

## THE POWER OF PRAYER



Can you see the connection? When you come to God through Christ Jesus and are redeemed by His blood you are 'adopted as sons'. Some people may think that such a phrase is not quite 'PC' today but they would be wrong because Paul is stating, contrary to the culture and tradition of the day, that all (irrespective of gender) have an equal inheritance before God in Christ Jesus. We should thank God today for such grace and generosity. Sometimes we read verses and miss completely how shocking and challenging they would have been to those who heard them for the first time. We need to rediscover our sense of awe and wonder at God's Word. Maybe we don't see it as we read it at such a superficial level. I pray that this simple insight inspires you to read the Word of God closely and that you would come to know the amazing grace of God that is revealed therein.

Yours in Christ. **Rev. Alan McCann**

### VESTRY HOUR

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

### A TIME OF PRAYER

On Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm we have the opportunity to come together as a congregation to spend time in prayer. A chance to pray for the work being carried out in Holy Trinity and by Holy Trinity within the local community. Please come along anytime between 7.30pm and 9pm. There will be no bible study groups on this evening.

### PRAYER TEAM

There will be two members of the Prayer Team available in the Prayer Room after the service every Sunday and will continue throughout the summer months. Please accept our warm invitation to come for prayer for yourself or someone you know. All prayers are strictly between you, us and God 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. God Bless. *The Prayer Team*

### CALLING ALL SPORTS LOVERS

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> you are invited to wear your favourite sports tops to the family service, whether you are a supporter of football, rugby, golf, cricket or any other sport. This is an unusual request but we pray you will feel at ease wearing something different. God will still love you (yes, even if you wear a Man.Utd. or Liverpool shirt!!)

### FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Isn't it an absolute joy to see flowers in our Sanctuary every Sunday. They play an important part of our Sunday Worship here at Holy Trinity. It is thanks to the dedication and the talents of Hazel Blair and Sandra Montgomery that they are there for us all to enjoy each week. If you wish, you can have the flowers dedicated to the memory of a lost loved one simply by making a contribution to the fund.

Please speak to Hazel or Sandra.

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

### GOD WANTS TO HELP!

Open Prayer Evenings are held on the first Thursday of each month  
**NEXT OPEN PRAYER EVENING THURS JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Following the open prayer evening on June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be no more formal evenings instead the Prayer Team will be available **EVERY** Thursday between 7.45pm and 9pm so please use this opportunity to bring your prayers to the Lord.

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

### BADMINTON CLUB

Another good season has come to an end. This year we were able to field two teams in the Ulster League at under 15 and under 17 levels, both teams competing well. Next season looks promising as many of the same players will be available for team selection. Many thanks to Donna Harrison and Joanne Hunter who joined Garry and myself as leaders. This was needed due to increased numbers and to enable us to run a club day on the same day as league matches.

Congratulations to John Campbell, Aaron Hutton, Stephen Hunter, Jordan Wallace, Jordan Maxwell and Jonathon Nelson who were selected for the North East Antrim team to play in the Northern Ireland Youth Championships.

Also many congratulations to Garry Richmond who, this season, represented Ulster after winning the Ulster Veterans Mens Double Championship and then represented Ireland against Wales and Scotland in Dublin.

The season finished with tournaments and prize giving. The winners were:

'A' singles: Aaron Hutton

'B' singles: Andrew Maxwell

'A' doubles: David Hunter/Andrew Harrison

'B' doubles: Andrew Harrison/Andrew Maxwell

Fun Doubles: Alan Sprott/Stephen Hunter.

The Richmond Trophy is presented each year for effort; improvement; sportsmanship and attendance. This season's winner was Aaron Hunter. Well done Aaron!!

*Graeme Hunter*

## Services –

## JUNE 2009

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>.... 10.30am

**Holy Communion**

**A Heart that is Positive**

Romans ch. 12 vs. 9 - 21

Carol Mulligan

Luke ch. 6 vs. 27 – 36

Rev. Alan McCann

Prayer leader:

Libby Todd

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>.. 10.30am

**Morning Prayer**

**A Heart that is Pumping**

Matthew ch. 4 vs. 18 - 21 .

