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for HE is RISEN**

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**A Bible in their hands
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Reading: Luke chapter 24 verses 13 – 35

Dear Friends,

The passage above is one of my favourite post resurrection stories. Two disciples are making their way to Emmaus, having left Jerusalem. Luke tells us that as they walked along the road they were talking about the events of the first Easter (verse 14). I have passed over that verse many times and just thought of it as an incidental part of the story. Yet, when I read verse 15, in preparation for this letter, I realised the significance of verse 14. They were talking about the cross and the resurrection and it is in that context that Jesus comes and walks alongside them. This raised questions for me in my mind. How often do I walk along with people without ever talking about Jesus' death and resurrection? How often do I, even when talking about the cross and resurrection, like the disciples, fail to recognise Jesus' presence in a situation. They did not recognise Him. What struck me next was the gentleness of Jesus with these two disciples. He does not rebuke them with harsh words. He does not scold them for talking about the events of Easter without recognising Christ before them. Instead, He opens the Word of God to them and leads them through the Scriptures to the place where they will be ready to recognise Him when He reveals Himself to them. Again, that challenged me. It challenged me to, once again, reaffirm in my mind, in my heart and in my life that the Word of God is the means to bring people to the point of recognising Christ when He reveals Himself to them. My task, your task, this Easter is to talk to people about the Easter event from Holy Scripture to lead people on their Emmaus road to a place where their eyes will be opened as Christ stands before them. The eyes of the disciples are opened when He breaks bread before them (verse 30 – 31). In the familiar breaking of the bread their eyes are opened. There was no dramatic sign for these disciples. There was no thunder clap or trumpet voluntary from Heaven. It was in the familiar breaking of bread that they realise who it is that has walked with them and taught them the truth about Easter. The sad thing for me, as a Pastor, is to encounter people who are looking for the miraculous and dramatic encounter with Christ and who miss His presence in the familiar. This Easter may I encourage you to talk to people about the Easter event. Can I encourage us all to go on that Emmaus road journey with an open Bible so that through the Word of God we, all, might be brought to a point of eyes being opened and recognising Christ before us. Then, like these two disciples, may we be so filled with the joy of the resurrection that we will race to tell others we have met the Risen Christ.

May God bless you this Easter.

In the Name of the Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Alan McCann

RECOMMENDED EASTER READING:

“Dead or Alive” by Daniel Clark: the truth and relevance of Jesus’ resurrection.

“Alive!: What could Jesus’ resurrection mean for you?” by Dan Clark

“Lifted: Experiencing the resurrection life” by Sam Allberry

VESTRY HOUR

Rev. Alan McCann will be at Holy Trinity every Wednesday between 6.30 and 7.30pm to discuss weddings, baptisms etc. and any Christian topic.

CONFIRMATION 2010

The Bishop of Connor, Rt. Rev. Alan Abernethy, will be with us on Sunday June 20th for the service of Confirmation. Please put this in your diary and come along to support those in our congregation who are going forward for confirmation, a very important step in their walk with God.

HOLY WEEK 2010

Monday March 29th to Friday April 2nd at 7.30pm.
North Street Presbyterian Church

JOURNEY to JERUSALEM

Lessons on discipleship from Mark’s gospel.
by Desi Maxwell

BUCHANAN TRUST

The Trust provides small grants of no more than £100 to young people of Holy Trinity, aged between 11 and 25 years who are undertaking training or the like in Christian Youth Work. Application forms can be obtained from Janis Gibson or downloaded from the church website. The decision of the Trustees will be final.

BIBLE STUDY

As we walk along God’s path we continually encounter diversions and obstructions, placed by Satan. The way to remove these is found in His Word. By all means read your bible in the comfort of your home but it would please God if you also joined one of these groups to help you with your walk, so as to become closer to Him. It is not too late to join any of these bible study groups.

Parish Bible Study is on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the computer suite and is led by Rev. Alan McCann. We will continue with our study of the Acts of the Apostles.

Inductive Bible Study: is led by Jack Blair and is on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Henly Room.

We will continue to study the three letters of John.
Please note that there will be no bible study on March 31st.

Men’s Bible Fellowship is for all men of the congregation. We meet on the second Monday of every month with our next meeting on April 12th at 7.30pm at the home of Phil Moody.

