

gift from God. All of my abilities, intelligence, gifts etc are given by Him. in the OT we encounter a king called Nebuchadnezzar – he forgot God and it led to his downfall. He congratulated himself on all that he had achieved and God humbled him and he became like a wild animal living in the land.

Ignorance – sometimes I am unthankful because I have failed to see what God has done in a situation. Luke 17.11-19 the nine lepers who did not come back to say thank you for being healed failed to see the hand of Christ in their healing. They were ignorant of the workings of God in the miracle of their healing. Did you read your bible in an English translation? Are you thankful for a man called Tyndale? On the 6th October 1536 was strangled and his body burned for translating the bible into English. In ignorance we do not say thank you to God for our English bible.

Faithless – when I am weak in my faith and I fail to see things from God's perspective I am not thankful to Him. Job was not faithless even in the midst of very trying circumstances. He asked his friends "will we not accept good and adversity from God?" Get God's perspective on the situation and you will realise that even the most trying circumstances are days designed by God for your good and you will be thankful.

Being thankful to God is about the **TRUTH** of God's word and believing it.

God Bless – Rev. Alan McCann

PARISH DAY AWAY - **4th October 2008**, We will meet at Holy Trinity at 9am to travel to Bushmills. Our speaker will be Canon Brian Courtney. We hope as many families as possible will join us for the day.

HOLY TRINITY PRAYER GROUP - Open prayer evening held 1st Thursday of each month in the church from 7.45-9pm. Everyone very welcome! Please call in and there will be people available to pray with you. Next open night: Thursday 2nd October 2008.



Members of Holy Trinity PRAYER GROUP Are:

Libbie Boyd	Linda Horner	Fiona Moody
Nicki Quigg	Joan Harvey	Johanne Moore
Stuart Purvis	Vera Saunderson	Alison Allen

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YOUTH CLUB NEWS - Youth Club is now in full swing and we have a fun packed session planned up until Christmas. Watch this space for details of up and coming events and outings. Membership will remain open to all who are P5 and above until Friday 17th October 2008. No more new members will be admitted after this date, so remember to return your completed membership forms to any Youth Club leader on or before Friday 17th October.

God Bless.

Bert McCartney

PRAISE CD RELEASE! - We are happy to announce the release of Holy Trinity's very first praise and worship CD titled "Worthy Of My Praise". Over 75 people from this congregation have been involved in making the recording over the last 6 months with over 125 hours spent in the recording studio. To celebrate the release of the new CD we would like to invite you all to a launch concert here in Trinity on Saturday 11th October 2008 at 7.30pm.

The CDs will go on sale that night. Tickets for the concert will be available for purchase today at the tea and coffee table. Each adult ticket purchased entitles you to a discount of £3 off the cost of a CD. We would like all the people who took part on the CD to participate in the concert. Louise will contact the musicians to arrange a practice. There will be two short practices for those who sang in the CD choir. These will take place on Wednesday 1st October and Wednesday 8th October at 8.30pm. It is our hope and prayer that God will use this CD and praise concert to bless and encourage our congregation here in Trinity and also those around us. Please invite your friends and family to join us for this special evening of praise and celebration.

Louise Hanley

MENS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP - We all need to study God's Word to help us on our walk with Him, so why not do so in the company of fellow men of Holy Trinity in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. It was good to have prayers answered, with 2 new faces at our last meeting. We will continue to study 1Thessalonians on Monday October 13th at 7.30pm. Please think and pray about joining us, whether you have committed your life to God or not. Please speak to me for further information.

Maurice Langley

FLOWERS -Have you noticed what a joy the Sanctuary flowers bring to our Sunday Worship? You can play a part of bringing that joy, simply speak to Hazel Blair or Sandra Montgomery. We are not all blessed with flower arranging talents but we are all blessed with being able to provide resources be it flowers from our gardens or finances to purchase flowers.

Maurice Langley

Services –

OCTOBER 2008

5th	10.30am	Holy Communion Pride
	2 Corinthians 11 v16-33 Matthew 18 v 1-9	Garry Richmond The Preacher
	Prayers by	Paul Miller
12th	10.30am	Morning Prayer Anger
	1 Samuel 18 v 1-11 James 1 v 19-27	Sam Skelly Mark Taylor
	Prayers by	The Preacher
19th	10.30am	Morning Prayer Harvest
	Deuteronomy 8 v7-18 Luke 12 v 13-21	Rev. Alan McCann Rev. M. Elliott
	Prayers By	David Mulligan
	*** 6:00pm	BB Enrolment (The Music Group)
26th	10.30am	Family Service (The Music Group)

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.

