

St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Autumn 2016

SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1895



Thursday 29th September 8pm
MU 60th Anniversary Service

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 9th October

11am Guest Preacher Revd. Ken McReynolds

6.30pm Guest Preacher Revd. Barry Dodds

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SERVICE TIMES September - November

SEPTEMBER

- 1 3pm Thursday @ 3
- 4 11am Parish Communion
- 11 11am Morning Prayer
- 15 3pm Thursday @ 3
- 18 11am Family Service
- 25 11am Morning Prayer
- 29 (Thursday) 8pm Mothers' Union Anniversary Service

OCTOBER

- 2 11am Parish Communion followed by lunch
- 9 11am Harvest & 6.30pm Harvest
- 16 11am Family Service
- 23 11am Morning Prayer
- 30 11am Service of the Word for fifth Sunday

NOVEMBER

- 6 11am Parish Communion
- 13 11am Remembrance Sunday
- 20 11am Family Service
- 27 11am GB Enrolment



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, John, and the Choir that our worship may glorify God and bind us together as members of God's family. Remember organists Gerald and Edna and pray for former organist Ellie that she may know God's peace and healing.

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,

It's been a busy summer at St Aidan's with special Community Services in June and July, as well as two weddings and a baptism. Messy Church families held a fun day in the church grounds in June to raise funds for a new cooker for the hall which was a great success. The hall kitchen has now been given a face lift. Fitting in the new cooker provided the opportunity to have a good clear out and update the other appliances, making for a more efficient working environment which I am sure all the organisations will appreciate.



We were sad to bid adieu to Daniel Clements as he headed off to France to continue his studies. Daniel has helped us regularly at the organ and we wish him well and look forward to welcoming him back on his return.

We also said goodbye to a long time neighbour and friend when Academy Printing closed down at the end of July. As well as designing and printing this magazine for many years, the company also met practically all of the parishes printing requirements, often at short notice and always with the utmost courtesy. We wish former owner Bert and managing director Eleanor well as they begin their retirement.

Now we look ahead to a new session as organisations begin again after the summer break. You will find details of all activities throughout the magazine there's something for everyone whatever age or stage! Children's church and Messy church, GB, Bowls, MU, not to mention Sunday worship at 11am and Thursday at 3 services on 1 and 15 September. It would also be great to have some new choir members to help lead the singing. September is as good a time as any to take up a new activity!! Don't forget to check into the Web Site and like us on Face Book

I will be visiting family in Australia from 11 October – 25 November. Please contact the church wardens who will arrange pastoral cover.

In the context of the recent Olympics and as we look forward to a new session of church activities, the advice of the Apostle Paul is particularly relevant:

*Let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.
and keep our eyes on Jesus, our leader and instructor. Hebrews 12:2,3 TLB*

Warm Greetings in Christ
Revd Bobbie.



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ST AIDAN'S GIRLS BRIGADE



CALLING ALL GIRLS' FROM AGE 3 UPWARDS!!

Why not come and join us on a Friday evening for some fun and make new friends!!! We are looking forward to seeing all girls return to the new session and hopefully to bring along a few of their friends.

Start Date: Friday 9th September 2016, 6.45 pm – 8.00 pm
First night will be a registration and fun evening
(please note shorter time)

Tiny Tots: Age 3 – 5	6.45 – 8.15 pm
Explorers: Age 5 – 8	6.45 – 8.15 pm
Juniors: Age 9 – 11	6.45 – 8.30 pm
Seniors: Age 11 – 13	6.45 – 8.45 pm
Brigaders: Age 14 upwards	6.45 – 8.45 pm

Activities:

*Games, physical movement, arts and
crafts, bible stories, baking etc...*

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!
PROVISIONAL DATE FOR ENROLMENT
SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

ST. AIDAN'S MOTHERS' UNION

The members will resume the Autumn session on Thursday 15th September at 8pm in the church hall, this is a register evening.

The 60th Thanksgiving Service will take place in church on Thursday evening at 8.00pm on the 29th September 2016. We have invited the 'Salvation Army Songsters' who last joined us for the Branches 21st Anniversary celebration. Please do come along and bring a friend with you I'm sure they will enjoy the unique blend of music and praise.

On the 20th October at 8.00pm we meet again for the Annual Biblical Bring & Buy in which the members raise funds for the work of the MU Relief Fund.

The South Belfast Area Service is to be held in St. Polycarp's Church, Upper Lisburn Road, Finaghy on the 1st November at 7.30pm.

The branch meeting is on Thursday 17th November at 8.00pm and we will be having a 'Beetle Drive'.

Christmas Programme

Looking forward to Christmas we have the Nine Lessons and Carol's Service in the Church on Thursday 15th December at 7.45pm which the members of St. Simon's MU & Ladies Guild join with us on the evening.

On the 17th December we are to have the Christmas dinner at Action Brothers' 'Olio' restaurant at 5pm then afterwards to the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the grand Opera House. *Barbara Bowden*







CHILDREN'S CHURCH and CRECHE SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2016

Children's Church will begin on Sunday 18th September.

We look forward to seeing all the children back with us after the summer holidays. Perhaps we will also have a few new members. Hopefully, we will build on our contacts with children in Blythefield PS and Messy Church. If you know of any children, who belong to St. Aidan's, or, who don't belong to another church in the area, we would welcome them.

CRECHE

We are well settled into our children's room and there is plenty of space for us to welcome babies and their mums/ dads/ grandparents etc to join us. We have a selection of toys and books available but would welcome baby friendly items to build up our supply

We value your prayers and support.
Gladys, Barbara, Lynn and Dorothy.