Don Howe

Matthew ch. 28 vs. 16 - 20

Kenny Cameron

Prayer leader:

Rev. Alan McCann

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.. 10.30am

**Morning Prayer**

**A Heart that is Spirit filled**

John ch. 14 vs. 16 – 26

Avril Waller

Romans ch. 8 vs. 1 - 17

Roger Ball

Prayer leader

Janis Gibson

6pm.

**Café Church**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> . 10.30am

**Family Service**

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.

### POINTS FOR PRAYER

Please remember our organisation leaders as they take a rest over the summer months. Pray that they will be refreshed in body and mind ready for a new season beginning in September.

Please pray for those in our congregation, and those closely associated with us, who are ill and remember their families.

### POINTS FOR PRAISE

Give thanks for the fellowship and fun at the recent Sale Praise God for giving us His only Son that through His death we receive salvation

Give thanks to God for His blessings today

## DATES TO REMEMBER DURING JUNE

( other than our regular weekly activities )

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>.** Young at Heart 11.30am.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.** No bible study groups. Evening of prayer for all the congregation. Call in anytime between 7.30pm – 9pm

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** Open prayer night with the Prayer Team, call in anytime between 7.45pm and 9pm.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** Men Fellowship 'Dads and Lads' night out to Dundonald Pirates Cove Mini Golf, leave HT at 7pm.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** Mens Bible Fellowship 7.30pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.**Face to Face 'Big Barn Tea Party' !!! 7.30pm.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** 6pm Café Church.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** Select Vestry 8pm.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** Car Treasure Hunt 7pm, fun for all the family.

**Mon 22nd – Sat 27<sup>th</sup>.** . Purchase non-perishable foodstuffs and personal hygiene products to leave at church on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** for distribution by Social Services in Carrickfergus.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** Wear your favourite sports top to the service.

**FACE TO FACE** is for all of the ladies of our congregation. We meet on the third Thursday of each month with our next meeting being on 18<sup>th</sup> when we will be enjoying a Big Barn Tea Party at the home of Anne Boggs. Cars will leave Holy Trinity at 7.30pm. Please come along for an evening of fun and craic. At the recent AGM the following were elected to form the committee: Anne Boggs; Adrienne Tasker; Sharyn Shearer; Michelle Beattie; Marilyn Hulme; Anne McDonald; Thanks were expressed to the outgoing committee.

### FUND RAISING / SOCIAL EVENTS

**THANKS** to everyone who took part in or supported the recent Belfast Marathon and the Church Sale. The Marathon raised approx £3000 with the Sale bringing in approx £3500.

We are organising a Christmas sale and I would be like to hear from those of you who would make Christmas cards and decorations to be sold. God Bless. *Drew Buchanan*

### CAR TREASURE HUNT



Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> leaving Holy Trinity at 7pm. Adults £3: children £2: Family £10 inc. supper.

Please join us for an evening of family fun, fellowship and craic.

There will be a children's treasure hunt running in conjunction with the adult's one. Clues will be by Maurice Langley.

Proceeds in aid of the building fund.

**SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOL:** Daniel Laverty is planning a summer soccer school from Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>. from 6.30pm to 9pm. Boys ( 50 ) and girls ( 10 ) aged 6-14years would be welcome. Cost is £25 and forms are available from Daniel

**GOLD** We plan to recycle old gold, earrings, chains etc. so please place them in the bucket on the fund raising table.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUND RAISING EFFORTS.**

*The Fund Raising Committee*

## CRECHE ROTA -

JUNE 2009

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> ...	Lorraine Ross	Valerie Sprott
	Olga Grange	Nicola Miller
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> ..	Fiona Moody	Eileen McLaughlin
	Olga Grange	Nicola Miller
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> ....	Valerie Sprott	Eileen McLaughlin
	KatrinRhys	Fiona Moody

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. **No crèche, but room will be open as needed**

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you are unable to cover your day. Thanks to everyone who helps. **To maintain this important part of our Sunday Worship we need more volunteers If you can help please speak to me or phone me on 93360463 or 07814745181**

Thanks *Fiona Moody*

**MENS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** is for all men of the congregation. We meet once a month to study God's Word in informal and relaxed surroundings. Our next meeting is on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the home of Bert Macartney, so please accept this as your personal invitation to join us. Please speak to me for further details.

