

**COME, CELEBRATE A NEW YEAR**

**with us at**

# **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

**PROSPECT ROAD, CARRICKFERGUS**



**A Bible in their hands  
A Saviour in their hearts  
A Purpose in their lives**

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## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Rev. Alan McCann	93362126
Jack Blair	93378130
Rector's Warden – Bill Lunny	93361453
People's Warden – Vic Wootton	93360653
GB Captain – Irenè Moffett MBE	93367678
BB Captain – Drew Buchanan MBE	93365620
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Youth Club Leader – Maurice Dalzell	93351236

**January 2010**

**Reading: Acts chapter 2 verses 42 – 47**

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to you all. I have no doubt many of you will make promises, both publicly and privately, that 2010 will be a different year than 2009. We all hope and pray that 2010 will not be the horror, economically, that 2009 was. No doubt some of your intentions, wishes, desires and promises will involve family, job and personal health. Stop for a moment and ask yourself: What about Holy Trinity in 2010? What about your church in 2010? What promises are you going to make concerning the spiritual health of Holy Trinity in 2010? The spiritual health of Holy Trinity depends on the spiritual health of all of us. However, what does a spiritually healthy church look like? What makes a spiritually healthy church stay healthy?

To that end we are going to look each week at what the bible teaches makes up a spiritually healthy church. Take a look at the titles and readings for the month of January. This sermon series is a follow up to last quarter's series on being disciples of Christ.

Here is the first challenge of 2010 – will you pray for this sermon series and those who will preach each week? Those who will be preaching will work hard in preparation and in prayer in order to present the Word of God to you but, you must also prepare and pray in order to receive that Word of God. The work of preaching is not just all on the side of the preacher but also on the side of the listener. "Listen Up" is a practical guide to listening to sermons, from the Good Book Company ( [www.thegoodbook.co.uk](http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk) ) and is an excellent little booklet to help you fulfil your side of this transaction. So, can I encourage us all to prepare and pray for the preaching and hearing of the Word of God in 2010. What a difference that would make to your spiritual health and the spiritual health of Holy Trinity. 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 has agreed to a service of Confirmation on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin after Easter. Confirmation is open to those who are third year and above in secondary school, and to adults. An information evening is planned for Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for those who are interested.

### PRAYER SERVICE

On Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm we will be holding a prayer service to begin a New Year of work for Christ in Holy Trinity. The service will take the form of directed prayer and sacred music. This is an opportunity for us all to come together to seek God's face in prayer for our parish in 2010.

### BIBLE STUDY

To strengthen our relationship with God we all need to study his Word. Here are opportunities to do just that with fellow Christians.

**Parish Bible Study** resumes on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 resumes on Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 January 11th at 7.30pm at my house. We will continue with 2Timothy at chapter 4, discussing it's meaning and then relating it to men in Carrickfergus in 2010. A great way to study God's Word in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

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.*

### 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. Applications must be made in writing setting out briefly the project being undertaken and handed to Janis Gibson. The decision of the Trustees on any application will be final. The Trust next meets in February 2010.

**HARVEST APPEAL 2010:** Letters explaining this are still available in the entrance. If you haven't completed and returned your reply slip please pray about it and then return it to Edwin Moffett, even if you cannot commit to this appeal..

### YOUTH CLUB NEWS

We will re-open on Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Unfortunately we cannot accept any new members as membership is closed until September 2010. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

God Bless. *Bert Macartney*

### CHAIR and DOOR ROTA

Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chairs: Kel McDermott, Ashton McDermott, Davey Mulligan, Alan Love.

Door: Carol Mulligan, Lorna Brown.

Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairs: Keith Montgomery, Colin Watson, Eddie Quigg.

Door: Yvonne Best, Joan Harvey.

Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>. Chairs: Edwin Moffett, Bert Macartney, Arlene Macartney, Kurtis Macartney.

Door: Libby Todd, Helen McQuitty.

Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>. Chairs: Jack Blair, Colin McIlwaine, Garry Richmond, Victor Apsley.

Door: Hazel Blair, Joan Cummings.

Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>. Chairs: John Fittis, Garry Richmond, Sam Skelly.

Door: Eva Dunn

If you could help with any of the above, please speak to Eddie Quigg.

**BOWLS FELLOWSHIP** re-commences on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> 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*

Isn't it a joy to see the flowers in our sanctuary each week. They brighten up our building and are an important part of our Sunday Worship. 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Christine Skelly and Richard Torres on their engagement on Christmas Eve. We, the congregation here at Holy Trinity, wish them God's richest Blessing.

## 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

Place into His hands all your worries or concerns.

Please remember those who will be reading the lessons and leading prayers at our services during 2010.

Please pray for those addicted to drugs, alcohol and hatred.

Please pray for Amy and Carlee that their visas can be sorted so that they can be re-united with us here at Holy Trinity.

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

### POINTS FOR PRAISE

Give thanks for His blessings today.