We are trying something different by reading and discussing the book ‘Everyman’s Challenge’ available from waterbrookpress.com. amazon.co.uk or Faith Mission bookshops. Please speak to me for further details.

God Bless. *Maurice Langley*

Ladies Bible Study is for the ladies of the congregation and meets at the home of Libby Todd every Tuesday at 10am. We are currently looking at the book of Joshua. Please speak to me for further details. God Bless. *Libby Todd*.

Young People’s Bible Study

If you are between the ages of 11 and 18 years then please join us for breakfast and bible study on the first, second and third Sunday of every month from 9.30 – 10.15am

Please note there will be no classes on Sunday April 4 and 11th.
We will resume on Sunday 18th.

God Bless, *Janis Gibson*.

BOWLS FELLOWSHIP meets every Thursday commencing at 7.45pm. As always, there is a warm welcome to those who wish to join us, especially those who have never bowled before. There are spare bowls, and willing volunteers waiting to pass on their expertise. Please note that there will be no bowls on Thursday April 1st. God Bless. **Jack Blair**

For those who are not aware, Neill Piddock and myself are heading out to Uganda for two weeks in July, as part of 'Team Medley', to decorate one of the Fields of Life schools. We want to thank you for your prayers and support so far and would ask that you continue praying for us, the team, our fund raising efforts and for Fields of Life. Thank you and God Bless. **Clare Mulligan**
If you feel you could support Clare and Neill, not only prayerfully, but also financially please speak to them.

ANNUAL EASTER VESTRY

WEDNESDAY APRIL 21ST at 8pm.

This is the 'annual general meeting' of Holy Trinity Church.

It is an important, and legal, part of our church year.

Here is an opportunity to:hear of the vision for the future; to receive a report of how our freewill offering and building fund contributions have been spent; to elect a Select Vestry and to discuss 'any other business'

Please don't leave it to others to attend.

Don't be put off by fear of being nominated for something. If you are, then you are not obliged to accept it, simply say 'no thanks'

So, organise baby-sitters; write it in your diary; change your shift; cancel that romantic day trip to Paris!!!; miss Coronation Street;

if you're working take a 'sickie', oh, maybe not do that one, that's not Christian!!

That's how important it is!

PLEASE, be there and give encouragement to those who present reports and those who are elected to the Select Vestry. Thanks and God Bless.

Please join many of the ladies of our congregation at **LOVING HANDS**, a knitting and crochet group who meet every Thursday between 7pm and 9pm at the Oakfield Community Centre. The work is sent to many charitable organisations, including The Premature Baby Unit at the RVH, Blytheswood Trust and an orphanage in Bulgaria. Cost for the evening is £2 which includes a light supper.

For further details please speak to **Anne Langley**

DATES TO REMEMBER DURING APRIL

Mon March 29th – Fri Apr 2nd Holy Week Services at North Street Presbyterian Church 7.30pm

Mon 12th Men's Bible Fellowship 7.30pm

Thurs 16th Face to Face 8pm

Wed 21st Annual Easter Vestry 8pm

Sat 24th Uplift Spring Show 7.30pm

Sun 25th Bring non-perishable foodstuff, hygiene and household products for distribution, by Social Services, to those in need within our town.

G1 is the youth fellowship here at Holy Trinity. We are very blessed as leaders to be part of this ministry. We have a regular group of young people who we see growing and maturing in Christ. If you are secondary school age and above please accept this as your invitation to be part of our youth fellowship. We meet from 7.30 – 9.30pm each Sunday evening. During February we had a weekend away, here's what one of the young people wrote about it:

"I really enjoyed my weekend away with G1 at Crawfordsburn. We stayed in the Scout centre where we did archery, go karting, climbed the rock wall and then abseiled down it. We read Psalms that David wrote when he fled from Absalom and spared Saul's life (which we read about in the book of Samuel). This taught us lessons for when we're afraid and when sin seems attractive. We were surprised to wake up on Sunday morning and see snow outside, but our parents were still able to collect us despite us being at the bottom of a hill. The leaders were really nice and the food was delicious (though I drank about two gallons of hot chocolate). We had a little time to go to the tuck shop on Saturday night. I hope I get to go again next year and I hope more people come next time too, and I hope to see some new faces at G1 this year. **Rebecca Moody**"
There will be no G1 on Sunday April 4th, we return on 11th.
God Bless. **Lindy, John, Gerry, Neill and Helen.**

SUMMER'S STILL ON THE WAY!!!

