



**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

Reading: John 19 verses 16-37



Dear Friends,

It is somewhat hard to believe that we are already in the month of April and Easter is approaching. Time never seems to slow down, in fact as I get older it seems to go by faster.

Sometimes we can become guilty of reading a passage from the Bible and because it is so familiar to us we do not really take in the full extent of its meaning or allow it to impact us deeply as it once did. I fear that can be true of the Passion and the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. The significance, the eternal significance, of Easter can quite easily get lost amongst the bunnies, the eggs and the holiday weekend. So at the beginning of this letter I am going to ask you to slow down. To set aside some time, free from distractions, and ask you to once again read the story of the crucifixion of Christ Jesus. Come to it prayerfully and without thinking I know all this already. Come with an expectant mind and heart to hear again God's love for you in the actions of Good Friday and Easter Day.

Think about these things as you read the passage above, or one of the other three accounts in the gospels.

It is true and it is wonderful. As yourself how wonderful it is that God sent His only begotten Son to die for you?

Think on this point: It was not necessary for God to save anyone! He could have left us in our sins and He would have been perfectly just to do so. Yet, out of love for this world (John 3:16), God decided to save a people for Himself for all eternity. How amazing is God's love?

Ponder the sinless life that Jesus led that is now accounted to you. We call this “imputed righteousness.” God counts Christ’s perfect sinless life to your account. God accepts Christ’s atoning death as “propitiation” for your sins. That is the punishment that should have been yours and mine for our sins, Christ took on Himself on the Cross.

Meditate for a moment on the pain that Christ suffered for you and for me.

The anguish of the Garden of Gethsemane.

The pain of betrayal, abandonment and denial by His disciples.

The physical pain of being beaten and crucified.

The pain of being mocked, despised and scorned.

The pain of being abandoned by His Father as He bore the sin of the world.

We can very quickly pass over all this in the familiarity of a story we have heard often from childhood but take a moment and think on the story again. Think of the reality of all that happened that Easter in the Upper Room, in Gethsemane, in the High Priest’s House and Pilates Court. Then ponder the walk to Calvary, the humiliation and the brutal crucifixion. His pain and anguish at the grief of His beloved mother. There is so much to think about before we move on to the glory of the Resurrection that first Easter morning. Take time now to say thank you to God in prayer for this amazing love in action.

yours in Christ  
*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Good Friday Service

Friday 15th April 2022 - 7:30pm

We will be having a service of reflection on the Cross on Good Friday. It will God willing be live-streamed as well but it would be good if you were there in person to have fellowship with one another as we reflect on all that God has done for us at the Cross of Christ our Lord.

## Annual General Easter Vestry

Wednesday 6th April at 7:30pm

We hope to have an audio-visual presentation about the parish post covid and a way ahead for us as a fellowship. So please plan to be there in person. The Easter Vestry Meeting will not be live-streamed - so you need to be there in person.

thanks

*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Alan's Bible Study

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



**STUDY**

Wednesday's

1.00pm-2.00pm- Lunch time Bible Study in the

Bennett Room

- we will resume our study in Psalms

7.30pm-8.00pm - Prayer Time - Kerr Room

8.00pm-9.00pm - Bible Study - Kerr Room

Everyone will be very welcome. We will meet upstairs in the Kerr room keeping social distancing.

God bless

*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Young At Heart



Our next meeting will be at 11.00 on Monday 4th April when Liz will be showing us a few simple flower arrangements. We will have our usual cuppa and chat too. Looking forward to seeing you there.

God Bless  
*Yvonne and her team*

## Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

Thursday mornings, 10.00am - 11.30am



We meet every Thursday morning at 10.00 -11.30 for play, chat, snacks and singing. We are enjoying all the space in the large hall- lots of room for the sit and ride vehicles and fun with the parachute. Our group continues to grow so please do consider joining us as a helper. There will be no meeting on Thursday 21st April as we are having a short break over Easter.

God Bless  
*Trinity Tots Team*



HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB "SPECIAL"

# Easter-rific

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30 -12noon

Ages 4 – 11 years



Holy Trinity Church, Woodburn Rd

Register early at :-

[www.holytrinitycarrick.org.uk/easter-rific](http://www.holytrinitycarrick.org.uk/easter-rific)

For further info contact Yvonne Best 07790511175

# Holy Trinity Face To Face



Hi Ladies

have you missed meeting up???

we have missed you.....

so how about catching up on

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
at 7.45pm

for coffee, cake and craic.

really looking forward to an  
evening of fun, friendship and  
fellowship

**Janet and Janis**

## Holy Trinity Admin Office Hours

The new opening hours for the Holy Trinity Administration Office are as follows:

Monday	10.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	10.00am – 12.30pm
Thursday	10.00am – 12.30pm
Friday	10.00am – 12.30pm

## C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



As always I am appealing for used postage stamps complete with border of envelopes. Do not apologise for giving only a few stamps for every stamp brings in welcome income. C.M.S. will continue to use this money to fund various projects in Africa.

Many thanks.  
*Yvonne Best*

## Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



We meet each Thursday at 7:30pm, all levels welcome, beginner's to experts. The bowling is fun the craics great and there's a cuppa tea with goodies. So why not give it ago.

*Vic Wootton*

# Hospice Walks

# HOSPICE WALKS ARE BACK!

Sign up today for one of 7 amazing walks.

Register now at [nihospice.org/walks](http://nihospice.org/walks) or call **028 9077 7123**



## Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday  
11am – 1pm**

We've had a busy time during March....Praise the Lord.

We were privileged to be part of Avrils' "retirement from Pilates" party on the 10<sup>th</sup> and we held our very own St Patricks Day café on the 17<sup>th</sup> .

April 14<sup>th</sup> will see us complete the 8<sup>th</sup> year of fellowship café.

