



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



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**MAY 2022**

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

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## Letter to Parishioners



Dear Friends,

Please take a moment and read Mark 4.26-34.  
Keep your bible open as you read this letter.

Are you a gardener? Do you grow things in your garden and I don't mean weeds? I have a vegetable plot in the back garden and several pots of different herbs and this year a micro-salad planter, which is great as you just pop out the back and harvest what you want for the salad and then it regrows and you continue to do that rather than wasting so much out of bought packets. However, there is one thing I have no idea about. I do not know how they germinate, when they germinate and when and how they grow. I know about crop rotation in my vegetable patch and how to feed the soil etc but as for when they grow or how the vegetables grow I am completely in the dark.

Verses 26-29 - I am like the man in the parables that Jesus mentions here in Mark 4. I am the sower but I do not make the seeds germinate nor grow. I plant them in hope of a harvest but I have to wait on them growing and when they do then I harvest and enjoy the benefits of the vegetables.

These verses are really an extension of the parable of the sower that Jesus has taught at the beginning of the chapter. You know the story well. How the sower scatters the seed and how it falls on different types of ground with the result that only 25% of it bears fruit. I wonder upon hearing that parable were they disheartened and discouraged. Did they think the condition of the soil is so critical to a good and successful harvest but that they had no control over the condition of the soil? That is they had no control over people's hearts and minds.

I think it is not going beyond the boundary of the text to suggest that Jesus teaches this parable to encourage them and to lift their hearts about the work to which they had been called, namely the building of the kingdom of God.

Jesus takes up again the farming illustration and he reminds them of a key fact in farming. Do you notice what He says in verse 28? He says the seed grows by itself. The word in greek when translated gives us our English word “automatic.” They know that without this constant element of germination and growth in nature there would be no harvest.

Jesus is telling them that in the building of the kingdom of God their task is sowing the seed. That is the proclamation of the gospel. That is all they are asked to do because that is all they can do. The divine provision which meets their limitations in building the kingdom of God is germinate the seed and to bring the seed to fruition. He reminds them, and us, that they are not the only ones at work. The farmer knows nature plays its part, unseen, in the germination and growth and harvest to come. Using that as an illustration Jesus tells them, and us, that unseen, often unnoticed, by us God is doing His divine work in bringing the seed of His Word, which we have sown, to fruition in people’s lives and so building the kingdom of God.

Read 1 Corinthians 2.10-12 - the Holy Spirit is at work. We are not to judge only by what is observable on the surface. Just as there is a hidden energy at work when a seed is planted so the Holy Spirit, hidden to our eyes often, is at work when the Word of God is sown.

The farmer sees the time to harvest and he puts the sickle to the grain and brings in the harvest. We too must have eyes open to the harvest before us and put the sickle in, that is bring people to make a commitment to Christ Jesus, to bring the harvest in to the kingdom of God.

The certainty of the harvest is indissoluble from the planting of the seed. There can be no harvest where the seed is not planted and planting seed is our task. The seed is the proclamation of the gospel and it will not fail to produce the harvest that God has foreordained for that Word being planted in that person’s life by us.

The kingdom of God is sown and then there is a time lapse and then there is the harvest. You know you do not plant a seed today and then tomorrow harvest it. The work of the soul is slow work. Remember that. One of the lessons that I learned as a young curate in reading a book by Eugene Petersen - you have to live and die with a generation to make a difference

in ministry. It is one of the reasons I am still here after 29 years, that and no-one else would put up with me like you all do.

So, there is a human activity of sowing and reaping in the kingdom of God and there is the divine activity of germinating and growing the seed to fruitfulness. There is human activity followed by human passivity followed by divine activity followed by human activity.

Sowing and harvesting are our responsibility but germinating and growth are not. Those are God's activity.

Our added responsibility is to pray for the planting of the seed and for it to bear fruit. This is an ongoing task for each of us and to that end in the months of May to August we are going to come together regularly to pray for the sowing of the seed of the gospel in our community and seek God for it to bear fruit.

Please make use of the prayer cards from church. Make time each day or at least once a week to pray specifically the prayer on the card. Without prayer we labour in vain.

yours in Christ  
*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## **Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service**

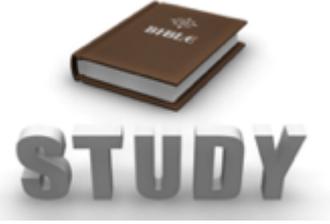
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Guest Speaker Rev Cannon Derek Kerr**

Afternoon tea will be served at 2pm as part of our celebrations that day. Please sign the catering sheet for that Sunday morning.

