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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



Dear Friends

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the

spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

So Charles Dickens begins his wonderful novel *The Tale of Two Cities*. I think that quote fairly sums up the past 18 months or so. The pandemic has been a real rollercoaster of emotions and life experiences for everyone, irrespective of status, creed, colour or economic power.

I have found myself experiencing all that Dickens mentions above. There were days when it was an absolute joy to sit in the back garden of the rectory and read and there were days when it filled me full of despair. There were times when I heard great wisdom only to then hear and witness great foolishness in relation to the pandemic and society’s response.

We witnessed the amazing ability of our NHS and its staff to cope with an unprecedented pandemic. We witnessed communities coming together and (maybe for the first time) really being a community of supporting one another and looking out for one another. We witnessed acts of great kindness and, unfortunately, acts of greed and selfishness (sometimes when it came to food shopping). As Dickens said “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...”

Yet, through it all the one thing that sustained me, and that never changed, was God. As Lamentations 3 states His faithfulness was new every morning. It never wavered, it never changed and it was never exhausted. I experienced all the fluctuations of human experience but God never changed.

We as a Church changed. We moved online and I want to pay a special tribute in this letter to Ryan Moffett for all his tireless work to enable us to be so well enabled to go online. His work in setting up the recording studio in the Kerr Room, all the editing (which took hours each week), the advice about equipment, software and licences that enabled us to bring online worship and the daily bible studies to our parish and beyond. We have continued our online presence and the Select Vestry (with the help of some grants from MEA Council) have purchased hardware to enable us to continue to develop that social media side to our mission.

Moving online was both daunting and exciting but the danger is, and remains, that many have become so comfortable watching from home that they have forsaken coming to church on a Sunday morning to fellowship with others. Please hear and heed these words from Hebrews 10.25: “Do not neglect to meet together as some are in the habit of doing...” We need fellowship with each other. The online presence is no substitute for being together. I understand that legitimately some people cannot make it on a Sunday due to health concerns and the online service helps them be part of our family worship but please do not stay at home. We need you to be with us because we are diminished without your presence. Part of the body of Christ is missing when you are not there, a vital part. So let us all recommit to being together on a Sunday morning.

We pray (DV) that we will be able to resume all our organisations over the next few months. Some covid regulations will still be in place and we will continue the good practice of social distancing, hand washing, ventilation and track and tracing. These are about caring for one another and protecting one another. They are in fact a sign of brotherly love for one another.

Finally, thank you to you all for your faithfulness over the past 18 months or so. Thank you for being the Body of Christ at Holy Trinity. Thank you to everyone who phoned people, who did shopping, who collected medicines, who helped others and provided care, support and a listening

ear to those who were vulnerable or just needed a little support. Thank you also for your generosity to the food bank, to the care in the community and to the financial support of Holy Trinity. Despite not meeting together for long periods our finances increased and that alone is down to your faithfulness and generosity, so thank you very much.

In closing can I encourage you as we begin to reopen and return to some semblance of what we remember as normal life to be faithful in prayer, to be faithful in reading your bible and to be faithful in fellowship on a Sunday morning with us. Why? Because during the pandemic the One who has been faithful still desires that we meet with Him for worship and wants us to know His faithfulness personally in our lives each day.

yours in Christ
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

Samaritans Purse Christmas Boxes- Operation Christmas Child.

(<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/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 40 shoe boxes which require filling and will be available in September and need brought back by Sunday 24th 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.

RAF - Battle of Britain Wings appeal.

There will be a retiring collection on Sunday 26th September for the wings appeal.

From the Treasurer



A very big thank you to everyone who continues to donate to the Church via envelopes and standing orders.

Here are the bank details if you wish to change to standing order. Just drop an email to treasurer@holytrinitycarrick.org.uk advising of the change.

General Account	Sort 950261	Account 21217674
Building Fund	Sort 950261	Account 41229923

Every Blessing
Drew Buchanan MBE
Treasurer.

349th Carrickfergus Girls Brigade



Hello Everybody!

I am so excited to be back writing this insert for the new Virtual Church Magazine! I am sure as you are reading this, it is with anticipation and excitement that we do our best to look forward to returning to Holy Trinity as our organisations and meetings all start back in earnest!

We have so much to be thankful for, and as it tells us in Psalm 106, we should “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his LOVE endures forever!”

We hope to return to face to face GB meetings in October, therefore we will run our Registration Evenings on Tuesday 21st & Tuesday 28th September 2021 from 6.30pm-7.30pm, where we hope that our girls will return for a new year of GB! Our first evening back will be on Tuesday 5th October 2021, with all details being circulated to the designated contact. Please ensure we have updated information on record.

Like my fellow leaders in HT, we are excited and a little nervous at the return of our organisations. However we know that we need to “Be Bold and Be courageous” and place our trust in the Lord, as it is through him alone that our missions will succeed. Please pray earnestly for us all.

