



HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH



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October 2025

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

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Reading: Jeremiah 8 verse 20



Dear Friends,

October is often the month of Harvest Celebrations in churches throughout the land. As a people we live further and further away from the source of our food. Despite farmer's markets etc most of our food comes pre-washed

and pre-packaged. Added, millions of tonnes is discarded every year because of being the wrong shape, colour or size. It is quite shocking to think of this happening, but it does. Think for a moment of when you go shopping, especially for fruit and vegetables. Do you really know by the shape or colour or size if an apple is good or bad? Or any other fruit or vegetable for that matter? The truth is we do not have a clue and are trusting someone else to grade, select and present fruit and vegetables for us. We want it conveniently packaged so we can take it home without much thought.

The verse above mentions how the summer has ended, as it just has, and the harvest is over and yet the people of Judah are not "saved." It is quite a stark statement by Jeremiah. Another season has past, another year in fact, and the people have remained in their idolatry and sin. The people have wandered far from God and in demonstration of this they would have indulged in all sorts of fertility rites of the pagan gods in the lead up to harvest, praying to dumb idols for a good harvest. Jeremiah is God's voice calling them to repent and warning them that another harvest has come and gone and they are still in rebellion against God. Their barns and grain stores are full but their lives are empty and barren.

How dreadful to find yourself in such a position? You have all you need for your material needs but spiritually you are a wasteland. The harvest is completed. You may even be well pleased with the results, but your life is empty and your soul is lost. Jesus picks this theme up in the New Testament in Luke 12 when He tells the story of the man who had a bumper harvest and tore down his barns to build bigger barns. The man

decided to sit back, relax and enjoy life but Christ said he was a fool because that very night his soul was called to account before the judgement seat of God. Jeremiah is uttering the same warning in verse 20.

What about you? What about your soul as another season turns and we prepare to celebrate harvest once again? Will another harvest pass without you being right with God in Christ Jesus? Will verse 20 speak of your condition this October? Another summer ended, another harvest over and yet you remain dead in your sins, alienated from God, separated from Him and object of His wrath? Why would you remain in such a state? Why would you remain alienated and separated from God? Why would you continue to live under God's condemnation when the free gift of salvation is offered to you?

Christ offers to you the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of your soul. This harvest receive the most wonderful gift - salvation and know the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life. What a harvest celebration this could be for you. Take a moment now and read Jeremiah 8 verse 20 and ask yourself: Does this apply to me? Is this verse true of me? If it is true for you - what are you going to do about it?

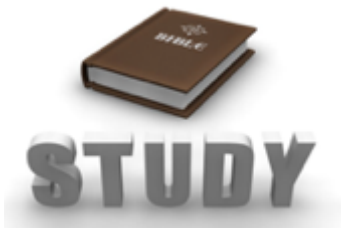
If you have already received the gift of salvation and you know and love Christ as your Lord and Saviour then rejoice and give thanks for His grace and mercy to you. Further, take verse 20 as a challenge to reach out to those in your family and in your sphere of influence who are still without Christ. A good way to start is to invite them to our harvest service.

yours in Christ
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Harvest Sunday Breakfast

We will be holding a Harvest Sunday Breakfast on 19th October at 9am.

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 continuing our study in Genesis |

Everyone will be very welcome.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Men's Social Fellowship Meeting

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month in Holy Trinity at 7.30pm. We plan to meet as men for tea/coffee, chat and to plan social visits. For more information contact Vic Wootton.

God bless

Vic Wootton

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday
10.30am – 12.30pm**

WOW.....time flies!!! That's our first month of the new session over already. We have been encouraged by 'busyness' of our café. Whilst it is good to be busy, we always have room for more visitors so, if you've never been before please call in any Thursday morning and be part of this amazing journey we are on. It won't cost you anything unless you choose to make a donation in which case all our profits are passed to local, national and international worthy causes.

To date we have donated over £30,000 to 95 organisations.

If you like to sit and chat, we can accommodate you, if you prefer quietness just to chill or read a book we can accommodate you too, so no reason not to call in.

A warm welcome is guaranteed.

If you can spare a couple of hours to help out on any Thursday morning please speak to one of our team. We have a job for you whether it is making tea, serving food, washing dishes or simply chatting to our visitors.

