

**Come, Let the Lord God find you  
(Genesis chapter 3 verse 9)**

**at**

# **HOLY TRINITY**

**Church of Ireland  
PROSPECT ROAD, CARRICKFERGUS**



**JUNE 2010**

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

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## **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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**Reading: Acts chapter 7 verse 54 to chapter 8 verse 3**

Dear Friends,

In our parish bible study we have been studying the book of Acts. Acts is an amazing book. It was written by the apostle Luke ( who also wrote the gospel of the same name ) Acts contains the account of Pentecost ( the coming of the Holy Spirit ) and the mission of the early Christian church. It also features Peter and Paul prominently. Take a moment now and read the above passage.

You may be familiar with the story of the stoning of Stephen. Thankfully we live in a country where martyrdom is a thing of the past. However, it may surprise you to know that in the 20<sup>th</sup> century more Christians died for their faith, than in all the centuries put together. We may not face physical death for our Christian witness but we do face persecution and 'death' of reputation or name etc today. I recently said from the pulpit that the age of apathy towards Christianity is dying ( although apathy is quite strong even in the church, even in Holy Trinity) and that we have now entered an age of opposition to Christianity. If you don't believe me go to [www.christian.org.uk](http://www.christian.org.uk) and read what is happening in the United Kingdom today. You will be shocked, I know I was. Within the last year a Christian registrar has been sacked for refusing to officiate at a civil partnership ceremony of a homosexual couple, a Christian couple who run a guest house were prosecuted for challenging a muslim's belief that Christ was not the saviour, A British Airways worker was disciplined for wearing a cross necklace to work and a secretary in a school was sacked for asking people to pray for the school. It would appear that persecution of Christians is happening in our nation. Please do take a look at the Christian Institute website and sign up to receive their literature. We all need to be informed and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are facing persecution, both here and abroad, for their faith.

If you look at the passage in Acts you will see that Stephen prayed for God to forgive those who were stoning him to death. This is reminiscent of Christ on the cross and He is to be our guide when we face persecution for standing firm in the gospel. We are not to lash out at those who accuse and persecute us, but to pray for them. That is difficult, especially when accusations are false and the outcome unjust. It is difficult to remain silent and to pray for those who have impugned your character and your reputation, but that is the example that Christ set for us to follow. It is difficult to remain silent when you are falsely accused because you have had courage to speak the truth of God's Word into a situation but that is the example that Christ has set for us to follow.

When you read the verses at the beginning of chapter 8 you can see that despite the persecution of the church the gospel flourished and was spread throughout Judea and Samaria, so fulfilling the words of Jesus in Acts 1. Remember that when you face persecution for your faith. You may feel, or literally, be driven out

by the persecution but, wherever you go next, preach the gospel because the very act of moving you somewhere else is God's gift to you for spreading the gospel. The early Christians could have moved to a quieter place, kept their heads down and lived a peaceful life but that is not what they did. Wherever the persecution drove them they preached the gospel and the result was that the gospel spread – all the way to Carrickfergus and to us! So, be encouraged when you face opposition for the sake of the gospel. If you have to move on because of persecution then do so but don't stop preaching the gospel.

Finally, in verse 58 of chapter 7 we read that those stoning Stephen laid their garments at the foot of a young man named Saul ( Paul ) and in chapter 8 verse 1 we read that he approved of their actions. Take a moment and read chapter 9 of Acts to see what happens to this 'young man'. An amazing turn around with international consequences!

God Bless.

*Rev. Alan McCann*

### **SOME SUMMER READING!**

**The Heart of a Father** – several authors – a very light read – easy on the mind.

**The Next Christendom** by Philip Jenkins - the coming of global Christianity -  
- a more academic read -

**Living with the underworld** – Peter Bolt – a journey through the spiritual  
underworld and how Jesus revealed  
its true nature.

