

September 2024  
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Magazine



**Summer Madness**

Christ Church Youth (CCY) attended  
the annual  
Summer Madness Festival at Portglenone

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

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## **Worship for September**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Trinity 14**

8.30 am Holy Communion – 1 Kings 17: 1-6 & Mark 7: 1-8

11.30 am Morning Worship – Prayer – Elijah [1] – 1 Kings 17

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15 (Back to Church Sunday)**

**KLIC & JAM recommence during morning worship**

11.30 am Morning Worship – Prayer – Elijah [2] – 1 Kings 18

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 12 hours of prayer in the Church**

- Sign up with the office to take an hour slot [prayers' ideas will be made available on the day]
- people can come and go during the 12 hours

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 16**

11.30 am All Age Worship - Mark 8: 27- 38 - 'Confession'

6.30 pm Evening Prayer – Matthew 7: 7-12 'Ask, seek, knock....'

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Trinity 17**

11.30 am Family Communion - Mark 9: 30-37 - 'Greatest'

7.00 pm Connor Big Sing Praise Service in Lisburn Cathedral

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 18**

11.30 am Morning Worship & Holy Baptism – Stewardship 1

3.00 pm GFS Diocesan Service - Speaker: Victoria Jackson,  
Children's Development Officer

6.30 pm Healing Service and prayer with the laying on of hands

## **Dates for the Diary**

**Remembrance Sunday** – 10<sup>th</sup> November

Services at 10.00 am & 11.30 am [Royal British Legion Service]

**Bereavement Service** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Service at 6.30 pm

**Advent Sunday** – 1<sup>st</sup> December

# Rector's Corner



## September

As a society we know that September is a month when we see so many readjustments and changes after the summer. I trust you did find time to enjoy rest, holidays, long summer evenings, time with family and friends and some sunshine. Take time to reflect on what the Lord was saying to you during the journey of the summer months for you personally and amidst many changes in our nation with the Labour Party now in government at Westminster, a sporting summer with so many athletes from Northern Ireland doing so well at the Olympics and continuing unrest in many nations as well as in our nation. We do pray for peace in our streets and in our hearts as we love our neighbour as ourself.

I personally enjoyed worshipping in 2 churches when I was off in July, St Andrew's in Plymouth at their evening service with around 90 gathered and their curate, the Rev Phil Cairns who is from here speaking on 2 Corinthians chapter 11 and then in Dundrum Community Church as Colin Morris preached on Psalm 22. Do pray for Colin as he will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.00 pm in Willowfield along with Kyle Flannigan who was with us 2 years ago on his placement. It was encouraging to see how churches function over the summer, welcome people, teach God's Word, practise hospitality, children's ministry on a Sunday and worship together in the evening. It was lovely to sit back and receive from the Lord in a church community where Jesus is proclaimed and people care for one another.

It was encouraging to have the Rev Mark Reid, Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers speak at the 8.30 am and 10.30 am services on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August. He shared about the ministry, its outreach and his role as well as speaking on Jesus calming the storm. We passed on many gifts from parishioners of knitted hats and toiletries to Mark. Parishioners can still donate these gifts up to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The list of items is included in this magazine. I will be speaking to Mark about a parish visit to the port and mission and will look at a Saturday in September when the railway line is back up and working to York Street.

The new rhythm of this season is a time when our parish organisations resume and we thank again all who give so generously in terms of leadership, example and time for the benefit of others and the Gospel. We will have our **'Volunteer Appreciation Night' on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm** in the hall and all who lead, help, volunteer should

take the time to be there and hear and support all that is being done in the name of Christ. I do encourage our church families to prioritise the activities of our parish in these coming weeks and give your full support to the groups and all who lead. The names of leaders and contact details are in this magazine, so contact them or the parish office for further details. Do invite others to worship and to our parish groups. Let's continue to build a community of faith, love and hope.

**On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are calling it 'Back to Church Sunday'** as we will have our KLIC & JAM groups recommencing that Sunday and is an opportunity to be together as we share in worship and all that lies ahead over the autumn. I will be preaching on the person of Elijah on the first two Sundays in September as we resume our new 'season' in parish life and seek encouragement as disciples of Jesus. Our services in September are at 11.30 am in the morning with an early Holy Communion at 8.30 am on the first Sunday.

**On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September,** we are having 12 Hours of Prayer in the Church from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm and people can sign up to cover an hour during the day. People can come at any time to pray for the parish as we resume our autumn activities, for our brothers and sisters in Uganda and Burundi, for our nation and the many issues in the world. It is a time for yourself as well to find peace and stillness in the presence of the Lord. Prayer is fundamental to seeing God at work in the parish and through us. Whether it is our own personal prayers, when we gather as a group, on a Sunday or at the Prayer Fellowship, let's resolve to keep prayer central for the Lord to be glorified in our witness and worship. In addition, we have opened the church on a Tuesday morning for private prayer from 10.00 am to 12 noon and this will continue during September. Do take time for prayer in the church and the fellowship in the hall. A regular feature of parish life is the Prayer Fellowship led by Wesley Dickinson on a Wednesday night at 7.30 pm in the choir room. A place to be as we seek the Lord and his will for our lives and the parish.

