Holy Trinity Church

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A Bible in your hand. A Saviour in your heart. A Purpose in your life.

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Letter to Parishioners

Reading **2 Corinthians 9 verses 8-11**



Dear Friends,

I have recently been thinking and praying about the word "blessing." I have been amazed that the word "blessing" appears 467 times in the Bible. It is a central word and thought throughout Scripture. Every week at the end of public worship I pronounce the blessing of God over you as the people of God met to worship God. Privately in prayer with others I often pray a blessing over them. Yet, for all that it is a word that I have, if I am honest, often taken for granted. Maybe you also have taken if for granted.

I often hear people pray and ask God to bless the church, to bless Holy Trinity, its leaders and people. Often on a Wednesday evening prayer time such words are spoken in prayer. I have been asking myself how does God bless His people? Steve Turner, a christian poet, in his poem "where Jesus touched the earth" says the following:

I looked down, down to my feet, my legs, arms, chest. I looked down to where Jesus touches the earth.

I was struck by those words and when I read them in conjunction with the verse above I realise that God blesses His people through His people. As someone said to me recently:

"How can we pray for God to bless His church, His people, if we are not a blessing to each other?"

I was really challenged by those words and they have resounded in my soul almost every day since they were spoken to me. I found myself repeating it to myself often over the past month and speaking it to other people in conversation.

I know I have said to you all many times in my sermons over the years that "our words can either pour lemon or drip honey" into a person's life. So let me ask you a few simple but hard questions:
Are you blessing God's people by how you live amongst and interact with people at Holy Trinity?
Do your words, your text messages, WhatsApp messages, emails, social media posts pour lemon or drip honey in to the lives of others?
How often do we receive God's blessings through the actions and words of others?
Do we acknowledge this before God and others?
These questions have had me thanking God for the blessing that others are in my life by their words and actions. They have also had me asking some serious questions about my own words and actions. I hope and pray they have the same impact on all your lives and on the life God's people at Holy Trinity.

One last verse to end this letter. Words spoken by Jesus in Luke 6 verses 31: "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

yours in Christ
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Harvest

Our guest speaker this year will be Rev Maurice Laverty, retired Methodist minister from Lurgan, Co Armagh.

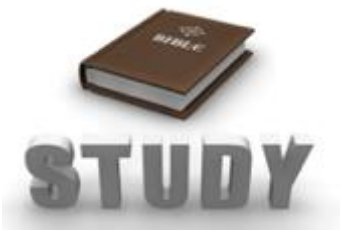
Young At Heart

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th October at 11.00 am. Our speaker will be Avril Waller to tell us about her involvement with the Eco Rangers and their wonderful work in our area. Please do join us for a cuppa and a chat too.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

God bless,
Yvonne and her team

Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Studies contrinues on Wednesday's.
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



C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps Appeal

Keep saving those used stamps (remembering to leave a small envelope border) and pop them in the box on the church table or hand them to me. The money raised from their sale continues to support Christian based projects in Africa.

Many thanks

Yvonne Best

Craic and Craft

First and third Thursdays of every month 7 – 9pm. Over the past few months, it has been a joy to welcome several new members to our meetings.
We have enjoyed learning new crafts, plus, of course, enjoying the craic.
At our last meeting we created some amazing
Autumn wall hangings.



Craic and Craft 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.

Thursday mornings at 10.00-11.30 for play, singing and craft. We also enjoy our snacks for adults and children. Babies, toddlers and their carers will be assured of a warm welcome and lots of fun. There will be no meeting on Thursday 30th October as schools are off for half term.

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

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

CIEF Event



Event will begin at 7.30pm.Doors open at 7pm.

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.

Elaine Wright
Hon Secretary

Articles from ‘evangelicals now’ Publication

Belfast books 100



Some Trustees of the Evangelical Book Shop with the General Manager. LtoR: David Watson (Chair), Rev. Robert Beckett, David Butler, William Frizelle (General Manager), Richard Beattie, Ben Hegan.

The Evangelical Book Shop, Belfast, is celebrating 100 years of ministry!