**The search to belong** – Joseph Myers – rethinking intimacy, community and  
small groups.

**The World turned upside down** – Melanie Philips – non-Christian commentary  
on many current issues. Worth reading but be warned the politics of the author are  
definitely right of centre.

### **CONFIRMATION 2010**

The Bishop of Connor, Rt. Rev. Alan Abernethy, will be with us on Sunday  
June 20<sup>th</sup> for the service of Confirmation.

Confirmation classes continue on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.15pm.  
when we will be seeking to understand the meaning, purpose and practice of Holy  
Communion. We will also look at the meaning and purpose of Confirmation.

**Please put this date in your diary and plan to support those going forward  
for Confirmation at the morning service and receiving Holy Communion at  
the evening service**

### **VESTRY HOUR.**

Due to the confirmation classes there will be no Vestry Hour. If you wish to  
discuss anything with Rev. Alan McCann please contact him directly.

On Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> the Bishop of Connor; the Rev Bill Boyce of St. Brigid's,  
Mallusk; his curate the Rev Andrew Kerr and St. Brigid's parishioner Sam  
Cunningham will set out on a 346 mile cycle ride visiting every parish in the  
diocese over the following six days.

As well as linking all parishes in Connor the cycle ride will also be a moving  
tribute to Bill's late wife who died from cancer last year, and a way of raising  
funds for the Friends of the Cancer Centre at Belfast City Hospital.

There is a sheet in the foyer where you are invited to include names of family or  
friends, who have died from cancer, to be recorded in a diocesan book of  
remembrance.

**The Bishop and his fellow cyclists will be calling at Holy Trinity on Sunday  
June 6<sup>th</sup> approx. 2pm – everyone is welcome to be there to greet them.**

### **VISIT TO THE SYNAGOGUE**

Everyone is welcome to join the bible study group and those going forward for  
confirmation on our visit to the synagogue on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at  
Holy Trinity at 7.15pm, leaving at 7.30pm sharp. Out of respect for our Jewish  
hosts all males and all married women should wear head covering ( scarf, hat,  
baseball cap etc. )

### **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.

### **LOVING HANDS**

Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? We, and several ladies of our  
congregation, are members of Loving Hands, an organisation that knits and  
crochets for various charitable organisations. We meet every Thursday at Oakfield  
Community Centre between 7pm and 9pm. and there are plenty of volunteers on  
hand to teach you these crafts. To set you on your way we can provide all that you  
need. Although our main objective is to produce blankets, cardigans etc for charity  
you can also knit/crochet for your own benefit. We are a group of ladies, young  
and not so young, who enjoy these crafts, enjoy the craic and enjoy a lovely  
supper ALL for just £2. Interested then please speak to either of us.

God Bless. *Cheryl Graham and Anne Langley*

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

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

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

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

## BIBLE STUDY

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. There will be no bible study on Wednesday 2nd due to the visit to the synagogue

**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 on the second Monday of every month with our next meeting on June 14th at 7.30pm at my home  
We will continue reading and discussing the book 'Everyman's Challenge' available from [waterbrookpress.com](http://waterbrookpress.com). [amazon.co.uk](http://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  
God Bless, *Janis Gibson*.

## DATES TO REMEMBER DURING JUNE

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Visit to the Synagogue 7.15pm  
**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** Family Fun Day at The Scout Centre, Crawfordsburn from 1pm  
**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Visit by the Bishop and his team of cyclists 2pm  
**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Young at Heart 11.30am  
**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Men's Bible Fellowship 7.30pm  
**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Service of Confirmation 10.30am  
**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion 6pm  
**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>** Select Vestry 8pm  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Bring non-perishable foodstuff, hygiene and household products for distribution, by Social Services, to those in need within our town.

**G1**, our youth fellowship here at Holy Trinity, has now closed for the summer break. Over the next few weeks the leaders will be seeking new materials and planning for the next season, commencing in September. We would value the prayers of the Holy Trinity family as we prepare ourselves spiritually and physically for a new session. We wish to thank our leaders for their time and dedication, our parents for their support and our young people for the blessing they are to us. We hope that everyone has a very blessed summer.