### **Connor Big Sing – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Lisburn Cathedral**

This Diocesan event will include workshops in the afternoon from 2.00pm for Choral and Instrumentalists. The Service is then at 7.00 pm and is open to all. People need to sign up for the afternoon workshops.

### **GFS Diocesan Service – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

We are hosting this service this year at 3.00 pm in the church and our

speaker will be our Children's Development Officer, Victoria Jackson.

### **Healing Service – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

We had a service on the 18th August with Bishop Darren McCartney, the rector of St Paul's Lisburn and I encourage you to come to this Healing Service at 6.30 pm at the end of September. You can come for yourself or someone else but you are coming to the Lord above all and He values all who seek Him. Prayer is central to this service in the privacy of a conversation and in sharing when hands are laid on a person in the name of Jesus.

### **Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

Our Harvest is a week later this year as we are hosting the European Methodist Conference in our halls the previous weekend. Do join in worship on the Sunday at 11.30 am and 6.30 pm. We hope to have a guest preacher at the 11.30 am service. The envelopes in this 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.

### **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 hope to run the 2 week course in October at 7.30 pm in the coffee bar. Gareth will be speaking on the theme of 'stewardship' on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October and we will begin the 2 week course after that. Speak to Gareth if you want any information and he will share about the course in early September.

### **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. We hope to start in early November after the CAP course. More details to follow.

We also hope to run a 'Grief' course in early 2025. More details to follow.

The importance of **'GATHERING'** is fundamental to our life as a church whether on a Sunday or during the week as disciples of Jesus. The image of the Church as the 'body' reminds me of how much we are connected through Christ to one another. I love the image of Jesus in John chapter 16 of the vine and branches and abiding in Jesus in order to grow, but all part of the one vine. We have faced many challenges because of Covid and life's rhythms. It has hindered some in being comfortable back in a building. I would encourage people to take the step back to worshipping together on a Sunday in September. I know many value the livestream of the Sunday service but if you are able to be present on a Sunday, come to encounter Jesus with others through the worship and fellowship. The live stream will continue as it is such a vital means of connections to those who are housebound, in nursing care, hospitals, who work Sunday morning or are on holiday. We face many pressures to conform to society but we are given the invitation each Sunday to shape our lives with Jesus at the centre.

As I write these notes, the Paris Olympics have just finished and as a sports lover, the opportunity to watch so many sports and athletes over a two week period was amazing. Some achieved their goals to just be at the Olympics and compete while others claimed the 'gold' medal in their event. There were disappointments and ecstasy in bucketfuls. Yes, there was the controversy about the 'Last Supper' depiction at the opening ceremony and an apology came thankfully. It did raise many conversations on what is deemed 'offensive' in our world today as well as looking at the theme of the painting depicting the Lord Jesus Christ breaking bread with his friends in preparation for his sacrifice and death for our salvation to enable people to be included in his family. It was wonderful to hear athletes speak of giving glory to God amidst achieving a medal. We will have used the Olympics theme as part of our Kids' Club and hope that as leaders work together, we will see our children and young people enjoying themselves but discovering anew the wonder of Jesus' love and the joy of following him. As a disciple of Jesus, it is about running the race of life for his Glory, being supported by friends and coaches, keeping fixed on the goal and that reward for all disciples in heaven. Olympics speak of 'legacy' and as I preached on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August on being 'Imitators of God' [Ephesians 5:1], there is the challenge and opportunity in shaping lives of all ages with the greatest news of all, the Lord Jesus Christ. May that be our prayer in this new season of parish life.

Blessings in Christ  
*Paul*

## Family Matters

### Baptisms

14 Jul Charlotte Flora Elizabeth McLean  
14 Jul Maggie Iris McCall

### Marriages

22 Jun Leigh Stinton and Thomas Porter

### Bereavements in the Parish

Kathleen Warden  
Thomas Weekes (Burial of Ashes)  
Mary (Maureen) Smith  
Mary (Molly) Fleming  
William Mullan

## Flower Ministry

We are grateful to everyone who already provides flower arrangements for the church each Sunday. If you would like to be part of this ministry, why not put your name on the Flower Rota in the main church porch or email: [christchurchparishlisburn@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparishlisburn@gmail.com). Your help would be very much appreciated.



