



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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COVID UPDATE

Following updated Covid guidelines, every organisation is paused until the week commencing Monday 17th January 2022. This will be reviewed by the Select Vestry early in January. Therefore, the recommencement dates for organisations within this magazine are no longer valid.

Sunday worship will continue but the vestry have also decided to re-introduce attending every other week as per a Rota schedule, starting Sunday 2nd January 2022. There may be additional seating and you will be advised if seats become available.

The church website and the WhatsApp Group 'Holy Trinity Membership' has been updated with the Rotas. As not everyone from our congregation is on WhatsApp, Facebook or can gain access to the website can we all inform members who might not see this message.

Select Vestry

Letter to Parishioners

Reading - Isaiah 42 verse 3



Dear Friends,
Welcome to 2022 (DV). I am writing this letter on the 14th December 2021, hence the Deo Volente after the date above. Deo Volente meaning God willing that it comes to pass that we enter 2022.

The verse from Isaiah is one of my favourite Old Testament verses. As I was thinking about what to write for this New Year letter the verse kept entering my thoughts. Upon reflection the description of a bruised reed and a smouldering wick I think is how many of us have felt over the past two years because of the covid pandemic. As I write this the omicron variant is starting to spread rapidly throughout society and we have been moved to level 4 on the covid risk register. It would appear we are in for a further period of restrictions in life in order to minimise the spread of the omicron variant of covid-19. Leaving us feeling further battered and bruised by life at this time.

The vest in Isaiah is speaking about the Servant of the Lord, namely Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah whose birth we have just celebrated. The opening two verses of the chapter assure us that He is God's chosen messiah and that He will not come with a old voice or shouting in the street and then we read verse three. The gentleness of His touch on a life is that the most vulnerable, weak, distressed and abused are not further harmed but healed by Him.

Reeds in the days of Isaiah were used for writing instruments, amongst other things, but once used several times they became useless and were discarded. A bruised reed was easily broken, even the gentlest wind or touch would snap it and it was of no use to anyone then. Isaiah tells us that the Servant of the Lord is so gentle with people that those who are bruised and battered by the vagaries of life and who feel that one more

touch would break them completely need not fear the coming of Christ. His touch will not add to their pain but dissipate it. His touch will not break them but restore them.

Isaiah adds to the illustration of the gentle touch of Christ by speaking of how he will not snuff out a smouldering wick. A smouldering wick did not give off light, in fact often it smoked and gave off an acrid smell. To extinguish it was a matter of pinching it between wet fingers, as i am sure you have done in putting out such a candle wick smouldering. Again Isaiah points out that the Christ, who will come, is not coming to snuff out what little of life is left in someone who has been bruised by life. Nor is He coming to snuff out what little faith is left in someone's soul after life has laid them low. Instead Isaiah tells us He comes to restore faithfulness and justice. That is, He comes to restore order, to bring healing, to right the wrongs done against such people and ultimately to defeat sin and death.

What a wonderful imagery is painted here in a few words. What a wonderful verse to begin 2022 with. I ask you to memorise it and repeat it to yourself each morning and pray it at the close of the day. It is good for us to remind ourselves each day, despite the battering and bruising of such things as Covid, that the Lord Jesus has come, not to bring us pain or further put us down, but to heal, to restore, to renew and to save us.

Therefore, as we begin 2022 (DV) may this verse and more importantly the One of whom it speaks, be in our hearts and minds each day. May it be the verse for Holy Trinity in the year ahead. Remind ourselves and each other with it. Remember that we need to practice this verse in our lives as we deal with others and just as importantly as we deal with ourselves.

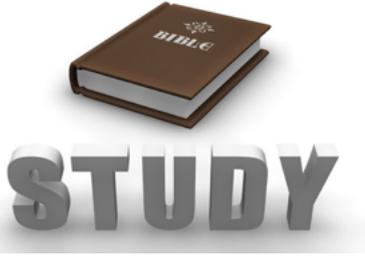
May God richly bless you and your household in 2022.

God Bless
Rev Dr Alan McCann

Alan's Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday 12th January 2022.

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

7 Up

7 Up will resume on Sunday 9th January 2022 at 6.00pm.

God bless

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Select Vestry

Just a reminder of church housekeeping for key holders and leaders.

- Please ensure all meetings are added to the church calendar through office@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk. No meetings, training or practices should be taking place in the church building without the Office knowing.
- If you need to ‘pop into’ the church for any reason let the Rector, Secretary or Office know first.
- If you find anything that’s not working or broken e.g. fused bulb in the corridor, gently dripping tap please add to the fault list book in the kitchen. This is checked weekly.
- If you find something more serious e.g. leaking roof, toilet not flushing, please report to the Church Wardens immediately.

