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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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A Purpose in their lives**

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February 2010

Reading: Ephesians chapter 5 verses 15 - 21

Dear Friends,

How would you rate the congregational singing at Holy Trinity? Now, Jack and I are at a slight disadvantage, as standing in the sanctuary dulls the sound of the congregation. Maybe a better question to ask you is: What is the big deal with congregational singing anyway? Does it really matter if we sing well, poorly or not at all?

It is evident that the Old Testament gives a significant place to music. Three of its books are songs, or collection of songs (Psalms, Song of Songs and Lamentations). In fact, one scholar suggests that up to one half of the Old Testament is in the form of song or poetry. Does this give us a clue to the importance we should place on music/singing in church? If we turn to the reading above we can see how important music/singing was to the Apostle Paul. A similar passage is found in Colossians chapter 3 verse 16. Also, the book of the Revelation emphasises the place of music/singing in heaven before the throne of God. Looking at the passage I believe we can conclude that singing has two dimensions.

God-ward dimension – where we join with the others and the saints above, in praising God. We sing Gods praise, not because we are commanded to but because, being filled with the Holy Spirit and knowing the grace of God, we have no other way to express our thanks than to lift our voices in praise.

Horizontal – we are to sing (or literally to speak) to one another in song. 'Speaking' is Paul's shorthand way of saying we are to teach, admonish, encourage, edify and build up one another in singing. You see, there is a strong didactic element to singing. We learn about God through singing songs. There is also a fellowship element where we build one another up as we sing the truth about God. One of the key Old Testament passages concerning this is found in 1Chronicles chapters 22 – 29 where we read of the different music guilds that were to lead worship in the Temple. These passages remind us that the congregational singers/choir are our other preachers/teachers in worship.

Singing strengthens believers. Music and singing are the fuel for faith and action. Just ask sports players what the songs of fans can do for team moral. I think, in Holy Trinity, it is time we, as a congregation, took singing and music seriously and participated on a Sunday morning. The ministry of the organist, choir and music group are really that of John the Baptist – they must decrease as the people of God increase. At the beginning of the song we may hear their voices and instruments but by the end of the song, it is the voices of the people of God that should dominate. So, can I encourage us all, whether we sing in tune or not, to lift our hearts and voices in praise of our Saviour each Sunday morning and sing!

God Bless.

Rev. Alan McCann

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 that is troubling you.

CONFIRMATION 2010

The Bishop of Connor, Rt. Rev. Alan Abernethy, will be with us on Sunday June 20th for the service of Confirmation. Those who are third year and above, in secondary school, will be eligible to take classes, which will begin after Easter, and go forward for confirmation. There will be a parent/candidate information evening on Thursday March 4th at 7.30pm

A TIME FOR PRAYER

On Wednesday February 3rd we have an opportunity to come together to pray for the work being carried out at Holy Trinity and by Holy Trinity within our community. Please call in anytime between 7.30 and 8.30pm to spend time in prayer and reflection with fellow parishioners.

There will be no bible study groups for this Wednesday only.

HEALING SERVICE – SUNDAY 21ST. at 6pm.

This month's evening service will take the form of a Healing Service. Our prayer ministry team will be present to offer prayer during the service. Please make this service known to anyone you know who would value prayers for healing.

HARVEST APPEAL 2010: If you are new to Holy Trinity, we will not be organising any fund raising events during 2010. Instead we are asking you to give sacrificially to our October Harvest Appeal to help clear the debt for the building extension. Letters explaining this are available in the entrance, along with the response slip. Please pray about this and then return your reply, in confidence, to Edwin Moffett, Treasurer, even if you cannot commit to this appeal. For those members of Holy Trinity who haven't yet responded please collect the explanatory letter and reply accordingly.

Isn't it a joy to see the flowers in our church each week. They brighten up our building and are an important part of our Sunday Worship. If you wish, you can provide the flowers in memory of a lost loved one or simply because you like to see them displayed, by signing your name on the flower list on the main notice board. Near to the time you have chosen, make a donation to Hazel Blair or Sandra Montgomery and they will provide and arrange the flowers for you. Alternatively, if you would like to help with the arrangements, please speak to Hazel or Sandra.

BIBLE STUDY

In our walk with God we all need to study his Word. By all means read your bible in the comfort of your home but please be encouraged to join one of these groups to help you with your understanding of God's Word.

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. It would be such an encouragement to see more people regularly attending our mid-week bible study.

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.

Men's Bible Fellowship is for all men of the congregation. We meet in God's name on the second Monday of every month with our next meeting on February 8th at 7.30pm at the home of Alan Love.

We are trying something different by reading and discussing the book 'Everyman's Challenge' available from waterbrookpress.com or Faith Mission bookshops. Please use this opportunity as a 'new beginning' if you haven't joined us or have lapsed. 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 Colossians. 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 and third Sunday of every month from 9.30 – 10.15am.

