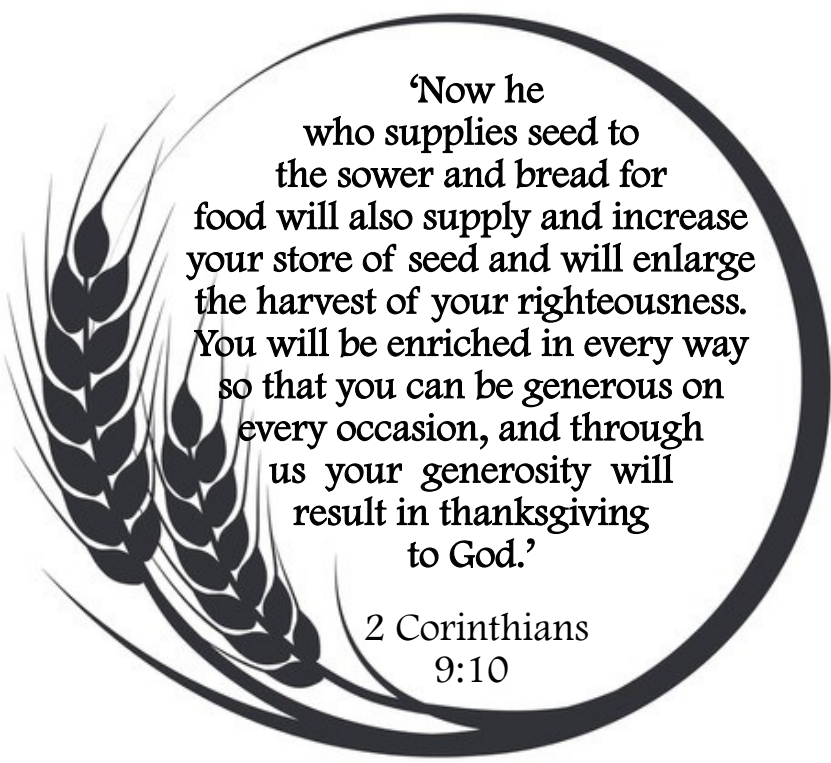


October & November 2024 CONTACT



‘Now he
who supplies seed to
the sower and bread for
food will also supply and increase
your store of seed and will enlarge
the harvest of your righteousness.
You will be enriched in every way
so that you can be generous on
every occasion, and through
us your generosity will
result in thanksgiving
to God.’

2 Corinthians
9:10

“CONNECTING WITH THE LORD,
ONE ANOTHER AND THE COMMUNITY”

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Worship for October and November 2024

Sunday 6th October – Trinity 19

- 8.30 am Holy Communion – Hebrews 1: 1-4 & Mark 10: 2-16
11.30 am Morning Worship – Stewardship: Finance and money

Sunday 13th October – Harvest Thanksgiving

- 11.30 am Morning Worship for Harvest – Speaker from
Christians Against Poverty
6.30 pm Harvest Praise

Sunday 20th October – Trinity 21

- 11.30 am All Age Worship – APOSTLES' CREED – Who is God?
6.30 pm Café Church in Coffee Bar – Apostles' Creed unpacked

Sunday 27th October – 5th Sunday before Advent

- 11.30 am Family Communion – APOSTLES CREED – Who is Jesus?

Sunday 3rd November – 4th Sunday before Advent

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
11.30 am Morning Worship – APOSTLES' CREED – Who is the Holy Spirit?
4.00 pm Messy Church in the Hall

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

- 10.00 am Morning Worship with an Act of Remembrance
11.30 am Morning Worship with Lisburn Royal British Legion

Sunday 17th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

- 11.30 am All Age Worship – GFS Enrolment
6.30 pm Holy Communion – Hebrews 10: 11-25 & Mark 13: 1-8

Sunday 24th November – Sunday before Advent

- 11.30 am Family Communion – Revelation 1: 4b-8 & John 18: 33-37
6.30 pm Service for bereaved families followed by refreshments in the hall

Rector's Corner



Greenisland Parish

The pictures of a church complex on fire at Greenisland on Sunday 1st September on social media will stick with me for a long time. It is hard to comprehend the devastation facing the parish, select vestry and clergy but they have shown faith, grace and resilience amidst deep pain. It will be a long time before they worship together on the site but they have been shown amazing generosity by churches and others in the community. Pray for the

Revs Isy Hawthorne-Steele and Chris Bennett in their leadership that they would be sustained as they uphold and support many parishioners. It has been good to allow our people in the parish and Diocese to support them and to pray for their witness to Christ in these times.

Volunteer Appreciation Evening

It was good to start the new season with an evening when over 60 people gathered in the hall. I shared from Colossians chapter 1, reflecting the key themes in a church around faith, love and hope in Christ. Gareth got each table involved in a 'singing' game based on a word. There were some who truly embraced it. I took an overview of the season that lies ahead in parish life as well as mentioning some of the 'gaps' in our parish and organisations. However, it was a 'thank you' evening and there was a certificate for all who came. We then enjoyed desserts of pavlova, apple tart, cheesecake and fresh fruit. These were provided through the grant from MindMatters.

We have an amazing number of people who give so much in terms of using their gifts, their time, love and faith in a new season. We are truly blessed as parish life can be very busy and engaging. However, I do wish that more people would volunteer and that parishioners would support the various parish groups as well as worship. It is a matter for prayer, as well as inviting others but we have seen signs of new people in recent years and they have enriched parish life. We have benefitted from the fellowship we share in building up a faith community.