### Flower Rota for 2025

available in the main church porch from Sunday, 1st September

All Christ Church volunteers, leaders and helpers are invited to attend  
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## Volunteer Appreciation Night



Tuesday,  
3rd September  
at 7.30 pm  
in  
Christ Church Hall

*Please plan to attend.*



## **Prayer Points for September**

- ◆ The group of young people and leaders that went to Summer Madness and all they experienced that weekend in terms of their faith.
- ◆ Our Kids' Club in August focusing on the theme of the Olympics and all children and young people who attended and heard about Jesus.
- ◆ For all leaders in our parish organisations in shaping their programmes and gathering in the new season in September.
- ◆ Opportunities for gathering for worship and fellowship in this new season.
- ◆ The opportunity for rest and refreshment over the summer.
- ◆ The opportunity for private prayer and corporate prayer in the church and through prayer gatherings in late August and early September.
- ◆ 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 been experiencing 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 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 visit of the Rev Mark Reid as chaplain of The Mission to Seafarers on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August and the opportunity to hear about this ministry and support it through hats, scarves, gloves and toiletries. The list is in this magazine.
- ◆ 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



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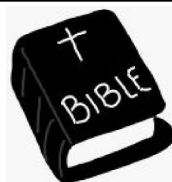
great news that numbers have increased to over 250 children attending St Apollo.

- ◆ 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 this new 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 and all officers recently injured.

## **Bible Verse of the month**

'Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.'

*1 John 4:7-8*



## **Healing Service**

with

## **Prayer and the Laying on of Hands**

Sunday, 29th September  
at  
6.30 pm  
in  
Christ Church

*All welcome*



# Harvest Services



## Sunday, 13th October Harvest Thanksgiving

11.00 am

Refreshments in Coffee Bar

11.30 am

Morning Worship for Harvest - 'Stewardship'

6.30 pm

Harvest Praise

### Decorating the Church for Harvest

If you would like to provide flowers, fruit or vegetables to decorate the church for Harvest, please bring them to the church on Friday, 11th October at 9.30 am when the church will be decorated.



**ALL HELP APPRECIATED.**

### Harvest Mission Envelopes

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

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| <b>General Mission Support</b>                         | (50%) |
| <b>Diocese of Luwero for Clergy &amp; Lay Training</b> | (25%) |
| <b>Lisburn Foodbank</b>                                | (25%) |

### Gifts for Lisburn Foodbank



Gifts of tinned food for **Lisburn Foodbank** will be received at the Harvest Services.



**Congratulations**  
to  
**Kathleen Chapman**  
who celebrated  
her  
**105th Birthday**  
on  
23rd June 2024



Sunday, 8th September

11.00 am

**Refreshments in Coffee Bar**

11.30 am

**Morning Worship**

(KLIC & JAM groups recommence)



## **Faith in your Heart**

With faith in your heart, there is nothing you cannot do.  
With faith in your heart, you know you'll get through.  
With faith in your heart, you know you are strong.  
With faith in your heart, you know you can go on.

# Daily Bible Readings

## September



|                  |                       |                                 |                           |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sun, 1st Sept    | Psalm 45: 1-2,6-9     | Solomon 2: 8-13                 | Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |
| Mon, 2nd Sept    | Psalm 33: 12-21       | Job 11: 1-20                    | Luke 4: 16-30             |
| Tues, 3rd Sept   | Psalm 145: 10-17      | Job 12: 1-25                    | Luke 4: 31-37             |
| Wed, 4th Sept    | Psalm 62              | Job 13: 1-28                    | Luke 4: 38-44             |
| Thurs, 5th Sept  | Psalm 24: 1-6         | Job 14: 1-22                    | Luke 5: 1-11              |
| Fri, 6th Sept    | Psalm 37: 3-8         | Job 16: 16- 17:1,13-16          | Luke 5: 33-39             |
| Sat, 7th Sept    | Psalm 145: 18-22      | Job 19: 1-29                    | Luke 6: 1-5               |
| Sun, 8th Sept    | Psalm 125             | Proverbs 22: 1-9, 22-23         | Mark 7: 24-37             |
| Mon, 9th Sept    | Psalm 5: 5-9          | Job 22: 1-4, 21 - 23:7; 25:1-6  | Luke 6: 6-11              |
| Tue, 10th Sept   | Psalm 149: 1-5        | Job 27: 1-6; 29:1-20            | Luke 6: 12-19             |
| Wed, 11th Sept   | Psalm 45: 11-17       | Job 30: 1-2, 16-31              | Luke 6: 20-26             |
| Thurs, 12th Sept | Psalm 139: 1-9        | Job 31: 1-40                    | Luke 6: 27-38             |
| Fri, 13th Sept   | Psalm 84: 1-6         | Job 32: 1-10, 19 - 33: 1, 19-28 | Luke 6: 39-42             |
| Sat, 14th Sept   | Psalm 116: 10-17      | Job 38: 1-41                    | Luke 6: 43-49             |
| Sun, 15th Sept   | Psalm 19              | Proverbs 1: 20-33               | Mark 8: 27-38             |
| Mon, 16th Sept   | Psalm 40: 7-11        | Job 40: 1-24                    | Luke 7: 1-10              |
| Tues, 17th Sept  | Psalm 100             | Job 41: 1-11                    | Luke 7: 11-17             |
| Wed, 18th Sept   | Psalm 33: 1-12        | Job 42: 1-17                    | Luke 7: 31-35             |
| Thurs, 19th Sept | Psalm 118: 1-2, 17-20 | Job 28: 1-28                    | Luke 7: 36-50             |
| Fri, 20th Sept   | Psalm 17: 1-8         | Esther 1: 1-22                  | Luke 8: 1-3               |
| Sat, 21st Sept   | Psalm 119: 65-72      | Proverbs 3: 13-18               | Matt 9: 9-13              |
| Sun, 22nd Sept   | Psalm 1               | Proverbs 31: 10-31              | Mark 9: 30-37             |
| Mon, 23rd Sept   | Psalm 15              | Proverbs 3: 27-34               | Luke 8: 16-18             |
| Tues, 24th Sept  | Psalm 119: 1-8        | Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13         | Luke 8: 19-21             |
| Wed, 25th Sept   | Psalm 119: 105-112    | Proverbs 30: 5-9                | Luke 9: 1-6               |
| Thurs, 26th Sept | Psalm 90: 1-6         | Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11            | Luke 9: 7-9               |
| Fri, 27th Sept   | Psalm 144: 1-4        | Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11            | Luke 9: 18-22             |
| Sat, 28th Sept   | Psalm 90: 1-2, 12-17  | Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12: 8        | Luke 9: 43b-45            |
| Sun, 29th Sept   | Psalm 124             | Esther 7: 1-10, 9: 20-22        | Mark 9: 38-50             |
| Mon, 30th Sept   | Psalm 17: 1-11        | Job 1: 6-22                     | Luke 9: 46-50             |

