

St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Autumn 2017

SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1895



Sunday Worship at 11 am
1st Sunday Holy Communion
2nd And 4th Sundays Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday Informal Family Service

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SERVICE TIMES Sept - Nov at 11 am

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Parish Communion
- 10 Morning Prayer
- 17 Family Service
- 24 Morning Prayer

OCTOBER

- 1 Harvest Thanksgiving
6.30pm Harvest Hymns of Praise
- 8 Family Service
- 15 Parish Communion
- 22 Morning Prayer
- 29 Service of the Word for Fifth Sunday
6.30 Service for Healing and Wholeness

NOVEMBER

- 5 Parish Communion
- 12 Remembrance Sunday
- 19 Family Service
- 26 GB Enrolment

MIDWEEK SERVICE - THURSDAY @ 3

First and Third Thursdays



DAILY PRAYER POINTS – PUSH

(Pray Until Something Happens!)

A suggested pattern for prayer during the week. Please use the magazine with the weekly pew sheet to focus your parish prayers and news reports to pray for the world.

Monday: Pray for the pupils and staff of the local primary school, the girls and leaders of GB, the members of Children's Church and Dorothy, Barbara, Lyn and Gladys who lead them. Pray that as these young people grow in years, they may grow in faith. Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. [Proverbs 22:6](#)

Tuesday: Pray for those who are housebound, either through illness or advancing years, and those who care for them.

Wednesday: Pray for the local community, for all who are struggling to cope with life for whatever reason. Give thanks for the families who regularly attend Messy Church and pray for the Team led by Alison Shaw.

Thursday: Pray for wisdom for members of the Select Vestry as they make important decisions about the

fabric and finances of the parish. Give thanks for all involved in many and varied activities; the Church Wardens, those who volunteer in the Thrift Shop, the flower arrangers, the counting team, the tea-makers. Teach me my God and King in all things Thee to see and what I do in anything, to do it as for Thee.

[Church Hymnal 601](#)

Friday: Pray for the world. Use the news headlines to focus your prayer.

Saturday: Pray for Sunday Services, for Revd Bobbie, Canon Ken, John, Daniel and the Choir that our worship may glorify God and bind us together as members of God's family.

Sunday: If you are not able to be in church, take time to turn to God, to read his word. Pray for brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith and do not have the freedom to gather for worship.

Dear Church Family,

Life in St Aidan's is never dull! During the summer several of us got together on Tuesday mornings for the craft workshop led by Jaki - you can see some of our beautiful creations in the picture section.

Another first for St Aidan's was the pet service - we welcomed family pets to church and were very impressed by their excellent behaviour. Also in July family and friends filled the church for the baptism of five new members, three adults and two children.



It was great to have so many in church and they were all assured of a warm welcome in the future especially to the informal service on the third Sunday of the month. We take seriously our responsibility to support those who come for baptism and on 8 September Messy Church is hosting a celebration for all those baptised in St Aidan's since 2013.



An important aim in our strategic plan is to build the ministry team and we are delighted to welcome Daniel Clements as our organist. No stranger to St Aidan's, Daniel is completing his final year at University and we wish him well as he continues his studies and helps us with our worship. Daniel and the choir will be taking part in the 'Connor Big Sing' in Lisburn Cathedral on 17 September. They will participate in training workshops in the afternoon and then everyone is invited to a praise service in the evening. As we welcome Daniel, we are so grateful to Gerald Hill and Edna Dowling who have been helping us over the past couple of years. They remain on stand-by when needed and Edna continues to play for our Thursday @ 3 service.

As I write the shops are full of families getting kitted out for the new school year. Growing feet need new school shoes and uniforms that have been outgrown have to be replaced. As the new term begins and organisations re-start after the summer break, it is helpful to remind ourselves of the uniform which is available to all of us as members of God's family.

*So, chosen by God for this new life of love, **dress in the wardrobe** God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline.*

Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Colossians 3:

CONNOR BIG SING EVENING PRAISE SERVICE LISBURN CATHEDRAL



Warm Greetings in Christ,
Rev. Bobbie.

