



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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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

Readings: Isaiah 50.4 & Isaiah 42.3



Dear Friends,  
please take a moment and read Isaiah 50.4 and then Isaiah 42.3.

When Christ Jesus lived amongst us He had, as Isaiah says, “a learned tongues...” We often read of Jesus encountering people who were weary, downtrodden, despised, rejected and forgotten the society of the day. In each encounter He has words that refresh their souls, soothe their aching hearts and brings peace that is beyond human comprehension. On occasions we read of Him being hassled and harassed by venomous religious leaders and He always found the right words to say to expose their false understanding of God and the misapplication of God’s Word. Surrounded by people who were physically and emotionally weary by all that life threw at them, the Lord Jesus sustained them with words that still are heard to this day all around the world. But where did He learn such words?

Take a moment now and read John 8 verse 28 and verse 40. These two verses give us the answer. His Father taught Him how to speak and what words were appropriate to bring comfort, forgiveness, healing, restoration and reconciliation. To speak such words takes a special skill. To speak the right words at the right moment takes insight in to people. To know when not to speak , such as the incident of the women caught in adultery, where Jesus knelt down and started to write in the dust, is an amazing gift of discernment. All these Christ learned from His Father’s instruction - as per the verses in John 8.

Even as He was dying on the cross of Calvary, for the sins of the world, Christ spoke words of comfort and salvation to a dying thief.

In our day and generation, we have the inspired Word of God. The promises in that Word are new every morning. The principles which it teaches are timeless. Its insights are relevant in every area of our lives and of our world. The comfort it brings sustains the weary, heals the broken, awakens the sloth and brings salvation to all who would believe.

However, it needs passed on, it needs to be communicated to people. It is not to be read, studied, learned, as an end in itself. We must pass on the Word in a timely, sensitive way, to sustain the weary people all around us. If a doctor has the answer to a disease, would it not be a crime if he sat in his study further analysing that answer, and did not pass it on to those who are suffering? Some weary person needs a word from you today. Someone lost in sin needs to hear of the forgiveness that Christ alone can bring. Someone beaten down by the cares of life needs to hear God's restoring promises. How will they hear if you do not share the Word of God with them?

Do not fail to pass on what God has taught you from His Word.

*yours in Christ*  
***Rev Dr Alan McCann***

## **Storehouse**



Storehouse continue to help those in need within our community. Please contact me if you have items of unwanted furniture and I will gladly arrange a collection.

Thank you for your support.  
***Donna Harrison***

## Scrap to Money to Crosslinks

Any **scrap metal** such as; kitchen utensils, car parts, unwanted trampolines, garden gates, tools of any kind, central heating boilers, etc, etc, collected and redeemed for cash, proceeds to **Crosslinks Missionary Society**.

Contact : Lynn Rodgers, 07970974604.

## Alan's Bible Study & Prayer Time



Bible Study continues on Wednesday at 1.00pm. We will continue our study in the Psalms.

Please note the following day and times for prayer times and bible study:

### Wednesday's

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|---------------|--|
| 1.00pm-2.00pm | - Lunch time Bible Study in the Bennett Room |
| 7.00pm-7.30pm | - Prayer Time - Kerr Room                    |
| 7.30pm-8.30pm | - Bible Study                                |

Everyone will be very welcome.

God bless

*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Carrickfergus Baby Bank

We thank you for the support and ask for donations of nappies, new baby grows, wipes, lotions, baby bath shampoo etc. Please place the items into the bin provided. The contents are delivered each month.



## Fund Raising – Plant Sale



## Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday  
10.30am – 12.30pm**

April turned out to be a milestone month. Not only did we celebrate our 11th birthday but we also surpassed the £30,000 mark for our donations. Thank you to everyone who has played any part in this journey we are having with God.

Just two more months of **fellowship café** until our summer break so, if you haven't visited us yet we would be delighted to welcome you to our café any Thursday to join in with the craic, to enjoy good food and then wash it down with unlimited tea/coffee/juice AND it's all free of charge, unless you choose to make a donation. All our profits are passed to local, national and international worthy causes.

If you enjoy the craic and the chat, we can accommodate you.  
If you prefer peace and quiet to read or just relax, we can accommodate you as well.

Our café is open to everyone, so please bring a friend along with you. You can keep up to date by following us on facebook at:  
“Holy Trinity Fellowship Café”

Yours in Christ's service,  
***Anne & Maurice Langley***  
**God is good † all the time**

## LIGHT (Sunday School)



Hello, where has this year gone? Just to give you "heads up", our LIGHT prize giving will take place during Family Service, Sunday 22nd June.

***Chrissi McDermott & the team.***

## Craic and Craft

**Every First and Third Thursday from 7pm to 9pm.**

Just the one meeting during April because of Holy Week, but what craic we had!!! 22 ladies joined us for an evening of fellowship, sharing crafts, a table quiz and the all-important cuppa.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please invite your friends and bring along any crafts, you are currently working on.