## **TIME**

Let's talk about time.....are you one of those people who is constantly looking at your watch, being on time so that you can be at another place on time or rushing to the next appointment. In 2nd Peter 3 v 8, "But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with The Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day."

God does not look at time the same way that we do. If God looked at time the way we do, He would answer Prayer a lot more quickly. But, of course, there was space before time existed. It says in Genesis that we had the evening, then the morning, and that was the first day. It's as if God stepped out of The Eternal Heavens and stepped into our time. Of course, when Jesus walked this earth He lived under that 24 hour schedule, but Jesus does not look at time the way you and I do. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed 2 more days in the place that they were and He said, "My friend Lazarus is asleep but I am going to wake him up."

When it came to Jairus' daughter, Jairus fell down at the feet of Jesus and begged.... "You need to come now, this very minute, my daughter is sick." But Jesus at this time was caught out with the woman who had an issue of blood so He had to spend time with her. Jesus eventually arrives at the house of Jairus and informs the family that the child is not dead but is sleeping. Jesus looks differently at time.... He is never early, and He is never late.

During the past 10 years I have been involved with The Church's Ministry of Healing in Belfast and in St Anne's Cathedral every Friday at The Healing Service. It is such an honour to play such a small role in that Ministry as we Pray with others at their point of need. The one thing that I have learnt from past experiences is that we must trust in God's timing..... He is never early, and He is never late. Trust me when I say that I have witnessed Christ's intervention on many occasions....He will turn up, His timing is perfection.

When talking about time, can I ask you a question, How much time do you personally give up to have intimacy with your personal Saviour Jesus? How much time do you give the time maker? He is never early, and He is never late.

As you read this article today I would encourage you to take the time on your hectic schedule to draw closer to Jesus and then you will truly know that His everlasting arms always surround you as you journey through your lives and time.

*Wesley Dickinson (Prayer Fellowship)*

# CHIR

recommences  
**Thursday, 5th September**  
at  
7.30 pm  
in the  
Choir Room

*If you would like to join the  
Choir, please contact  
Gwen Gibson on  
07887867178*

# Craft Club

Trust everyone has had a lovely  
summer and are looking forward to  
meeting up again on  
**Wednesday, 4th September**  
from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

A warm welcome  
awaits for all our  
members and  
anyone who  
wishes to join us.



Come and enjoy a  
cup of tea, biscuits/  
cake, lots of laughter  
and a chat.

# KLIC

**Kids Live in Christ**  
(Sunday School)  
recommences  
**Sunday, 8th September**  
at  
11.30 am  
(during morning worship)



# JAM

JESUS AND ME

recommences  
**Sunday, 8th September**  
during the 11.30 am Service.

JAM is for young people aged  
10 + to meet, have fun, learn  
about God and get to know other  
young people in your church  
family.

*All 10+ young people welcome.*

# GFS

## (Girls Friendly Society)

recommences

**Wednesday, 11th September**  
at 6.45 pm

The first night will be a  
Registration Night

If you have a daughter, grand-daughter or niece who is aged between 3 - 15 years and interested in crafts, playing games, Bible study and having fun, she will be very welcome to join us.

Please contact Rosie  
Long on  
07909 915909 if you  
require any further  
information.



# Tots Together

(Parent & Toddler Group)  
recommences

**Wednesday, 11th September**  
from 10.00am to 11:30am for  
children aged 0 - 3 years.

We are open to everyone for  
interactive, fun, supportive and  
engaging play.