God Bless, *Janis Gibson*

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 and must be returned as soon as possible as the Trust meets during this month. The decision of the Trustees will be final.

BOWLS FELLOWSHIP is on 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. God Bless. **Jack Blair**

As part of our outreach, on the fourth Sunday of every month, we bring non-perishable food, personal hygiene and household products to be distributed to those in need in Carrickfergus. These donations are greatly appreciated by the local Social Services Family and Child Care Team. They enable the team to provide some practical support to people in our local community, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. On behalf of the team I wish you God's richest blessings as we reach out to our community. **Elaine Gray**

BOYS BRIGADE NEWS

Two boys, Matthew Edgar and Zach Cooke, took part in the Northern Ireland District Young Musician of the Year 2010. Congratulations to Matthew who, for the second year, was presented with the runner up trophy for his piano playing (last year was for playing the cello). Well done to Zach for his guitar playing. The 18th Annual Display, involving all sections of the company, will be held in Holy Trinity on Friday March 26th at 7pm. (thanks to the youth club for allowing use of the hall on that night) Tickets, costing £4 for adults and £2 for under 16s, will be available on Monday March 8th and 15th. Entrance will be by ticket only due to space restrictions, so, be sure to get your tickets early. All information for our BB company can be found on the web-site www.8thcarrickbb.org.uk
God Bless. **Drew Buchanan MBE – Captain.**

Pilates - at Holy Trinity

Good for your back and your tummy!! Thursdays from 10.00 – 11.00am.
For further details please contact Avril Waller on 93355129
or e-mail: avrilwaller@talktalk.net

Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Clubs – at Holy Trinity

Tuesdays from 10 – 11.30am includes weigh in, motivational talk and 45 minutes of exercise. For further details please contact Avril Waller on 93355129
or e-mail: avril.waller@rosemaryconley.com

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets on the first Thursday of every month and is for ALL men of the congregation. We next meet on Thursday 4th February at 7.30pm when Bishop Alan Abernethy will be speaking on Men's Fellowship. This will be followed by a Chinese carry out. Please come along, for a good night of fellowship, craic and food.
God Bless. **Vic Wootton.**

CRÈCHE ROTA.

Sunday February 7 th .	Arlene Macartney Joan Cummings	Anne Langley Jennifer Gibb
Sunday February 14 th .	Anne Boggs Fiona Moody	Eileen McLaughlin Nicola Miller
Sunday February 21st.	Sharon McNeil Helen Fittis	Joan Harvey Catrin Rhys
Sunday February 28th.	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. Tel: 93360463; Mobile: 07814745181; e-mail: philandfionamoody@yahoo.co.uk God Bless. Fiona Moody	

FACE TO FACE

The next meeting of Face to Face will be held on Thursday February 18th at 8pm, when we will be considering how our families can walk with God together, being strengthened by one another and growing in encouragement and prayer. We hope you will plan to attend and bring a friend, you will be assured of a warm welcome.
Look forward to seeing you there. God Bless. **The Face to Face Committee**

POTTERS HOUSE

The teachers and leaders of Potters House would like to say thank you for your support for the children's Nativity Service back in December. It was great to see so many parents and friends at this special service.
Please pray for our teachers, helpers and children in the Primary 5, 6 and 7 classes of Potters House. The children are working to create cards/letters to send to children in our persecuted church family around the world. It is extremely hard to imagine not being able to worship God as freely as we do, and we are thrilled that Alison is leading the children to connect with the children in these countries.
God Bless. **Vicky Watson – Superintendent.**

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.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Every time you pray please include one of our organisations. By doing so you, all of our organisations will know that at least one person is praying for them. There's plenty to choose from: GB, BB, Youth Club, Potters House, J Club, G1, Young at Heart, Men's Fellowship, Face to Face, Parish Bible Study, Induction Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Mens Bible Fellowship, Young Peoples Bible Study, Bowls Fellowship, Badminton Club, Prayer Group, Select Vestry. Music Group, Choir, Crèche.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Please ask for God's safe hands on our soldiers in Afghanistan

Place into His hands all your worries or concerns.

Please pray for the leadership of our organisations

Please continue to pray for Amy and Carlee that their return visas can be sorted

Ask for God's healing hands on those who are ill and in need.

POINTS FOR PRAISE

Give thanks for His blessings today.

Praise God for blessing us with Alan and Jack

Give thanks for those who prepare our building every week.

Give thanks for those who protect our country from our enemies.

Thank God for Jesus

DID YOU KNOW????...the church wardens have the authority to remove you from the service if you are being disruptive. Be warned!! 😊

CHAIR and DOOR ROTA

Sunday February 7th. Chairs: Kel McDermott, Ashton McDermott,
Davey Mulligan, Alan Love.