Yours in Christ. *Lindy and John Reid*

### 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](mailto:avril.waller@rosemaryconley.com)  
Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30am

### 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](mailto:avril.waller@talktalk.net)  
Thursdays 10.00 – 11.00am

**Please note that both of the above classes will be closed during July and August but I have other classes open elsewhere. Please speak to me for details. God Bless. Avril**

**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*.

## CRÈCHE ROTA - JUNE

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Catrin Rhys	Sharon McNeill
	Eileen McLaughlin	Valerie Sprott
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Adrienne Tasker	Fiona Moody
	Joan Logan	Lorraine Ross
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Sharon Piddock	Nicola Miller
	Helen Fittis	Anne Boggs
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No crèche but room will be set up ready.</b>	

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*

## BOYS BRIGADE NEWS

Three Senior Boys and an Officer took part in the recent Belfast Marathon. Thankfully the weather was ideal for the competitors – sunny but not too warm!! The senior boys, Andrew Harrison, John Fittis and Peter Brown, none of whom had previously taken part in a marathon, had set the goal of competing in a relay leg of the marathon as part of their Queens Badge Award. In preparation for the run the boys pounded the roads of Carrickfergus for up to an hour on many Monday evenings. The boys ran a total of 18 miles on the day and the team successfully completed the course in 4 hours 15 minutes, well within the top third of teams that competed. Well done boys.

John and Peter are both working for their Queens Badge and as part of their community work have been working for African Children's Ministries and Kilcreggan House. We are delighted to be able to present £125 to each charity. Boys Brigade will re-commence on Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

For full details of our BB please visit the website: [www.8thcarrickbb.org.uk](http://www.8thcarrickbb.org.uk)

God Bless *Drew Buchanan – Captain*

## UPLIFT PERFORMING ARTS

**EXCITING NEWS:** UpLift has been asked to go to England in July to produce a workshop for 100 young people. I will be taking an impressive and talented team of UpLift members with me to complete this adventure. The workshop will last for two days and the team and myself are to produce an hour long show with the students. HOW COOL IS THAT!!!

UpLift classes will continue as usual on Saturdays until the end of June.

If you require any information on classes please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please also visit our website: [www.weareuplift.com](http://www.weareuplift.com)

God Bless. *Ryan Moffett* Mobile: 07840453723 e-mail: [ryan@weareuplift.com](mailto:ryan@weareuplift.com)

## 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 the safety of the Bishop and his team of cyclists

Please remember in your prayers our organisation leaders as they take a break over the summer months to rest and refresh their tired bodies and minds.

Please pray for those who you find it difficult to love or forgive

Please pray for new families who have joined us.

Please remember Clare and Neill as they prepare for their trip to Uganda

## POINTS FOR PRAISE

Give thanks for His blessings today

Give thanks for this recent spell of good weather.

Thank God for His wonderful creation

Give thanks to God for blessing us with Alan and Jack.

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. Please bear in mind, God gives us 24 hours everyday, surely we can give back at least 15 minutes in prayer

## CHAIR and DOOR ROTA - JUNE

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** Chairs: Kel McDermott, Ashton McDermott,  
Davey Mulligan, Alan Love.  
Door: Carol Mulligan, Lorna Brown.
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** Chairs: Keith Montgomery, Colin Watson, Eddie Quigg.  
Door: Yvonne Best, Joan Harvey.
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** Chairs: Edwin Moffett, Bert Macartney,  
Arlene Macartney, Kurtis Macartney.  
Door: Libby Todd, Helen McQuitty.
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.

**It is never too late to commit to this project.**

### POTTERS HOUSE/J CLUB

Our annual prize-giving will take place during Potters House on Sunday  
June 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last Sunday at Potters House before the summer  
break. We will resume on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless. *Vicky Watson - Superintendent*

### FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!!

On the first Sunday of each month we have a breakfast at 9.15am. All  
members of Holy Trinity are welcome to come along for a 'health  
conscious' fry, along with plenty of fellowship and craic before the  
morning service. For catering purposes please let me know beforehand if  
you intend to join us.