It was wonderful to get our Kids' Bible Club back to 3 nights in August and to have a team of leaders shape the sessions with Gareth and Beverley leading. This culminated in our All Age Service which was the largest service during July and August and the coffee bar was filled with people of all ages after the service. This made this service memorable as well as the paper aeroplanes!

Day of Prayer – 10th September

It has been a good discipline and opportunity to have the church open for prayer in September and then have 12 hours of prayer on Tuesday 10th of September. Thank you to all who covered the 12 hours in the church. I wonder how you used the silence to have a ‘habit of attention’ [Philip Yancey]. What did the Lord place on your heart for yourself, this parish and our community?

We had a ‘Prayer Box’ with requests placed in them and this box will be in the church porch as well as available on a Wednesday night at the Prayer Fellowship. Any requests will be confidential with Gareth, Wesley and myself praying into the specific requests. As we move in to the autumn, we will make the choir room a place for quiet reflection as there is a beautiful cross on the wall in the choir room. This was made by Neil, our sexton. Thank you Neil. We would advise people that if you want to use the choir room, call during office hours [Tuesday to Thursday from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm]. Resources are available to use for prayer as well as the prayer points in the magazine.

Mission to Seafarers Update

Thank you to all who have donated hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries in recent weeks and we will endeavour to get these donations to the Rev Mark Reid. It was lovely that he took many boxes with him in August. We are still waiting to see when the train line is open to organise a trip to the Mission.

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday 13th October

Our Harvest is a week later this year as we are hosting the European Methodist Conference in our halls the first weekend in October. Please pray for them as they meet in our halls and have worship in our church as well.

We will have the choir from Old Warren PS with us on Tuesday 1st October at 10.45 am during our Tuesday coffee time. They will have had their own Harvest Thanksgiving Service the previous Friday in school and I’m sure their songs will reflect that harvest theme.

On Tuesday 8th October, our Tuesday Coffee Morning will be called ‘Applefest’ for all the delights that morning and we will have a focus on mental health at 11.00 am. A lady called Alison will share her story and Maureen from Lisburn Community Dementia Care will share about their group which meets in our hall.

We decorate the church on Friday 11th October from 9.00 am until 10.00am. All donations of flowers, fruit and veg will be much appreciated to decorate the church and can be left during office hours on the Thursday or from 9.00 am on the Friday.

Do join in worship on the 13th October at 11.30 am and 6.30 pm. We hope to have a guest preacher at the 11.30 am service. The envelopes in last month's magazine are for Harvest and for the work of 'Missions' as we support the local Lisburn Foodbank [25%], the training of clergy in Luwero Diocese, Uganda [25%] and for general mission and charity support [50%]. The items of food for the Lisburn Foodbank are noted in this magazine.

CAP Money Course

This is a revolutionary money management course devised by Christians Against Poverty that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that really works. This course will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can save, give and prevent debt. We begin on Tuesday 15th October and the second night is the following Tuesday. Refreshments will be served for 7.15 pm and we start at 7.30 pm to finish by 9.00 pm. The numbers are limited to 30 people and you can book by logging on to: <https://forms.gle/TvjfgJykbjeRN524A>

Mental Health First Aid Course

We received funding from MindMatters which will allow us to have a 4 week course for any parishioner on a Tuesday night to build on the recent Sanctuary Course but which will be very different as it will be delivered by staff from Links Counselling based here in Lisburn. It will look at our resilience in the face of mental ill health in the context of faith for ourselves and all we work with or are friends to in parish life and the community. The four themes are:

- Resilience and mindset
- Mind and Mood
- Handling change and emotional first aid
- Resilient relationships and communication

We start on Tuesday 5th November in the coffee bar with refreshments served from 7.15 pm and the course starting at 7.30 pm to finish at 9.00pm. The course will be based around their "REBOUND" course to build resilience and grow capabilities to overcome difficulties. The numbers are limited to 30 people and you can book by logging on to: <https://forms.gle/GYwtmbcq9rFwVGFJA>

Remembrance Sunday – 10th November

We will host the Royal British Legion Service for the city on Sunday 10th November at 11.30 am but the service for our parishioners will be at 10.00am to allow us to finish by 10.45 am and prepare for the next service. We do hope to have refreshments after the 10.00 am service in the coffee bar. The Parish Choir and Men's Choir will sing at both services.

GFS Enrolment

This will be part of the All Age Service on Sunday 17th November at 11.30am in the Church.

Service for Bereaved Families

This will be on Sunday 24th November at 6.30 pm in the Church and followed by refreshments in the parish hall. There will be a guest preacher as well. Invitations will be sent out to families who have had a bereavement since November 2023 and where one of our clergy team has taken the service but it is open to anyone who has been bereaved whether recently or some years ago. Do invite family or friends to this service which will include an Act of Remembrance as well.

Finally.....

As I write these notes, Nola and I have celebrated our 30th Wedding Anniversary. That journey has taken us many places and we have been blessed with our 3 children, Curtis, Joel and Anna. Thank you to all who sent us good wishes. Nola and I will be taking time away in October to travel as we celebrate this amazing milestone but it is tinged with sadness. We had planned to visit my Aunt Jean in Johannesburg as part of our travels but Jean died after a short illness on the 23rd August and now we will be there for her Memorial Service. Life has many bumps but also brings deep joy especially when the Lord is the one we trust. It brings peace knowing we have an eternal hope in Christ.