W. J. Grier – in 1927 a founding father of the Irish Evangelical Church, later the Evangelical Presbyterian Church – was appointed the first manager of the Book Shop on 1 October 1926.

During the Northern Ireland “troubles”, there were four instances of bomb damage. A new website, evangelicalbooks.com, was launched in June 2025. A Centenary service at Stranmillis Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Belfast, is being held on 27 November at 7:30pm, with Sinclair Ferguson as guest speaker.

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Colombia: Minister



An evangelical woman, Viviane Morales, has been made Colombia’s Education Minister as part of what new president Abelardo de la Espriella has described as a “moral reconstruction of the country”. Morales is well known in the nation for her faith and has previously served as the nation’s first female Attorney General.

Evangelical Focus reveals that Morales, who has 15 years of experience in education work, strongly advocates for the promotion of traditional family values and parenting within the national education system. Opposition politicians have criticised the appointment because of her conservative views.

Switzerland: No to march

This year’s March for Life event will not be hosted in Zurich city centre after officials refused to allow access on security grounds. Organisers say they will appeal the decision, stating that “anyone who wants to ensure safety must curb the source of aggression” rather than restrict peaceful demonstrators, but have said this year’s event will take place in the Zurich-Oerlikon area instead.

Organisers have described the measures as a “disproportionate restriction on freedom of assembly and expression,” reports Evangelical Focus. They point out that the event will now garner less public attention and claim that no other similar event would be banished to the outskirts in such fashion.

Sudan: Abduction

A pastor and his family in South Kordofan state, Sudan have been kidnapped alongside others as conflict continues to rage across the nation. Yaqob Ibrahim Tia, who serves the Sudanese Church of Christ (SCOC), and his two sons were taken by attackers who used to be affiliated with the Sudan People’s Liberation Army-North (SPLA-N), but there is no obvious motivation behind the incident.

Morning Star News reports that church leaders in the area are increasingly being targeted. No ransoms have been demanded following recent abductions and the aim of this attack could simply be to unsettle those in the area.

Nigeria: Calls for release

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) is calling for Christian villagers, who were kidnapped by militants for ransom during Easter services, to be released. The attackers, believed to be of Fulani origin, killed at least seven and abducted 37 worshippers from multiple services in southern Kaduna State.