Some of our activities include free  
play suitable for all, supervised  
craft for different occasions. We  
have a singalong with musical  
instruments at the end of our  
sessions.

We offer a healthy snack for our  
children and a cuppa for our adults.  
Parents, grandparents,  
childminders are all  
very welcome to come  
along and join us.



# Indoor Bowling Club



Fancy something different  
on a Monday night?

First meeting is on **9<sup>th</sup> September**.

Why not come along to the  
Bowling Club.

We meet at 7.30pm and play until  
9.45pm approximately.

***No experience is required and  
any age can play - it's not just for  
those with grey hair!***

We normally use two mats with up  
to eight players on each mat in the  
main hall but can use a third mat if  
we have sufficient numbers.

Our bowling is not taken too  
seriously and the night is also used  
for chat and banter.

***Come along and give it a try.***

# CLB

## (Church Lads' Brigade)

recommences with a registration  
night

on

**Thursday, 12th September**

at

6.45 pm

**Come along and enjoy the fun,  
games, trips, sports, Bible  
stories, cookery, competitions,  
arts and crafts, food and much  
more!**

For all boys aged  
3 - 11 years

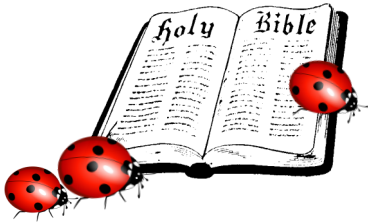


# The Ladybirds

(Women's Bible Study Group)

recommences  
**Thursday, 12th September**  
at  
11.00 am in the Coffee Bar

(We meet every 2nd and 4th  
Thursday of the month)



# Prayer Fellowship

recommences  
**Wednesday, 4th September**  
at 7.30 pm  
in the Choir Room

*Come along and join us  
for a time of prayer each  
Wednesday night. You  
will be made very  
welcome.*



# Missionary Prayer Fellowship

recommences  
**Wednesday, 25th September**  
at 7.30 pm in the Choir Room

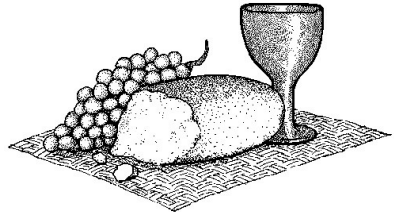
# Wednesday Walking Group

meets each  
Wednesday at 7.00 pm  
at Smithfield Square Car Park for a  
walk followed by a coffee  
at  
The Haslem Hotel.



# Mothers' Union

recommences  
**Friday, 13th September**  
at  
7.30 pm  
**'Holy Communion  
Service in Church'**  
followed by  
**'Supper in the Hall'**



*New members will be made very  
welcome.*



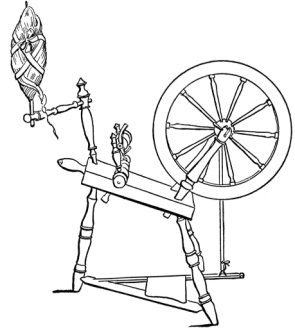
For Senior Citizens

## **The Acorn Club**

recommences Thursday, 5th September



### **Outing to Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum**



- 2.20 pm** Meet at the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum  
**2.30 pm** 'D-Day 1944: Wartime Lisburn and the Battle for Normandy' Exhibition - Self guided tour  
**3.00 pm** 'Flax to Fabric' - Guided 1/2 hour tour  
**3.30 pm -** Tea/Coffee and buns at Castle 12 (Beside the Museum).  
**4.15 pm** Each person pays for their own food.

**We look forward to old and new members joining us for the two tours followed by tea/coffee at Castle 12.**

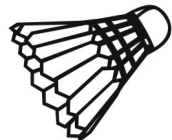


Please book with the Parish Office  
by  
**Wednesday, 4th September (12 noon)**  
if you are able to go on the outing.  
We require numbers for catering purposes.

Telephone 02892 673271 or email:  
[christchurchparishlisburn@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchparishlisburn@gmail.com)

## **Badminton**

If you are interested in playing badminton, please see the next issue of the Contact magazine for more details.



## Summer Madness

At the beginning of this summer, a small group of young people from CCY (Christ Church Youth) set off with their tents to attend the annual Summer Madness festival in Portglenone, a gathering that brought together thousands of other young people from across the country. For many, this event is the highlight of the year in our calendar of events.



The festival offered a vibrant mix of worship sessions, workshops, and outdoor activities that engaged young people to ask questions about faith. We attended worship in the big top circus tent twice a day, we slept in tents in cold July nights and we even managed a wet speed boat trip on one of the afternoons.

Throughout the weekend, the group found themselves deeply impacted by the experience.

The worship and teaching fostered a sense of connection and purpose and created a space for meaningful conversations on faith and life challenges. Many nights were spent



sitting on deck chairs with blankets and hot chocolate discussing school, faith and pressures until the small hours of the morning. It was a great encouragement to hear young people passionate about Jesus and wanting to know him more. Throughout the weekend over 200 young people became followers of Jesus for the first time, with hundreds more making commitments to rise up as future leaders in our churches and communities.