While I am away, please let Gareth know of any information that is relevant for the life of the parish and of our parishioners. Let him know if someone is seriously ill or in hospital. Pray for him as he leads for almost 3 weeks in October.

In the midst of many challenges in our society recently with racist attacks and the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Payment to over 250,000 pensioners in Northern Ireland, we journey to Harvest Thanksgiving. As preparation, we will be looking at 'stewardship' in relation to creation and our finances as we think about our personal responsibility as well as that of a community. We believe that all that we have is a gift from God and

that God blesses us in many ways. How will we give thanks for God's goodness to us each day never mind at this Harvest time on the 13th October?

And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth. [Isaiah 12: 4-5]

Blessings in the name of Christ,

Paul

Family Matters

Bereavements in the Parish

James (Jim) Anderson
Cyril Charles White
Cecil Coates

Save the Date

Parish Weekend at Home 'Deep and Wide'

Friday, 17th January - Sunday 19th January 2025

There will be a guest speaker on the Friday night and Saturday morning session.

There will be a programme for children and young people on the Saturday and we hope to have a
Barn Dance
on the Saturday night for all parishioners.



There will be a special service on the Sunday followed by refreshments.

A note from the Treasurers

As we write we have been in post for almost twelve weeks. It has been a steep learning curve but we feel that we are making progress as we crank up for the busy 'end of year' period and begin to lay foundations for the next financial year.

We start with some very welcome news. 74 Woodland Park (the former curatage) has now been sold and the net sale proceeds have been safely received. The total cost to the Parish for the 'upgrade' to the much more spacious and better-appointed new curatage at 76 Woodland Park was just less than £40,000. The original plan, of extending '74', would have cost in excess of £50,000. The parish would not have been able to proceed without the generosity of those who provided interest-free loans. These loans are being repaid at the time of writing, representing the final phase of a substantial capital enhancement programme (Tower, windows and curatage) which has been completed over a relatively short period of time. This required a huge commitment, financial and otherwise, from the entire parish – and all the more so because of the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis.

The next challenge after this period of atypical capital expenditure is to consolidate our financial position – to replenish capital reserves and seek to achieve a position where our income is once more meeting our routine day-to-day expenditure. Last year's accounts showed a deficit of around £19,000. It is too early to give an accurate estimate of the likely deficit for the year ending 31 December 2024, but it may be in the region of £40,000. Obviously, all will depend on how much comes in between now and the end of the year.

A growing number of parishioners now contribute by standing order. This facilitates a steadier cash flow throughout the year. However, there is less of a tendency to review the amount given by standing order. It would be helpful if those who contribute in this manner review their standing orders regularly.

Useful financial information about the 2024 deadlines, envelopes, standing orders and gift aid is found on the next page.

In addition, we would add the following about FWO envelopes. First, please note that the FWO envelopes will be available on Sunday 1st December and it would greatly assist all involved with the parish finances if these could be collected from the Sports Hall on that day – either before or after the service.

Secondly – a FWO number is NOT for life! Your FWO number does not

necessarily stay the same year on year. You may find a pack of old FWO envelopes in the house which have not all been used and be tempted to 'use them up'. Please don't as it may cause confusion. Simply dispose of any 'old' unused FWO envelopes, and only use FWO envelopes for the current year.

George and Sheena Grattan
Hon Treasurers

Missionary Donations

The closing date for Missionary donations will be

1st December 2024

to allow time to distribute funds to the various charities
by 31st December 2024.

Donations received after that date will be carried forward to 2025.

Freewill Offering Donations

Church Books will close on 31st December 2024. In order to have the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts ready for the Annual General Vestry, it is necessary that all Freewill Offering monies to be included in the Report should be received by the above date. Thank you for your co-operation.

2025 Freewill Offering Envelopes

If you have never had Freewill Offering envelopes before and require envelopes for 2025, please telephone the Parish Office on 9267 3271.

Gift Aid Forms

If you are a Tax Payer and have not signed a Gift Aid Form and would like to gift aid your Freewill Offering and Harvest donations, please contact the Parish Office. Forms are available in the Main Church Porch.

Make Giving Easier - Set up a Standing Order!

Since lockdown, many parishioners have set up a Standing Order to pay in regularly to the parish. Thank you. We would encourage other parishioners to use this process. If you would like to consider this method of payment, please contact the Parish Secretary who will provide you with a Standing Order Mandate. These forms are also available from all the Church porches. When the form is completed, this will authorise your bank to pay an amount advised by you, at an interval of your choice directly into the Church Bank Account.

Tuesday Coffee Mornings

every Tuesday from 10.00 am - 12 noon in the main hall



Tuesday, 1st October

10.45 am

**'Old Warren Primary
School Choir'**

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Tuesday, 8th October

10.00 am - 12 noon

'Applefest Coffee Morning'

**Come along and support this special feast of
apples**

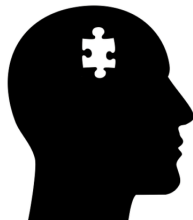


Tuesday, 5th November

11.00 am

'Mental Health'

Speaker: Alison



**'Lisburn Community Dementia
Care'**

Speaker: Maureen

*Please plan to attend these two Tuesday Coffee Mornings and invite
others*

Sunday, 10th November

Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am - 10.45 am

Morning Worship with an Act of Remembrance

11.30 am

Morning Worship with Lisburn Royal British Legion



Sunday, 13th October 2024

Harvest Thanksgiving

11.00 am

Refreshments in the Coffee Bar

11.30 am

Morning Worship for Harvest

Speaker from Christians Against Poverty

6.30 pm

Harvest Praise

Decorating the Church for Harvest

This will take place on Friday, 11th October from 9.00 am - 10.00 am

Harvest Thanksgiving is a time to decorate the church in thanks to God for his blessings. We fill the church with autumn colours, many of which can be found in the garden using autumn foliage, hydrangea, fruit and vegetables.