## Alan's Bible Study

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 continue studying the Psalms together.
- 7.30pm-8.00pm - Prayer Time - Kerr Room

Wednesday evening Bible Study will be paused during May-August to allow us to come together to pray for our church and our community.

Everyone will be very welcome.

God bless

*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Prayer Time

Kerr Room

Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm – 8.00pm



It is not much to ask that you give up 30 minutes each Wednesday from 27<sup>th</sup> April till August to seek God in prayer for Him to move by His Holy Spirit in us and through us, (and maybe even despite us) that this community might be reached for Christ Jesus. so please put this in your weekly schedule.

*Rev Dr Alan McCann*

## Young At Heart



Our next meeting will be our outing to Colman's Garden centre on Monday 9th May. Please let Yvonne know if you are joining us and we will meet in church car park at 11.15am. The bus will leave promptly at 11.30am. There will be time for a cuppa, or lunch if you prefer, and to browse around the shops. The bus will leave us back to church car park at approximately 2.45pm

Looking forward to seeing you!

God Bless  
*Yvonne and her team*

## Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group

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



It's been another busy month and we enjoyed our Easter activities, especially the Easter egg hunt!

We had decided to pass on any money from our donations box for the month of April to a charity to help Ukrainian refugees and were delighted to raise £100! Many thanks to you all.

Our group continues to grow and we would be delighted to welcome some new helpers - please do give it some thought.

God Bless  
*Toddler's Team*

## 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



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 are involved with in Africa.

Many thanks.  
*Yvonne Best*

## 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*

## From the Treasurer



### The Bucket

Thank you for the offering to the mission field. This year to date we have collected as follows:-

January	£131.50
February	£134.80
March	£125.43

***Drew Buchanan MBE***

Honorary Treasurer

## 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

# Hospice Walks

# HOSPICE WALKS ARE BACK!

Sign up today for one of 7 amazing walks.

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



## Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity



**Every Thursday  
11am – 1pm**

As we enter our ninth year, we continue to thank our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the many blessings He has bestowed on us. If it were not for His love, grace and mercy we would be nothing.

As we look around our congregation we see many who have yet to visit us. There are, obviously, genuine reasons for this, which we accept. If, however, you are in a position to visit, can we encourage you to call in any Thursday between 11am and 1pm. A warm welcome is guaranteed as is the craic. Our main area is the place to be for fellowship and can be somewhat noisy but we also cater for those seeking a quieter area to sit down with a cuppa and a bun, to read or just to relax.

We also cater for those with young children, although they must remain under your control. ( high chairs are available if required ).

Hopefully we'll see you in the near future.

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*

## **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).

We want to pass on our thanks to the congregation at Holy Trinity for your continued support.

Carrickfergus baby bank opened in May 2019, we are based in The Open Door Centre on Bridewell Drive in Sunnylands. Through a referral system we support families with many items such as baby and children clothes, nappies, toiletries and baby equipment.

During the pandemic we have been extremely busy and this has continued into 2022. In January and February of this year we have been able to support 25 children. Our most request items would be nappies and toiletries. All our families are referred through agencies such as Surestart, Flourish, Womens Aid, social services as well as health visitors and midwives.

Without the support of our local community like Holy Trinity we wouldn't be able meet the needs of our families. If you can support us we are always in need of toiletries.

We really do appreciate all donations that we received!

Thank you

The volunteers at Carrickfergus Babybank

## 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	Gwen Wilson	Jean Jamison
5	Wenda Gray	Sue Majury	Eva Dunn	
6	Kel McDermott	Drew Buchanan	Karen Buchanan	
7	Lorraine Ross	Maureen Lunn	Adrienne Tasker	

Team	Dates					
1		22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec
2		29 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec
3		5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
4	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	
5	1 <sup>st</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan '23
6	8 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan'23
7	15 <sup>th</sup> May	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan'23