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GIRL'S BRIGADE

Hi All - Hope you had an enjoyable break over the summer months. As we prepare to start back for our new session the Officers' have decided to try a new approach to registration. Instead of doing registration on the first night back we are going to be at the hall the night before on Thursday 7th September between 7 – 8 pm for parent/guardian of any girl who is looking to come along on a Friday night to complete enrolment process. Please note it is not necessary for your daughter to attend. Hopefully this will quicken the process and give us more time on the first night back to welcome the girls.

Girls' Brigade
FOR GIRLS 3-18 YEARS

Are you aged 3 - 18 yrs?

Join US!

come along to GB and enjoy...

- meeting new and old friends
- trips
- fun and games
- dance and singing,
- learning about Jesus,
- lots of sport,
- craft,

and lots more...!

please join us!

Section	weeknight	from - to
Explorers (3-7 yrs)	Friday	6.45 - 8.00 pm
Juniors (8-10 yrs)	Friday	6.45 - 8.30 pm
Seniors (11-14 yrs)	Friday	6.45 - 8.30 pm
Brigaders (15 yrs +)	Friday	6.45 - 9.00 pm

Starting on: Friday 8th Sept. 2017 @ 6.45 - 8 pm
 Contact: Fiona Hendren
 Tel no: 07776 234830
 e mail: fionahendren64@gmail.com

Find a company and more info about GB at ...
www.gbni.co.uk

A Word From Canon Ken.

Aren't we such creatures of habit? I've noticed that in the short time we've been with you Dorothy (my wife) always sits in the same seat! One of the habits I've established is that, when I'm in the parish visiting, I always call into the church at lunch time, make a cup of tea, have my chicken and mayo baguette (purchased at Applegreen on the way down), and read some of the old St Aidan's magazines (back to the 1800s) that are in the vestry. Some days I'm tempted to get another filling but in the end I always stick with the chicken and mayo – it's a safe choice as I know I like it!! However habits – good or bad – can be changed. Some people that I've visited have told me they 'got out of the habit' of going to church and I assure them it's easy done. But the habit can be broken! One visit to church is all that's needed. Return the next Sunday and, 'Wham, a new habit is established.'

Any habits YOU need to change?



P.S. Think I'll try Tuna and Sweetcorn next week! Or will I? *Ken McReynolds*

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

St. Aidan's Mothers Union

As we return from our summer break refreshed after holiday time spent with family and friends, we recognize the benefits to our health and well-being. We give thanks to God for his loving care and watchfulness during this summer recess.

During the month of September small children are going out into the big world for the first time. As we leave them in the teacher's care we wonder are they really prepared? We pray Lord, watch over them and keep them safe. In our M.U.P.D for the 5th September we pray for all students of any kind, that they would grow to love learning and develop a thirst for knowledge. Open their hearts and minds to the many possibilities that education can offer to them.

Thursday 21st September at 8pm

We resume the Autumn Season with the register evening in the church hall.

Thursday 19th October at 8pm

Will be the MU Overseas evening at which we hold our annual Biblical Bring & Buy Sale in aid of the MU Relief Fund in the church hall

Wednesday 1st November at 7.30pm

The South Belfast Area Service will take place in St. Polycarp's Church Lisburn Road
Banner bearers are asked to meet at 7.10pm

Thursday 16th November at 8pm

We have invited Mr. Norman Weatherall who will show slides on the 'Historic Churches' of Belfast in the church hall - Please do bring a guest.

Barbara Bowden

RELEVANT TO ALL AGES

The Relevant To All Ages Team consists of Alison Shaw, Alice Redpath, Dorothy, Margaret, Arlene, Brenda and Jaki with of course help from many people who support our efforts. We are planning to have our first meeting Sunday 13 August to discuss future plans and of course we will always be looking for ideas to involve not only our own church members but also the wider community. If you have any ideas, please pass them on to a member of the team.



Ellie Leckey – a Tribute



It is with great sadness that we record the death of our former organist, Ellie Leckey. Ellie was organist and choir mistress from 2006 until May 2015 when a devastating stroke left her bedridden.

Ellie was greatly loved by the members of St Aidan's church family and she loved her time with us.

When asked where she was organist, she would reply 'the Cathedral Church of St. Aidan'.

I knew her as gregarious, generous, hospitable and kind but above all as a Godly woman; a person of deep and committed faith. Her involvement with Mother's Union was important to her and the prayer of Mary Sumner who founded that organisation – bears witness to the relationship which shaped her life.