*Please come along to the church on Friday,
11th October if you would like to help.*



Harvest Mission Envelopes

(included in the Contact magazine) this year are for:-

General Mission Support	(50%)
Diocese of Luwero for Clergy & Lay Training	(25%)
Lisburn Foodbank	(25%)



Gifts for Lisburn Foodbank

If you would like to donate any of the following items to Lisburn Foodbank, please bring them to any of the Harvest Services:-

Tinned meat, tinned veg, tinned fruit, jam, diluting juice, shampoo, washing up liquid, deodorants, razors, size 5 & 6 nappies and wipes.

Prayer Points for October and November

- ◆ Praying for the parishioners and clergy of Greenisland Parish after the fire on Sunday 1st September after they had celebrated 70 years of witness in the community. Praying for Rev Isy as she leads and as the parish seek to continue their worship and programmes as well as see a way forward through all the pain.
- ◆ Giving thanks for the Kids' Bible Club, all our leaders and the children and young people who attended.
- ◆ The opportunity for private prayer and corporate prayer in the church and through the 12 hours of prayer on the 10th of September.
- ◆ Generosity to the Mission to Seafarers over the summer with many practical gifts.
- ◆ For all leaders in our parish organisations in shaping their programmes and gathering in the new season in September.
- ◆ The sale of the former curate's house as we had purchased the house next door. The generosity of parishioners with interest free loans to allow us to buy the house next door.
- ◆ For the work of the Select Vestry and our new treasurers, George and Sheena Grattan and Trevor Annett as they get to know their roles and work with the Vestry in our ministry and mission.
- ◆ The gift of technology to livestream our services on a Sunday. For all who lead worship each Sunday particularly members of the choir and praise group under the leadership of Ross. The work of the AV team.
- ◆ For all who have the gift of welcome and hospitality.
- ◆ School assemblies in Central and Old Warren PS and for Gareth as he teaches 2 classes on a Tuesday in Lisnagarvey HS.
- ◆ For our pastoral care to those who have had a bereavement, who are in hospital, undergoing treatment, waiting on an appointment, had a wedding or baptism. For the ministry of hospital chaplains.
- ◆ For our engagement with parishioners in nursing and residential care through our pastoral visitors and working with Eric Crangle and friends as they bring a ministry of music.
- ◆ Giving thanks for all those who have been present at worship but who have experienced personal loss and challenging circumstances in recent months.
- ◆ Thankfulness for the NHS, its staff in hospitals, the community and care homes. For all who sustain our community at this time

(Prayer Points continued from previous page)

including our farmers, those in education, our emergency services, shop owners, utility suppliers and the church.

- ◆ For peace in a troubled world especially in Ukraine, Gaza/Israel, Sudan and Bangladesh.
- ◆ For the staff of Fields of Life in Lisburn and Kampala and praying for Bridget and Rachel in their roles in schools and the community. The great news that numbers have increased to over 250 children attending St Apollo. We have heard that the painting of the school and staff accommodation has been completed and that the mobile money project will start again at the school.
- ◆ For the work of Open Doors in supporting Christians where they are persecuted especially in Afghanistan, Myanmar and Nigeria at this time.
- ◆ For Bishop Wilson in his leadership in Luwero Diocese and as we support 2 ordinands training for ministry in the Church of Uganda.
- ◆ For Bishop Aime Joseph and Mama Benigne from Gitega Diocese and Bishop Seth from Matana, Burundi.
- ◆ For Bishop George in his leadership in the Diocese and especially with clergy meetings on growing healthy churches.
- ◆ For the daily nurture of God's word and prayer to sustain, guide and encourage us in our walk with Jesus in the Easter season.
- ◆ For all who serve in Stormont and the work of the Executive as they build a community of hope and respect amidst the challenges of recent racist attacks and providing health care and education for all.
- ◆ For Sir Keir Starmer as Prime Minister and for the new government in building a society for the common good.
- ◆ The leadership of Jon Boucher as the Chief Constable of the PSNI



Bible Verse of the month

The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

(Psalm 85: 12)

DON'T FORGET

clocks go back one hour
on
Sunday, 27th October



Acorn Club Outing



Above: Acorn Club visited the Irish Linen Centre and Museum on Thursday, 5th September.

Below: Some of the Acorn Club members enjoying coffee and buns at Castle 12 Restaurant.



For Senior Citizens

Acorn Club

Thursday, 3rd October at 2.30 pm

“My Life Story”

Speaker: Rev Canon Raj Sathyaraj

Thursday, 7th November at 2.30 pm

“Prison Fellowship”

Speaker: Michael Cochrane

Tea/coffee and biscuits are served at the beginning of the meetings.

We look forward to new members joining the Acorn Club.

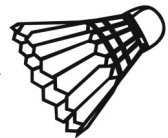


Christ Church Badminton Club

The Badminton club is up and running for the new season, supported by a small but loyal band of members.

This leaves plenty of space for lots of new members who would be guaranteed evenings of fun and fellowship.