BOYS BRIGADE - 8TH CARRICKFERGUS BB

Our new session commenced on Monday 8th September 2008 with 5 1st Year Anchor Boys P1, 34 Anchor Boys P2-P4 25 Junior Section P5-P7 35 Company and Senior Section We can accommodate some more P1 boys, if interested please come along on Monday night at 5-55pm or speak with Karen Buchanan. This is a fantastic number to work with and although we have problems with accommodation, my officers have produced programmes, which I believe will keep the boys interested and busy. So as we work to advance Christ's Kingdom please pray for our officers and boys.

Enrolment Service - Our annual enrolment service will be held on **Sunday 19th October 2007 at 6pm.**

Please come along and support the officers as they renew their vows and dedicate themselves to another year of service, which the Lord has called them to, and the boys who promise to be good members of the Boys Brigade.

You can find out all about us at www.8thcarrickbb.org.uk

S.A. Buchanan Captain

OUR HARVEST SERVICE - will be on Sunday October 19th. 10.30am when our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Maurice Elliot, Principal of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. There will be an opportunity for all of us to contribute towards our outstanding building extension debt of £360,000. Envelopes are available and can be collected from the table in the entrance hall. We ask you to pray about this and respond sacrificially. ***The Select Vestry***

THE POTTERS HOUSE - Dear Parents, As you will already know, our Harvest Service at Holy Trinity is on the 19th October. This year we are hoping to provide Fields of Life with as many Bibles as possible for secondary schools in Uganda. This will be through your very kind financial donations or spare Bibles that you may have at home. If your child has not brought home a letter and envelope regarding our appeal, please ask any Potter's House teacher.

Bibles cost just £3 each to buy, and the secondary schools will benefit greatly through these resources for the teaching of God's Word. There is a box situated in the foyer of Holy Trinity for donations, or if you would wish to donate a Bible (not King James please), there will be a separate box provided. On Sunday 19th October, there will be no Potter's House, and the activities that the children have been taking part in, will be displayed, so everyone can share in our special Harvest of God's Word.

God Bless,

Vicky Watson.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Choir Practice G1 Secondary Schoolers Year 10+	After Service 7:30pm – 8:45pm 9:00pm – 10:00pm
Monday	Boys' Brigade Anchor Boys Junior Section Company Section	6.00pm 7.00pm 7.00pm
Tuesday	Girls' Brigade Explorers Juniors / Seniors Brigaders	6.00pm 7.15pm 7.15pm
Wednesday	Bible Study Daybreakers- Mums'n'tots Godzone-P1-P7 kids	7.30pm 11am-12pm 4pm-5.30pm
Thursday	Bowls	7.30pm
Friday	Youth Club Elevenses	7.30pm 10.00am - 12.00pm
Saturday	Badminton	2.00pm – 3.30pm

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5th October	Helen Fittis Ann Robinson	Valerie Sprott Linda Purvis
12th October	Fiona Moody Linda Purvis	Ann Robinson Olga Grange
19th October	Olga Grange Adrienne Tasker	Lorraine Ross Anne Boggs

27th October THERE WILL BE NO CRECHE

WILD AT HEART - Just to remind all you men out there, that we are off for a tour around the Somme Heritage Centre on Thursday 2nd October. Cost is £5 and we meet at the Church at 6.45pm. Please put your name on the sheet on the notice board "ASAP" Remember that the Wild at Heart Men's Group is open to all men of Holy Trinity ☺ ***Vic Wootton***

LISA'S NEWS! - Wednesdays 4-5.30pm, GODZONE, for P1s-P7s - Fridays 11-12 midday DAY BREAKERS, for 1-4yrs and their mums/carers - Fridays 4-5.30pm, THE POINT, for 1st yrs + Registration forms can be found at the table in the foyer or from Lisa. Please pray for the new sessions, that the children and young people encounter the living God in a real and true sense through the new material being used, and that God is glorified in all that takes place. Thanks to the new leadership team, pray that we work together for the good of those we work with and for whom we work for
Lisa McIlwaine



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ADDRESS FROM THE REVERAND

Reading : 1 Thessalonians 5.18

Dear Friends,

Do you remember singing 'Count your blessings, name them one by one and you will be amazed at what God has done'? A simple hymn but one which we should all take on board. If you have read the verse above you will have noticed that Paul wants us to give thanks in all circumstances and yet I find myself so often being unthankful. Why?

Unbelief is one reason I am not thankful. Romans 1.21 tells me that being unthankful to God is actually part and parcel of living outside of God's will and not believing the truth of God's Word. 2 Timothy 1 tells me it is also a sign of the last days. Can you or I deny that we live in a world that rarely says thank you to God for His blessings. Acts 17.25 tells me that my very breath is a gift from God. Ever stopped for a moment and thanked God for your ability to breath?

Self-Reliance – James 4.13-17. I do not say thank you to God because I am self-reliant and see myself as independent of Him. The world tells us we are self-sufficient and we do not need God's help. Sometimes we are too busy patting ourselves on the back to stop and acknowledge God along the way. Yet the truth is that everything I am and have is a