

# **CONTACT MAGAZINE**

## ***ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH CHURCH***



**SUMMER 2013**

## DURING THE VACANCY

A vacancy in a church can be a very unsettled time. Attendance is inclined to fall back and the absence of a leader is keenly felt - the gap between past and future waits to be filled.

A vacancy can also be a testing time in a church, testing our faith and reminding us who our leader really is.

Two words come to mind at such a time, the old fashioned words "Faithful" and "Confidence". Faithful is a word, although not used a lot in today's world, yet it has a Biblical tone.

Our God is a faithful God.  
God's people are Faithful.

Faithful ministers have ministered in our churches throughout the years and Faithful people have worshipped in our churches.

What better word to use when looking to the future than "Confidence". The Bible tells us "in quietness and confidence shall be your strength".

When Faithful people meet and worship together, confident that God is in control, unsettled feelings will be replaced with trust.

During this time of vacancy in our church we pray for guidance and direction using this prayer taken from the Book of Common Prayer.

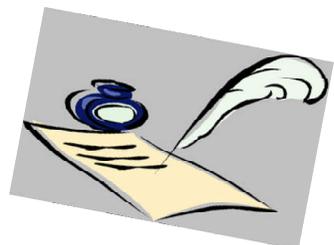
Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech thee, on thy Church, and so guide with thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a minister for this parish, that they may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

Dear Parishioners

You will recall a Parishioners Meeting was held on 24 April 2012 at our church hall when the Select Vestry presented the details and plans for the renovation and a two storey new build extension to our rectory, to bring it up to current diocesan standards. The draft plans were subsequently forwarded to the Diocesan Plans Committee for consideration and to the Property Committee of the Representative Church Body in Dublin.

Following the initial receipt of the plans the Diocesan Plans Committee and the RCB Property Committee requested some further information. This information was provided and following advice and guidance from the Diocesan Plans Committee and the RCB Property Committee some amendments have been made to the plans. The updated plans will now be submitted to Diocesan Plans Committee and the RCB Property Committee for consideration. It was the decision of the previous Select Vestry and now the decision of the new Select Vestry to proceed with the plans for renovation and new extension. Although the decision of the Select Vestry was not unanimous, there is a consensus and general agreement to move forward with the refurbishment of the Rectory in a united way. In anticipation that the plans for the Rectory will be approved by the Diocesan Plans Committee and the RCB Property Committee, it is important that we move forward together as a parish so that the work can be done at the Rectory as quickly as possible in preparation for the appointment of a new Rector to lead our church family.

**Signed: The Select Vestry  
All Saints' Parish Church  
Tullylish**



## **MARRIAGES**

12th April          Thomas Vint and Abigail Ingram

30th May          Laura Moffett and Paul McKinstry

We wish these young people every blessing in their future lives together.

## **SYMPATHY**

We convey our sincere sympathy to our former Rector Arthur on the death of his Uncle George and assure him and his family of our thoughts and prayers.

For all in our church family who have lost loved ones we ask God's special grace,

## **CARING THOUGHTS**

We continue to remember those in our Church Family who are ill, housebound, lonely and dependant on carers. Our thoughts and prayers are with them that they will know the presence of the Lord and find peace and healing.

During the vacancy if you know of anyone ill or in hospital please contact William Robinson 38831343 or Noeleen Wilson 38831969.

# THANKS

## **To the Church Family at All Saints' Tullylish**

Thank you to everyone who supported my family through prayer during my dear Uncle's sickness.

Also a big thank you to everyone who attended his funeral, sent cards and letters of compassionate words.

I and my Aunt gained such strength through all you're means of love and compassion - it has meant so much.

**With love - Arthur.**

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards and encouragement shown to me during my time of illness. It has been a hard slog, but knowing that brothers and sisters in Christ were supporting me did much to help me through a difficult time.

Having gone through this time of illness I can more easily draw alongside others who are going through a time of sickness or grief and need a shoulder to lean on. It is so important during times of trial that we support one another and remember what a comforting Father we have in the Good Shepherd who gave his life for us.

With this experience behind me, if I can be of help to anyone in similar circumstances please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you again.

**Dougie, Angela & Family**

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY**

Our Young People's Day was a special occasion when the Sunday School played a big part in this family service. It was good to see so many young people in church and to hear them take part in singing, prayers and lessons.

A special word of thanks must be given to the Sunday School teachers for their work in preparation for this service.