Come and try it out on Tuesday nights in the Main Hall or contact Garth Anderson on mobile number - 07719724079.



Noah had problems too

When Noah sailed the waters blue,
he had his troubles same as you.
For 40 days he drove the Ark,
before he found a place to park.

Techie Trouble

The vicar had technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with ‘The Lord be with you’, he said: “There’s something wrong with the microphone.” Not hearing this, the congregation responded: “And also with you.”

Mothers' Union

I have been overwhelmed by the amount of items produced over the summer months for Baby Basics and the Premature Baby Unit.

Thank you so much to all our Mothers' Union members and their friends for all your hard work and purchases. The items have been delivered to both places and are very much appreciated.



Can I just add that following this delivery, no more tiny baby hats are required until further notice.

Valerie

(Mothers' Union continued)





A few Sundays ago in church during an address, I rather flippantly asked a very important question. What age did you first come to Faith?

A recent survey carried out across the whole island of Ireland found that 84% of Christians defined this moment as happening before the age of 25.

This statistic stays with me in much of my planning as I ask what are my priorities in ministry and to which group of people should we be prioritising our evangelism?

With this in mind, it brings me much joy to think about the busy Summer that we had with our children and young people and also for the full schedule that we have for them in the months to come.



Our children's program kicked off with an end of the summer holiday Bible Club. It's been a few years since we last hosted a



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Summer Bible Club like this but hopefully you saw all of our Olympic themed decorations as we explored what it means to Go for God instead of going for Gold.

The programme was on for three nights finishing with a paper aeroplane throwing competition in church on the Sunday morning. Definitely a service worth watching back on our YouTube channel.

(CCY continued)

Our teenagers program CCY started back with a trip to Moira Lakes for an afternoon of paddle boarding. Most people tried to stay dry but everyone eventually ended up in the water.

In the weeks ahead, our young people are going away for two



nights to Castlewellan Castle for the annual diocesan youth residential. Please pray for them that this time will be a significant marker in their journey.

It gives me great joy and encouragement to see the growth and development in all of our children's and youth programs over the past year and this would be impossible without the continuing support and

(CCY continued)

dedication of many,
many volunteers.

Thank you again to all
who gave their time and
resources and insuring
that this vital ministry
continues to grow.



If you are reading this
and would like to be involved with future projects (especially men as we
have very few male role models in our organisations) please speak to me
as there is a role for everyone.

Gareth

Heavenly Humour

The previous pastor had been a paragon of virtue. He lived up to all the people's expectations and was willing to live on a very low salary. He loved to work around the church and kept both the church house and grounds in pristine condition. But the new pastor wasn't that type. He hired someone to do a lot of these chores, including the mowing of the lawn. Naturally this cost more money. This change of pattern was of concern to some of the elders of the church.

One day, one of them approached the new pastor and tried to bring this up tactfully. He said to the new pastor, "You know, our previous pastor mowed the lawn himself. Have you considered this approach?"

The new pastor replied, "Yes, I'm aware of this. I asked him, but he doesn't want to do it anymore."

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One Sunday after church, Mum asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. Her daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, Mum was perplexed.

Later in the day the Pastor stopped by for tea. Mum asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, Thy comforter is coming."



Daily Bible Readings

October

Tue, 1st Oct	Psalm 88: 14-19	Job 3 : 1-3, 11-23	Luke 9: 51-56
Wed 2nd Oct	Psalm 88: 1-6, 11	Job 9 :1-16	Luke 9: 57-62
Thurs, 3rd Oct	Psalm 27: 13-16	Job 19 : 21-27	Luke 10: 1-12
Fri, 4th Oct	Psalm 139: 6-11	Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5	Luke 10: 13-16
Sat, 5th Oct	Psalm 119: 169-176	Job 42: 1-6, 12-17	Luke 10: 17-24
Sun, 6th Oct	Psalm 26	Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10	Mark 10: 2-16
Mon, 7th Oct	Psalm 111: 1-6	Hosea 6: 11b-7: 16	Luke 10: 25-37
Tues, 8th Oct	Psalm 139: 1-9	Hosea 8: 1-14	Luke 10: 38-42
Wed, 9th Oct	Psalm 117	Hosea 9: 1-17	Luke 11: 1-4
Thurs, 10th Oct	Psalm 18: 31-51	Hosea 10: 1-15	Luke 11: 5-13
Fri, 11th Oct	Psalm 119: 105-112	Isaiah 40: 27-41: 1	Luke 10: 1-12
Sat, 12th Oct	Psalm 105: 1-7	Hosea 12: 7-13: 3	Luke 11: 27-28
Sun, 13th Oct	Psalm 22: 1-15	Job 23: 1-9, 16-17	Mark 10: 17-31
Mon, 14th Oct	Psalm 113	Hosea 13: 4-14, 14: 1-9	Luke 11: 29-32
Tues, 15th Oct	Psalm 119: 41-48	Jonah 1: 1-17a	Luke 11: 37-41
Wed, 16th Oct	Psalm 1	Jonah 1: 17-2:10	Luke 11: 42-46
Thurs, 17th Oct	Psalm 98: 1-4	Jonah 3: 1-4:11	Luke 11: 47-54
Fri, 18th Oct	Psalm 147: 1-7	Isaiah 55: 1-13	Luke 10: 1-9
Sat, 19th Oct	Psalm 8	Micah 2: 1-13	Luke 12: 8-12
Sun, 20th Oct	Psalm 104: 1-10, 26, 37c	Job 38: 1-7	Mark 10: 35-45
Mon, 21st Oct	Psalm 100	Micah 3: 1-8	Luke 12: 13-21
Tues, 22nd Oct	Psalm 85: 7-13	Micah 3: 9-4:5	Luke 12: 35-38
Wed, 23rd Oct	Psalm 119: 145-168	Isaiah 49: 1-6	Mark 3: 31-35
Thurs, 24th Oct	Psalm 33: 1-6	Micah 7: 1-7	Luke 12: 49-53
Fri, 25th Oct	Psalm 24: 1-6	Daniel 7: 1-14	Luke 12: 54-59
Sat, 26th Oct	Psalm 122	Daniel 7: 15-28	Luke 13: 1-9
Sun, 27th Oct	Psalm 34: 1-8	Job 42: 1-6, 10-17	Mark 10: 46-52
Mon, 28th Oct	Psalm 119: 89-96	Isaiah 28: 14-16	John 16: 17-27
Tues, 29th Oct	Psalm 128	Daniel 8: 15-27	Luke 13: 18-21
Wed, 30th Oct	Psalm 145: 10-20	Daniel 9: 1-19	Luke 13: 22-30
Thurs, 31st Oct	Psalm 144: 1-2, 9-11	Daniel 9 20-27	Luke 13: 31-35