We are planning a fun day for a Saturday in June at the Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. Activities will include climbing, grass sledging, archery, caving, plus many more, although you don't HAVE to take part in anything if you prefer not to, just come along for the fellowship. The evening time will see a barbecue and a sing song. The day is open to all Holy Trinity congregation and their friends. If it interests you would you please speak to me, to give me some idea of numbers.

Thanks and God Bless, **Vic Wootton.**

CONGRATULATIONS to Amy and Ryan on their recent engagement. We all wish them God's richest blessing for a happy future together.

Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Clubs – at Holy Trinity

If you want to lose weight, then there's no better way than to combine good nutritional advice, with 45 minutes of exercise, a good laugh and lots of fun too!!

Talk to Avril on 9335 5129 or e-mail: avril.waller@rosemaryconley.com

Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30am (closed April 6th)

Pilates - at Holy Trinity

Do you want to clear your mind and concentrate on yourself? Come to Pilates and learn to strengthen and lengthen your muscles, improve your flexibility and posture, and tighten up your abdominals.

Talk to Avril on 9335 5129 or e-mail avril.waller@talktalk.net

Thursdays 10.00 – 11.00am (closed April 8th)

CRÈCHE ROTA.

Sunday April 4th. **No crèche although the room will be set up ready.**

Sunday April 11th. Helen Fittis Anne Langley
Amy Anderson Arlene Macartney

Sunday April 18th. Sharon McNeill Catrin Rhys
Joan Cummings Jennifer Gibb

Sunday April 25th. **No crèche, although the room will be set up ready.**

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you are unable to do your day.
Thanks to everyone who helps. If you would like to be included on the rota or wish to change your slot please speak to me or phone me on 07706707332

God Bless. *Sharon McNeill*

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Please note that the youth club will be closed on the following dates:

Friday April 2nd. (Good Friday) Friday 9th (Easter holiday)

The club will re-open on Friday April 16th at 7.30pm for the final session before the summer break. God Bless. *Bert Macartney*

This is YOUR magazine, I only gather the information, put it together (and fill in any gaps). Please feel free to comment, critical or praiseworthy; to write a short article say, a page or half page; send in printable humour!!; or whatever you think may be of interest to our congregation.

Please speak to me or e-mail: maurice.langley@gmail.com

YOUNG AT HEART is for all ladies over the age of 55 years and meets on the first Monday of every month at 11.30am for chat, tea and craic.

New members always welcome. God Bless. *Ann and Eva.*

THE POWER OF PRAYER

ARE YOU in need? troubled? lonely? anxious? angry? resentful? worried?
feeling sinful? spiritually, physically or emotionally unwell?

GOD WANTS TO HELP!

There will be two members of our Prayer team available in the prayer room after the service every Sunday. Please accept our warm invitation to come for prayer for yourself or someone you know. Prayers are confidential and will not be discussed outside of the prayer room. There will be a notice on the Prayer Room door indicating when the room is free and the team will be available until the wardens lock the building (approx. 12.30)

Additionally, Prayer Team meets most Thursdays at 7.30pm should you need to call in for prayer. (see Prayer notice board for details)

Please also make use of the prayer request forms which can be found on the left hand side as you enter church. Simply complete the form and place it in the prayer box. The requests will be lifted in prayer for one month, after which time please complete another request should the situation require further prayer or we need updated. God Bless

The Prayer Team: Nicky Quigg, Joan Harvey, Libby Todd, Johanne Moore,
Linda Horner, Vera Saunderson, Alison Allen, Stuart Purvis, Fiona Moody.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for Neema and Ian as they prepare for their wedding and for their friends who will be travelling from Uganda

Please pray for those who you find it difficult to love

Please remember in your prayers our organisation leaders

Please pray that help will come forward for our Girls Brigade

Please ask for God's healing hands on those in our congregation who are sick

Please pray for new families who have joined us.

POINTS FOR PRAISE

Praise God for the safe return of Carol and Alan

Give thanks for His blessings today

Praise God for the safe return of kidnap victim, Sahil Saeed

Give thanks to God for blessing us with Jack, Trevor and Brian and for their ministry during Alan's absence.

Thank God for Jesus

Is your prayer life stale or boring or even non-existent? There are a lot of resources in the prayer room to help with your prayers and your prayer life. Please make use of them or speak to any of the Prayer Team for advice and help.

