

blame to someone else – we have been trying to blame others since the Garden of Eden. The next step is to openly receive the invitation of Isaiah 55 and come to the One who knows the secrets of all our hearts and whose eternal love for us sent His only begotten Son to die for us. So, do you really want to change your life for the better? Do you really want to leave that life of sin and all those broken promises? Do you really want this life that God offers in Christ? Then receive the gift of grace offered at Calvary by asking God to forgive you and inviting His Holy Spirit into your life. Now, read Isaiah 55 verses 1 – 2 again, these verses are for you today.

Yours in Christ.
Rev. Alan McCann

Each month I will endeavour to recommend some books that may prove helpful with your walk with God.

YOU CAN CHANGE by Tim Foster. This book seeks to help you understand how God's transforming power can help you change your sinful behaviour and negative emotions.

ESCAPE THE MATRIX by Boyd and Larson. In this book the authors help, with the aid of the 'Matrix' films to show you how you can set your mind free to experience real life in Christ. This is an excellent book.

LEANING INTO A HAIL OF BULLETS –published by Navpress – Primarily this book is written for men, in how to deal with temptation but there are good principles in it for everyone.

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 November 4th. from 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 8.30pm. There will be no bible study groups on this evening.

BIBLE STUDY

We all need to study Gods Word and here are two opportunities to help fulfil His wishes:

Parish Bible Study is led by Rev. Alan McCann and is held in the computer suite every Wednesday from 7.30pm. Here you will be able to read, study and discuss passages from the bible and receive answers to any questions. This session is looking at the Acts of the Apostles.

Inductive Bible Study is led by Jack Blair and is held in the Henly Room every Wednesday from 7.30pm. This year will begin with the study of the 3 letters of John.

All members of the congregation are welcome.

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 the 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. 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.

In addition to this the Prayer Team meet most Thursdays in the Prayer Room at 7.30pm should you need to call in for prayer.
(see 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

before God when the Prayer Team meets on Thursdays. God Bless.

The Prayer Team

BOWLS FELLOWSHIP

John Clawson chaired the annual general meeting which took place on Thursday Oct. 8th and at which Jack Blair and David Clarke were elected secretary and treasurer respectively. During the past season our 'Top Score' competition was held and was won by David Clarke with Geoffrey Strange as runner up. Following discussion it was agreed to hold the membership fees at: Full membership £10; Senior Citizens £5 and Under 18s £3. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 years. Members under this age limit must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent so as to comply with Safeguarding Trust regulations.

Welcome to new members: A very warm welcome is given to anyone within Holy Trinity who would like to join our fellowship. For those who have never bowled before we have spare bowls and willing players who will give you tuition. Bowls is a pleasant but skilful game giving you gentle exercise as well as enjoyable social contact. We have no doubt that having been once you will keep coming back. Please contact me if you have any questions or, if you want to, just call in we are here every Thursday from 7.45pm. Look forward to seeing you. God Bless. **Jack Blair**

TEA/COFFEE on Sunday mornings is very popular and I want to thank all of those who volunteer to provide this and those who occasionally provide extra 'goodies'. The donations received every Sunday cover the costs of supplying tea/coffee etc. So, can I ask those who volunteer to continue serving God in this way. If you feel you could help out any Sunday morning please speak to me. God Bless. **Helen Wootton.**

THANKS to the members of the Skelly family who have been cleaning our building for the past few years. We wish God's blessing on them and on Shirley Moffett who has taken over serving God in this way.

HARVEST 2010 APPEAL

Once you have prayed about it, please return your completed form to Edwin Moffett, even if you feel you cannot commit to this appeal. Explanatory letters and forms are available in the foyer if you have not received a copy or need a replacement. Thank you. **The Select Vestry**

Services –

Sunday 1st 10.30am

NOVEMBER 2009

HOLY COMMUNION

Discipleship – Women

Godly submission

First reading: 1Peter ch2 v 13 to ch3 v7

Lorna Brown

Second reading: Luke ch10 vs 38 - 42

Johanne Moore

Prayer leader:

Anne Boggs

Sunday 8th 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER

Discipleship: parenting

First reading: Deuteronomy ch6 vs 1 - 9

Alan Love

Second reading: Ezekial ch18 vs 6 - 20

Keith Montgomery

Prayer leader:

Rev. Alan McCann

Sunday 15th 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER

Habitual Sin

Getting out of the rut

First reading: Psalm 119 vs 105 – 120

Gerry Piddock

Second reading: Romans ch7 vs 14 – 25

Wenda Gray

Prayer leader:

Paul Miller

6pm.

GB ENROLMENT

Sunday 22nd 10.30am

FAMILY SERVICE

Friday 27th

ADVENT SERVICE (lunch)

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 pray for our congregation that we will respond positively and sacrificially to the Harvest 2010 appeal.

Many members of our congregation and friends have recently been through illness, please pray for their recovery.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers facing persecution.

Please pray for God's intervention on our enemies.

Please pray for those amongst us who do not know Jesus Christ.

POINTS FOR PRAISE

Praise God for the safe return home of the Voices of Life Choir

Give thanks for the recovery of those who have been ill

Give thanks to God for the gift of salvation

Give thanks to God for His many blessings today.

Praise God for answering our prayers

Thank God for Jesus

DATES TO REMEMBER DURING NOVEMBER

(other than our regular weekly activities)

Monday 2nd Young at Heart 11.30am

Wednesday 4th No bible study groups. Evening of prayer for all of the congregation. Call in anytime between 7.30 – 8.30pm

Friday 6th Set up for Winter Sale from 10pm. (after youth club)

Saturday 7th Winter Sale from 11.00am

Monday 9th Men's Bible Fellowship 7.30pm

Sunday 15th 6pm. GB Enrolment Service

Thursday 19th Face to Face 8pm.