Daily Bible Readings

November



Fri, 1st Nov	Psalm 24	Isaiah 25: 6-9	John 11: 32-44
Sat, 2nd Nov	Psalm 42: 1-5	Daniel 12: 1-13	Luke 14: 1, 7-11
Sun, 3rd Nov	Psalm 146	Ruth 1: 1-18	Mark 12: 28-34
Mon, 4th Nov	Psalm 131	Ruth 2: 15-23	Luke 14: 12-14
Tues, 5th Nov	Psalm 22: 22-27	Ruth 3: 1-7	Luke 14: 15-24
Wed, 6th Nov	Psalm 27: 1-5	Ruth 3: 8-18	Luke 14: 25-33
Thurs, 7th Nov	Psalm 105: 1-7	Ruth 4: 1-10	Luke 15: 1-10
Fri, 8th Nov	Psalm 122	Ruth 4: 11-17	Luke 16: 1-8
Sat, 9th Nov	Psalm 112	Ruth 4: 18-22	Luke 9-15
Sun, 10th Nov	Psalm 127	Ruth 3: 1-5, 4:13-17	Mark 12: 38-44
Mon, 11th Nov	Psalm 24: 1-6	Joel 1: 1-13	Luke 17: 1-6
Tues, 12th Nov	Psalm 37: 1-5, 30-32	Joel 1: 14-2:2	Luke 17: 7-10
Wed, 13th Nov	Psalm 23	Joel 2: 12-19	Luke 17: 11-19
Thurs, 14th Nov	Psalm 146: 4-10	Joel 2: 21-27	Luke 17: 20-25
Fri, 15th Nov	Psalm 119: 1-8	Joel 2: 28-3:8	Luke 17: 26-37
Sat, 16th Nov	Psalm 112	Joel 3: 9-17	Luke 18: 1-8
Sun, 17th Nov	Psalm 16	1 Samuel 1: 4-20	Mark 13: 1-8
Mon, 18th Nov	Psalm 1	Habakkuk 2: 1-4, 9-20	Luke 18: 35-43
Tues, 19th Nov	Psalm 15	Habakkuk 3: 1-10, 16-18	Luke 19: 1-10
Wed, 20th Nov	Psalm 150	Malachi 1: 1, 6-14	Luke 19: 11-28
Thurs, 21st Nov	Psalm 149: 1-5	Malachi 2: 1-16	Luke 19: 41-44
Fri, 22nd Nov	Psalm 119: 65-72	Malachi 3: 1-12	Luke 19: 45-58
Sat, 23rd Nov	Psalm 144: 1-9	Malachi 3: 13-4:6	Luke 20: 27-40
Sun, 24th Nov	Psalm 132: 1-12	2 Samuel 23: 1-7	John 18: 33-37
Mon, 25th Nov	Psalm 24: 1-6	Zechariah 10: 1-12	Luke 21: 1-4
Tues, 26th Nov	Psalm 96	Zechariah 11: 4-17	Luke 21: 5-11
Wed, 27th Nov	Psalm 98	Zechariah 12: 1-10	Luke 21: 12-19
Thurs, 28th Nov	Psalm 100	Zechariah 13: 1-9	Luke 21: 20-28
Fri, 29th Nov	Psalm 84: 1-6	Zechariah 14: 1-11	Luke 21: 29-33
Sat, 30th Nov	Psalm 19: 1-6	Isaiah 52: 7-10	Matt 4: 18-22



Christ Church Christmas Tree Bauble Appeal for the Leprosy Mission

This year as normal, we are running our Christmas bauble campaign and we are hoping many people will take us up and save money on postage etc.

I know it's early but maybe you would like to think about purchasing a bauble in memory of a "loved one" who has passed away this year. This is a lovely way to remember someone very close to you and at a special time of the year or simply say Happy Christmas to everyone in the Church family.

All messages will be displayed on the screen for the congregation to see.

You can, if you wish, have your usual message. **However, please feel free to add your own special words.**

Three ways to submit your message:-

1. By text to myself on 07753825210.
2. There will be a Christmas box in the church porch. Please put your **DONATION** in a **PROVIDED BROWN SEALED ENVELOPE** available from the Sound Desk, main church porch, coffee bar or the Parish Office. Remember, **DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME, CONTACT NUMBER AND A SHORT MESSAGE** on the back or inside.
3. Simply call into the Parish Office and speak to Iris who will help you regarding the Christmas Tree Bauble.

