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

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Letter to Parishioners

Handing on the Torch – I Chronicles 28

Last words are often recorded for posterity. We sometimes lay great store by last words. Some are amusing and some are not.

Apparently ***Oscar Wilde*** said ***'Either the wallpaper goes, or I do.'*** ***Rudolph Valentino*** was supposed to have said ***'Don't pull down the blinds! I feel fine.'*** ***James Joyce 'Does nobody understand.'*** ***Dylan Thomas 'I've had eighteen straight whiskies. I think that is a record.'*** My favourite though is the American officer in the Civil War who said ***'They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance'***, right before he was shot dead. We lay great store by last words. We cherish them and we may even write them down somewhere. We certainly store them in our hearts.

In ***1 Chronicles chapters 28-29*** we have recorded for us the last words of king David. David has been on the throne for 40 years. Many of those years have been troublesome and now he looks back over his life and is about to speak to Solomon his son and successor and the people of Israel for the last time. In verse 1 we read that David gathers around him all the officials, military officers and his sons and he addresses them.

1 Chronicles 28.2-7 David's Disappointment

Standing before David were hundreds of officials, military men and his sons. Each face would no doubt have brought back to David a memory. A memory of a battle fought, of a decision made and of a child born. Yet when he casts his mind back over his lifetime there is one thing that comes to the fore – ***Read v2***. David desired with all his heart to build the Temple, a house of God for God. Here at the end of his life there is this unfulfilled desire, this frustrated ambition still beating in his heart. In ***2 Samuel 7***, some 25 years after coming to the throne, David desires to build a ***'house for the Lord God.'*** Turn to ***1 Chronicles 21.24*** – David has bought a piece of land from Araunah to offer a sacrifice to God. After God had consumed the sacrifice by fire David declares that the threshing floor upon which he has made his sacrifice is to be the site for the Temple – ***ch.22.1.***

In ***22.14*** David begins to make preparation for the building of the Temple. However we read in ***22.7-8*** that God has told David he will not build the Temple because he has shed so much blood but God promises in ***v9*** that David's son, Solomon, will build the Temple. And now at the end of his life David recounts this disappointment. He speaks of his dream of the Temple. Look at what he says in ***28.2: 'I had it in my heart…I made plans to build it.'*** Then very simply he states ***'But God said to me, "You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood."*** David wanted to do a great thing for God. He had a dream of a magnificent Temple. A place for the Ark of God to rest and for God's glory to be seen. Nowhere do we read that this was a selfish ambition of David. We never read that it was for his own glory or posterity that he desired to build the Temple.

Now let me ask you a few questions: ***What are you like when your dreams are denied? What happens to your dreams when God says 'No' to them? What happens to your soul and your service when God says 'No' to your dreams/desires?*** You see it would have been so very easy for David to allow this disappointment to eat into his heart and soul. It would have been easy, in fact almost a natural reaction, to become sour and bitter about it. It would have been easy for David to allow the disappointment to affect his service for God. But he didn't and the very fact that he didn't reveals his heart – a heart after God's heart.

Look at what David did after God said 'No, you are not to build the Temple.' Look at ***22.5***. ***Do you see?*** He made all the preparations necessary for the Temple to be built by Solomon, his son. Friends, there is here a profound lesson for us all to learn:

You may not reap but you can sow.

You may not water but you can plant.

You can clear the ground for building.

You can provide the materials for building and yet you may never build.

If David had not gathered the materials, laid the plans, bought the site, gathered the skilled workmen and charged Solomon to build the Temple – it would never have been built when it was built.

Friends it is never easy to lay aside cherished dreams and ambitions. It is never easy to lay aside the plans we had to do great

things for the Lord. It is never easy to do all the preparation for someone else to build the Temple – but learn a lesson from David – he did it because it was God's will. There is a blessing that comes only from frustrated dreams. That blessing is in knowing God's will for your life. That blessing is in knowing God intimately and having God reveal his plan for your life to you. Maybe you are not sure I am right on that?