Thank you to all those who have supported us in any way.

Some trivia from those 8 years:

1. April 14<sup>th</sup> will be our 319<sup>th</sup> café. Apart from 21 months during the covid pandemic, we have missed just a handful of cafes due to funerals and holidays.
2. All through the past 8 years we have been supported by our friends at Twinings Tea.
3. From an initial team of three, we now have a squad of 17 plus another 8 members on our baking rota.
4. We have welcomed visitors from UK, Ireland, USA, Australia, Germany, Tenerife, Philippines and Canada.
5. As you know we pass on any profits to worthy causes. To date we have donated £21,500 to 72 local, national and international worthy causes and projects.

If you've never visited, please call in any Thursday between 11am and 1pm.

A warm and friendly welcome is guaranteed.

If any of you have a spare couple of hours on a Thursday morning or even just once a month, and could help, please speak to any member of our team. If helping on the "frontline" isn't for you we have many other areas

where your talent could be used. For example: clearing tables, washing up, welcoming visitors or collecting some of our elderly church members from their homes and bringing them to the café. All are equally important aspects of fellowship café.

If you are unable to visit, you can keep in touch by following us on facebook at:

“Holy Trinity Fellowship Café”

Yours in Christ’s service

*Maurice Langley*

**God is good † all the time**

## Select Vestry

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

Marjory Edgar: [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.

Thanks for your co-operation.

*Marjory Edgar*

Hon Secretary

## 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*

## 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*

## 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](mailto:announcements@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk)  
by the **Friday** afternoon of each week

## 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.

You can find out more here [www.opendoorcentre.org/babybank](http://www.opendoorcentre.org/babybank).

## Creche Rota – April 2022



3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Carolynne Lafferty	Maureen Lunn
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Jemma Fittis	Sharon McNeill
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Lisa McCusker	Lorraine Ross
24 <sup>th</sup> April	NO CRECHE	

Many thanks,  
*Laura Kerr*

## 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.

## Holy Trinity Chair Rota – Apr 2022

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
James Beattie	Dougie Hempton	Graeme Hunter	Phil Moody	John Fittis
Kel McDermott	Simon McDonald	Jim McNerlan	Eddie Orr	Daniel Lafferty
Colin McIlwaine		Bert Macartney	David Sprott	Mark Taylor
Garry Richmond		Maurice Langley		John Fittis Jr
Peter Moffett				

Team	Dates			
1		3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun
2		10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> Jun
3		17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	15 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> Jun
4	27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> Jun
5			29 <sup>th</sup> May	



**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*

## Avril Waller Pilates



Hello everyone,

I want to thank the Fellowship Cafe for the wonderful "coffee and cake" morning on 10th March and for the beautiful flowers. You outdid yourselves. I know many of you stood and baked for hours as you had to double up on everything in order to run the cafe as normal and then my party on top of that. My ladies enjoyed every mouthful and there was a great atmosphere of joy and celebration. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out that day, I know a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make it all run smoothly. You did a fantastic job.

God bless,  
*Avril*

# Uplift

Disney

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**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**

JR

McNeill Theatre, Larne  
JR Cast - Saturday 18th June 2022 @ 2pm  
SR Cast - Sunday 19th June 2022 @ 2pm  
Adults: £14 & Children/OAP £10

Book your tickets online:  
[WeAreUplift.com](http://WeAreUplift.com)

Thank you for supporting the local arts.  
*The Uplift Team*

## Groan Jokes

I was stood behind a customer at an ATM and he turned around and said “could you check my balance?”—so I pushed him. His balance wasn’t that great.

I accidentally put my Iceland card into the ATM and my account was frozen.

Why are toilets always so good at poker? .....They always get a flush.

I’m starting a flight company exclusively for bald people. Think I’ll call it... Receding Airlines.

What did the drummer call his twin daughters ?..... Anna One, Anna Two.

My Dad always said “laughter is the best medicine” ..... great father, terrible G.P.

What’s funny and chews straw?..... Benny Hillbilly.

My friend was in the flat earth society. .... He was always skint... living on the edge.

I stayed in a hotel last weekend and there was a chess convention going on. They all stood in reception bragging about how good they were at chess, it really did my head in....I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.

My memory is terrible, I can’t for the life of me remember what happens after I throw a boomerang.....I’m sure it will come back to me.

HOLY TRINITY CARRICKFERGUS

Just brought a dog off a blacksmith ... got him home and he made a bolt for the door.

What do you get when you pour hot water into a rabbit hole? ...Hot cross bunnies.

What did the Easter Bunny say to the carrot? .....Nice gnawing you.

What is Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? .....Hip-hop!

How does an Easter Bunny keep his fur looking so good? ...Hare spray.

Why was the Easter Bunny so sad? .....He was having a bad hare day.

How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape? .....He eggs-ercises.



*Vic Wootton*

# Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
3rd April 2022	1st Reading	David Sprott	<b>HC</b>	Psalms	Psalm 1
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Drew Buchanan	Psalms	Psalm 2
10th April 2022	1st Reading	Karen Buchanan	<b>Palm Sunday Service of the Word</b>	Mark	Chapter 11 verses 1 - 11
	2nd Reading	Gail Doherty	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	Mark	Chapter 11 verses 15 - 19
17th April 2022	1st Reading	Helen Wootton	<b>Easter Day</b>	Mark	Chapter 12 verses 18 - 27
	2nd Reading	Rebecca Moody	Prayers Fred Shasko	Mark	Chapter 16 verses 1 - 13
24th April 2022	1st Reading	Alison Moffett	<b>Family Service I Am the Resurrection</b>	John	Chapter 11 verses 17 - 27
	2nd Reading	_____	Prayers Yvonne Best	_____	_____

*Colin McIlwaine*