Every part of this ministry is important.

You can keep up to date by following us on facebook at:
"Holy Trinity Fellowship Café"

Yours in Christ's service, ***The Fellowship Café Team***

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



Your Invitation to join us

Where do we meet: Holy Trinity Church – Prospect Road

When: Every Thursday - 7.30 pm

Why should you come??

Our emphasis is on - FRIENDLINESS

Do we play league matches ? - No

No pressure to play matches at home or away

Never played before? - We will show you how

No bowls? - No Problem – we have some

Age Limit? - Yes - Over 18 please (except – see below)

(15-17 – must be accompanied by a parent at all times)

Ask for - Vic or Jack (when you arrive)

Enjoy the craic over tea and eats

God bless

Vic Wootton

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.

Harvest Fayre



Harvest Fayre

Saturday 18th October
11am to 3pm

Holy Trinity Church, Woodburn,
Carrickfergus

food, crafts, books, jewellery
refreshments plus lots more!

Admission £1 - Kids go free



Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes - Operation Christmas Child.



Please take a box and fill it and return it before 25th October 2025.



TOYS

A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.



OTHER ITEMS

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

Young At Heart



Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th October at 11.00 am. Our speaker will be Avril Waller to tell us about her involvement with the Eco Rangers and their wonderful work in our area. Please do join us for a cuppa and a chat too.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

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

Stand By Me



Holy Trinity, Carrickfergus
FAO S. A. Buchanan MBE, Treasurer
Prospect Road
Carrickfergus
County Antrim
BT38 8QB

Dear Holy Trinity, Carrickfergus,

Every child deserves a safe and comfortable home. But two years ago, our Agape Home in Myanmar was flooded as a result of heavy rain and our 37 children were forced to evacuate during the night by canoe to the refuge of temporary accommodation. This was a scary and traumatic experience as our kids witnessed their home fill with water, damaging their beds and belongings.

Although the family was able to return to the home, much of the flood damage was not fixable. As the monsoon rains become more severe, the home has flooded three times in five years and becomes more at risk of flooding again.

This year, we have an amazing opportunity to build our Agape Home children a new floodproof home and a trust has generously pledged a match gift of £30,000. In order to receive this gift, we need to match this total through donations, enabling us to complete the home our kids deserve.

We know this request follows on from our recent emergency Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. We hope you can appreciate that when the earthquake struck and we witnessed the devastation, we had to respond. But our kids still have huge needs, and we don't want to miss out on the chance to build our 37 Agape Home kids, like **Rebecca**, a comfortable, floodproof home to grow up in.



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Co. Antrim, BT38 7AR

www.standby.me
Registered Charity No.
1185124



Rebecca

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Born in 2023 in a small village, Rebecca's life took a tragic turn at just one month old when her mother fell seriously ill and her father disappeared. With her mother in such bad health and no one else to care for her, the local church stepped in, provided medical care for her mum and approached the Agape Home to care for Rebecca temporarily. From the moment she arrived, she was showered with love, care and attention and welcomed wholeheartedly.

Unfortunately, after her mum regained health, she was not willing to take Rebecca back and so she became the youngest member of the Agape family, entrusted to us by God. The home is a place of belonging for Rebecca, filling her life with love and stability where she can grow and develop into the remarkable individual she was created to be. Rebecca is now two years old and has learned to walk and explore her surroundings, and she continues to bring so much joy to the home.

To ensure Rebecca and her siblings can always feel secure and protected in their home, **we hope to start building the new home as soon as the monsoon rains finish in October. Every £1 you donate is worth £2 and so any donation you give will go twice as far.**

In the midst of the turmoil of the civil war and the crisis of the earthquake, we want to provide our children with the safe haven they deserve. If you're able to give, your donation will be matched and will ensure a loving family home for our Agape family, showing them the care and love of God.

Ahmad Ayoubi
Executive Director



Agape Home family

"As the director of Myanmar Agape Home, I am deeply moved by the sense of family and community that we have cultivated together. Your support not only provides for the basic needs of these children but also opens doors to education, healthcare and opportunities they might have never dreamed of. We pledge to continue nurturing, educating, and empowering these young lives with the same dedication and love that you have shown us. Together, we will walk hand in hand with them on their journey toward a brighter future."