Turn for a moment to verses ***11-12 of Ch.28.*** What do you read there? Read the text carefully. Whose plans are the plans for the Temple? They are God's plans. How did David get them? The Spirit inspired them, placed them in his soul. What did David do with them? He wrote them down so that when the time came he could pass them on to Solomon to build the Temple. In the meantime he set about with all the work of preparation.

Turn to ***verse 19*** – listen to David here. God gave him understanding in relation to the plan for the Temple. He was not going to build it. He was not going to see the finished article but that was not the key and that was not the plan that God had for David's life. David a man after God's own heart in the midst of disappointment and frustration at an unfulfilled dream/desire God gave understanding. In ***22.14*** David says that even in the midst of troubled times his desire for the building of the Temple and his preparation for that did not falter or wane. Through this experience, the experience of God saying 'No' to his desire/dream of building a Temple, God revealed His will for David's life and also for Solomon's.

Is that not just awesome? God's will for your life is here in Scripture but most of us fail to understand because we fail to allow it to go down into our souls. God writes his Word on our hearts by the pressure of his hand on our lives – then we begin to understand his Word, the Bible. Then He sears into our souls 'This is my will for your life.' It is the experience of unfulfilled dreams/desires that so often graphically reveal our hearts, our attitude and our faith towards God and His will in and for our lives.

Turn to chapter ***29.30***. In the King James Bible it says this ***'the times that went over him'***, speaking of David's life. Think of the times that went over David as a shepherd, as a soldier, as a fugitive, as an outlaw, as a king, as a sinner, as a saint and as a poet.

In ***Psalm 31.15*** he says: ***'my times are in your hands.'*** His experiences were the writing of God in his soul. The experiences made him into a 'man whose heart was after God's heart.' So that when disappointment came his heart, his soul, did not become bitter and turn from God but accepted God's will as being right and he began working to fulfil God's will that Solomon would build the Temple.

Do you remember a few years ago Man Utd played in the Champions League semi-final and Roy Keane got booked. He would miss the final because of that yellow card. Do you remember how tirelessly he worked for the remainder of the match so that his teammates would make the final, even though he would not be playing. David worked tirelessly so that all the preparation would be completed for Solomon to build the Temple, even though he would see none of it.

You see through the experiences of his life David knew that the times were in God's hands and therefore the waves would not overwhelm him, the hurricanes would not uproot his soul and the floods would not drown him- why? Because God was in control. Instead the waves, the hurricane, and the floods would form and fashion his heart so that it desired to be obedient and faithful to God in any and every circumstance. That was the reward for frustrated dreams and desires. It was not easy but it was a blessing. David understood – this is God's time in my life. Results are not important. My name on the foundation stone of the Temple is not important. What is important is that I know God, I know his will for my life and I obey it. Friends learn the blessings of frustrated dreams and desires. They are often frustrated by God to bring us closer to Himself, to reveal His plan for our lives and to shape and fashion our hearts so that they would be after His heart.

DAVID'S DIRECTIONS – LAST WORDS TO A SON.

Turn with to ***verse 9.*** These are words rich in meaning and full of emotion. The Last words which David will speak to Solomon. Final words like these are of great importance to us. I know I treasure deep in my soul the last words my grandfather spoke to me before he died. Listen to what David tells his son, Solomon:

Know the God of your father. This may seem such an obvious thing to say that we could quickly skip over it. Yet this is foundational to everything in David's life, in Solomon's and in the life of the people of Israel. Look closely at what David says here. He instructs Solomon to know God. Not just any God but the God of his father. Now let me stop there for a moment and ask you a simple question: What God are you showing to your children? Think about it for a moment. What understanding of God do your

children receive from you? What are you modelling spiritually before them? Could you like David say to your son or daughter 'know the God of your father?'

David wanted Solomon to know God. Why would he say this? David knew that in the midst of the pressure of being king many things would come along to turn Solomon's heart away from God. Therefore this is a command to make and take time to know God. It would not be enough to know about God or to know his law. The admonition is to know God. To know Him intimately and personally.