Minimum donation - £5
Organisations - £10

Thank you for supporting the Leprosy Mission.

Richard and Janice



Volunteer Appreciation Night

Tuesday, 3rd September in the Church Hall



*(Volunteer
Appreciation Night
continued)*



Robin Smythe, Anne
Robinson and Wesley
Dickinson made speeches at
the Volunteer Appreciation
Night.

Desserts were served by
Archdeacon Paul Dundas, Rev
Gareth Campbell and Beth
Harris

Say a Prayer

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother. 'I don't need to,' the boy replied. 'Of course, you do,' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.' 'That's at our house,' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'

The Wonderful Faith of Peter

We read from Mark Chapter 6 v 46 - 50: After leaving them, He went up on the mountainside to pray. When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and He was alone on the land. He saw the Disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth hour of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass them by, but when they all saw Him walking on the lake they thought that He was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and they were terrified. Jesus said, "Take courage! It is I, Do not be afraid." Peter replied, Tell me to come to you on the water; Jesus said, "Come." Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he felt the winds, he was afraid and began to sink. Immediately Jesus reached out His hands and caught him. "You of little Faith He said, why did you doubt?"

In this Biblical story, Peter takes an audacious step in Faith..... stepping out of the boat in the midst of a storm. This act symbolises the brave leap of Faith each of us needs to take in our personal spiritual journey through life. As we take bold steps of Faith, doubts and fears will inevitably creep in. However, that is when we must put our trust in Him by stepping out of the boat. Always remember that Jesus will be there for you, reaching out His hands. This situation demonstrates how Jesus is always ready to support us even when our Faith waivers.

The culmination of Faith in action is that it pleases God. When we step out in Faith, we can manage our doubts with trust, and keep our focus on Jesus, it is then that we please God.

Remember, without Faith, it is impossible to please God. The story of Peter will encourage us all to deepen our Faith, connect with God, and please Him as we journey through our lives. Amen

*Wesley Dickinson
Prayer Fellowship*

Bereavement Service

with an

Act of Remembrance

Sunday, 24th November at 6.30 pm

Refreshments served in the church hall afterwards.



Our Never Failing Friend

“They shall call His Name EMMANUEL - God with us.”

Matthew 1: 23

Sometimes we long to feel a friendly touch;
Sometimes we think life does not offer much;
Sometimes we've no one of our own, as such;
BUT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE!

Sometimes we feel discouraged, lone and sad;
Sometimes there's little left to make us glad;
Sometimes others do things to make us mad;
BUT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE!

Sometimes our hearts are overwhelmed with fear;
Sometimes we have to part with those so dear,
Sometimes no other trusted friend is near;
BUT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE!

Sometimes the world to us seems cold and dead;
Sometimes our heart within us sinks like lead;
Sometimes we wish we'd others' lives instead;
BUT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE!

Sometimes we'd like to have a neighbour near;
Sometimes we'd love to hear a word of cheer;
Sometimes we long for absent ones - still dear;
BUT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE!

Sometimes we'd like to see a cheerful face;
Sometimes we wish the world a different place;
Sometimes we almost feel we've lost the race;
BUT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE!

Prayer

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself
about things you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation you have with God
about things He can change.



Cross

The Cross in the Choir Room was made recently by Neil Ritchie, our Church Sexton.

If you want to use the Choir Room for prayer, please call during office hours [Tuesday to Thursday from 9.00am to 3.00pm].

There is also a Prayer Box for your prayer requests in the Prayer Room.

Someone Does Care

I found God in the morning and we just sat and talked.
I kept Him near me everywhere we walked.
I called on God at noontide, a heart filled with despair.
I felt His quiet presence and I knew He was there.
We met again at sunset, the waning of the day.
I had made Him happy and I had lived His way.
Then at bedtime I knelt silently in prayer.
Again His gentle presence I felt 'Someone does care.'

A Prayer for Healing

Lord Jesus Christ, touch me with your healing hands,
Encircle me in your love and enfold me in your peace;
So that I may live this day in quietness of mind and tranquillity of spirit,
And may your name be glorified above all for ever.

Amen



Lisburn Community Dementia Care for people with dementia and their carers/family members

3rd Thursday of every month
from 1 pm - 3 pm
Christ Church Halls, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn
£3.00 per person (light lunch included)

Thursday 17th October

Floor Games & Quiz

Thursday 21st November

Songs & Stories

(Brendan Popplestone).