Give thanks for those who prepare our building every week.

Praise God for those who are committed to Holy Trinity Church.

Give thanks for the joy experienced at Christmas.

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

Thank God for Jesus

**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.*

### BOYS BRIGADE NEWS

BB will re-commence on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>

All information regarding our BB company can be found on the web-site: [www.8thcarrickbb.org.uk](http://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.

Classes re-commence on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2010.

For further details please contact Avril Waller on 93355129 or e-mail:

[avrilwaller@talktalk.net](mailto:avrilwaller@talktalk.net)

### Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Clubs – at Holy Trinity

Tuesdays from 10.00 – 11.30am includes weigh in, motivational talk and 45 minutes of exercise. Classes re-commence on Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2010.

For further details please contact Avril Waller on 93355129

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### CRECHE ROTA.

Sunday January 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Fiona Moody	Eileen McLaughlin
	Lorraine Saunderson-Brown	Nicola Miller
Sunday January 10 <sup>th</sup> .	Adrienne Tasker	Catrin Rhys
	Sharon McNeill	Anne Boggs
Sunday January 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Helen Fittis	Joan Harvey
	Valerie Sprott	Olga Grange
Sunday January 24 <sup>th</sup> .	<b>No crèche, although the room will be available and set up ready.</b>	
Sunday January 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Joan Logan	Lorraine Ross
	Lorraine Saunderson-Brown	Ann Robinson

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](mailto:philandfionamoody@yahoo.co.uk)

God Bless. *Fiona Moody*

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

Do you make good use of the donation basket? *Every little helps!*

## UPLIFT PERFORMING ARTS

A happy New Year to everyone! This year's Christmas show was a HUGE success. Thank you to everyone who supported the young people of Uplift by coming to watch, we appreciate it so much. We want to let you all know that classes start up again on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>. We start with youngsters from the age of three and go up to as old as you want to be! We will be adding a new adult class where the goal is to have fun and feel good about what you are learning while you dance! Please speak with Ryan for class times.

We look forward to seeing you in January and wish you and your families all the best for this holiday season. God Bless. *Amy, Carlee and Ryan.*

## DATES TO REMEMBER DURING JANUARY

(other than our regular weekly activities)

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Young at Heart 11.30am

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Prayer service. 7.30pm

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** Men's Bible Fellowship 7.30pm.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>-Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Whilst doing your shopping, purchase non-perishable foods, personal hygiene and household products to leave at church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> for distribution in Carrickfergus by Social Services.

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>**. Face to Face 8pm

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>** Select Vestry 8pm

## FACE TO FACE

The next meeting of Face to Face will be held on Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm.

On this occasion we will have a guest speaker who will guide as to how we, as parents, grandparents and adults with involvement in our organisations can help to encourage our children and young people in strength and security. Please do plan to come along to join us in helping to support our children and young people. You will be made most welcome and, as always, the meeting will be followed by supper. We hope to see you there. God Bless. *The Face to Face Committee*

**DID YOU KNOW????...God doesn't NEED us!** Quite a disturbing statement to make, but it is true. God can manage perfectly well without us, BUT He does WANT us to willingly praise and worship Him, love Him, follow Him, and serve Him. So, why not use the New Year as a stepping stone in your walk with God to serve Him here at Holy Trinity. Maybe you have thought to yourself that you could do something but have not yet offered your services. Here are a few areas in which you can help ( either 'up front' or in the background ), and those to contact:

**BB** - Drew Buchanan

**Youth Club** - Maurice Dalzell

**GB** -Irenè Moffett

**Tea rota** - Helen Wootton

**Potters House** - Vicky Watson

**Door rota or Chair rota** - Eddie Quigg

**Creche** - Fiona Moody

**Read the lesson or lead prayers** - Colin McIlwaine

## SERVICES - JANUARY 2010

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am**

First reading: 1Thessalonians ch. 2 vs 1 – 16

Second reading: Luke ch. 9 vs. 18 - 27

Prayer leader:

**Holy Communion**

*Are we a committed church?*

Roger Ball

Rev Alan McCann

Maurice Langley

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

First reading: Acts ch. 2 vs. 42 – 47

Second reading: 1Corinthians ch.12 vs. 12 – 31

Prayer leader:

**Morning Prayer**

*Are we a healthy church?*

Eric Day

Colin McIlwaine

Rev. Alan McCann

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

First reading: Psalm 1

Second reading: 2Timothy ch. 3 vs. 10 – 17

Prayer leader:

**Morning Prayer**

*Are we a healthy church – bible?*

James Beattie

Jenna Macartney

Kel McDermott

**6pm**

**Evening Prayer**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

**Family Service**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am**

First reading: Hebrews ch. 9 vs. 11 – 22

Second reading: Hebrews ch.9 vs. 23 – 28

Prayer leader:

**Morning Prayer**

*By whose Blood?*

Drew Buchanan

Bill Lunny

Rev. Alan McCann

## 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