Serve God – the second thing which David instructs Solomon to do is to serve God. He tells him to serve God wholeheartedly and willingly. That is important – because God looks at the heart in service and not just the act of service. David tells Solomon when you are serving God hold nothing back, be passionate about it. I just wonder if Solomon as a little boy growing up witnessed the passion for God that existed in David's life? Did he hear his father singing the praises of God late into the night as he wrote the Psalms? Did he hear the lament of his father's soul as he confessed his sins before God? David could urge Solomon to serve God wholeheartedly because despite his failures, his sin – this is what he had done all his life. He had a heart which was after God's heart – Solomon knew that, he witnessed it and therefore these were not hollow words spoken by his father.

Now let me ask you: Would they be hollow words if you spoke them to your children? When they look at your life do they see someone who serves God wholeheartedly and willingly? Let me put it this way: Do they hear more praise of God or groans at God from your

lips? Do they see a passion for God in your life? Well I will let you answer that this morning.

Seek the Lord and He may be found by you. Forsake Him and He will reject you. David warns Solomon there are only two ways to live here. One is in pursuit of God and the will of God – which will result in blessing. The other is to forsake God and His ways and the result will be that God will reject you. A choice is laid before Solomon. David does not abdicate his parental responsibility here in relation to the spiritual welfare of his son. Parents can I say to each of you do not neglect, do not abdicate and do not pass on your God given role in the spiritual welfare and development of your children. It is your primary responsibility to bring them up in the fear of the Lord. It is your primary responsibility to set before them a good example of prayer, bible reading and Christian living – most of you promised that to God at their baptism – did you lie? Have your forgotten? Do not leave it to the teacher in school, the youth leader or the minister. You are the primary teacher in your home – so exercise your God-given responsibility as David did here. David laid the choice before Solomon – we know that Solomon in later life turned away from God and was rejected by God – that was not David's fault that was Solomon's sin. But David set before him the choice.

Finally ***'be courageous and do the work.'*** Solomon be courageous and build the temple. David has told him (in v10) that he, Solomon, has been chosen by God to build Temple. Now Solomon must do his part. God has revealed the plan and Solomon must be obedient. David knows that to be obedient requires courage. Hadn't he learned that when facing Goliath? So he tells Solomon to be strong or courageous and obey what God has

instructed him to do. Why did David say this? Because again from his experience he knows there will come 'advisors' around Solomon who will seek to turn his heart away from obeying God in this matter and his son will need courage and strength of character to not listen to flattering lips and deceptive tongues but to obey God.

When David has laid this foundation, this spiritual foundation before Solomon he then reveals the plans that God gave him for the Temple. It is only after the spiritual instruction has been given that the practical and physical plans for the Temple are revealed to Solomon. Why? Because if there is one thing David has learned all his life it is this: that the key before God is the heart. You can build a beautiful Temple but if the heart of the builder is disobedient it matters not one jot before God. If you lay the spiritual foundations correctly, if the heart of the man is seeking God, if the passion of the man's heart is to know God then everything which he does will be in keeping with God's will.

So learn: Two simple lessons:

Unfulfilled dreams/desires are often the means by which God reveals his plans for our lives. When our dreams are unfulfilled it does not mean God has rejected us or forgotten about us or has no plans for our lives. The very opposite is true. When dreams are unfulfilled for us it does not mean that we are to cease in preparation for someone else to bring God's will to fruition in that way.

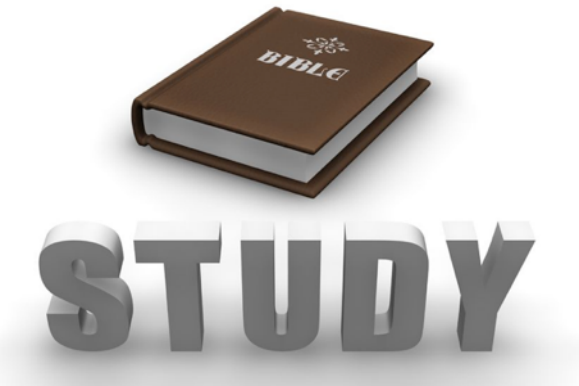
Give wise advice to your children and set them a good example. Lay the spiritual foundations first because these are of eternal value.