Door: Carol Mulligan, Lorna Brown.

Sunday February 14th. Chairs: Keith Montgomery, Colin Watson, Eddie Quigg.

Door: Yvonne Best, Joan Harvey.

Sunday February 21st. Chairs: Edwin Moffett, Bert Macartney,
Arlene Macartney, Kurtis Macartney.

Door: Libby Todd, Helen McQuitty.

Sunday February 28th. 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.

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.*

UPLIFT PERFORMING ARTS

Well, another semester is upon us and the group is alive and kicking. We are so blessed to have so many great talented students, and we always welcome more. If you wish to join any classes please contact me for further information. You can choose from any of these three fantastic classes:

Dance: learn and develop all areas of dance.

Voice: learn to warm up your voice properly and sing your favourite songs.

Stagecraft: develop the art of improvisation and acting.

Now, for you bigger kids, adult dance classes are being arranged for Wednesday evenings between 8.30 and 9.30pm. Please contact me if you are interested.

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

AND DID YOU ALSO KNOW????...many years ago the Select Vestry agreed to prevent anyone from entering the building if they were carrying alcohol or if the smell of alcohol was on their breath. Be warned, again!! 😊

DATES TO REMEMBER DURING FEBRUARY

(other than our regular weekly activities)

Mon 1st Young at Heart 11.30am

Wed 3rd Evening of Prayer 7.30 – 8.30pm.

Sat 6th ‘Step in Time’ 7.30pm.

Mon 8th Men’s Bible Fellowship 7.30pm.

Thurs 18th Face to Face 8pm

Mon 22nd -Sat 27th Whilst doing your shopping, purchase non-perishable foods, personal hygiene and household products to leave at church on Sunday 28th for distribution in Carrickfergus by Social Services.

Thurs 25th Select Vestry 8pm

BADMINTON CLUB

Since November the club has increased its’ membership to 30, both boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 16 years, and this has resulted in having two sections:

Beginners: Saturday 1pm – 2.30pm Intermediate: Saturday 2.30pm – 4pm

We have entered one team in the Ulster Under 17 Boys League Division 1. So far we have played two matches, winning one and losing one. A further three matches will be played during this month. We also plan to organise friendly matches against other church teams.

Congratulations to Aaron Hunter, Harper Calvert and Stephen Hunter who have, for the second year, been selected for the East Antrim U15 Development Squad.

We are very fortunate to have many dedicated players who play each week. The leaders greatly appreciate the effort shown by them all. God Bless.

Garry Richmond, Donna Harrison, Joanne Hunter, Graeme Hunter.

Do you enjoy your cup of tea or coffee after Sunday service?

Can you help one Sunday? Please add your name to the rota or speak to Helen.

Do you make good use of the donation basket?

Every little helps

(That would make a great advertising slogan! ☺)

HOLY TRINITY ISN'T JUST FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS.....

Here’s what goes on during the rest of the week:

Sunday: G1 7.30pm

Monday: Boys Brigade from 6pm

Tuesday: Pilates 10 – 11am; Girls Brigade from 6pm

Wednesday: Hall used by Woodburn PS from 3pm

Bible Studies 7.30pm; Music Group practice 9pm

Thursday: Diet & Fitness 10 – 11.30am; Bowls 7.45pm

Friday: Youth Club 7.30pm

Saturday: UpLift Performing Arts from 11am; Badminton 1pm.

HOLY TRINITY YOUTH

PRESENT

“STEP IN TIME”

An evening of song and dance

On Saturday February 6th at 7.30pm

**TICKETS: Adults £5;
U16’s and Senior Citizens £3**

**Tickets available from: Bebhinn Browne
and Donald Montgomery**

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE BUILDING FUND

SERVICES - FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday 7th. 10.30am **Holy Communion**
Are we a healthy church? - Prayer
First reading: Psalm 86 Tricia McCully
Second reading: Matthew ch. 6 vs. 5 - 15 Rev Alan McCann
Prayer leader: Libby Todd

Sunday 14th. 10.30am **Morning Prayer**
Are we a healthy church? - Sacraments
First reading: 1Corinthians ch. 11 vs. 17 - 34 Keith Montgomery
Second reading: Mark ch. 1 vs 1 - 11 Nicola Wright
Prayer leader: Rev. Alan McCann

Sunday 21st. 10.30am **Morning Prayer**
Are we a healthy church? - Fellowship
First reading: 1Corinthians ch. 13 vs. 1 - 13 AvrilWaller
Second reading: John ch. 15 vs. 1 - 17 Jonny Blair
Prayer leader: Lindy Reid

6pm **Healing Service**

Sunday 28th. 10.30am **Family Service**

VISION 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