SPONSORED WALK

Our Annual Sponsored Walk took place on Friday 3rd June 2016, everyone met at the Church this year and lifts were provided to take the Walkers to the starting point at Shaw's Bridge. We came prepared (raincoats and brollies at the ready) but to our delight the sun came out and we were blessed with a lovely balmy evening which helped put a spring in our steps. Our numbers were few but the craic was good and afterwards we returned to the Church for the annual cuppa, cocktail sausages and tray bakes etc.

A very big Thank You to all who supplied the food, served it, provided transport



and helped out in any way. I would also like to thank the Walkers, the Sponsors and everyone involved who make this annual event the success it is. Year after year the Sponsored Walk is a great fund-raiser for the church and we hope will continue to be so in the future.

A wee reminder to those still holding Sponsorship Forms. Could all Sponsorship money and donations still outstanding please be given in ASAP, this allows us to forward Gift Aid forms to the R.C.B. in Dublin. Gift Aid would enhance our total amount by three to four hundred pounds. Thank you once again for your continued support. *M. Griffin. & E. Collins.*

ST. AIDAN'S BOWLING CLUB

The summer break I hope has refreshed us all. We will resume once again on Monday 5th September at 7.30pm. Meeting as usual in the Church Hall. If there is anyone out there who would like to try their hand at bowls, please come along and join us, you will be made most welcome. Many thanks *Gladys*



SOUTH BELFAST FOODBANK

We continue to need supplies and all contributions are welcome. Our next official collection is at Harvest but if you want to donate before that I will deliver items as they come. We had a very successful store collection at Tesco Newtownbreda in July but there is always need for an ongoing supply of non-perishable or long life goods. The foodbank which operates in Friendship House on Thursday afternoon from 2.00 - 4.00 is doing well and food items can also be given to them during opening time. Let's make Harvest a really big collection as this will be in preparation for Winter. Thank you for all your support so far.

Dorothy

Somme Memorial Service

A large congregation gathered for the Commemoration Service on 3 July to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme. A memorial tablet originally from Christ Church with the names of those from the area who died in the First World War was dedicated. Descendants of Thomas Moore, the young member of the CLB who died on 8 September 1918, so close to the end of the war, were also present. A member of the Moore family laid a wreath on the memorial in memory of all who died. Descendants of Thomas Moore gathered under the window, dedicated in his memory.



BURIED IN A DISTANT GRAVE.

*Though buried in a distant grave,
Amidst the shot and shell,
For Country's sake his life he gave,
He stood his trial well.*

*Who could have dealt that horrid blow,
On one we loved so well?
We never knew the pain he bore,
No mortal tongue can tell.*

*No matter how we think of him –
His name we oft recall –
There is nothing left to answer,
But the photo on the wall.*

This poem was taken from a memorial card to Private Thomas Marcus, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers killed July 1st 1916.

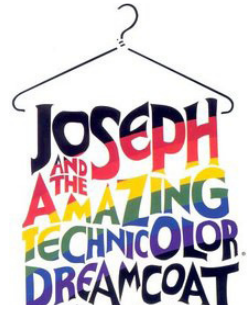


Names of group photo. Mr. David Gourley. Historical Officer. U.C.H.S. Mr. George Lynn. Bugler. Mr. Mervyn Craig. President. U.C.H.S. Revd Bobbie. (Note U.C.H.S. – Ulster Covenant Historical Society)

MISSION TEAM

We are hoping to do an amateur production of “Joseph and the amazing technicolour dream coat” with the people of the parish and wider community. If interested in getting involved, watch out for further info.

Margaret Close & Dorothy Close



PUZZLER

Q. 1. How is it possible for two people to stand face to face on the same sheet of newspaper without being able to see each other or touch each other? Neither of them is blindfolded. Their hands are not tied. The sheet of newspaper has not been torn. (3/6)

Q. 2. Which two countries are hidden in this statement.
A lumberjack enjoys felling redwoods, spruce, fir and larch in a forest. (29/5)

Q. 3. Rearrange the following letters to make just one word
UTSOODWRENJ (19/5)

Q. 4. What is being described in this old riddle?
Use me well and I am everybody;
Scratch my back and I am nobody. (7/12)

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

Lucas John Spence Campbell -14 August 2016

Weddings:

Kathryn Lorraine Fullerton and Jonathan Mark Gibson - 2 July 2016
Angela Coates and David Caldwell - 11 July 2016

Funerals:

Albert Davidson - 3 June 2016
Marlene McDowell - 29 June 2016
Tom Robb - 8 July 2016
Andrew Ross – 1 April 2016

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 all funeral services.

Finance: Details of Freewill Offering Envelopes, Gift Aid and Parish Financial

Flower Rota

September

4th Mr. P. Oakley
11th Mrs B. Watson
18th The Leith Family
25th Mrs. K. Wiggins

October

2nd Mrs. M. Horn
9th Mrs. R. Vance
16th The McAllister Family
23rd Mrs. I. McCreery

November

6th The Walsh Family
13th Mrs, W. Campbell
20th Mrs. C. Dickson

Report 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.

Please ensure that all articles for winter magazine reach Liz Adair / Margaret Close by the 15th November Thank you



Thrift Shop

OPEN MOST WEEKDAYS

11am – 3pm BRIC A BRAC

& CLOTHING

Providing a service to the community

WHO'S WHO IN ST AIDAN'S

Minister in Charge: Rev. Bobbie Moore

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Parish Reader: Mr John Collins BSc.

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People's Church Warden: Mr. Robert Redpath

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Members of Select Vestry for 2016 – 2017

Mr. J. Griffin, Ms. B. Weir, 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 Gladys Hollywood

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