David's final words were a great source of blessing to Solomon and a means of God encouraging us today. So guard your words and dedicate your heart to knowing God like David.

Yours in Christ

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Alan's Bible Study



Parish Bible Study:

Lunchtime 1pm – 2pm

& Evenings 8pm to 9pm

Kerr Room

Parish Prayer Time – 7:30pm to 8pm

Kerr Room

Bible Study is for everyone – so do not exclude yourself. Come along and enjoy the fellowship together. Come along and be blessed by God as we sit under His Word together and as He fulfils His promise to be present where two or three meet together in His Name.

God bless ***Rev Dr Alan McCann***

Seed

Sunday Evenings 7.30pm at Holy Trinity

Hi everyone,

If you're 1st year of secondary school and older, we would love to welcome you to Seed YF on a Sunday night from 7.30pm - 9pm. Set your homework / studying to the side for a couple of hours and enjoy fellowship with us.

Please keep all our youth organisations in your prayers and keep encouraging them as they attend church and these groups.

God bless

Ryan Moffett

Leader in Charge

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship

We meet every Thursday evening @7:30pm in Holy Trinity. All standards are welcome, beginners to the skilful.

Come along and enjoy the bowls, craic and a cup of tea. (What else could you ask for?) For any more information please speak to me or any of the members.

God Bless

Vic Wootton

Young At Heart

Our next meeting will be on Monday 1st October,11.30-1.00.

We are really looking forward to meeting John McKernan and his black Labrador Ruby. Ruby is currently taking part in training as a therapy dog and they will be visiting special schools, day centres and care homes. Looking forward to seeing you ladies!

God Bless

Yvonne, Joan & Liz

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

Thursday mornings, 10.30-12.00

We have been delighted to welcome many new toddlers and carers and have had great fun playing, making craft items and learning some new songs. We meet on Thursday mornings at 10.30-12.00 and would love to see you. There will be no meeting on Thursday 27th October.

God Bless

Lisa, Carolynne and Liz

FellowshipCafé@ht

Thursday 11am – 1pm

Open to all

We are delighted to welcome Fiona and Fred Shasko to our frontline team. They joined Holy Trinity a couple of months ago and are keen to become involved with church life. They have chosen **FellowshipCafé@ht** as their starting point. To God be the Glory.

Every year we organise a fund raising café for a specific project. In the past we have supported MacMillan Nurses Big Coffee Morning, Breast Cancer Care Big Pink and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research Big Red Tea Party. To date, this special café event has raised £4325.00.

This year our chosen cause is: N.I. Childrens' Hospice. We will be hosting this event on Thursday October 25th between 11am and 1pm. We ask you to put this date in your diary but, most importantly, we seek your prayers. Without your prayers and Gods' grace our efforts will be in vain. If you are unable to attend but would like to support us please pass your donation to any team member.

We have been truly blessed by the generosity of our friends over the past couple of months having been able to support Holy Trinity Church, Holy Trinity Flower Fund and, of course, continue to sponsor our two young children in Uganda.

In addition we have also purchased new T shirts for our volunteer staff. Please continue to support our café both practically and prayerfully. Thanks.

Yours in Christ, Maurice Langley

God is good † all the time

Face to Face Ladies Group

Thursdays from 8pm – "Everyone Welcome"

2018/9 Programme

Date	Event
Thu 18th Oct	A night with Avril (Health & Fitness)
Thu 29th Nov 7pm - 9pm	Christmas at the Courtyard/Shopping at Anita's
Thu 17th Jan	Pastoral Visits within our School with Joanne Hunter
Thu 21st Feb	Half Term No Meeting
Thu 21st Mar	Missionary Evening
Thu 18th Apr	No Meeting Holy Week
Thu 16th May 7:15pm	Meal Out (Venue to be confirmed)

Liz & Janis

Announcements

If you have any information you wish to pass to the congregation via the data projector, please e-mail it to Marjory Edgar at:

announcements@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

by the **Friday** afternoon of each week.

