

something wrong in the fellowship because the going is tough and there seems to be little in the way of victorious living amongst the people of God. Let me ask you a few simple questions: are you allowing sin to reside in your tent (that is, your life)? Do you believe that God does not see or care about those hidden things? Do you want God to bless you, your family and Holy Trinity? I pray that all of us would answer 'Yes' to that last question. If we, as people of God at Holy Trinity, want His hand of blessing upon us as individuals, as a family and as a congregation this year then we need to come before Him, as Joshua did, and to ask Him to reveal to us where the 'hidden plunder' resides in our lives so that we can confess it before Him and be forgiven. Without repentance and confession there can be no forgiveness. Without forgiveness there can be no victories or blessing. So, as your pastor, I am humbly asking us all to begin afresh with Almighty God. To earnestly seek His face in prayer, as Joshua did, so that we might be able, through the work of Christ, to be forgiven of our sins and that God may open the floodgates of heaven and richly bless us as His people. That is my desire. That is my prayer for us all at Holy Trinity.
God Bless. **Rev. Alan McCann**

HARVEST 2009

The Harvest Service will be on Sunday October 28th. The guest preacher will be Rev. Chris Broddle, Senior Army Chaplain in N. Ireland. There will be no special harvest gift day this year. You will receive a letter from the Select Vestry explaining this decision and with a request for the year ahead.

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 October 7th. 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.

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.

There will no longer be open prayer nights on the first Thursday of the month but prayer will be offered every Sunday after the service.

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

BOWLS FELLOWSHIP is held each Thursday at 7.45pm. A warm welcome awaits those who wish to join us and bowl alongside our existing members. The age limit is 18 years for individual members but secondary school children can attend provided they are accompanied by a parent or grandparent. We offer tuition to anyone who has never played before and we have spare bowls available. So, may we encourage everyone who would like to try it to come along and give it a go, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. God Bless. **Jack Blair.**

JUVENILE BADMINTON CLUB meets on Saturdays at 2.30pm and is open to young people from P6 upwards. Weekly dues are £1 with 50p going towards the building fund. New and old members welcome. Coaching is provided. God Bless. **Graeme Hunter**

YOUTH CLUB NEWS: Youth Club is now up and running and we have another fun packed programme ahead. We have planned a number of outings this year and, God willing, they include: ice skating at Dundonald Ice Bowl, a trip to Lisburn Leisure Pool, a visit to Windsor Park to watch Linfield in action, and a trip to Ravenhill to watch Ulster Rugby. I will keep you informed of dates and costs. Membership will remain open until Friday October 2nd. It will close at 10pm on that date and we will not be accepting any new members. So, please get your membership forms completed and returned to avoid disappointment. God Bless **Bert Macartney**

Services –

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday 4th 10.30am

HOLY COMMUNION
Disciplines of a Disciple

First reading: James ch.1 vs.19 - 27

Garry Richmond

Second reading: Matthew ch.5 vs.38–48

Rev. Alan McCann

Prayer leader:

Yvonne Best

Sunday 11th 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER

Discipleship: men – loving leaders

First reading: Ephesians ch.5 vs.15 - 33

Roger Ball

Second reading: Psalm 119 vs. 9 - 16

Nicola Wright

Prayer leader:

Rev. Alan McCann

Sunday 18th 10.30am

HARVEST SERVICE

Preacher:

Rev. Chris Broddle

Prayer leader:

Janis Gibson

6pm.

BB ENROLMENT

Sunday 25th . 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 pray for our congregation that we can unite as one family to further glorify Gods Holy Name in Carrickfergus.

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

Please remember in your prayers the Voices of Life Choir as they continue their tour of Ireland. Please pray also for our brother, Davey Mulligan, as he travels with them.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers facing persecution.

Please pray for the Anglican Church that it may remain faithful to the Gospel.

POINTS FOR PRAISE

Give thanks for those who prepare the building for our worship every Sunday

Praise God for the Voices of Life Choir, for their inspiration, graciousness, gratitude and love.

Give thanks for those who protect and care for us.

Give thanks for the freedom to attend Holy Trinity

Give thanks to God for His blessings today.

DATES TO REMEMBER DURING OCTOBER

(other than our regular weekly activities)

Thursday 1st Men's Fellowship, 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd Concert by Ballyduff Silver Band + Choir. 7.30pm

Monday 5th Young at Heart 11.30am

Wednesday 7th No bible study groups. Evening of prayer for all of the congregation. Call in anytime between 7.30 – 8.30pm

Monday 12th Men's Bible Fellowship 7.30pm

Thursday 15th Face to Face, 8pm

Sunday 18th BB Enrolment Service 6pm

Thursday 22nd Select Vestry, 8pm

Mon 19th – Sat 24th Purchase non-perishable foodstuffs, personal hygiene and household products to leave at church on Sunday 25th for distribution in Carrick by Social Service.
Saturday 24th British Summer Time ends, clocks go back 1 hr.

