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OCTOBER 2021

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

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Letter to Parishioners



Dear friends,

In Luke 10 verse 2 we read: He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

On Sunday 17th October we shall celebrate Harvest. On Saturday 16th October we are planning to meet in the morning at 10.30am to decorate the Church for Harvest. We ask you to come and join us. Bring non-perishable foodstuff, flowers and foliage. We want the church to look bright and colourful as we thank the Lord God for blessing us abundantly with so much food and good things in Creation.

The verse above may, or may not, be familiar to you. Jesus asks His disciples to pray that His Father, the Lord of the harvest, will send workers (or labourers if you remember this verse from the AV), into the fields because the harvest is plentiful. Let me ask you is this a prayer you pray? More importantly, is it a prayer that you can answer?

We need to pray that God will send labourers in to the fields to harvest souls for Christ. Where are the fields? Where are the workers? Look around you for a moment as you read this letter. The field is right in front of you at this very moment. The worker is the one reading this letter. You see we are often guilty of thinking evangelism is the work of the clergy or the organisational leaders but actually it is the task of everyone who knows and loves Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Jesus tells His disciples that so few workers go out in to the fields to do the work of harvesting. Very little has changed in the intervening millennia. The workers harvesting souls for Christ, I actually believe, gets fewer every year.

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The reason the numbers decline is because so many become comfortable in their faith and drift off to sleep. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and the need for people to be born again has lost its urgency amongst so many Christians, even at Holy Trinity.

One of the lessons I have relearned over the past year or so is the urgency for people to come to Christ and to receive the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of salvation. The urgency has been emphasised again by the daily reminder of the deaths due to Covid-19. The realisation that this virus is everywhere and anyone (and everyone) could succumb to it reignited in my heart that passion to win people for Christ Jesus.

As I write this I have just finished the notes for Wednesday (15th September) lunchtime Bible study on Psalm 49. In that Psalm I am reminded that death is no respecter of persons. The Psalmist tells me that the wealthy cannot buy their way out of the grave and though their wealth may give them ease in life it cannot buy them an escape from death. The Psalmist is wonderful in describing how the ransom of a man's life is beyond the wealth of this world.

After he has stated this he goes on to say that only God can redeem men from the grave. There is the good news in Psalm 49. There is the good news that the people in our homes, our work places, and our social circles desperately need to hear. God alone in Christ His Son has redeemed, ransomed, mankind through Jesus Christ's substitutionary atoning sacrifice at Calvary.

So as I close this letter allow me to challenge you to do two things:
Pray that God would send out workers in to the fields.
Secondly, for you to go out in to the fields and begin the harvest.

Yours in Christ, the Lord of the Harvest.
Rev Dr Alan McCann

ACCESSNI CHECK

**FOR ALL LEADERS AT HOLY TRINITY –
THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER FROM 7PM-8PM**

NEW regulations are that every leader now has to have an AccessNI check every three years. To help co-ordinate this at Holy Trinity the Select Vestry agreed that we would AccessNI check all leaders so that we know that in 2024 we need to repeat the process to comply with the regulations.

On Thursday 21st October 7-8pm Elaine Wright and I will be in the Church Office for all leaders to come and complete the forms for their AccessNI check.

This is not optional but a legal requirement and we ask you all to please come that evening and help us keep everyone safe. You will need to bring two forms of photographic ID with you.

If you have any questions please contact us. No matter when you last were checked we are beginning afresh and ask for your co-operation. All the forms etc will be in the office that evening.

Yours

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Decorate the Church for Harvest

Saturday 16th October at 10.30am

Everyone is invited, from the youngest to the oldest. Please bring non-perishable foodstuff, flowers, and foliage - we plan to decorate and brighten the church building to celebrate Harvest. Please do come along, even if you think you aren't artistic - you can help me make the tea for everyone.

Rev Dr Alan McCann

Select Vestry

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.

Marjory Edgar

Secretary

349th Carrickfergus Girls Brigade



Hey everyone,

I hope you are well and embracing Spring in all its beauty. Like me, I'm sure you agree it is a joy to see some, if not most elements of our ministry within Holy Trinity returning, and we have so much to be thankful for.