Flower Rota

06 Oct	Valerie and George Christy (Pedestals)
13 Oct	Sandra and Paul Armstrong and Gary
20 Oct	Vacant
27 Oct	Valerie and George Christy
03 Nov	Vacant
10 Nov	Yvonne and Johnston Boyle
17 Nov	Vacant
24 Nov	Vacant

Sunday Coffee Rota

Co-ordinator: Florence Crangle - Tel: 028 9210 7433

06 Oct	Sandra Armstrong and Florence Crangle
13 Oct	Eric and Roberta Thompson
20 Oct	Stevie and Rosie Long
27 Oct	Billy and Beth Harris
03 Nov	David and Jennifer Henry and Shirley Hanna
10 Nov	Florence Crangle and Another
17 Nov	Rosemary Bodell and Barbara Watson
24 Nov	Evelyn Macklin and Anne Reynolds

Tuesday Coffee Rota

Co-ordinator: Ann Robinson - Tel: 07901236346

01 Oct	Gwen Gibson, Evelyn Macklin, Roberta Rosbotham
08 Oct	Helen Dickinson, Dorothy Morrow, Sheila Smythe
15 Oct	Vera Hewitt, Laureen Birrell, Lottie Millar, Kathleen Hynds
22 Oct	Roberta Thompson, Rosemary Bodell, Annie Stevenson
29 Oct	Valerie Christy, Pauline Graham, Lynda Lashford
05 Nov	Lynn Shanks, Oonagh Soden, Thelma Rutledge
12 Nov	Evelyn Greer, Beth Harris, Betty Cummings
19 Nov	Myrtle Watterson, Colleen Watterson, Florence Young
26 Nov	Gwen Gibson, Evelyn Macklin, Roberta Rosbotham

Welcoming Rota

If unable to do door duty, please swap with someone else on the Rota.

	<u>South & Nicholson Doors</u>	<u>Baptismal Door</u>
06 Oct	Nola Dundas	Heather Gibson
13 Oct	Oonagh Soden	Wesley Dickinson
13 Oct	Wendy Bell (6.30 pm)	Andrew Bell (6.30 pm)
20 Oct	Beth Harris	Billy Harris
27 Oct	Richard J Irvine	Alex Henderson
03 Nov	Janice Thompson	Ken Harbinson
10 Nov	Karen McKenna (10.00 am)	Lewis Grant (10.00 am)
10 Nov	Naomi Littler	Ann Robinson
17 Nov	Linda Moffett	Heather Gibson
24 Nov	George Christy	Valerie Christy
24 Nov	Beth Harris (6.30 pm)	Roberta Thompson (6.30 pm)

Christ Church Sunday Services

Morning Worship

11.30 am

Evening Prayer

(3rd Sunday)

6.30 pm

Holy Communion

1st Sunday at 8.30 am

4th Sunday at 11.30 am

All Age Worship

3rd Sunday at 11.30 am

Marriage & Holy Baptism

By arrangement with the Rector

Sunday School (KLIC & JAM)

All families to All Age Worship
on

3rd Sunday at 11.30 am

1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday - 11.30 am during worship

Note From The Editor

All material for the December/January issue **MUST** be in the
Parish Office by

Monday, 11th November

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tues - Thurs 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Mon & Fri Closed

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Archdeacon

Paul Dundas

Tel 07740589465

Robin Smythe

Tel 07521159350

Beverley Ringland

Tel 07734877740

Church Organisations

SUNDAY

- Sunday School** Mrs Bertha Thompson
KLIC c/o Parish Office Tel: 9267 3271
3rd Sunday - Church Service - 11.30 am
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday during 11.30 am
Worship
- JAM Group** Mrs Beverley Ringland
c/o Parish Office Tel: 9267 3271
- CCY** c/o Rev Gareth Campbell Tel: 07842070108
7.30 pm - 8.45 pm

MONDAY

- Indoor Bowls** Mr Johnston Boyle Tel: 07802889412
7.30 pm

TUESDAY

- Badminton** Mr Garth Anderson 7.30 pm Tel: 9243 8971
- Teaching Series** Archdeacon Paul Dundas 7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY

- Tots Together** (Parent and Toddler Group)
Mrs Rosie Long Tel: 07909915909
10.00 am - 11.30 am
- Craft Club** 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Mrs Ann Elliott Tel: 07815743795
- Prayer Fellowship** Mr Wesley Dickinson 7.30 pm
Tel: 07918672467 or 9262 2021
- Missionary Prayer Fellowship**
Mr Wesley Dickinson 7.30 pm Tel: 9262 2021
(4th Wednesday Monthly)

WEDNESDAY

(continued)

Girls Friendly Society

Mrs Rosie Long	Tel: 07909915909
Teddy Bears 3-5 years	6.45 pm
Candidates 5-7 years	6.45 pm
Junior Members 7-11 years	6.45 pm
Members 11-15 years	6.45 pm

Walking Group

Mr & Mrs David Henry	Tel: 9266 6223
(Meet at Smithfield Square Car Park for a walk and a coffee at The Haslem Hotel)	Tel: 07712839625 7.00 pm

THURSDAY

The Ladybirds (Women's Bible Study Group)

(2nd & 4th Thursday monthly) 11.00 am

<u>Acorn Club</u> Mrs Margaret Little	Tel: 9267 1119
<u>(For Seniors)</u> (1st Thursday monthly)	2.30 pm

<u>CLB</u> Mr Tommy Ringland	Tel: 9263 8252
(4 - 11 years)	6.45 pm

<u>Choir</u> Mrs Gwen Gibson	7.30 pm
	Tel: 07887867178

FRIDAY

Mothers' Union

Mrs Valerie Christy	Tel: 9268 3590
(2nd Friday Monthly)	

SATURDAY

Hill Walking Club

(2nd Saturday Monthly)

Journey to Light



Step inside, begin the quest,
Where weary hearts find their rest.
The church stands firm, a beacon
bright,
Guiding souls through day and
night.

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Lifts spirits in countless ways.
The stories told, the lessons
learned,
Ignite the fire, make hearts yearn.

Join us, as we soar above,
In the church where faith and love,
Merge and dance, inspire the
flight,
On this profound journey to light.

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ISAIAH 43:5

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