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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.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Marjory Edgar
Hon Secretary

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

LIGHT (Sunday School)



Light will return on Sunday 9th January. Thank you for continuing to send your children. We love having them! A very Happy New year to you all.

God Bless

Christine (Chrissi) McDermott & the Team

Young At Heart



We had a great Christmas lunch at Ownies Bistro and hope that all our ladies enjoyed Christmas with their families. Our first meeting of 2022 will be on Monday 3rd January when our speaker will be Rev Colin Taylor.

Please do join us for a chat and a cuppa at

11.00 am.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

Thursday mornings, 10.00am - 11.30am



Happy New year everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We hope to start back on Thursday 6th January at 10.00 am for play, chat, singing and snacks.

God Bless

Trinity Tots Team

Carrickfergus Food Bank (JVC Church)

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

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

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

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



In the next week or two you will be recovering from all the busyness of Christmas and be thinking about taking down your decorations and cards. I hope you have remembered to keep me the postage stamps. Please place them in my special Christmas stamp box on the church table. The needs of our vulnerable people may be highlighted at Christmas, but they continue throughout the year, and have been intensified by the COVID pandemic. Money raised from the sale of these stamps will be used by CMS Ireland to sustain their various projects in Africa.

Many thanks.
Yvonne Best

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity

Every Thursday 11am – 1pm



As with all the church organisations and groups, 2021 came with its difficulties but, hey, with God's guidance and unending love, we came through it.

When we finally opened in October, we were richly blessed with many visitors, friends old and new, who shared some wonderful craic and were extremely generous enabling us to donate an incredible £1400 to local worthy causes.

As we enter a new year we, once again, do so with uncertainty due to coronavirus. We know God has a plan for fellowship café and we look forward, with joy in our hearts, to Him revealing it.

Fellowship Café wouldn't be possible without the goodwill of so many of our congregation who volunteer their time and talents.

Our café team are: Anne and myself, Hazel and Jack, Karen and Drew, Anne and Gary, Fiona and Fred, Anne H, Joan, Laura, Chrissie, and Maureen.

Our refreshment providers are: Fiona, Janis, Hazel, Karen, Joanne, Helen, Wenda, Tracey, Anne, Amy and Marjory.

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

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

by the **Friday** afternoon of each week

Creche Rota – January 2022



2 nd January	Helen Fittis	Amy Moffett
9 th January	Arlene McCartney	Anne Langley
16 th January	Maureen Lunn	Lorraine Ross
23 rd January	NO CRECHE	
30 th January	Lisa McCusker	Jemma Fittis

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

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.

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – Jan 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		2 nd Jan	6 th Feb	6 th Mar
2		9 th Jan	13 th Feb	13 th Mar
3		16 th Jan	20 th Feb	20 th Mar
4	26 th Dec	23 rd Jan	27 th Feb	27 th Mar
5		30 th Jan		



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 hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Will 2022 be good to us do you think?

Our Pilates class meets every Thursday in the main hall from 10am to 11am. We will be back to Face to Face classes from Thursday 6th January 2022 and if you prefer Zoom, then join me on Wednesday evening 5th January at 7.00pm. Email me for the password. Please bring a mat, small towel, resistant band and wear comfortable clothes. No shoes needed. The cost is £6.50 per class.

Please wear a mask both coming in and leaving the class and use the hand sanitiser. Leave a gap between you and the next person when setting out your mat.

I look forward to seeing you. Any questions or concerns, please email me (avrilwaller@talktalk.net)

Take care,
Avril Waller, Pilates

Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
2nd January 2022	1st Reading	Amy Moffett	HC	1 Samuel	Chapter 24 verses 1 - 12
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Kel McDermott	1 Samuel	Chapter 24 verses 13 - 22
9th January 2022	1st Reading	Derek Burnside	Service of the Word	1 Samuel	Chapter 28 verses 1 - 14
	2nd Reading	Gail Doherty	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	1 Samuel	Chapter 28 verses 15 - 25
16th January 2022	1st Reading	David Sprott	MP	2 Samuel	Chapter 1 verses 1 - 16
	2nd Reading	Avril Waller	Prayers Fred Shasko	2 Samuel	Chapter 1 verses 17 - 27
23rd January 2022	1st Reading	Colin Watson	Family Service 'I am the Bread of Life'	John	Chapter 6 verses 22 - 40
	2nd Reading	-----	Prayers Daniel Lafferty	-----	-----
30th January 2022	1st Reading	Garry Richmond	Service of the Word	2 Samuel	Chapter 2 verses 1 - 16
	2nd Reading	Karen Buchanan	Prayers Libby Todd	2 Samuel	Chapter 2 verses 17 - 32

Colin McIlwaine