GB returns for face to face meetings from the first week in October, however don't worry as we still have one more Registration opportunity this Tuesday 28 September 2021 from 7pm-8pm! Please spread the word as we would be delighted to welcome some new faces! All girls welcome from age 3!

Please continue to pray for the work of GB and the other Youth Organisations within our Church as we seek to minister and bring Gods' amazing word to the children we meet. We are blessed to have the opportunity to safely meet again, and as the GB Captain, I ask that you pray for my team as we focus in the great task of leading our girls to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.

God Bless,

Hannah Hulme GB Captain

Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes- Operation Christmas Child.



A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact! Operation Christmas Child brings Good News and great joy to children around the World.

We have 50 shoe boxes which require filling. As you collect on way out of Church there is a list of what to put into each box. Please label the box with age and sex.

Boy 2-4 years old, Boy 5-9 years and Boys 10-14 years

Girl 2-4 year old, Girl 5-9 years and Girl 10-14 years

Suggestions for the boxes include toys such as a doll, a deflated football and pump or cuddly toy.

Also hygiene items (see list) and school supplies.

Please returned by Sunday 31st October.

Other members of the congregation wishing to help may choose to give a financial donation as we need £5 per shoe box to cover the cost of sending them.

Every Blessing
Drew Buchanan MBE
Treasurer.

Holiday Bible Club

Mid-Term Special

H.B.C. Will run this “special” event on Friday 29th October from 10.30am to 12noon.

It will run in conjunction with Child Evangelism Fellowship (C.E.F.) who will be represented by Philip Agnew(local director) ..but under the usual format of H.B.C.



What part can you play?

- would you like to join our team for that morning?
- could you bring along a child/ grandchild or pass the invitation on to a neighbour?
- pray for us

If you have any queries please speak to me.
Our aim is to teach the truths of the Bible.

God Bless
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

Stand By Me



Replacing fear with hope

The last 18 months have presented many challenges for children and families right across the world and our children from Colombia, to Ethiopia, to Myanmar were ordered to stay home to stop the spread of the virus. But with little access to water, soap and sanitiser, and without being able to attend our schools to receive their daily meals, many of our children faced a daunting period of isolation of going without food for days on end. Thanks to the support of everyone in Holy Trinity Church we have been able to support over 1,500 families with life-saving food parcels and for many of our children they are returning to school albeit cautiously.

However our children in Myanmar face increasing challenges with a surge in Covid cases combined with the country being thrown into unrest, due to the military coup which occurred in March. At our projects where the violence was most dangerous, gunshots and bombs could be heard on the doorsteps of our children's homes. We needed to act to protect our children and so we moved some of them to the safety of relatives further away from the towns.

This atmosphere of fear and uncertainty has made people extremely vulnerable and created the ideal environment for Covid to spread throughout the population, bringing further hardship. But in the midst of despair, rising food prices, hunger and sickness, our incredible staff have

been moved by compassion to meet the needs of the people around them.

One of the parents Nga recently told us how he had lost his job as a tuk-tuk driver due to Covid and then went to work in a paddy field but had to leave his job here when the military killed some people nearby. He remarked “I lost my job again. In tears I’ve watched how my children were hungry. It is so hard to see them have one meal a day. The Stand by Me staff know how we live. Today they come with a lot of food for us. Now I have tears of joy. I am a Buddhist. My wife is a Christian. The Christians are so good to me. I am interested to become a Christian because I know now what love is.”

Since the military took power, our incredible staff have been faithfully looking after our children and serving God through unimaginably difficult circumstances. We are so grateful for the continued partnership, prayers and practical support of everyone in Holy Trinity Church as we seek to reach out to children and families across the world replacing fear with hope.

Jonny Farrell | **Regional Manager (NI), Stand by Me**

16 West Street | Carrickfergus | BT38 7AR | 02893 350009

www.standby.me

Social Services

Please continue to place donations of **unopened** non-perishable food, household and personal products in the red boxes in the church foyer. Social Services will distribute donated items to those in need within our community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Elaine Gray

A letter from Fields of Life



I am sure it has been a challenging time for Holy Trinity Woodburn this past 18 months having to adapt to new ways. It is great to be able to see restrictions starting to ease.