*Karen Buchanan*

## Welcome Team Rota

<b>Teams</b>	<b>Dates</b>		
Drew Buchanan Karen Buchanan		10 <sup>th</sup> July	16 <sup>th</sup> October
Jack Blair Hazel Blair		17 <sup>th</sup> July	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Liz Adair Janis Gibson		24 <sup>th</sup> July	30 <sup>th</sup> October
Maureen Lunn Adrienne Tasker	24 <sup>th</sup> April	31 <sup>st</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> November
Eva Dunn Eleanor Steele	1 <sup>st</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> August	13 <sup>th</sup> November
Sharon McNeill Alison Moffett	8 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> August	20 <sup>th</sup> November
Helen McQuitty Libby Todd	15 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> August	27 <sup>th</sup> November
Arlene Macartney Wenda Gray	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> August	4 <sup>th</sup> December
Ann Calvert Lorraine Hagan	29 <sup>th</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> September	11 <sup>th</sup> December
Joanne Hunter Laura Kerr	5 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> September	18 <sup>th</sup> December
Yvonne Best Jennifer Hamilton Gwen Wilson	12 <sup>th</sup> June	18 <sup>th</sup> September	25 <sup>th</sup> December
Kel McDermott Maurice Langley	19 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> January'23
Donna Harrison Sue Majury	26 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	8 <sup>th</sup> January'23
Elaine Wright Joan Cummings	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> January'23

*Karen Buchanan*

## Creche Rota – May 2022



1 <sup>st</sup> May	Helen Fittis	Laura Kerr
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Arlene Macartney	Anne Langley
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Sharon McNeill	Maureen Lynn
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Lorraine Ross	Carolynne Lafferty
29 <sup>th</sup> May	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 – May 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	1 <sup>st</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	7 <sup>th</sup> Aug
2	8 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> Jun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jul	14 <sup>th</sup> Aug
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5	29 <sup>th</sup> May		31 <sup>st</sup> Jul	



**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*

# Uplift

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Disney

Theatre  
at The Mill

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL

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THEATRE AT THE MILL

SR Cast - Friday 17th June 2022 @ 7.30pm

JR Cast - Saturday 18th June 2022 @ 2.30pm

Adults: £16 & Children/OAP £14

Book your tickets online:  
[WWW.THEATREATTHEMILL.COM](http://WWW.THEATREATTHEMILL.COM)

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

## Groan Jokes

### Breaking News

Two men were arrested over night. One for drinking battery acid the other for eating fireworks.

One has been charged whilst the other has been let off.

A shopper injured himself falling into a display of 250 golf clubs.

Doctors say he's ok but he's not out of the woods yet.

So excited about joining the archery club, I'm all a quiver.

What did the horse chestnut tree say when it grew up in the middle of a pine forest?

'I came, I saw, I conkered'.

Does anyone want to join my fish fryers cricket team?  
I need a good batter.

Here on the mainland, police cars have a stop sign on the roof. But on the island of Jersey the sign says pullover.

The disappointment club is delighted to announce the cancellation of its annual dinner.

I've just joined a politically correct bowls club - bit disappointing, no bias.

Talks about a merger between the R.A.C and the A.A have apparently broken down.

Last night, I saw this bloke sneaking around my garden wearing a rugby shirt, golfing slacks, tennis shoes and a pair of goalkeepers gloves.

"Hey, I shouted, what's your game?", 😊😊

*Vic Wootton*

# Sunday Services

Date	Reading Number	Reader	Title & Prayer Leader	Book	Chapter & Verses
1st May 2022	1st Reading	Hannah Hulme	<b>HC</b>	James	Chapter 3 verses 13 - 18
	2nd Reading	Rev Alan McCann	Prayers Maurice Langley	Ecclesiastes	Chapter 3 verses 1 - 8
8th May 2022	1st Reading	Garry Richmond	<b>Service of the Word</b>	James	Chapter 4 verses 1 - 12
	2nd Reading	Avril Waller	Prayers Rev Alan McCann	1 John	Chapter 2 verses 12 - 17
15th May 2022	1st Reading	Laura Kerr	<b>MP</b>	James	Chapter 4 verses 13 - 17
	2nd Reading	Stephen McLaughlin	Prayers Janis Gibson	Luke	Chapter 12 verses 16 - 21
22nd May 2022	1st Reading	Andrew Hanley	<b>Family Service I Am the Bread of Life</b>	John	Chapter 6 verses 1 - 15 and verse 35
	—————	—————	Prayers Daniel Lafferty	—————	—————
29th May 2022	1st Reading	Joan Cummings	<b>Service of the Word</b>	James	Chapter 5 verses 1 - 6
	2nd Reading	Helen Annesley	Prayers Ryan Moffett	Matthew	Chapter 19 verses 16 - 26

*Colin McIlwaine*