Speak to me in church or e-mail: [victor.wootton@sky.com](mailto:victor.wootton@sky.com)

The next one is June 6<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless. *Vic Wootton*

# CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY FUN DAY

**SATURDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> from 1PM.**

**at**

**THE SCOUT CENTRE  
CRAWFORDSBURN**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: ARCHERY, CAVING,  
GRASS SLEDGING, GO-KART RACING,  
CLIMBING, or SIMPLY ENJOYING THE  
COUNTRY PARK AND BEACH.  
followed by an evening barbecue  
and camp fire sing-song**

**Open to all members of the congregation, their  
families and friends.**

**Please sign up on the list on the main notice board.**

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE.**

When you queue up for your cup of tea or coffee after the service you will notice there are still a couple of spaces on the rota that are waiting for you to fill them. Please don't miss out on an opportunity to witness to God, simply by making a pot of tea.

### YOUTH CLUB NEWS

The last night for Youth Club before the break will be Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>, when we hope to be holding a "Holy Trinity's Got Talent" night.

So, members please come along and join in the fun and craic.

We will be losing some leaders in September and some leaders will not be able to commit to every Friday evening. Can I appeal to anyone who feels they can help us on a Friday evening, or wants to find out what is involved, to speak to myself or any leader – your assistance would be very much appreciated. Have a great summer. God Bless. **Bert Macartney**

### LAST MONTH'S DINGBATS – ANSWERS –

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|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Hand in Hand                          | 11. All For One and One For All |
| 2. Big Fish in Small Pond                | 12. Once upon a Time            |
| 3. Space Invaders                        | 13. Foreign Language            |
| 4. Fed up to the Back Teeth              | 14. Back Seat Driver            |
| 5. Kiss and Make Up                      | 15. Odds on Favourite           |
| 6. I am Over Paid and Under Worked       | 16. Gross Incompetence          |
| 7. Miss Understanding                    | 17. You are One in A Million    |
| 8. Doctor DoLittle                       | 18. Banana Split                |
| 9. Potatoes                              | 19. Son of a Gun                |
| 10. Six of One and Half Dozen of Another | 20. Man Over Board              |

### A TIME FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION on how we serve God.

With most of our organisations now closed for the summer break it is an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on how we do, or can, help. We have all been richly blessed with talents and skills so why not consider putting these gifts to practical use by helping at one of our organisations or on one of our many rotas. It may be just one hour every month or even one evening every week, which ever suits your life. Here's who to speak to:

Girls Brigade: Irenè Moffett MBE      Chair and Door Rota: Eddie Quigg  
 Boys Brigade: Drew Buchanan MBE      Tea Rota: Helen Wootton  
 Potters House: Vicky Watson      Reading the Lesson: Colin McIlwaine  
 Youth Club: Maurice Dalzell      Leading Prayers: Colin McIlwaine

If you're not sure who these people are, please ask the Wardens

## SERVICES – JUNE 2010

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**      **HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Persevere in Christ*

First reading: James ch. 1 vs. 2 – 18  
 Second reading: Matthew ch. 23 vs. 3 – 14  
 Prayer leader:

Colin McIlwaine  
 Rev. Alan McCann  
 Maurice Langley

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**      **MORNING PRAYER**  
*Living for Christ*

First reading: Philippians ch. 2 vs. 12 – 18  
 Second reading: Matthew ch. 25 vs. 31 – 46  
 Prayer leader:

Nicola Wright  
 Roger Ball  
 Rev. Alan McCann

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**      **SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**  
*Conducted by Bishop Alan Abernathy*

Prayer leader: Yvonne Best

**6pm**      **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

John chapter 3 verse 7