It has been such a strange time not being in contact as much as usual with our wonderful church and team friends and supporters. It is hard to believe that another year will pass without any teams travelling

to Uganda. While we have not been able to travel and while schools in Uganda have been hugely impacted due to Covid-19, our team have been working extremely hard to try and support our partner schools and communities as much as possible.

As you will be aware, on 18th March 2020 all schools in Uganda were forced to closed and the country went into a strict lockdown. In October 2020, schools began to reopen in a phased approach with those pupils in exams classes, Primary 7, Senior 4, and Senior 6 returning to school. In March 2021, most children had been out of school for 12 months. During that month, children in Primary 6, Senior 3, and Senior 5 started back to school. The following month, April 2021, children in Primary 4, Primary 5, and Senior 1 where able to return to school. The remaining classes, who had been out of a school setting since March 2020, which were Nursery, Primaries 1 -3 and Senior 2, were due to return to school in June. Unfortunately, on 6th June 2021, Uganda went back to into a strict lockdown and all schools forced to close once more. This has been devastating for the children, the schools, and their families.

The impact of the lockdown on children, their families and the community has been enormous. During this time, children have been at home with

their parents or guardians, and suffering from the lack of family income during lockdown. Many children rely on meals provided by their school and for many children, girls in particular, school was the one place they felt safe.

Uganda is experiencing a third wave right now and our team on the ground are trying to respond to meet the needs of those we seek to serve. We are so thankful for your support and prayers during this time.

It is crazy to think of how much life has changed since you and your team last travelled to Uganda. We are conscious that it has been 4 years since you were able to travel out to Uganda and that this will have been a difficult time for you as a church as we know how committed and invested you are in the communities you are partnered with. We wanted to keep you updated on the progress of Abura Parents Nursery and Primary School. We have been working with our team in East Africa for an update. As you will be aware, it has been very difficult for our team to be able to travel to all the schools with lockdowns, curfews and restrictions and so it has taken longer than hoped to gather this report for you. You will also notice when reading the report, that the information was collected before this latest lockdown was imposed and before Uganda started to see a surge in cases. Hopefully though you are encouraged to see how Abura Parents Nursery and Primary School is continuing to be a source of light and hope within their community thanks to your support.

Thank you as always for your wonderful and faithful support. We are so thankful for each of you and for your heart to see children thousands of miles away given the opportunity to go to school, to dream and have hopes for the future.

Helen

The Community Fun Day – We Are Open

The Community Fun – We are open, held on Saturday 21st August from 10.30am until 2.30pm appears to have been a success based on the number of positive comments received on the day and afterwards.

The BB, GB, Light, Young at Heart, Trinity Tots, Bowls, and Badminton all had the opportunity to show case what they offer to the 180 or so who attended. We had some people sign up to attend these groups in future and we look forward to welcoming them.

Most people took the opportunity to sample what Fellowship Café had to offer and the BBQ was well received.

All the prizes on the day carried the Church logo and we pray that they may be a reminder to the people that the Church is open to all.

The additional entertainment of an inflatable, the crazy golf and the dinosaurs were a big success.

Thank you to everyone who help in any way on the day.



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Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship

Hello all
Bowls fellowship has restarted.
Thursday 7:30pm to 10:00pm.
Craic, tea biscuits and bowling.
All levels welcome, pop in and say hello.



Vic Wootton

Alan's Bible Study



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 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

Young at Heart

We had a lovely get together last month, so good to see our ladies fit and well and eager to chat and enjoy the company once again. Our next meeting is on Monday 4th October and we are looking forward to hear Dr. Olive Buckley talk to us about her

work with the Rowan Centre. There will be our usual cuppa and chat too. Please join us at 11.00 in the Courtney Hall.

God Bless

Yvonne and her team

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity

Every Thursday 11am – 1pm

WE'RE BACK!!!!



We are re-opening on Thursday October 7th.

Unfortunately, as with all organisations, there will be a few differences compared to our pre-covid café, but nothing that will lessen the joy of sharing fellowship over a cuppa.