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live.

Ellie touched so many lives, has left so many memories but above all she has left us an example of a living faith which did not falter in the difficult circumstances of life. If I were to choose a text to describe the reason for that strength it would be a verse from Psalm 73.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

That was the relationship that sustained Ellie. In her weakness, she simply trusted the one who enabled her to go on.

We hold her family in our prayers and give thanks to the God she served in the words of [Ephesians 3:20,21](#).

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

HARVEST

The law of harvest is to reap more than you sow.
Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit
and you reap a character.

Sow a character and you reap a destiny.
(James Allen - author)

We thank you, O God, for all the joys of Harvest
time,

For the beauty of the fields and the tints of
autumn leaves,

For the smell of wood fires and ripe apples,

For the feel of a crisp morning

And dry leaves crunching under our feet,

For these and many other blessings,

Accept our grateful thanks, O Lord. Amen.

A GRACE FOR AUTUMN

Lord we give thanks for the bounty of your
creation, for - Those who sow the seeds, harvest
the food for our table.

We give thanks for those whose hands have
prepared this food.

Let us remember all who are less fortunate and
we ask for your blessings on them.

Bless all who are gathered here and family and
friends who cannot be with us.

This we ask in your name. Amen

(Taken from Mothers' Union Grace & Flavours
Book)

REMEMBRANCE

The Call

Solid man, calf to ankle, riveted,

Booted foot to floor bolted, then the call:

No fife, no drum:

A common man's conscience roused,

With others one by one, from streets far flung,

Bestriding all barriers, they come,

Modest men, men of backbone,

Brothers all.

*The writing is taken from a memorial stain glass
window - City Hall. Belfast.*

SPONSORED WALK



So far we have collected the
sum of £1,599.50 for the
2017 Sponsored Walk. Many thanks to all those
who have contributed either by Sponsorship or
Donation.

Remember Gift Aid Forms are still available
from Mrs Collins and could I encourage any tax
payers to consider completing a form as the
additional funds will really help our final total.

We aim to have the Sponsored Walk for 2017
closed in early September, so if any outstanding
Sponsorship Forms or Donations could be with
Mrs Elizabeth Collins before early September it
would be greatly appreciated.

On a personal note may I thank all those who
helped with catering on the night of the walk,
have given me helpful advice and those who
have contributed in any way to this fund raising
event. God Bless

Elizabeth Collins & Margaret Griffin

FOOD BANK

We continue to support the Food Bank, which
operates out of Friendship House every Thursday
afternoon between two and four. Alison Shaw,
our Community Outreach Worker, helps with this.

Our ongoing support is much appreciated

I attended a recent meeting of Church
Representatives and the leaders of the South
Belfast Food Bank, Brenda Johnston and Bruce
Gardiner-Crehan, asked me to pass on their
gratitude for our continued support

Thanks to all who support the Food Bank in any
way. *Dorothy*

CRAFT GROUP

Jaki Polly has been running a very successful
Craft Class during July and August. She was
joined by a very enthusiastic group who, under
her expert guidance, fully embraced their creative
talent. Don't forget to pass on those ideas to a
member of the team

BOWLS

I hope the summer break has refreshed us all. We will resume once again on Monday 11th
September at 7.30pm, meeting as usual in the Church Hall. We would love to see some new
members, so if you know anyone who would like to participate in some gentle exercise over
the winter months, bring them along where they will be made most welcome. A wee bit of
exercise, a bit of craic and a cup of tea – what more can a BODY ask for. See you there. *Gladys*





In August we were delighted to welcome back the team of young people from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. They spent a week in the area running various activities for the children and young people culminating in leading Messy Church.

In September we are looking forward to having a reunion of all who have been baptised in St Aidan's in the past 4 years. It will take place at our Messy Church meeting. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with the families.

Dates

8th September

13th October

10th November



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SEPTEMBER -
NOVEMBER

Children's Church will begin on Sunday 24th September. We look forward to seeing all the children back with us after the summer holidays. It would be great to have a few new members.

We are always hopeful that our contact with Blythefield PS and Messy Church will encourage more children to join us. We always need and value your prayers and support.

Barbara, Dorothy, Gladys and Lynn.