As the festival came to an end, the group left with renewed spirits and a deeper understanding of their beliefs. Summer Madness has given them more than just memories; it had provided a space for spiritual growth and the discovery of what it means to be part of a supportive Christian community, and I hope we continue to endeavour to make them feel a part of our church community every week.

As much as I am very vocally not a fan of sleeping in a tent on an inflatable bed in the middle of a field that's occupied by sheep for 50 weeks a year, I can guarantee you I'll be back next year.

*Gareth*



# Mission to Seafarers

If you would like to help Seafarers all over the world by knitting woollen hats, you can follow the pattern below.

## Knitting Pattern for Woollen Hats

### You will need:

Double knit or 4 ply wool  
Size 8 (4mm) Needles  
2 oz of wool



Cast on 120 stitches.  
Rib (2 plain 2 purl) for 12 inches

Next Row: Knit 2 together to end of the row. Purl next row.  
Repeat these two rows once more.  
Knit 1 row.  
Purl 1 row.  
Pull thread through all stitches and sew up seam.

### Mission to Seafarers would also welcome the following toiletries:

|              |             |               |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Toothbrushes | Toothpaste  | Shaving Cream |
| Razors       | Soap        | Shower Gel    |
| Shampoo      | Face Cloths | Combs         |
| Deodorant    |             |               |



Thank you to all those who have already provided hats and toiletries. Please bring any further items to the Parish Office or leave them in the main church porch by Sunday, 1st September.

*Left:* Rev Mark Reid pictured on Sunday, 4th August receiving one of the many boxes of toiletries and knitted hats for Mission to Seafarers.



## Craft Club

Rosemarie from Christ Church Craft Club and ladies from St Paul's and St Patrick's were busy knitting for the Mission to Seafarers.

Rev Mark Reid received the hats when he preached on Sunday, 4th August.



## Lisburn Foodbank September Shopping List

*If you would like to donate any of the items below to Lisburn Foodbank, please leave the items in the main church porch.*

Pasta 'n' Sauce Packets  
Instant Porridge Sachets  
Tinned Vegetables  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Shaving Gel

Tinned Meats  
Long Life Milk  
Washing Up Liquid  
Size 5 & 6 Nappies  
Tinned Fish

Coffee  
Sugar  
Biscuits  
Razors  
Rice



## 12 Hours of Prayer

on  
Tuesday, 10th September from 9.00 am - 9.00 pm  
in the  
Church

*People can come at any time to pray*

**Extracts from Two Statements  
by  
Bishop George Davison and Bishop  
David McClay  
in light of the recent racists attacks**

“Words and actions that lead to violence on our streets, the damage of property, and putting the safety of people at risk cannot be condoned but must be condemned by all of us.

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus Christ taught that our neighbour is the person whom we meet, whatever their background, race or belief. It is imperative on the Church then, in every local context, to find ways to welcome the stranger, to care for the refugee, and to extend God’s love, kindness, grace and care to every person that we meet. In reaching towards others with welcome and blessing in every way we can, we demonstrate faithfulness to the call of Jesus and a better way to live.”

\* \* \* \* \*

“It has been distressing to witness the scenes of intimidation and violence that have taken place on the streets of Belfast in recent days. Our fellow citizens, valued members of our communities, have been left without businesses, without jobs, feeling afraid and unable to go about their everyday lives.

As Christian leaders, it is even more upsetting to hear some of those involved in these protests say that they do so out of a sense of seeking to defend our Christian society and way of life.”

**One**

One tree can start a forest;  
One smile can begin a friendship;  
One hand can lift a soul;  
One word can frame the goal;  
One candle can wipe out darkness;  
One laugh can conquer gloom;

One hope can raise your spirits;  
One touch can show you care;  
One life can make a difference,  
be that **one** today.

# The Feeding of the Five Thousand

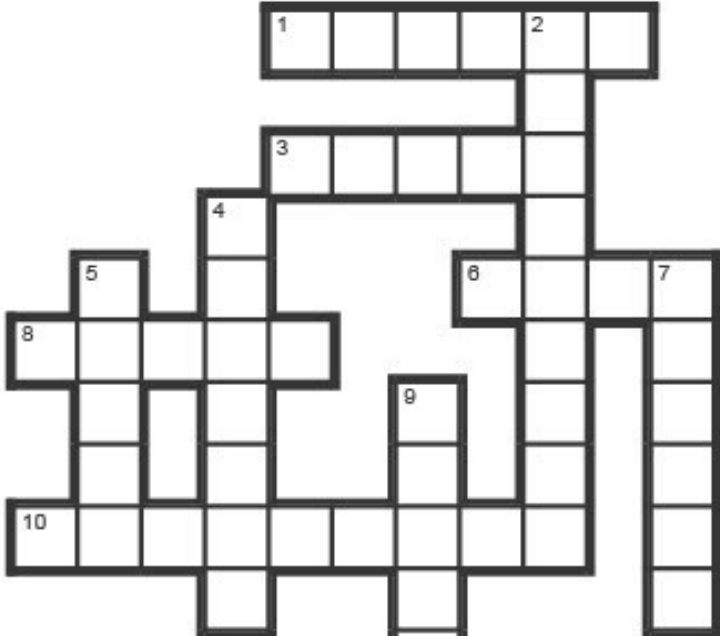
Read Matthew 14: 13-21 and then insert the answers in the crossword below:-