VOICES OF LIFE CHOIR

Thank you to all members of the congregation who contributed bedding, wash kits and financial gifts for the choir. Thank you to the families who hosted children for the weekend. Thank you to everyone who supported the concert at Holy Trinity and concerts across the Province. Thank you to those who have sponsored children. Thank you and may the living God richly bless you all. *The Voices of Life Choir*

The visit to this Province by the Voice of Life choir has been an inspiration to us all. They are not only a credit to Fields of Life but also a credit to God and a huge testimony of His unconditional grace, mercy and love. We, as a congregation, give them thanks and wish them God's blessing as they continue their tour, and for their safe return to Uganda.

MENS FELLOWSHIP is for all men of the congregation and meets on the first Thursday of each month with our next meeting being on 1st at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Prof. Drew Gibson who will be explaining the changing culture of Northern Ireland by using a survey of what is written on gravestones and how it has changed over the years!!

Now, that IS something different. Please come along for some craic, fellowship and a fascinating topic. God Bless. *Vic Wootton*.

BOYS BRIGADE

Our Annual Enrolment Service will be held on Sunday October 18th at 6pm. We would encourage the congregation to support us at this service.

Drew Buchanan MBE – Captain.

FUND RAISING / SOCIAL EVENTS

Ballyduff Silver Band, along with Carrick College Choir, will be in concert on Saturday October 3rd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 which will include light refreshments.

On Saturday November 7th at 11am we will be holding a winter sale which will include cake stall, fancy goods, books, Christmas items etc. There will also be games and food available. We have limited space for anyone wishing to sell their own crafts, with a table costing £20.

We will be seeking your support for delivering advertising leaflets and to help set up on Friday night from 10pm.

The Fund Raising Committee

FACE TO FACE is for all ladies of the congregation and meets again on Thursday October 15th. at 8pm. The topic is 'God's Delight' and we hope to spend time thinking about how God, our Father, delights in our prayers, praise and fellowship with Him and others. New members are always welcome, we even provide supper!! Please come along for a couple of hours of fellowship and friendship – we look forward to seeing you there. God Bless. *Face to Face Committee*

CRECHE ROTA -

Sunday 4th Valerie Spratt Olga Grange
Lorraine Ross Sharon McNeill
Sunday 11th Joan Logan Katrin Rhys
Joan Cummings Linda Purvis
Sunday 18th.... Fiona Moody Anne Langley
Anne Boggs Arlene Macartney

Sunday 25th **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 93355129 or: 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 most 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 during November so please return completed application forms to Janis Gibson as soon as possible.

MEN at Holy Trinity, please make use of the men's chat forum at www.holytrinitymen.proboards.com where we discuss any topic relevant to men in Holy Trinity in 2009. Simply go to the website, sign in and join in. If you experience any difficulties signing in, contact Sam Skelly on sam.skelly@virgin.net

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 October 12th at the home of Bert Macartney We will be looking at 2Timothy, discussing its' implications and then relating it to men in Carrick in 2009. 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*

G1 is our Youth Fellowship 'God First' and meets on Sunday evenings from 7.30 – 9.30pm and is a safe and supportive place for young people to come together for fellowship around the Word of God. We have a varied programme in which we try to use the gifts, talents and resources God has given to us, to bring glory to Him. If you are year 8 and over please accept this as your invitation to join us. God Bless. *Lindy and John Reid*

POTTERS HOUSE AND J CLUB meet during the morning service and are committed to teaching God's Word and Love. We do this in a fun and active way. Your child will bring home sheets/creations complete with references to the Holy Bible. Please make time to look at these with your child and talk about what they have been doing. God Bless. *Vicky Watson – Superintendent.*

GIRLS BRIGADE meets on Tuesday evenings: Ladybirds and Explorers 6 – 7.15pm: Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders 7.15 – 9.30pm. God Bless. *Irene Moffett MBE – Captain.*



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ADDRESS FROM THE REVEREND

Reading: Joshua chapter 7.

Dear Friends,

If you were at worship on Sunday September 6th you would have heard me preach on the above passage. You would also have been greatly blessed by God that Sunday, as many can testify, as we were accompanied by the Voices of Life Choir as we worshipped Jesus Christ. I want, in this letter, to, once again, draw attention to the central tenet of this passage: if sin resides in the camp there will be no blessing from God and no victory for the people of God. Please read the story of Achan and how he brought disaster on the whole camp of Israel by his disobedience. Read how God intervened and exposed his sin before the people of God and the dreadful punishment which resulted for Achan and his family. It is really quite a chilling story. It illustrates the seriousness of sin and the dire consequences of sin if we allow it to remain in our lives, our homes and our church fellowship. The strange thing is that it is only by allowing sin to reside in our lives that it can enter our families and our church fellowship. The dreadful thing is that so many people who claim to follow Christ are, in reality, living as Achan. That is, they believe that they can hide their 'secret sins' from others and from God. The result will be lives that know no blessing from God and which experience defeat after defeat in the spirit. Joshua and the leaders knew that there was something wrong in the camp of Israel because of the defeat they had experienced. Often church leaders know there is