Prayer of a Soldier in France

My shoulders ache beneath my pack
(Lie easier, Cross, upon his back)
I march with feet that burn and smart
(Tread Holy Feet, upon my heart)
Men shout at me who may not speak
(They scourged thy back and smote thy
cheek)

I may not lift a hand to clear
My eyes of salty drops that sear
(Then shall my fickle soul forget
Thy agony of Bloody Sweat)

My rifle hand is stiff and numb
(From thy pierced palm red rivers come)
Lord thy didst suffer more for me
Than all the hosts of land and sea
So let me render back again
This millionth of thy gift. Amen.

Joyce Kilmer.

Journalist and poet Joyce Kilmer was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey in 1886. He was killed after enlisting in the United States Army during World War 1. Kilmer was awarded by the French, The prestigious Croix de Guerre (War Cross) for his bravery.



Blythe Street Boy's Club

Where have all the years gone, that's what we always say,
We look back upon our childhood and it seems like yesterday,
We hung out with our friends at the corner, used the window sill as a seat,
Played Churchy-one-over, Hopscotch, built Guiders in the street.
Then off to Blythe Street Boy's Club, Our Leader, we called the "Big Man"
Played Football, Billiards, Snooker and Darts, Table tennis if you can,
Herbie The Rat in the boiler house, The Noise in the Quiet Room,
The Ghost of Big Georgina, treating it as her Tomb.

Drama and Singing at concerts, Prize-giving the big event,
Across to St. Aidan's on Sunday nights, that's how our days were spent.

Where have all the Boys gone, the Laughter and the Tears,
The Camaraderie and the Friendships, growing less with passing years.

Looking back upon my childhood, the memories they are sweet,
Of a group of Boys ... Enjoying life,

In a Boy's Club,

In Blythe Street.

Anon



PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

30th July 2017

Alex Crothers
Chloe Hamilton
Zaffron Murray
Theo Alan Braiden Moorehead
Jayce John William McDowell

FUNERALS

Abigail Locke – 22 June
Thomas McCreery – 6 July
Agnes Clelland – 7 July
Catherine (Kathleen) Wiggins – 26 July

PASTORAL NOTES

Baptisms:

Are usually held during Family Service on the third Sunday of each month. Parents should contact Revd Bobbie who will be happy to discuss what is involved.

Baptism is the beginning of a faith journey: parents and godparents are required to make promises before God, that they will nurture faith in their children.

Weddings: Couples should contact Revd Bobbie to discuss arrangements before any firm bookings are made.

Funerals: Please notify Revd Bobbie immediately upon serious illness or death. Clergy should always be consulted before any funeral plans or times are arranged. The Church is available for any funeral service.

Flower Rota

September

3rd Mrs. G. Hollywood
10th – Mr & Mrs B Richardson
17th The Leith Family
24th -

October

1st Mrs. M. Horn
8th Mrs. R. Vance
15th The McAllister Family
22nd Mrs. I. McCreery
29th -

November

5th The Walsh Family
12th Mrs. W. Campbell
19th Mrs. C. Dickson
26th Mrs. L. Brown
& Girls Brigade

Finance: Details of Freewill Offering Envelopes, Gift Aid and Parish Financial Reports are all available on request. Please inform Revd Bobbie or the Church Wardens of parishioners who are ill at home or in hospital and those who wish to receive Communion at home. Also let us know if you would like a name added to the weekly parish prayer list or contact the prayer line: 07733 712942.



Thrift Shop

OPEN MOST WEEKDAYS
11am – 3pm BRIC A BRAC
& CLOTHING

Providing a service to the community

WHO'S WHO IN ST AIDAN'S

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People's Church Warden: Mr. Robert Redpath

Rector's Glebe Warden: Mr. Alwyn Campbell

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People's Glebe Warden: Mr. Eddie Murray

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Members of Select Vestry for 2017 – 2018

**Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. R. Griffin,
Mr. A. Serplus, Mrs. E. Adair, Mr. J. Hunter,
Mrs. M. Close, Mrs. E. Collins,
Mr. J. Collins, Mrs. D. Coates
Mrs A. Hunter, Mrs A. Richardson**

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Sunday Children's Church: Mrs Dorothy Coates

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Monday Bowls: Mrs G Hollywood

Wednesday Bible Study Group: Revd Bobbie

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Friday Girls Brigade: Mrs Fiona Hendren

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