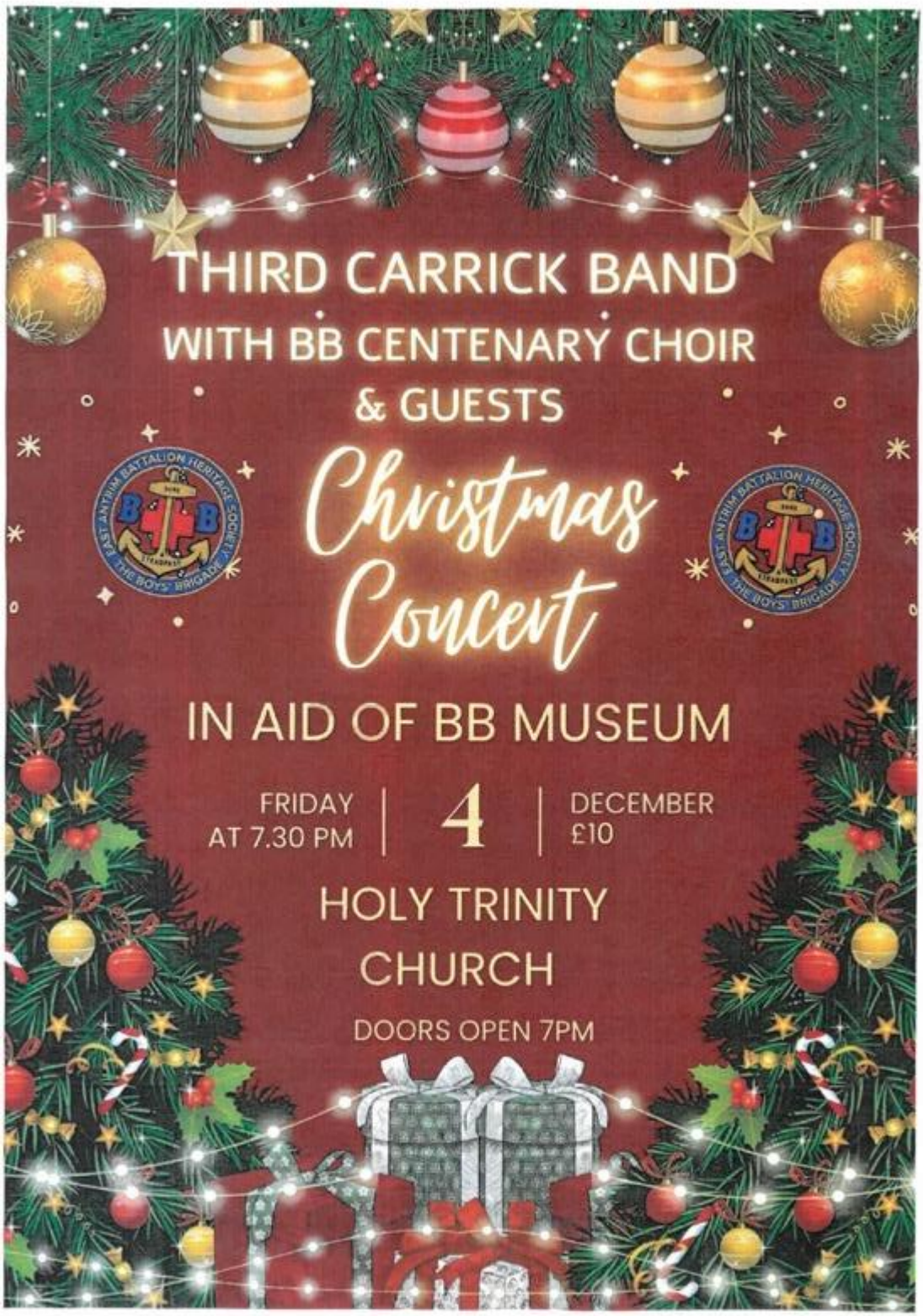
CSW believes eight of those taken have died because of the brutal conditions the attackers subjected them to. Victims of other attacks during the Spring have also reportedly been moved to the same location, where they are exposed to all weather conditions.

USA: Woman removed

A woman has been removed from a plane travelling from Orlando to San Diego after briefly preaching about the gospel during a flight delay. Whitney Lynn, who describes herself as an evangelist on Instagram, was taken off the aircraft with her baggage after being told she made the crew unsafe.

Premier Christian News reports that Alaska Airlines described her departure as relating to “security reasons” and that she will not be allowed to travel on their flights for the “foreseeable future”. Lynn recorded her experience and shared it with followers on Instagram.

BB Heritage Museum



Tickets will be available from Drew Buchanan and Phil Moody.

Creche Rota –Oct 2026



4th October	H. Fittis	M. Lunn
11th October	G. Fittis	L .Kerr
18th October	J. Hunter	L. Ross
25th October	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		25th Oct	13th Dec
3		1st Nov	20th Dec
4		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		13th Dec
Karen Buchanan Drew Buchanan		20th Dec
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett		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	Billy Brennan	Daniel Lafferty
Peter Moffett	Phil Moody	Bert Macartney		
		Maurice Langley		

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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
4th October 2026	1st Reading	Alison Moffett	Holy Communion **Living a Life Less Upwardly Mobile**	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 4 verses 1 - 16
	2nd Reading	Rev Dr Alan McCann	Prayers Kel McDermott	Luke	Chapter 14 verses 1 - 11
11th October 2026	1st Reading	Helen Fittis	Service of the Word **Looking Up Listening In**	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 5 verses 1 - 7
	_____	_____	Prayers Rev Dr Alan McCann	_____	_____
18th October 2026	1st Reading	_____	**HARVEST Rev Maurice Laverty**	_____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Janis Gibson	_____	_____
25th October 2026	_____	_____	Family Service **Ms Helen Buchanan SU**	_____	_____

Colin McIlwaine