For further details please speak to  
***Hazel, Anne or Donna***

## Select Vestry

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

: [secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk](mailto:secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk)  
Drew Buchanan: [treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk)

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



## Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



Thursday mornings, 10.00am - 11.30am  
for play, chat, snacks, singing and craft.

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing again on Thursday 8th May. We meet at 10.30 for play, singing, craft and snacks and babies, toddlers and their carers will be assured of a very warm welcome.

God Bless  
*Trinity Tots Team*

## Young At Heart



Our outing is booked for Monday 19th May to The Secret Garden at Dundonald. If you wish to join us the cost is £10 for the bus which will leave the church car Park at 11.00am. You will then have time at the venue to have a cuppa, shop and have

lunch before returning to Carrickfergus at approximately 2.00pm. Please speak to Yvonne asap to secure your seat on the bus.

God Bless  
*Yvonne and her team*

## C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



Please continue to collect your used stamps and place them in my box on the church table. Don't be embarrassed if you have only a few stamps as post is slow at this time of the year. Every stamp counts and brings in money towards projects that CMS supports in Africa. Remember to leave a border of envelope around each stamp otherwise it won't be viable.

*Yvonne Best*

## Prayer Team

*Alison Allen, Joan Harvey & Libby Todd*



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.

*On behalf of the prayer team*

## **Carrickfergus Food Bank (JVC Church)**

Please place non-perishable donations into the 2 black bins in the entrance hall. The food is delivered monthly.

Thank you for the continued support which is very much appreciated.

## **Holiday Bible Club**

*Advance Notice*

**Holiday Bible Club**

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**Holy Trinity**

21st - 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Online registration opens

in June



## Creche Rota - May 2025



4 <sup>th</sup> May	Joanne Hunter	Laura Kerr
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Gemma Fittis	Lauren Baird
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Helen Fittis	Maureen Lunn
25 <sup>th</sup> May	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	

Many thanks,  
***Laura Kerr***

## Tea & Coffee Rota

Team	Team Members		
1	Ann Calvert	Tracey Bowden	Joanne Hunter
2	Arlene Macartney	Hannah Hulme	Marilyn Hulme
3	Lorraine Hagan	John Doherty	Gail Doherty
4	Yvonne Best	Jennifer Hamilton	
5	Wenda Gray	Sue Majury	Eva Dunn
6	Kel McDermott	Drew Buchanan	Karen Buchanan
7	Lorraine Ross	Maureen Lunn	Adrienne Tasker

Team	Dates	
1		18 <sup>th</sup> May
2		25 <sup>th</sup> May
3		1 <sup>st</sup> June
4		8 <sup>th</sup> June
5	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	15 <sup>th</sup> June
6	4 <sup>th</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> June
7	11 <sup>th</sup> May	29 <sup>th</sup> June

***Karen Buchanan***  
Hon Secretary



## Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates	
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Karen Buchanan Jenny Wightman		29 <sup>th</sup> June
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		6 <sup>th</sup> July
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker		13 <sup>th</sup> July
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele		20 <sup>th</sup> July
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett		27 <sup>th</sup> July
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug
Libby Todd Marjory Edgar	4 <sup>th</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	11 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton	18 <sup>th</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	25 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> Aug
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug

***Karen Buchanan***

# Holy Trinity Chair Rota

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Kel McDermott	Dougie Hempton	Graeme Hunter	David Sprott	John Fittis
Colin McIlwaine	Simon McDonald	Jim McNerlan	Charlie Killow	Daniel Lafferty
Garry Richmond	Phil Moody	Bert Macartney	Richard Hambleton	
Peter Moffett		Maurice Langley		

Team	Dates			
1		4 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	
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3		18 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	
4	27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	25 <sup>th</sup> May	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	
5			29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	



**Please note:** Some teams need additional help. If you think you can help, please contact Simon.

Please take note of church announcements regarding organisations using the church and possible need to put out and put away chairs each week. If possible, please liaise with the others in your group.

Thank you  
*Simon McDonald*

# Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
4th May 2025	1st Reading	Charlie Killow	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Acts	Chapter 9 verses 1 - 6
	2nd Reading	Rev Dr Alan McCann	Prayers Fred Shasko	John	Chapter 21 verses 15 - 19
11th May 2025	1st Reading	Terry Shimmon	<b>Service of the Word</b>	Psalms	Psalms 23
	2nd Reading	Rebecca Phillips	Prayers Rev Dr Alan McCann	John	Chapter 10 verses 22 - 30
18th May 2025	1st Reading	David Sprott	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Acts	Chapter 14 verses 5 - 18
	2nd Reading	Lorraine Ross	Prayers Janis Gibson	John	Chapter 14 verses 21 - 26
25th May 2025	_____	_____	<b>Family Service</b>	_____	_____
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*Colin McIlwaine*