Please come along to support this important part of our church family worship.

If work gets in the way and you can't make it, you can keep in touch by following us on facebook at "Holy Trinity Fellowship Café"

Over the past 18 months circumstances have changed for some of our team members which has created opportunities for others to help out. If this interests you please speak to myself or any member of our team.

Please continue to remember us, and all our church organisations, in your daily prayers

Yours in Christ
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.

Libby Todd

On behalf of the prayer team

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



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

Many thanks.

Yvonne Best

Creche Rota – Oct 2021



3 rd October	Amy Moffett	Lorraine Ross
10 th October	Amy Moffett	Helen Fittis
17 th October	Amy Moffett	Carolynne Lafferty
24 th October	NO CRECHE	
31 st October	Amy Moffett	Jemma Fittis

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

Carrickfergus Baby Bank

The Church has been asked to support the baby bank and the select vestry agreed at its April meeting.

The Charity is looking for nappies, new baby grows, wipes, lotions, baby bath, shampoo etc.

Please leave your donation in the box provided as you come into Church. You can find out more here www.opendoorcentre.org/babybank.

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – Oct 2021

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

Team	Dates			
1	3 rd Oct	7 th Nov	5 th Dec	2 nd Jan
2	10 th Oct	14 th Nov	12 th Dec	9 th Jan
3	17 th Oct	21 st Nov	19 th Dec	16 th Jan
4	24 th Oct	28 th Nov	26 th Dec	23 rd Jan
5	31 st Oct			30 th Jan



Please note: 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

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



Thursday mornings for play, chat and refreshments. We will be meeting at the new time of 10.00am -11.30am and would love to see babies, toddlers and their carers.

God Bless

Lisa, Carolynne and Liz

Avril Waller Pilates



Hello everyone,

I am delighted to tell you that I will be back in the church hall from Thursday 28th October 2021. The class is for an hour from 10am to 11am. Please bring your own mat, yoga block/cushion and resistance band/scarf. Wear something comfortable that you can move in. The cost is £6.50 but if you want to avoid using “cash”, then I can give you the bank details to send your payment to instead.

I would ask you to wear masks whilst coming in and out of the building. Use the hand sanitiser. Keep a good distance between your mat and your neighbours. We will sort it out nearer the time.

Meanwhile if you would like to join me on zoom, the details are below. If you haven't been before, please give me a ring on 9335 5129 or email me at: avrilwaller@talktalk.net

Topic: Avril's Zoom Pilates **Wed evening TIME: 7.00PM**

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88437845313?pwd=MzhxNk1kK0pFanVUS3ISMVprUitiQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 3784 5313

Passcode: 4NfGYT

Topic: Avril's Zoom Pilates **Thursday morning TIME: 10.00AM**

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82424984467?pwd=RlILb05KeStQZ1YyeW0xaHVZcmFzd09>