God Bless. *Maurice Langley*

### PILATES - at Holy Trinity

Good for your back and your tummy!! Thursdays 10.00-11.00am please contact Avril on 93355129or: e-mail [avril.waller@talktalk.net](mailto:avril.waller@talktalk.net)  
Classes continue until Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ROSEMARY CONLEY DIET & FITNESS CLUB-at Holy Trinity** includes a weigh in, motivational talk and 45 minutes of exercise.

Tuesdays 10.00-11.30am.

please contact Avril on 93355129 , or e-mail [avrilwaller@talktalk.net](mailto:avrilwaller@talktalk.net)  
Classes continue until Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MENS FELLOWSHIP** is for all men of the congregation. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month with our next meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> when we will be having a 'Dads and Lads' visit to The Pirates Cove Mini Golf.at Dundonald, leaving Holy Trinity at 7pm..

God Bless.*Vic Wootton*

### A TIME TO REFLECT

Have you ever sat and wondered how everything comes together for our Worship here at Holy Trinity and, maybe, just maybe, the thought had crossed your mind that you could help here or there. Over the summer months please pray about and think about how you could become more involved, whether it is as an individual or as part of a team. I'm sure there are the parts that would be absolute 'shock and horror' I couldn't do that!!! but, there are many aspects of our worship that are done discreetly 'in the background' as part of a group. Want to give it a try?? , To find out what's involved, here's who to speak to:  
Girls Brigade: Irenè Moffett MBE Boys Brigade: Drew Buchanan  
Youth Club: Maurice Dalzell Potters House: Vicky Watson  
Door/Chair Rota;Eddie Quigg J Club: Janis Gibson  
Sunday Tea Rota: Helen Wootton  
Flower Rota: Hazel Blair/Sandra Montgomery  
Reading the Lesson/Leading Prayers: Colin McIlwaine



## Holy Trinity Church

Woodburn, Carrickfergus

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### Ministry Team

Rev.Alan M <sup>c</sup> Cann	93 362126
Jack Blair	93 378130
Youth Club Leader Maurice Dalzell	93 351236
Rector's Warden Bill Lunny	93 361453
People's Warden Vic Wootton	93 360653
BB Captain Drew Buchanan	93 365620
GB Captain Irené Moffett MBE	93 367678
Potters House Supt. Vicky Watson	93 360523

### ADDRESS FROM THE REVEREND

*Reading: Job ch. 42 vs. 12 - 17*

**Dear Friends,**

Job is one of those books in the Old Testament part of what is known as the Wisdom Literature, which many people have never read. We often hear people say of someone: "They are a Job's comforter". You may not have realised that such a phrase refers to Job's three friends who tried to explain to him why he has suffered so much. There is not a space in this short letter to get into the core of the text but I thought I would draw your attention to the end of the book of Job because it is very surprising. Remember that, originally, Job, as were all of the books of the Bible, stood alone. Like any book it has a beginning (which sets the scene), a main body(which deals with the issue or plot) and an ending.

Take a moment and read the verses above. Do you notice anything startling? Read verse 15 again. Notice anything? It is not surprising for a man to have beautiful daughters but do you notice what Job did for his daughters? He granted them an equal inheritance with their brothers. This was unheard of in the Ancient Near East of the day. Those listening to the story of Job would have gone home perplexed, startled and challenged by this statement. I can imagine, some men arguing that they were not going to do the same for their daughters and some brothers hoping their father was not thinking of doing the same for their sisters. Now, come with me to Galatians ch. 4 vs. 1-7. Take a moment to read this because it is connected to Job 42.