

The Bible's word for repentance is derived from the root of the word meaning 'to change your mind'. A genuine change of mind changes a person's behaviour and, subsequently, their life. In one sense it is not emotional or regretful at all. For example, I can change my mind about which TV channel to watch or I can decide to switch the TV off. This may or may not be accompanied by sorrow but it does lead to a change in behaviour. When it comes to repentance of sin we are talking not only about a change of behaviour but also a rejection of the past behaviour. We come to consider the past way of life as one which is sinful, morally wrong and spiritually damaging. Christian repentance is not that I no longer do the same thing again but that I have rejected that course of action as sinful and morally wrong. A change from sinful behaviour is not repentance without renunciation of the past. Can I ask you, to take a moment now and read Romans ch. 2 vs 1 – 5, sobering words from the Apostle Paul.

Am I being hypocritical in judging others whilst allowing sin in my own life? What do I need to now repent of? What do I reject as sinful behaviour in the past? Remember that Christ Jesus died to atone for our sins – the debt has been paid in full. Your response – it should be repentance and faith – but is it? God Bless.

*Rev. Alan McCann*

### GRASPING THE WORD OF GOD

Commencing Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, there will be a four week course to help you read, interpret and apply the Bible correctly. It is open to everyone and will benefit your own spiritual development. It would be particularly beneficial to those who teach the bible in any way. The evenings will include a practical workshop as part of the course. Should you not be able to attend all four sessions, the relevant information will be readily available for you. God Bless.

*Rev. Alan McCann*

### POTTERS HOUSE

Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Potters House before the summer break. On this date we will be having a little celebration and prize giving during Potters House. I would like to thank all the teachers and helpers for their dedication, commitment, fellowship and teaching of God's Word throughout this year. Please keep our children, parents, teachers and helpers in your prayers throughout the summer. God Bless.

*Vicky Watson – Superintendent.*

### VISPA ORPHANAGE, KISUMU, KENYA

Please remember the children and staff in your prayers. There has been an outbreak of malaria and a cough virus, with many of the children suffering.

*Maurice Langley*

## Parochialia 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 an open prayer evening on the first Thursday of the month.

**Next meeting: Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Please call in, any time between 7.45pm and 9.00pm, and there will be someone to pray for you and to pray with you, in total confidence.

Please, also, make use of the prayer request forms, which can be found on the left hand side as you enter the Church. Simply complete the form and place it in the prayer request box. The prayer team meets every Thursday when your prayer requests will be passed to the Lord.

*“Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good will come and settle you down.”*

Philippians ch. 4 vs. 6-7

The Prayer Team:

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

### BOYS BRIGADE

On Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> we held our Annual Boy Tiger Club parents night. Over 180 parents and friends were in attendance. Our chief guests were Mr. and Mrs. David Mulligan.

The award winners were:

**Best All-Round Boy:** Andrew Wright **Runner-up:** Adam Aston

**Best 1<sup>st</sup> Year Boy:** Jamie Kelly

**Best Boy Tiger Club:** Matthew Cochrane

**Endeavour Awards:** P1: James Law. P2: Elliott Cole

P3: James Hamilton P4: Matthew Ellis

Full details are on the website

On Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> over 300 boys and parents joined us for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party held in the car park. The weather was good, the food was great and the fellowship with boys, parents and officers was excellent.

We had a bouncy castle and a large inflatable slide as well as penalty and basketball competitions and fun stalls for everyone.

At 7.15pm we cut the celebration cake when the Captain again thanked the parents for the amazing support given to the Company.

All in all a very enjoyable end to another session, the Captain even had to ask people to go home. It was that good!!

*Drew Buchanan – Captain.*

### YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club will finish for the summer on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> It will re-open on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2008.

May I thank all the leaders for their time and commitment over the past year and may I give special thanks to everyone who came along to talk to the young people about Jesus or who helped with the craft and cookery nights.

Can I appeal to anyone who could help on a Friday evening between 7pm and 10pm, even if it is one Friday per month, to think and pray about it. If it interests you please speak to one of the leaders. Enjoy your holidays!

God Bless

*Bert Macartney*

## Services –

**JUNE 2008**

1<sup>st</sup>. 10.30am **Holy Communion**  
**Emotional Intelligence**  
Proverbs ch 9 vs 1 – 18 Elaine Nelson  
Psalm 139 vs 1 – 16 Rev. Alan McCann  
Prayer leader: Lindy Reid

8<sup>th</sup>. 10.30am **Morning Prayer**  
**The Prodigals**  
**Will they ever come home?**  
Luke ch 15 vs 11 - 24 Francesca Majury  
Luke ch 15 vs 25 – 32 Erin Gillies  
Prayer leader: The Preacher

15<sup>th</sup>. 10.30am **Service of Confirmation**  
2Corinthians ch 6 vs 1 – 13 Irenè Moffett  
Bishop Alan Abernethy  
Prayer leader: Maurice Langley

6.00pm **Service of Holy Communion**

22<sup>nd</sup>.. 10.30am **Family Service**  
Reader Nicole Crymble

29<sup>th</sup>. 10.30am **Service of Celebration**

## HOLY TRINITY WOODBURN VISION COMMITMENT

I will strive to:

Pray daily for Holy Trinity  
Worship weekly at Holy Trinity  
Read and study The Bible regularly  
Serve at and beyond Holy Trinity  
Be in a relationship to encourage spiritual growth  
Give sacrificially of my time, talents and resources

Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE CONGREGATION FROM  
WILD AT HEART MENS GROUP**

Fancy geo-caching? It is a form of treasure hunt but using sat-navs (we will provide one if you don't possess one ) Please join us for some craic in Baleyboley Forest on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>. where we will be geo-caching followed by a barbecue. Full details to follow.