CHAIR and DOOR ROTA

- Sunday April 4th Chairs: Kel McDermott, Ashton McDermott,
Davey Mulligan, Alan Love.
Door: Carol Mulligan, Lorna Brown.
- Sunday April 11th Chairs: Keith Montgomery, Colin Watson,
Eddie Quigg.
Door: Yvonne Best, Joan Harvey.
- Sunday April 18th Chairs: Edwin Moffett, Bert Macartney,
Arlene Macartney, Kurtis Macartney.
Door: Libby Todd, Helen McQuitty.
- Sunday April 25th Chairs: Garry Richmond, Victor Apsley,
Jack Blair, Colin McIlwaine
Door: Hazel Blair, Joan Cummings.

If you could spare approx. one hour every month to help with any of the above, please speak to Eddie Quigg.

FACE TO FACE is for all ladies of the congregation and meets on the third Thursday of each month, with our next meeting being on April 15th at 8pm.

Our guest will be Mary Henderson from Called2Care Ministries. With the title "Caring for Carers", Mary will draw on her knowledge and experience in showing us how we can give prayerful, moral and practical support for carers and where carers can get help and support from the community and various agencies. So many of us are, have been or will be carers for a loved one that this evening will be of real relevance. Supper is included. We hope you will give some thought to this topic and will plan to come along. God Bless. *The Face to Face Committee*

HELP FOR OUR PERSECUTED SISTERS AND BROTHERS

Open Doors, Release International and CSW are, together, organising an event to raise awareness about the persecuted church. It is entitled 'A Call for Action for Today's Persecuted Church Family' and is being held in Belfast Cathedral on Saturday May 1st between 10am and 4pm. The cathedral will be open for people to come and go as they please. There will be interactive prayers stations, stands and resources to enable people to take action. The evening session, from 7.30 to 9pm will see a celebration of Prayer and Worship, with special guests. An offering will be received in aid of persecuted Christians in Nigeria. Please come along and offer your support for our persecuted church family. Volunteers are also required for the daytime and evening activities. If you would like to find out how you can become involved please speak me. God Bless. *Lindy Reid.*

CONGRATULATIONS to Alison Allen for organising the healing service and café church as part of her course for Bible College. Both events, you'll agree, were blessed with God's presence and brought glory to His name.

ANNOUNCING UPLIFT'S NEW SHOW!!!!

Uplift announces our newest show! It will be on **Saturday April 24th at 7.30pm.** Doors open at 7pm. We invite you to come and see the show and bring everyone you know! The Spring show will be a total contrast to the Christmas show and will feature musicals and has an overall upbeat feel.

Tickets are £5 for adults and free for young people under 16.

Half of the proceeds will go to sponsor Clare Mulligan and Neill Piddock for their visit to Uganda this summer to carry out God's work with Fields of Life.

The Uplift students have been working extremely hard this semester and cannot wait to put on this show for you! Thank you so much for your anticipated support and we'll see you there. Please see Amy, Carlee or myself for tickets.

If you require any information on Uplift and the classes please speak to me or contact me on mobile: 07840453723 or e-mail: info@weareuplift.com

God Bless. *Ryan Moffett.* Mobile: 07840453723.

HARVEST APPEAL 2010: Instead of fund raising in 2010 we are asking you to give sacrificially to our October Harvest Appeal to help clear our building fund debt. Letters explaining this are available from Edwin Moffett, our Treasurer. Please pray about it and then return your reply, in confidence, to Edwin, even if you cannot commit to this appeal. For those who haven't yet responded please do so, even if you cannot commit to a specific sum.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jean and Tommy Fittis, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday March 26th. We, the congregation here at Holy Trinity, wish them God's blessing for their future happiness.

DID YOU KNOW?????.....members of our congregation prayerfully and financially support the work of Christian organisations bringing hope into the lives of some of those who live in: Carrickfergus, Belfast, Ahoghill, Lisburn, Bulgaria, Romania, Paraguay, Uganda, Kenya, North Korea, Somalia, Rwanda, Morocco, China, Malaysia, Burundi and the Congo.

'HOPE FOR HAITI' – all proceeds to Danita's Children, Haiti.

Focusfest are organising an evening of worship led by Sarahanne Wilmont on Saturday April 17th at 8pm at Glenabbey Church, Newtownabbey. Entrance is by ticket only, at £5, which can be purchased from Louise Hanley.