Who's Who from the Pew!

What is your name? My full name is Samuel Albert Macartney but most people know me as Bert.

How old are you? I'm 52 years old.

Where were you born? Malone Place, Belfast.

Family members? I've been married to Arlene for 30 years and we have 2 children: Kurtis who's 26 and Jenna who's 19...and of course our 10 year old Labrador Retriever, Denver.

Mum and dad are both still alive thankfully. I've an older sister and a younger brother.

Where do you live? Tudor Gardens, Carrickfergus.

What is/was your job? I served in the RUC/PSNI reserve for over 26 years. I now work for the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership. I'm also a qualified Counsellor working at a GP surgery in Ballymena.

What school did you go to? Springhill Primary School in west Belfast (1971-1978) and the Boys' Model Secondary School in north Belfast (1978-1985).

What is your favourite meal? Roast beef with all the trimmings.

What are your favourite hobbies/activities? Christian apologetics; reading; current affairs.

What is your favourite film? The Shawshank Redemption.

What was your favourite cartoon as a child? So many to choose from but I'd say Tom and Jerry.

How long have you been a Member of Holy Trinity? Since 1995 - so 23 years.

Who has been the biggest influence in your life? Definitely my mum. I see so many of her character traits in me.

When you were growing up, what did you want to be? An air traffic controller.

Have you any hidden talents? None. What you see is what you get.

What is your favourite hymn? Difficult one this – if we're talking about traditional hymns then it would have to be When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. I think this hymn describes beautifully what the Cross was/is all about.

Moving to modern/contemporary Christian music it would have to be East to West by Casting Crowns. If ever there was a song written for someone, this one was written for me. It describes my daily battle with sin and how I need to be reminded of how Jesus on the cross has dealt with my sin once and for all.

What is your favourite Bible verse? Because of my interest in apologetics, it has to be 1 Peter 3:15;

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect…."

There has been a massive shift in the culture over the last 10-15 years in this country and throughout the world. Christianity is being increasingly attacked by the secular world and by other world religions. So we need to defend the Gospel in light of such attacks.

It's important for all who claim to follow Christ to know not only what we believe but also why we believe it.

Bert, thank-you.

349th Carrickfergus Girls Brigade

GB started a brand new session at our Registration Night at the beginning of September, where it was great to see our girls back to register along with their families. Our numbers remained consistent but we are always eager to welcome new girls. You will see our GB Recruitment Poster at the front of the Church, and as always please share the word about our GB Company, or alternatively contact myself through the Church. This is a very special Anniversary year for Girls Brigade as whole, as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary. Since 1893, through words and actions, Girls' Brigade has been sharing the message of Gods' love and offer of new life in all its fullness, and we are blessed to members of this GB family across the world.

All current members are being presented with our new Commemorative Badges, which will serve as a special memory in years to come.

Please continue to pray for this Company, and for the Officers, Sub Officers and for myself as we strive to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ, as our motto inspires us to do.

God Bless
Hannah Hulme
GB Captain

Harvest Decoration

Saturday 20th October at 10:30am

This is for everyone of all ages, come along and help decorate the church for Harvest

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 21st October - 10.30am

The Harvest Thanksgiving preacher will be Rev Dr Chris St John. We are looking forward to welcoming Chris back with us and celebrate and give thanks for the harvest.

Photographs of our Church family

On the upstairs landing we have our Church Family Tree which we hope to update on Sunday 30th September. We will be attempting to replace all our photographs. Anyone who wishes may continue to display the photo which is currently on the tree.

Drew Buchanan

From the Treasurer

Harvest Appeal - Sunday 20th October 2018.

Envelopes will be given out on the way into church and available on the way out from Sunday 6th. The Rector would like us to use the money this year for Mission.

Recycled Teenagers

2018 – 2019
Events Programme

Friday 23rd November 2018 - Snowman (*Beetle*) Drive & Board Games

Meet in the church at 7:30pm

Supper will be provided.