At the service Mrs Brenda Orr made a presentation of toys and baby feeding equipment to Mrs Kathleen Cairns and Mrs Gillian Proctor (nee Humphries) a member of our Church, nurses at the Infectious Diseases, Belvoir Ward, Royal Victoria Hospital Belfast for Sick Children.

This is the second year that all members of the Sunday School have given money for gifts which will be very much appreciated.

## **EXAM PRAYER**

It's that time of year when many are studying for exams. Let us pray for all who are doing exams, coursework or expecting results over the coming weeks.

## **HOLIDAY SEASON**

At this time of year people are looking forward to holidays. Whether spent at home or abroad holidays are a time of rest and relaxation. We remember those who travel at this time and pray for safety on the roads.

## URBAN SAINTS

As we come to the end of a very enjoyable year with the young people of Urban Saints, we give thanks to God for each young life which has been reached by the good news of the Gospel. As we met every Sunday night for games, quizzes, dramas, Bible teaching, prayer and discipleship, many friendships have been established and fellowship between leaders and young people has been encouraging.

On Friday 31st May we attended the Paisley cup competition, and although we had a really good night, did not manage to bring the cup home with us this year.

The present session came to an end with a really big night on Saturday 1st June 2013, with a Barbecue, Night line, games, worship time and lock-in, with some very sleepy looking young people attending church on Sunday morning. There are many events for your diary over the summer, and if you are interested in getting involved the details are on the website, [www.URBANSAINTS.org/IRELAND](http://www.URBANSAINTS.org/IRELAND) or email [ireland@urbansaints.org](mailto:ireland@urbansaints.org)

- **Saturday 5th June Sponsored Abseil at Dromore Viaduct**
- **28th June - 2nd July Summer Madness 2013 at Glenarm Castle**
- **19th - 27th July 3:18 Project**
- **4th - 10th August Cranfield Camp under canvas 10 - 14 year olds.**
- **10th - 17th August Kalos Drewstown House**
- **Love Life 1-2-3 checkout [www.lifelife123.org](http://www.lifelife123.org)**

Please pray for all these events over the summer and for the work of Urban Saints whose passion it is to help young people live lives of faith, hope and love through Jesus Christ.

**Urban Saints will begin in September God willing and you will be made most welcome.**

*Urban Saints Leadership Team*

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Guest Speaker for our April Meeting was Wendy Johnston. Wendy was born in Sydney, Australia and has been in Ireland for the past 15 years coming over here with her husband and three daughters. Wendy is a story-teller and she gave us the account of Abraham's journey in the Book of Genesis - we were all gripped in the manner in which she shared the story with us.

May Meeting was our Annual General when a report of the years activities were given by the Secretary and the financial report by the Treasurer. Joanne McKelvey, a Hairdresser from Banbridge came along and gave us tips and facts on hair care. She then finished the evening by sharing her Testimony.

Both events were very enjoyable indeed.

We finished the year by enjoying afternoon tea at 'Newforge House in Magheralin'. Both the food and setting were beautiful and was a lovely way to conclude our season.

We break now for the Summer and commence again in September when we will have a joint meeting with the Men's Fellowship. Details will be announced.

We would love to see new members joining us in September - we have something of interest for all ages.

*Suzanne Livingston*

## **MISSION**

All our Mission Societies are united in their efforts to end the crisis in SYRIA. An ongoing civil war which has left millions homeless and suffering and a further million displaced in their attempt to flee the country for comparative peace in Jordan and Lebanon. Neighbouring countries which are now under pressure due to the influx.

The Mission Societies Tearfund and Christian Aid can provide essentials but the situation is still serious.

Our Bishop, Bishop Harold Miller, is Vice President of Tearfund and he attended a function lately at which this campaign was launched.

### **ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF!**

Part of this campaign was intended to bring pressure on World Leaders at the G8 Summit in Enniskillen. World leaders have the power to help end hunger in the world. Churches too have a re-glorified place at the heart of its campaign encouraging leaders to take brave steps towards a world free from hunger.

Everything we do is only possible through God's strength and must be covered in prayer.

Please pray for the situation in Syria and the campaign which is amid at bringing relief to the suffering in the world.

*Isabel Whiteside*

## **Down & Dromore Council for Mission**

The Diocese of Down and Dromore has a missional calling and the Council for Mission makes a valuable contribution to the expression of that calling under the following remit:

- to stimulate within the diocese the priority and urgency of mission
- to work to ensure the quality and complementary nature of mission at home and throughout the world
- to maintain close relationships with other bodies concerned with mission, including the General Synod Council for Mission and the Association of Missionary Societies to promote effective models of mission and evangelism;
- to encourage programmes of renewal;
- to initiate and encourage enterprises and links which will further the mission of the Church; and
- to foster interest in members of the Church of Ireland serving in Ireland and other parts of the world.

## MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Mission to Seafarers is an Anglican society which also works with members of other church traditions. It serves seafarers of all races and creeds through a network of full and part-time chaplains, staff and voluntary helpers in over 300 ports around the world. Seafarers face danger, loneliness and long periods of separation from loved ones and many continue to depend on the work of the Mission for support.

Thanks to all those who knitted hats for the mission. A grand selection of 80 hats will be given to Reverend Colin Hall-Thompson, Chaplain to the Mission in Belfast.

*Hetty McCusker*

## POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to leave these in Church or give to Betty Jones for Leprosy Mission or Isabel Whiteside for CMS.

**“Seek and you will find”**

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## **NEW MINISTER**

We convey a warm welcome and good wishes to the Reverend Stephen William Hibbert Dip. Min., B.D. who has been installed as Minister of Tullylish and Gilford Presbyterian Churches.

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We live in a world where new-fangled devices are part of everyday life. They all need learning, understanding and a degree in electronic gadgetry before they can be of any benefit.

It is a good thing that we can still come to God and talk to him without the need of a mobile phone, text or e-mail. There is no danger of an engaged number, a battery in need of charging or credit about to run out.

## **PRAYER IS PLAIN PERFECT**

Before the age of the computer a website was a spider's home, memory was something that faded with age and a mouse was a small furry creature with whiskers and a long tail.

Funny how things change.

# SERVICES

**Sunday 7th July 2013**

**11.30 am      Family Service      -      Brian Wisener**

**Sunday 14th July 2013**

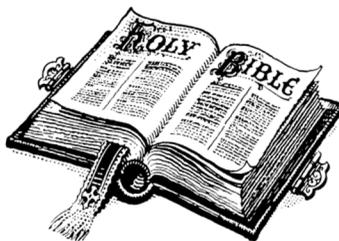
**11.30 am      Holy Communion - Rev David Coe**

**Sunday 21st July 2013**

**11.30 am      Morning Prayer - Rev John Pickering**

**Sunday 28th July 2013**

**11.30 am      Service of the Word - Mrs Irene Sheppard**



**Sunday 4 August 2013**

**11.30 am      Family Ser-  
Colin Taylor**

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**Sunday 11th August 2013**

**11.30 am      Holy Communion - Rev Jim Harron**

**Sunday 18th August 2013**

**11.30 am      Morning Prayer - Rev David Coe**

**Sunday 25th August 2013**

**11.30 am      Service of the Word - Rev John Pickering**

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**Sunday 1st September 2013**

**11.30 am          Family Service   -    To be Announced**

**Sunday 8th September 2013**

**11.30 am          Holy Communion   -    To be Announced**

**Sunday 15th September 2013**

**11.30 am          Morning Prayer       -    To be Announced**

**Sunday 22nd September 2013**

**11.30 am          Service of the Word   -    To be Announced**

**Sunday 29th September 2013**

**11.30 am          Morning Prayer       -    To be Announced**

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The Church Fellowship is indebted to The Rev. Canon Brian T Blacoe who has led our Bible study since the vacancy.

It was good to have him with us and to benefit from his presence and teaching.

The Church Fellowship resumes again in September.

# FLOWER ROTA

## JULY

7th	Hodgen Family
14th	Mrs E Curran
21st	Mrs H Campbell
28th	Mrs E Vint

## AUGUST

4th	Mrs L Humphries
11th	Mrs M Sergeant
18th	Mrs V Redpath
25th	Mrs B Jones

## SEPTEMBER

1st	Mrs E Hamilton
8th	Mrs E Smith
15th	Mrs M Hodgen
22nd	Coleman Family
29th	Mrs R Sinton



## **Bishop's Bible Week 2013 – We're on a Mission Four Bible teachings in Acts with Bishop Harold Miller**

27-30 August at 7.45 pm each evening in Shankill Parish Church, Lurgan.

With the Year of Mission 2015 in mind, Bishop Harold will teach on four foundational themes from the early days of the church which are critical to effective mission: The Patience of Prayer; The Preaching of Penitence; The Pouring out of the Spirit at Pentecost and The Practical Practice of it all. Please plan to come along, to worship together and to put these building blocks from the Word of God in place in our lives and churches.