclesiastes 1 verses 1-11



Dear Friends,

I hope and pray that you all had time over the summer break to get away from the daily grind of life and to enjoy some rest and relaxation. Time spent with friends and family is important. Time spent away from the daily routines of life to renew and recharge one's mental, physical, emotional and spiritual batteries is so very important. It is becoming increasingly more so as the pace of daily life seems to get quicker and quicker. If you have taken the time to read the passage above you will see that it also corresponds to one of our reading for the first Sunday in September. This term I plan on preaching through a series on the book of Ecclesiastes. I am not sure if you are familiar with the book or not but no doubt you are familiar with the words of the passage above, Maybe you first heard them read in church and thought: "What on earth do they mean?" Well, DV, over the coming months we will together discover their meaning and application to our lives today.

One of the certainties of life is that one day we will die. Like you, I do not know when I am going to die. Death itself holds no fear for me as someone who believes in Christ Jesus and the Resurrection of the dead. In the series one Ecclesiastes I want to help us all to get a proper perspective on death and therefore provide a true and proper perspective on life. I believe that living in light of your death will help you to live wisely, freely and generously. I believe that living with a christian perspective on death will give you a big heart, open hands and enable you to truly relish the small things in life in a deeper and more profound way.

Ecclesiastes points out to us that life is complex, complicated and messy at times. It teaches that there is a straightforward way to look at this complexity and mess - the end will put it right. The end - when we stand before God, our Creator and Judge - will explain everything. In light of that I can live a life of freedom, joy amidst sorrow, hope amongst despair, love amongst fear and hate.

In essence, Ecclesiastes teaches us to live life backwards. Left to our own devices we tend to live life forwards. We do this by planning a future we cannot control and hoping for outcomes we cannot predetermine. Not that there is anything wrong with planning or hope. Yet we must live in the knowledge that we cannot determine any outcome.

Unlike what the world teaches, Ecclesiastes tells us that it is the destination that makes sense and determines the journey. If you know your destination then you can know beforehand the road to be taken and what needs to be done to arrive there.

Ultimately, Ecclesiastes challenges us that only in preparing to die can we truly learn how to live.

So I invite you to join with us each Sunday morning as we travel through Ecclesiastes - Learning to Live Backwards.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Parish Prayer Hour

Wednesday 9th September 7pm – 8pm

Come join with us as we commit this time to God in prayer.

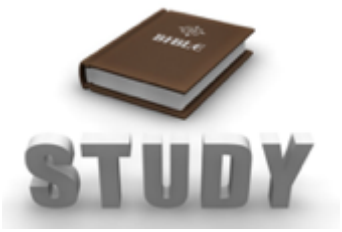
Young At Heart

Hello ladies, we hope you have enjoyed the lovely summer and are now ready to join us for the new session of Young at Heart. Our first meeting will be on Monday 7th September at 11.00 for a cuppa, chat and to hear about the programme for the coming season.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

God bless,
Yvonne and her team

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Studies resumes on Wednesday 16th September.
Lunchtime Bible Study – We will continue our study in the 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



Craic and Craft

Our meetings of the autumn session will be on the first and third Thursdays of every month from 7pm until 9pm.

This is an opportunity for all ladies in the congregation and their friends to come along to learn new crafts, as well as sharing crafts being worked on at home.

With tea and craic, we are hoping for more great evenings together, 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.

Hello again to all of our babies, toddlers and carers! We are so looking forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 17th September for lots of play, snacks, craft and singing. We meet from 10.00 until 11.30.

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.

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.

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

6UP

6Up will resume on Sunday 6th September @ 6pm. All welcome.

8th Carrickfergus Boys Brigade

Registration Night - Monday 7th September 6:30pm-7:30pm.
Registration is £30 per boy. £25 for each other member of the family.

Anchor Boys meet at 6.00pm till 7.00pm each week. Junior and Company Section meet 7.00pm-8.30pm each week.

Rev Dr Alan McCann

LIGHT (Sunday School)

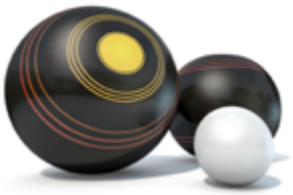
Hi everyone,
LIGHT registration will take place in foyer on Sunday 6th Sept before & after the service. We are looking forward to welcoming our children back to LIGHT on Sunday 14th September & accepting any newcomers (starting P1 in Sept 2026 - up to & including P7).

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

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

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



Your Invitation to join us

We recommence on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

Where do we meet: Holy Trinity Church – Prospect Road
When: Every Thursday - September to May @ 7.30 pm

Why should you come??
Our emphasis is on - FRIENDLINESS
Do we play league matches ? - No
No pressure to play matches at home or away
Never played before? - We will show you how
No bowls? - No Problem – we have some
Age Limit? - Yes - Over 18 please (except – see below)
(15-17 – must be accompanied by a parent at all times)
Ask for - Vic or Jack (when you arrive)
Enjoy the craic over tea and eats

Look forward to seeing you then.

God bless
Vic Wootton

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

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps Appeal

Hello everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer, and I hope you have not forgotten about the support work Church Missionary Society is involved with in Africa. We are much blessed in that most of us have been enjoying holidays, get away days and treats this summer. But now more than ever, our brothers and sisters in third world countries are struggling to survive. Hence the Church is needed as much as ever to provide help. So we will need those stamps, which provide a small, but important, means of support. You will find the stamp box on the table in the entrance foyer. (Don't forget to leave a paper margin around the stamp.)

Many thanks
Yvonne Best

BB Heritage Museum



Tickets will be available from Drew Buchanan and Phil Moody.

Creche Rota –Sep 2026



6th September	L Kerr	L Ross
13th September	G. Fittis	M. Lunn
20th September	C Lafferty	J Hunter
27th September	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

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

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		18th Oct	6th Dec
2	6th Sept	25th Oct	13th Dec
3	13th Sept	1st Nov	20th Dec
4	20th Sept	8th Nov	27th Dec
5	27th Sept	15th Nov	3rd Jan 27
6	4th Oct	22nd Nov	10th Jan 27
7	11th Oct	29th Nov	17th Jan 27

Karen Buchanan
Hon Secretary

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates	
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		22nd Nov
Karen Buchanan Jenny Wightman		29th Nov
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		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	8th Nov	14th Feb 27
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings Linda Purvis	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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1	6th Sep	4th Oct	1st Nov	6th Dec
2	13th Sep	11th Oct	8th Nov	13th Dec
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4	27th Sep	25th Oct	22nd Nov	27th Dec
5			29th Nov	



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
6th September 2026	1st Reading	Helen Annesley	**Holy Communion Lets Pretend**	Ecclesiastes	Chapter1 verses 1 - 11
	2nd Reading	Rev Dr Alan McCann	Prayers Yvonne Best	Psalm	Psalm 39 verses 5 - 6, 11
13th September 2026	1st Reading	Colin McIlwaine	**Service of the Word Bursting the Bubble**	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 1 verse12 to Chapter 2 verse 11
	2nd Reading	Terry Shimmon	Prayers Rev Dr Alan McCann	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 2 verses 12 - 26
20th September 2026	1st Reading	Lorraine Ross	**Morning Prayer Doing Time**	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 3 verses 1 - 11
	2nd Reading	David Sprott	Prayers Maurice Langley	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 3 verses 12 - 22
27th September 2026	_____	_____	**Chris Phillips Open Doors**	_____	_____
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Colin McIlwaine