Meeting ID: 824 2498 4467

Passcode: 3ukNB1

Take care,
Avril Waller, Pilates

Announcements

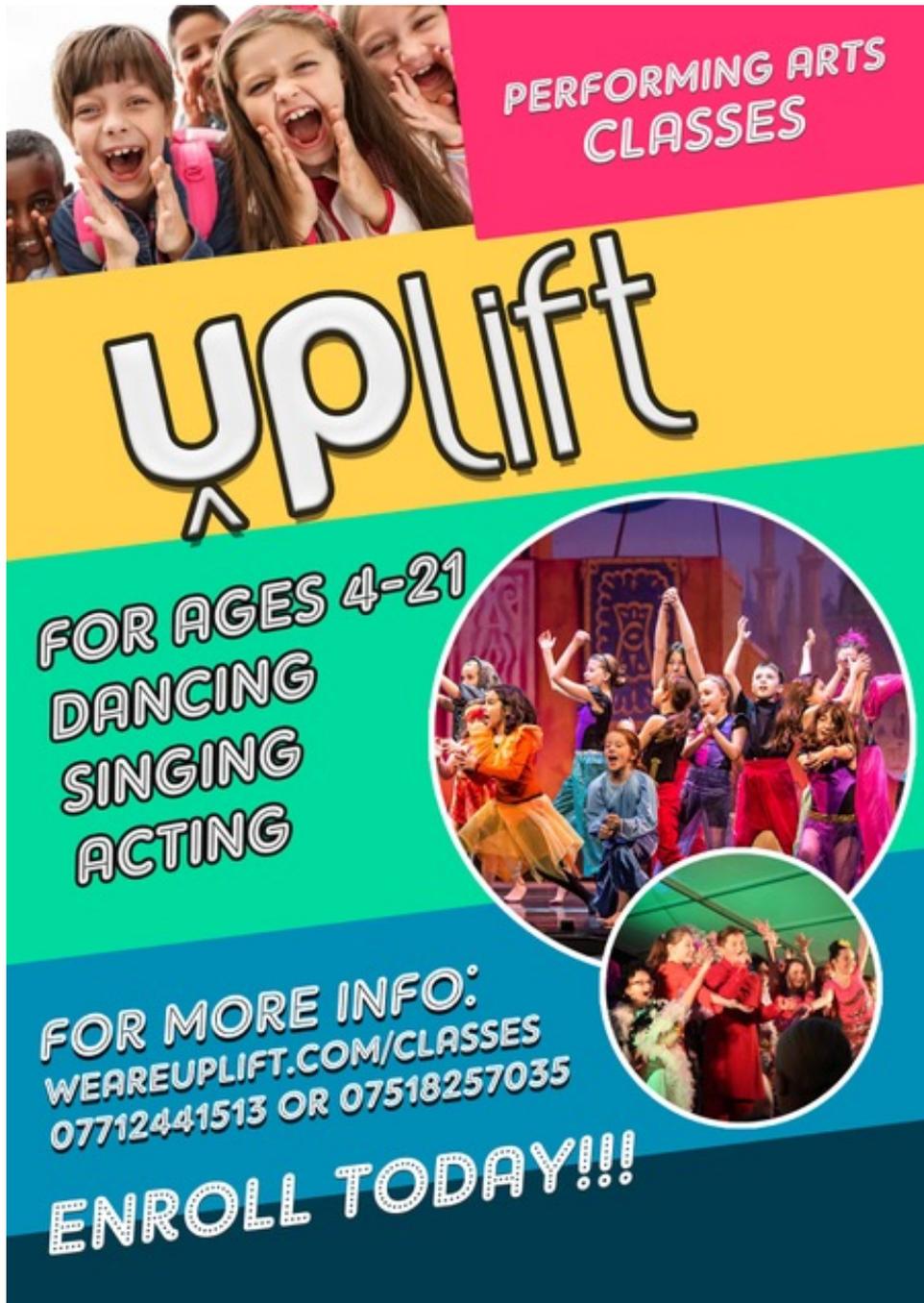


If you have any information you wish to pass to the congregation via the data projector, please e-mail it to Marjory Edgar at:

announcements@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk

by the **Friday** afternoon of each week.

Uplift

A colorful promotional poster for Uplift Performing Arts Classes. The poster features a collage of images: a group of smiling children at the top left, a group of performers on stage in a circular inset, and another group of performers in a smaller circular inset. The text is arranged in a dynamic, overlapping layout. At the top right, a pink banner reads 'PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES'. The word 'Uplift' is written in large, white, bubbly letters with a black outline on a yellow background. Below this, on a green background, it says 'FOR AGES 4-21' and lists 'DANCING', 'SINGING', and 'ACTING'. At the bottom, on a blue background, it provides contact information: 'FOR MORE INFO: WEAREUPLIFT.COM/CLASSES 07712441513 OR 07518257035' and a large call to action 'ENROLL TODAY!!!' in white, dotted letters.

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Uplift

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ENROLL TODAY!!!

Uplift are delighted that classes have restarted and are so excited to be back in Holy Trinity on Saturdays. It's a joy to see all of our students again! They are working really hard and we can't wait to celebrate our (somewhat belated) 10 year anniversary with 2 shows in the Theatre at the Mill on the 22nd and 23rd of October. We hope some of you can join us!

If you have any questions or would like more info please send us an email: info@weareuplift.com



Thank you for supporting the local arts.
The Uplift Team