Mon 16th – Sat 21st Purchase non-perishable foodstuffs, personal

hygiene and household products to leave at church on

Sunday 22nd for distribution in Carrick by Social Services.

Thursday 26th Select Vestry, 8pm

FUND RAISING/SOCIAL EVENTS

WINTER SALE

Saturday November 7th at 11am

Please help: 1. by delivering leaflets, they are on the table as you leave church.

2. by setting up from 10pm on Friday 6th.
3. by providing cakes, groceries, tray bakes, toys (in good condition), books, fancy goods and crafts
4. by providing soup and sandwiches for the lunch table.

Thank you in advance for your support. God Bless.

The Fund Raising Committee

FACE TO FACE is for all ladies of the congregation and meets again on Thursday November 19th at 8pm. when we shall be considering drug awareness and teenage issues. Our guest speaker is Karen McManus from Carrickfergus Drug and Alcohol Awareness. Please come along, this meeting is for young people and parents alike. The issues raised are relevant to people of all age groups and in all walks of life. As always, new faces are particularly welcome. See you on the 19th.

The Face to Face Committee

UPLIFT PERFORMING ARTS

This is a new arts school set up in Holy Trinity designed to develop and capture the imaginations of everyone from 3 years old to adults. Classes take place on Saturdays and times depend on age groups and the types of classes. It offers a great variety of classes consisting of Dance, Voice and Stagecraft (drama). Private musical instrument classes can be arranged. Each class is for one hour and costs £5. There is a registration fee of £10 for the term, which covers admin and insurance.

Things to look forward to in the future include:

- Performance classes with all students together (putting together a medley)
- Strictly try dancing – for adults to try what the celebrities do
- Adult dance classes – a good way of keeping fit with an added pinch of fun.
- Shows to look forward to in the near future –
- For further details please speak to Amy, Carlee or Ryan.

CRECHE ROTA -

Sunday 1st. Fiona Moody Sharon McNeill
Carlee Sounart Amy Anderson
Sunday 8th. Nicola Miller Eileen McLaughlin
Adrienne Tasker Lorraine Saunderson-Brown
Sunday 15th..... Helen Fittis Joan Harvey
Carlee Sounart Amy Anderson

Sunday 22nd. **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*

PILATES - at Holy Trinity

Good for your back and your tummy!! Thursdays 10.00-11.00am, please contact Avril on 93355129or: e-mail avrilwaller@talktalk.net

ROSEMARY CONLEY DIET & FITNESS CLUB-at Holy Trinity

Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30am. Includes a weigh in, motivational talk and 45 minutes of exercise.

Please contact Avril on 93355129 , or e-mail avrilwaller@talktalk.net

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.*

BUCHANAN TRUST provides grants of no more than £100 to Holy Trinity's young people, in the age range of 11 -25 years, who are undertaking training or similar projects in Christian Youth Work.

The Trust will meet after the service on Sunday November 8th.so please return completed application forms to Janis Gibson as soon as possible.

MENS 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 November 9th at the home of Kel McDermott. We will continue with 2Timothy ch2 from verse 14 discussing its' implications and then relating it to men in Carrick in 2009. It's 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*

POTTERS HOUSE

All teachers, helpers and children would like to say a huge *THANK YOU* for all the pencil cases and funds for Fields of Life. Your generosity will make a great difference to the education of many children in Uganda, who cannot afford the bare necessities of schooling. We lose pencils and pens without a second thought, but to these children, these simple items mean so much.

Our Annual Christmas outing will be held on Saturday 28th November.

Details will follow soon, but please put this date in your diaries.

God Bless. *Vicky Watson – Superintendent.*

YOUTH CLUB NEWS

Our first outing is to Dundonald Ice Bowl on Friday November 13th. The cost will be £6 and, as there are limited places, it will be a case of 'first come first served'. We have other outings planned for which details will be published soon.

Please note that membership is now closed until September 2010.

Can I make another appeal for more leaders. On a typical Friday evening we need at least 15 leaders. If we don't have enough leadership we have to close some of the rooms which, in turn, adds pressure to the other rooms and to the leaders. If you feel it is something that you can do, even just once a month, please pray about it and speak to one of the leaders. God Bless. *Bert Macartney*

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ADDRESS FROM THE REVEREND

Reading: Isaiah chapter 55 verses 1- 2.

Dear Friends,

Since September I have been reading my way through the book of Isaiah, with the help of the Explore Bible notes from the Good Book Company. I knew some of the passages in Isaiah but some that I hadn't known as well have just left me humbled before the amazing love and grace of God. Isaiah is really an amazing prophetic book. The two verses mentioned above are an invitation from God to us all. Read those two verses carefully and answer this question: What is the cost of coming to God? The answer is 'nothing.' As the hymn writer put it "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling."

Now, compare that invitation to the cost incurred by sin. Sin promises fun and excitement but delivers pain and tragedy. Sin promises freedom but delivers slavery and addiction. Sin promises fulfilment but delivers emptiness, frustration and death. Sin promises gain but delivers loss. Sin promises that we can get away with it, but the fact is, we don't. Take a moment and identify when sin made one of these promises in your experience. What did it actually deliver? Now ask yourself: Do I really want to change? Read Isaiah chapter 6 and the call of Isaiah. Notice in the passage how Isaiah identifies himself in the presence of God – a sinful man! It is clear from scripture that the first step to change is an honest assessment of yourself. I also need to admit my sinfulness before God. The taking of responsibility for my sin and not seeking to pass the