Sunday 27th January 2019 - Afternoon Tea at Ballygally Castle Hotel

£20 per person

Starts at 3:00pm

BALLYGALLY CASTLE

Friday 22nd March 2019 - Lost City Adventure Golf, Yorkgate

18 holes – Adults £7.50 (Seniors £6.00)

36 holes - Adults £12.50 (Seniors £10.00)

Starts at 7:30pm

The LOST CITY Adventure Golf

Friday 28th June 2019 - BBQ

Starts at 7.30pm

Venue to be confirmed.

Saturday 21st September 2019 - Segway

Details to follow

Please ask if you require transport to any of these events

Snowman Drive and Board Games. No Charge. Please sign up to attend.

There will be a sheet available to sign up for afternoon Tea on 27th January in Ballygally Castle Hotel. A £10 deposit is required by 23rd November with the £10 balance due on or before 6th January 2019.

Update on Abura Parents PS. Uganda

As of 30th June 2018, total enrolment was 388 (breakdown below per class and gender.)

There are currently 53 children sponsored from Nursery through to Primary 3.

There are 14 teachers – 9 female and 5 male.

There are 4 members of support staff – A security guard, a chaplain, 2 cooks.

Every Friday afternoon (3pm – 4pm), teaching staff have devotion time at the school campus and as a school, special prayer sessions are held at least 3 times a term.

The school continues to benefit from:

- Infrastructure - 7 permanent rooms and an additional 3 temporary rooms; staff house with 8 rooms; boys, girls and staff latrines
- Kitchen as funded by Holy Trinity Carrick
- Child sponsorship
- Teachers' incentives
- Agricultural training
- Teachers' capacity building
- Scholastic materials
- Provision of safe and clean water in form of two boreholes and ECD playing materials.

The school's partner church, gave land for farming to the school and its being fully utilized by the school to grow food to feed the children and also generate income from the surplus produce to be able to supplement the school's resources.

The priorities for the school going forward:

Textbooks – the school has some textbooks but not adequate.

Girls Washroom – to enable young girls to manage their menstrual hygiene in a safe and hygienic manner

Number of children enrolled:

	Male	Female	Total
Nursery	56	72	128
P.1	33	17	50
P.2	16	22	38
P.3	29	32	61
P.4	16	23	39
P.5	18	16	34
P.6	15	12	27
P.7	6	5	11
Total	189	199	388

Number of Sponsored children:

	Male	Female	Total
Nursery	2	3	5
P.1	12	7	19
P.2	5	7	12
P.3	7	10	17
Total	26	27	53

12 of these children are being sponsored by the congregation of Holy Trinity.

Bucket appeal Sponsor a child in Abura Nursery and Primary school, Gulu Northern Uganda

Child sponsorship provides a quality education and is the catalyst for real and lasting change.

The cost is £17 per month and we encourage you to support the education of children at this school.

If you wish to sponsor a child please set up a standing order to sort code: 95-02-61 and account no: 00157511 and include your surname and also reference: FOL so we know what the money is for.

We realise that everyone won't be able to afford £17 per month but if you can donate a regular sum for a lesser amount , again set up a standing order.

Finally if you cannot commit to regular payments, just continue to throw coins into the bucket. The church will use this money to sponsor some children at the school.

I am delighted to say the following amounts have been donated via the bucket: April £17-70 May £12-00 June £25-00

Please continue to donate.

RAF 100 and Battle of Britain Wings appeal.

We will have a retiring collection on Sunday 30th September 2018

FWO income and expenditure

	June	July	August	Total
FWO Income	£5,278.50	£6,210.00	£5,252.70	£16,741.20
Expenditure	£6,939.41	£7,822.91	£6,970.71	£21,733.03
Overspend	£1,660.91	£1,612.91	£1,718.01	£4,991.83

We received donation and gifts during this period which helped reduced the deficit.