Thank you for your support,

God Bless you all,
Hannah Hulme
GB Captain

LIGHT (Sunday School)



Registration for Light (Sunday School) will take place on Saturday 21st August at the Community fun, and will occur again on Sunday 30th August prior to and after the service. Light will commence Sunday 5th September and we very much look forward to welcoming our regulars

and some new faces. We have been working hard to run Light safely under covid restrictions and rest assured measures have been put in place to protect your child. One of the changes is that leaders will accompany your child from the main hall to the Courtney Hall - parents will not need to leave. Collection of your child will be after you exit church by the fire exit, as we have been doing. You will collect your child at the Courtney Hall Fire Exit on the way past instead of congregating in the hallway. We are excited to be returning to Light as a team and teaching your children. Please pray that this can happen without further disruption.

God Bless

Christine (Chrissi) McDermott & the Team

Holy Trinity Youth Club



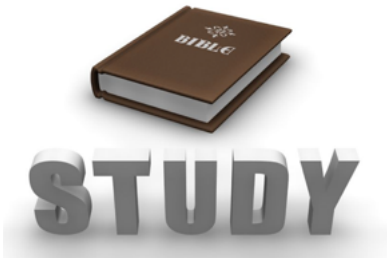
Hello everyone. Want to give you an update on youth club. Due to ongoing covid restrictions and our need to keep everyone safe we will not be starting again in September. I am so sorry to have to make this decision.

We will continually review the situation and God willing next year we will be in a better place to get things up and running. Please keep safe.

God bless

Jim McNerlan

Alan's Bible Study



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

Wednesday 8th September

7.30pm-8.30pm - Hour of Prayer for the new terms work at Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 15th September

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 Peoples' Badminton



Great News!! The Badminton Club re-opens on Saturday 11th and 18th September for young people between the ages of 8-16 years of age. To allow the Leaders to implement Covid precautions, we will have a staggered re-start over the 2 weeks.

Existing Club members will receive letters and registration forms over the next few weeks with more details. Any queries or if you know anyone who is interested in playing badminton please call me at 07464 238009.

We will also provide more information in next month's magazine.

God Bless.

Graeme Hunter

Holy Trinity Bowls Fellowship



We plan to reopen bowls on Thursday 16th September at 7:30pm. All standards welcome. It would be great to see old and new faces back again. So come along for an evening of friendly bowls, see old friends, meet new ones, good craic and we even throw in tea and biscuits.

For more information speak to Jack or David Sprott or me.

See you all then

Vic Wootton

Fellowship Café at Holy Trinity

Usually Thursday 11am – 1pm

As with all church organisations we have been ‘missing’ for the past 18 months due to Covid19. With protocols gradually being relaxed, this favours our concept which is: ***fellowship***. We are not a business therefore we are not reliant on finances so we will re-open when it is safe for us to do so.

In the meantime 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

C.M.S Ireland Used Postage Stamps



What a year! But throughout all our Covid restrictions our brave postmen have not ceased from delivering our mail! Thanks to all who have faithfully saved their postage stamps and handed them in.

As you know, worldwide need has continued, and in fact increased throughout, and because of Covid, Church Missionary Society Ireland have continued to find ways and means of providing help and support to their projects in Africa. So we still need those stamps, which provide a small...but important...means of revenue. You will find the stamp box on the table at the exit from church. Thanks again (and please remember to leave a paper margin around those stamps.) Every stamp helps.

Many thanks.
Yvonne Best

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

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.

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.

Young At Heart



Hello everyone. We hope you are well and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 6th September at 11.00am for our first meeting. We will enjoy a cuppa together, chat and give you details of what we have planned for the

coming year. Our group issues a warm welcome to any ladies who feel that they would like to join us on the first Monday of each month. Please do remember to wear a mask when you enter the building. God bless, Yvonne and her team.

God Bless

Yvonne and her 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.

Libby Todd

On behalf of the prayer 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

Trinity Tots - Toddlers Group



Hi everyone, we have really missed all of our lovely children and their carers and hope to restart our toddlers group very soon. Stay safe and we will be back for toys, craft, snacks and singing in a few weeks.

God Bless

Lisa, Carolynne and Liz

Creche Rota – Sept 2021

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5 th September	Laura Kerr	Sharon McNeill
12 th September	Arlene McCartney	Anne Langley
19 th September	Alison Moffett	Maureen Lunn
26 th September	NO CRECHE	

Many thanks,
Laura Kerr

Holy Trinity Chair Rota – Sept 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	5 th Sept	3 rd Oct	7 th Nov	5 th Dec
2	12 th Sept	10 th Oct	14 th Nov	12 th Dec
3	19 th Sept	17 th Oct	21 st Nov	19 th Dec
4	26 th Sept	24 th Oct	28 th Nov	26 th Dec
5		31 st Oct		



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

Avril Waller Pilates



Hello everyone,

What an 18 months we have been through! It's been lovely to see you every 2 weeks but I know we all want "things" to be normal again. I have decided to continue my Pilates classes on Zoom until the rules surrounding the use of the church are a bit less restrictive. If you would like to join me, 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=MzhxNk1kK0pFanVUS3lSMVprUitiQT09>

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=RllLb05KeStQZ1YyeW0xaHVZcmFzd09>

Meeting ID: 824 2498 4467

Passcode: 3ukNB1

Take care,
Avril Waller, Pilates

Uplift



We're back!

Our schedule for weekly classes is now live on our website and you can book your spot for classes online. We have classes available for those in P1 right up to age 21! Check out the website for more information on when and where your class will be.

Thank you for supporting the local arts.
The Uplift Team