The evening is open to everyone, not just women!

BOUNCE, is the name of this year's Crosslinks Summer Camps.

Junior camp is at the Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor on 3rd – 10th July.

Senior camp is at Greenhill YMCA, Newcastle on 24th – 31st July.

Pick up a leaflet from the table on your way out or speak to Trevor Johnson.

BB NEWS

Our 18th Annual Display was held on Friday March 26th in Holy Trinity.

Our Chief Guests were Mr and Mrs Neill McAllister.

Neill is a lieutenant with 1st Ballyclare Company and Battalion Sports Officer. For the first time in over 8 years the whole company, 130 boys and officers, were on parade and a great audience watched a variety of items before the prize giving.

The main awards were presented as follows:

ANCHOR BOYS:

Best P1: Sam Murray; **Endeavour Award:** Matthew Johnston;

Best all-round boy: Andrew Money Penny;

Best P2 boy: Adam Burnside/Jack Grange

Runner up best all-round boy: Adam Burnside/Jack Grange

Endeavour Cups: P2: Lloyd Cole P3: Alex Newell / Lewis Browne

P4: Jamie Kelly / Elliot Cole

Best Group – Yellow – Aaron Stewart, Adam Burnside, Adam Welsh, James Law Andrew Money Penny, Evan McAteer, Jack Grange, Joe Lown, Johnnie McAuley.

JUNIOR SECTION:

Best all-round boy: Kyle Hutton

Runner up best boy: Adam Aston

Best 1st year boy: Zach Cooke

Sportsman: Andrew Thompson

1st year Endeavour (Cotter Cup): David Purvis

2nd year Endeavour (Armstrong Shield): Matthew Lafferty

3rd year Endeavour (Watson Shield): Craig McAdam

Best Group: Group 4 Gareth Baird, Joel Lafferty, Owen McCauley, Adam Aston

COMPANY SECTION:

Best Squad: No. 5: L/Cpl Gareth Allen, L/Cpl Harper Calvert, Pte Iain Sprott, Pte Joshua Lown, Pte Christopher Kenny.

Footballer of the year: Pte Stuart Carlisle **Endeavour Award:** Pte Ryan Yeung

Physical Award: Pte Stuart McLaughlin **Best 1st year boy:** Pte Christopher Kenny

Christian Faith stage 1: Pte Joshua Gillies

Christian Faith stage 2: Pte Christopher Ringland

Christian Faith stage 3: Pte Adam Fittis, Rhys McConnell, Stuart Carlisle

Christian Faith stage 4: L/Cpl Gareth Allen

Best all-round boy: L/Cpl Aaron Hutton, Pte Adam Fittis,

Pte Christopher Ringland, Cpl Peter Brown

Best all-round boy – runner up: L/Cpl Alan Sprott

There will be no BB on Monday March 29th or April 5th. We start back at normal times on Monday April 12th. Our last night barbecue will be held on Monday May 17th at the normal times. For all information regarding our BB please visit our website: www.8thcarrickbb.org.uk God Bless. **Drew Buchanan MBE – Captain.**

Congratulations to those who received awards and thanks to all the boys, helpers and officers for a great display.

SERVICES – APRIL 2010

Sunday 4th 10.30am EASTER PRAISE SERVICE

Prayer leader: Lindy Reid

Sunday 11th. 10.30am Morning Prayer

Christian Hero – Francis of Assisi

First reading: Mark ch. 1 vs. 29 – 39

Garry Richmond

Second reading: Matthew ch. 16 vs. 21 – 28

Clare Mulligan

Prayer leader:

Jack Blair

Sunday 18th 10.30am

Morning Prayer

Trust in God

First reading: Deuteronomy ch. 1 vs. 26 - 36

Joe Lowry

Second reading: 2Corinthians ch. 1 vs 3 - 11

Jonny Blair

Prayer leader:

David Mulligan

6pm

Evening Service

Sunday 25th. 10.30am

Family Service

OUR COMMITMENT

I will strive to:

Pray daily for Holy Trinity

Worship weekly at Holy Trinity

Read and study the Bible daily

Serve at and beyond Holy Trinity

Be in a relationship to encourage spiritual growth

Give sacrificially of my time, talents and resources. Amen

Colossians chapter 3 verse 17