Total Income £ 20,579.94

Total expenditure £ 21,733.03

Drew Buchanon MBE

Treasurer

Prayer Team

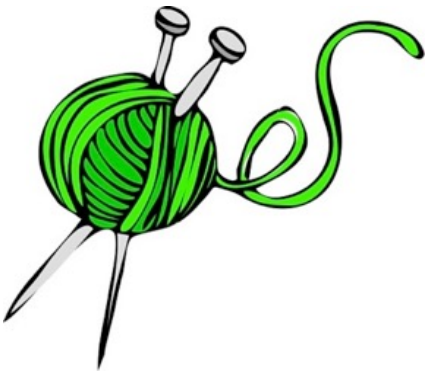
Alison Allen, Joan Harvey, Libby Todd & Nicky Quigg

Two members of the Prayer Team will be meeting in the Prayer Room on Sundays after the service to lift your prayer slips. Two members will also be available at the front of the church to pray with you at this time each week. We will rotate in these roles so you will see different faces from week to week. Please do ask if you would prefer prayer in the privacy of the prayer room. The slips will continue to be lifted weekly and on 4 occasions as previously (usually over 4 weeks but may be over a longer period). Therefore, please do continue to make use of our prayer request box situated in the front hall of the church. As always, be assured that information on the slips remains confidential. We would encourage you to complete a prayer slip after you have attended for prayer so that we can continue to pray for your situation when we meet together.

If you would be interested in being part of the prayer team we ask that you consider this and know that we would dearly love to have your support. Please do approach one of us.

Nicky Quigg
On behalf of the prayer team

The Crafters of Holy Trinity



Crafters @ HT continue to meet on a Friday night. A time to unwind at the end of the week and do some crafting and finish off a few projects that are sitting in the corner, or start a new one. Everyone is welcome. We meet in the Coffee Bar upstairs between 7pm and 9pm 'ish. And of course there is no crafting without a cuppa as well.

God Bless

Helen Wootton

Storehouse / Social Services

There are families in our community who are really struggling and we want to make a difference.

Please help by placing a weekly donation of Non-Perishable Food, Household or Personal Products in the Red Boxes in the Church foyer.

At the end of each month we will split the items donated between these two very worthy community projects.

If you have items of unwanted furniture, Storehouse will gladly take them off your hands. To arrange a collection please speak to Donna Harrison.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

God Bless,

Donna Harrison & Elaine Gray

Young Peoples' Badminton

Juvenile Club meet on Saturdays 1:30pm – 4.30pm.
Advanced Level meet on Thursday's 5:30pm – 7:15pm.

Our Juvenile Club has got off to a fantastic start with approximately 35 young people meeting in Holy Trinity on Saturday afternoons as follows:

CYCLONES (8 - 11 years) 1.30pm - 3pm

TORNADOES (12 years & over) 3pm - 4.30pm

Those at a more advanced level also meet on Thursday evenings (5.30pm - 7.15pm).

Coaching is provided during each session as well as competitive games and tournaments.

For more information please speak to any of our leaders.

God Bless.

Graeme Hunter, Garry Richmond, Joanne Hunter and Donna Harrison

Counters Rota

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Simon McDonald	Olga Grange	Mark Edgar	David Sprott	Karen Buchanan
Ann Richmond	Peter Moffett	Elaine Gray	Carol Marshall	Sharon McNeil
Ann McDonald	Alison Moffett	Marjory Edgar	Helen Wootton	Sue Majury
	Arlene Macartney	Graeme Hunter	Margaret Addley	Joanne Shimmon

Team	Dates			
1		7th Oct	11th Nov	16th Dec
2		14th Oct	18th Nov	23rd Dec
3		21st Oct	25th Nov	30th Dec
4		28th Oct	2nd Dec	6th Jan
5	30th Sept	4th Nov	9th Dec	13th Jan

***Drew Buchanan MBE* -** Hon Treasurer

C.M.S Used Postage Stamps

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY — The call in action

Keep saving those used stamps (remembering to leave a small border) and pop them in the box on the church table, or hand them to me. The money raised from their sale helps support projects in Africa.

Yvonne Best

TEA and COFFEE after the Services

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve God?