**Across**

- 1. Groups of people (6)
- 3. Son of God (5)
- 6. There were two of these (4)
- 8. A seat for the people (5)
- 10. Remainders (9)

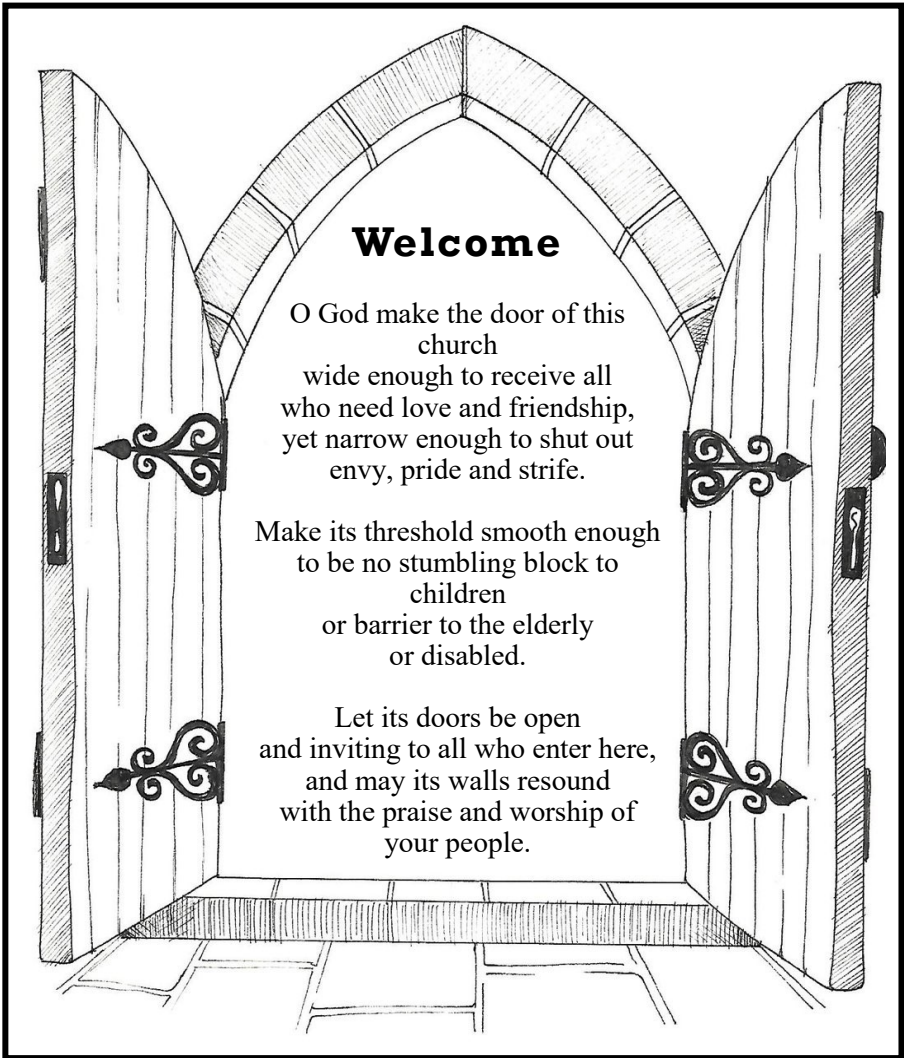
**Down**

- 2. Followers of Christ (9)
- 4. Containers (7)
- 5. Split (5)
- 7. Starving (6)
- 9. Made from flour (5)



**Answers:**  
 Across: 1 Crowds, 3 Jesus, 6 Fish,  
 8 Grass, 10 Leftovers  
 Down: 2 Disciples, 4 Baskets,  
 5 Broke, 7 Hungry, 9 Bread

BiblePuzzles.org.uk



## **A Prayer for Healing**

Lord Jesus Christ, touch me with your healing, 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.



## Words of Wisdom

What happens **in us** is more important than what happens **to us**.

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm; sometimes He lets the storm rage and calms His child.

The Bible is a unique Book in that its Author is always present when one reads it.

He that thinks little of sin has never thought much of God and has never thought much of the cross.

Seven days without prayer makes **one weak**.

Have faith in God; God has faith in you.

Good works is faith made visible; confessing Christ is faith made audible.

In God's eyes, it is a great thing to do a little thing well!

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Stop wrestling with God's Word and start resting on it.

Church members should be like snowflakes: there are no two alike but working together they can cover a lot of ground!