Sarah, Director of
Myanmar Agape Home

To donate, please visit

www.standby.me/agape



Phone Call us on 01708 442271 to make a donation.



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Craic and Craft

First and Third Thursday from 7pm to 9pm.

On Oct 2nd we will have a games and general craft night. Oct 16th will be a time for Harvest Craft. Both nights will include tea/coffee and craic.

Open to all our ladies and their friends.

Please come along, bring the crafts you are currently working on and, if you wish, join in the activity we have organised.

All for just £2.

For further details please speak to
Hazel, Anne or Donna

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



Thursday mornings at 10.00-11.30am for play, singing and craft. We also enjoy our snacks for adults and children. Babies, toddlers and their carers will be assured of a warm welcome and lots of fun.

There will be no meeting on Thursday 30th October as schools are off for half term.

God Bless
Trinity Tots Team

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

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.

Creche Rota - October 2025



5 th Oct	Carolynne Lafferty	Lorraine Ross
12 th Oct	Lauren Baird	Gemma Fittis
19 th Oct	Helen Fittis	Laura Kerr
26 th Oct	NO CRECHE FAMILY SERVICE	

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



Keep saving those postage stamps (remembering to leave a small envelope border) and pop them in the box on the church table or hand them to me. The money raised through their sale will be used to support Christian based projects in Africa.

Yvonne Best

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		26 th Oct
2		2 nd Nov
3		9 th Nov
4		16 th Nov
5	5 th Oct	23 rd Nov
6	12 th Oct	30 th Nov
7	19 th Oct	7 th Dec

Karen Buchanan
Hon Secretary

Welcome Team Rota

Teams	Dates	
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		30 th Nov
Karen Buchanan Jenny Wightman		7 th Dec
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		14 th Dec
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker		21 st Dec
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele		28 th Dec
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett	28th Sept	4 th Jan 2026
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	5 th Oct	11 th Jan
Libby Todd Marjory Edgar	12 th Oct	18 th Jan
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	19 th Oct	25 th Jan
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton	26 th Oct	1 st Feb
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	2 nd Nov	8 th Feb
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	9 th Nov	15 th Feb
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	16 th Nov	22 nd Feb
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	23 rd Nov	1 st Mar

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		5 th Oct	2 nd Nov	7 th Dec
2		12 th Oct	9 th Nov	14 th Dec
3		19 th Oct	16 th Nov	21 st Dec
4	28 th Sept	26 th Oct	23 rd Nov	28 th Dec
5			30 th Nov	



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

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.

Select Vestry

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

: secretary@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

Drew Buchanan: treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

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

The Boys' Brigade East Antrim Battalion Heritage Society

The BB Museum's Annual Fundraising Concert will take place on Friday 5th December in Holy Trinity Church.

We are very grateful to the Select Vestry for granting their kind approval to hold this event.

Tickets are £10 (including refreshments) and are available from Phil Moody and Drew Buchanan, who will be glad to assist you.

Your support will help sustain the work of the Museum – we look forward to seeing you there!

Drew Buchanan



The Boys' Brigade
East Antrim Battalion Heritage Society

Annual Fundraising Concert

Third Carrick Silver Band
BB Centenary Choir
and Guests

Friday 5th December 2025
Holy Trinity Church
Tickets £10 (includes refreshments)
Doors 7pm starts 7-30pm

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
5 October 2025	1st Reading	Christine McDermott	Holy Communion	Lamentations	Chapter 3 verses 19 - 26
	2nd Reading	Rev Dr Alan McCann	Prayers Maurice Langley	Luke	Chapter 17 verses 5 - 10
12th October 2025	1st Reading	Gail Doherty	Service of the Word	Jeremiah	Chapter 29 verses 1 - 7
	2nd Reading	Avril Waller	Prayers Rev Dr Alan McCann	Luke	Chapter 17 verses 11 - 19
19th October 2025	_____	_____	HARVEST Rev Peter Blair	_____	_____
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26th October 2025	_____	_____	Family Service	_____	_____
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Colin McIlwaine