Can you spare half an hour on a Sunday morning before & after worship?

Then maybe you would consider helping out the tea/coffee team (as there's only 3 of us we would very much appreciate your help).

Your involvement would mean coming half-an-hour before the service on a Sunday to set out the stuff, then serving it and clearing up at the end of the service.

Thank you so much for considering our request and if you can help in way just let us know.

THANK YOU

Lorraine R, Lorraine H & Anne

Select Vestry

If anyone wants an item raised at the Select Vestry please contact:

Marjory Edgar: secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk
Drew Buchanan: treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

or any member of SV. This includes booking the church hall for any events.

Marjory Edgar

Secretary

Creche Rota – October 2018

7th October	Helen Fittis	Amy Moffett
14th October	Carolynne Lafferty	Jemma Fittis
21st October	Joan Logan	Lisa McCusker
28th October	No Creche	

Hi Everyone!

If you can, please swap with someone else on the rota if you are unable to cover your day. A BIG thank you to everyone who helps and if you would like to be on the rota or wish to change your week please speak to me or ring / text me on 07791527507.

Creche is a safe supervised place, where you can leave your child/children to play and learn, while you enjoy the service.

All staff are police checked (Access NI.)

Could we please ask parents to trust us with your child/children when you leave them with us at Creche on a Sunday morning. We will come and get you if your child is unsettled.

Some parents staying is unsettling for other children.

So leave them with us, go enjoy the service and receive your BIG hug from your child/children when you return to collect them.

Arlene Macartney

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – October 2018

Week 1 7th Oct	Week 2 14th Oct	Week 3 21st Oct	Week 4 28th Oct
James Beattie	Daniel Armstrong	Graeme Hunter	Phil Moody
Kel McDermott	Simon McDonald	Bert Macartney	Eddie Orr
Colin McIlwaine	Michael McDonald	Jim McNerlan	David Sprott
Garry Richmond	Bob McDonald	Maurice Langley	

Please note: if you are unable to meet your commitment, please change with a member of another team. Please be there for 9.30 am and set out the chairs and set out the Sanctuary.

After the service, put the chairs away and tidy the hall.

Thank you

Simon McDonald

Avril Waller Pilates

Avril Waller Pilates

This class is on every Thursday from 10-11am in the main hall. I was delighted to welcome a few new members from the church.

The cost is £6.50, pay as you go. Bring a thick mat, a small towel and wear comfortable clothes that you can easily move in.

I look forward to seeing you and if you have any concerns, give me a ring on: 9335 5129 or email me: avrilwaller@talktalk.net

Avril Waller, Pilates

Jokes of the Month

All seen outside a church in the USA

If attacked by a gang of circus performers,

remember always go for the Jugular.

I child proofed my house for safety,

but the kids still got in.

Don't use pre-shredded cheese.

Make Britain grate again.

The past, the present and the future walk into a bar.

It was tense.

Frog parking only,

all other will be toad.

Went to the Air and Space museum.

There was nothing to see.

This is my step ladder.

I never knew my ladder.

What happens if you get scared half to death,

…twice?

I checked into the Hokey Kokey clinic,

but I turned myself around

My wife says I never listen to her,

or something like that.

If you think education is costly,

try paying for ignorance.

Vic Wootton

Services – October 2018

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
7 October 2018	1st Reading	Drew Buchanan	HC The Fall of Satan	Ezekiel	Chapter 28 verses 11 - 19
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Joanne Shimmon	Luke	Chapter 10 verses 17 - 20
14 October 2018	1st Reading	_____	Testimony Sunday	_____ ____	_____
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	_____ ____	_____
21 October 2018	1st Reading	Avril Waller	Harvest Rev Chris St John	Psalm	Psalm 65
	2nd Reading	Bert Macartney	_____	Matthew	Chapter 9 verse 36 to Chapter 10 verse 8
28 October 2018	1st Reading	Carol Marshall	Jack Blair	Exodus	Chapter 2 verses 1 - 9
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers BB	_____ ____	_____

Colin McIlwaine