For information about geocaching go to:www.geocaching.com

**YOUTH INITIATIVE:**

Youth Initiative Clubs have come to an end for the summer, and I want to thank the children, young people, their parents and members of the congregation for their support, encouragement, prayers and Christian love. I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the leaders and helpers: Linda, Lindy, Rosemary, Clare, Jonathon, Ashton, Gemma, Laura and Erin.

I would appreciate your prayers as I evaluate and plan the new year for Youth Initiative. Please also pray for the leadership, some of whom will be moving on. If you feel you could help with this project please speak to Alan or myself.

**SUMMER EVENTS: ichtooose**-this is a 6 day programme aimed at 1<sup>st</sup>. years and above from 7pm-11pm. The theme for the week is FREEDOM, with Andrew Hanley as our main speaker. Each night will see a different event, ranging from worship, prayer, a film night, to a "battle of the bands". It would be great to see you there.

**CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE:** our holiday bible club for 5 – 11 year olds and is on Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>. Between 7pm and 8.30pm.

It is a sports based club looking at being in God's team. Due to Safeguarding Trust guidelines and leader/child ratio we can only host this club for up to 80 children. All children need to be pre-registered so please see me for a registration form. Hope to see you there!!!

*Lisa McIlwaine*

**FLOWERS IN CHURCH**

Don't you just love to see the flowers in the Sanctuary every Sunday, they are an important part of our Worship here at Holy Trinity.

If you would like the flowers in remembrance of a lost loved one or simply because you love to see flowers in the Sanctuary please speak with Hazel Blair or Sandra Montgomery.

It's ok, you don't have to do the arranging, they have been richly Blessed with that particular talent, although I'm sure they would welcome you along to help. All you do is contribute financially.

**MEN ONLY!!!!!!**

Now that I have got your attention....

Men, go to [www.holytrinity.proboards79.com](http://www.holytrinity.proboards79.com) sign up and join in with the craic.

Any problems contact: sam.skelly@virgin.net

**CRECHE ROTA - JUNE 2008**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Fiona Moody	Lorraine Ross
	Olga Grange	Linda Purvis
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> ..	Olga Grange	Adrienne Tasker
	Linda Purvis	Lorraine Ross
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Arlene Macartney	Anne Langley
	Julie Davis	Adrienne Tasker
Sunday 22nd	Arlene Macartney	Anne Langley
	Julie Davis	Jackie Cummings
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Fiona Moody	Jennifer Gibb
	Joan Logan	Jackie Cummings

There will be no crèche during July and August. The room, however, will be set up for parents to use with their child.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you are unable to cover your day. Thanks to everyone who helps and if you could help with the crèche or wish to change your slot on the rota please speak to me or phone me on 93360463 or 07807055615  
Thanks

*Fiona Moody*

**-Parochalia-**

**MENS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

is for all men of the congregation. We meet once a month to read a passage from the Bible, discuss it's meaning and how it relates to us as men in Carrickfergus in 2008.

We ALL need to study Gods Word so why not do so in the informal company of fellow men.

We next meet on Monday June 9th. Please speak to me for full details.

*Maurice Langley*

**VARIETY CONCERT**

Thanks to everyone who supported this event, which was an enjoyable evening. Over £1300 was raised, which will be divided between the building fund and the NI Children's Hospice.

**TREASURE HUNT**

A treasure hunt is being organised for Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> leaving Holy Trinity Church at 7pm. It is open to adults and children, so please bring along your friends and family. Tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for children, which includes a light supper, and can be purchased from any BB officer.

Bring your own car!!!!!!



*Drew Buchanan*



**Holy Trinity Church**

Woodburn, Carrickfergus

JUNE 2008

**Ministry Team**

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Rector's Warden	Bill Lunny	93 361453
People's Warden	Vic Wootton	93 360653
Organist		
BB Captain	Drew Buchanan	93 365620
GB Captain	Irené Moffett	93 367678
Potters House Supt.	Vicky Watson	93 360523

**ADDRESS FROM THE REVEREND**

**Reading: 2Corinthians ch. 7 verse 10**

**Dear Friends,**

It has reached that time of year again when the summer holidays are not far off. Exam timetables dominate the minds of our older students, or at least they should!!

Children are looking forward to 9 weeks of freedom from school timetables and parents looking longer at September! It is amazing how we all look forward in 'hope' that things will get better as we go along. Yet, if the truth be told, that is often not our experience. Why is that so? I want to suggest to you that the above verse gives us an insight that we often miss or ignore. Read the verse again. It might seem strange to say to you that 'repentance' is what will make the future better. Let me explain.

For many people 'repentance' is synonymous with sorrow. I repent when I feel sorry for something I have done, or not done or said. At east that is how many people in Holy Trinity think of 'repentance'. Yet if you look at the verse above, it distinguishes from Godly sorrow that leads to repentance and worldly sorrow that leads to death. To feel sorry for your behaviour may be correct but it is not the same as repentance. Many people in Holy Trinity also mix repentance up with penance or atonement. That is, they admit that they have done something wrong and then try to make up for it by some form of punishment, penance or atonement. Yet, they know that the Bible teaches that there is absolutely nothing we can do to make up for our wrongdoing ( our sins ).