Never be ashamed of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16) and never be a shame to the Gospel (1 Pet. 2:12).

Wait patiently for God's answer, your victory comes from him.

Faith is like a seed; plant it in your heart. God gives the harvest at the appointed time.

Worry looks around. Sorry looks back. Faith looks up.

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

## Heavenly Humour

There was despondency after a local church made an effort to welcome new people and yet the Minister subsequently refused to get to know them. The traditional church members in welcoming the new people made a point of asking what they did for a living. 'I work in an aquarium,' one said. Another told of how he sold sunglasses for a living. Another seemed quite interesting - he was a cartoonist.

The Minister was asked to explain why he was being so unfriendly to them. He said, 'One of them was too fishy, another was too shady and the other was just too sketchy.'

\* \* \* \* \*

A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service. After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married for a brief ceremony before the congregation.

For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married. "Will those wanting to get married, please come to the front?" he requested.

Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.

\* \* \* \* \*

Everyone in the wedding ceremony was watching the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle to give her away to the groom. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

Everyone in the room was wondering what it was that she handed to her father. He felt the suspense in the air and all eyes were on him to divulge the secret and say something. Therefore, he announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen today is the best day of my life."

Then he raised his hand with what his daughter had given him and continued, "My daughter finally, finally returned my credit card to me."

The whole audience, including the minister, started laughing.

For some strange reason, the poor groom did not.



## **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, 19th September  
**'Music with Jeff Hatt'**



*Please book with Maureen on 07867525453*  
**New members will be made welcome**

## **Leprosy Mission NI (Ink Cartridges)**

Thank you to all who have donated used printer ink cartridges for the Leprosy Mission NI.

Please continue to collect your used cubed ink cartridges for the Leprosy Mission. There is a box in the main Church porch for the ink cartridges.

## **RNIB - (Used Stamps)**



Thank you to all who donated used stamps for the RNIB. We have received lots of stamps and please continue to collect your used stamps. There is a box in the main church porch and one in the hall porch for your stamps.

Where there is love, there is life.  
Where there is life, there is hope.  
Where there is hope, there is faith.  
Where there is faith, miracles happen.  
Where there is peace, there is God.  
And when you have God, you have everything.  
Amen

## Sunday Coffee Rota

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

|         |                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 01 Sept | Kathleen Hynds and Florence Crangle   |
| 08 Sept | Johnston and Yvonne Boyle             |
| 15 Sept | Thomas and Beverly Ringland           |
| 22 Sept | Gary and Audrey Knowles               |
| 29 Sept | Paul and Nola Dundas                  |
| 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                 |

## Tuesday Coffee Rota

*Co-ordinator: Ann Robinson - Tel: 07901236346*

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 03 Sept | Valerie Christy, Pauline Graham, Lynda Lashford     |
| 10 Sept | Lynn Shanks, Oonagh Soden, Thelma Rutledge          |
| 17 Sept | Evelyn Greer, Beth Harris, Betty Cummings           |
| 24 Sept | Myrtle Watterson, Colleen Watterson, Florence Young |
| 01 Oct  | Gwen Gibson, Evelyn Macklin, Roberta Rosbotham      |
| 08 Oct  | Helen Dickinson, Dorothy Morrow, Sheila Smythe      |
| 15 Oct  | Vera Hewitt, Laureen Birrell, Lottie Millar         |
| 22 Oct  | Roberta Thompson, Rosemary Bodell, Annie Stevenson  |
| 29 Oct  | Valerie Christy, Pauline Graham, Lynda Lashford     |

## Welcoming Rota

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

|         | <u>South &amp; Nicholson Doors</u> | <u>Baptismal Door</u> |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Sept | Kathleen Coard                     | Audrey Knowles        |
| 08 Sept | Victor Coleman                     | Vera Hewitt           |
| 15 Sept | Naomi Littler                      | Nola Dundas           |
| 22 Sept | Noel Cummings                      | Kelly Cummings        |
| 29 Sept | Ivan Anderson                      | Rosemary Bodell       |

## Flower Rota

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 01 Sept | Myrtle & Colleen Watterson |
| 08 Sept | Vacant                     |
| 15 Sept | Vacant                     |
| 22 Sept | Myrtle & Colleen Watterson |
| 29 Sept | Rosie & Stevie Long        |

## **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 October/November issue **MUST** be in the  
Parish Office by

**Monday, 16th September**

## **Parish Office Opening Hours**

Tues - Thurs 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Mon & Fri Closed

## **Church Panel Safeguarding Trust**

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<br>for a walk and a coffee at The Haslem<br>Hotel) | Tel: 07712839625<br>7.00 pm |

## **THURSDAY**

### **The Ladybirds (Women's Bible Study Group)**

(2nd & 4th Thursday monthly) 11.00 am

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

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

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>Choir</u></b> 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)

## Tuesday Coffee Mornings

take place each week  
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Romans 8:39

*Jesus*

## Ballet Classes

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