

St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Autumn 2015

SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1895



SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 11am
1st Sunday Holy Communion
2nd and 4th Sundays Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday Informal Family Service

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DAILY PRAYER POINTS – PUSH

(Pray Until Something Happens!)

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 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. Pray for our 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.



Sunday 11 October 11am Harvest Thanksgiving

Guest Preacher Lord Eames Former Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland
3pm Girls' Brigade Annual District Service & 6.30pm Evening Prayer for Harvest

Harvest Celebrations

Monday 12 October 8pm
Harvest Concert in Church
With Sound of Solace Choir
and Hayley Campbell playing the Flute
Donations for Action Cancer and Church Funds

SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER
Sunday 8 November at 6.30pm
Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Sunday 8 November 11am
Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 29 November, Fifth Sunday
11am Songs of Praise
6.30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

Dear Church Family,

St Aidan's is now on the World Wide Web! We are thrilled to be launching a web site as part of our 120th anniversary celebrations. It has been designed and built in memory of former parishioner Molly Hull and we greatly appreciate the time and commitment which Christopher and his dad Jonathan have given to this project. You can check it out at

www.staidan.connor.anglican.org

We look forward to the visit of Lord Eames, guest preacher at the morning Harvest service on 11 October. There will be a Harvest Concert in the church on Monday evening 12 October with the Sound of Solace choir and our own Hayley Campbell playing the flute. We plan to finish the year with a Christmas Tree Festival. We will be inviting parish organisations and local businesses to decorate a tree illustrating the Christmas Story. The Festival will be open to the public for the Community Carol Service on Sunday 13 December and finish with the Parish Carol Service on 20 December - full details in the next issue of the magazine.

We are excited about the new web site and hope it will be a useful resource, but I am reminded of the danger we all face in allowing technology to take over our lives. For instance I cannot imagine life without my mobile phone – it is so useful and helpful in every day life. Ever wondered what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we travelled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our mobile phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. (source unknown)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. P.119:105

Warm Greetings in Christ,
Revd. Bobbie.





GB is starting back on **Friday 11th September** with a registration and fun night in the Church Hall from **6.45 pm to 8 pm**. We look forward to seeing all previous girls returning. Don't forget to ask your friends to come as long as well, the more the merrier. Lots of fun throughout the year with a varied programme to include dance, crafts, trips out and much more! Great to see you there on 11th

St. Aidan's Girls' Brigade

Explorers (3yrs – P4)	Fridays	6.45 – 8.15
Juniors (P5 – P7)	Fridays	7.00 – 8.30
Seniors (yr 8 – 10)	Fridays	7.15 – 8.45
Brigaders (yr 11 +)	Fridays	7.15 – 8.45

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS AND BRIGADERS

SAVE THE DATES:

GB starts 11th September 2015

District GB Service for all sections – 11th October 2015

GB Enrolment – Sunday 15th November 2015

GB Annual Display – Friday 22th April 2016

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT FIONA ON 07776234830

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

St. Aidan's Mothers Union

The summer is a time for rest and relaxation, a time to meet with family and friends.

As members of a world-wide organization, each day at midday, MU Members pause for prayer and we pray for all members. May God be with them in every part of their lives, encouraging them and leading them, sheltering and strengthening them, so that they may work to your praise and glory. Amen.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. *1 Thessalonians 1:2*

The Area Senior Members event, starts the Autumn calendar for the branch. We are asked to meet in **St. Polycarp's, Canon Butler Hall, on Saturday 12th September at 10.30am.** Lisburn and Derriagh branches will be attending also.

The morning will commence with a service of Holy Communion, followed by a coffee morning, with a variety of stalls. You are asked to support the event by bringing cakes/tray bakes, handbags and jewellery for sale on the stalls.

Money raised will go towards 'Mums in May Appeal' and 'MU Wheels Appeal.'

The MU meeting for the branch will take place on Thursday 17th September at 8pm in the Jameson Room.

The Area Committee are to meet in St Polycarp's on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm.

The South Belfast Area Service will be held in St. Aidan's Parish Church on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30pm.

The banner bearers are asked to meet at 7.10pm.

At the October branch meeting we will have the annual biblical bring & buy in aid of the relief fund.

Many thanks B. Bowden

Messy Church

Our gathering in June was a very special occasion for all of our Messy Church family. We were privileged to participate in the baptism of Caine, Theo, Emilee, Michael, Rio and Anna Lise. We initially met in the hall and then paraded to the church, accompanied by the children making a “very joyful noise” with a variety of musical instruments. In Church we experienced a wonderful sense of peace and calm. Back in the hall we continued to enjoy fellowship with a meal including a special cake and very colourful cup cakes. We would like to thank the families involved and continue to pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.



Jenny Robinson, Deaconess of Friendship House and a very faithful member of the Messy Church team, retired at the end of June. While many in the community were sad to say good-bye to Jenny we wish her great joy and fulfilment as she continues to lovingly minister to her family and members of her church.



The summer months have been busy for all the churches with Bible Clubs happening throughout July and August. After a break in July, Messy Church took place again in August. It was led by a very enthusiastic team of young people from a variety of local Presbyterian Churches, our thanks to them for all their hard work.

MESSY CHURCH DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 11th September 4pm-6pm

Friday 9th October 4pm-6pm

Friday 6th November 4pm-6pm

Friday 4th December 4pm-6pm

We continue to give thanks for all those who attend and to all of the team who prepare craft activities and food for our monthly meetings.

HELP!

We are aware that due to staff changes in Friendship house we will have a reduced team of helpers this year, we would be delighted and grateful for any extra volunteers to commit to helping with Messy Church,

Many thanks. Alison Shaw

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Children's Church will begin on Sunday 20th September. We look forward to seeing our core group, Matthew, James, Emma, Jessica, Charlotte and Emelia. Perhaps we will also have a few new members. Hopefully, we will build on our contacts with children in Blythefield 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. We continue to enjoy our new room and hope to furnish it with a table and shelves. We value your prayers and support.

Barbara, Dorothy and Gladys.

PARISH PICNIC



MISSION TEAM

The work of the Mission Team is always Christ centred with scripture reading and prayer and especially to thank God for his guidance and inspiration of the ideas brought to the table by Team members. As we are still celebrating our 120 years of bringing Christ to the Community, our programme for the Autumn session will commence with:-

1. "Church Picnic" after morning service on Sunday 30th August.

(To be held in Church grounds, weather permitting). This is a great time for getting to know all those parishioners you only say "Hello" to each Sunday.

2. "Harvest Concert and Tea" To be held in "Church" on Monday 12th October at 8p.m.

This concert is being held in aid of "Action Cancer" and "Church Renovation Funds".

We will be entertained by the Choir "Sounds of Solace" and accompanying artists.
Everyone Welcome – Hopefully this will be an excellent social event and fund-raiser.

3. "Christmas Tree Festival" Sunday 13th December – Sunday 20th December.

Theme:- The Christmas Story.
All Welcome.
(Further information will be announced nearer the time)

4. "The Community Carol Service" In Church, Sunday 13th December at 6p.m.

Parish Christmas Cards On Sale.
£4.50 for pack of 10 or 50p each.

Margaret Close.

SPONSORED WALK



The Annual Sponsored Walk took place on Friday 19th June from Shaw's Bridge down to St. Aidan's Church Hall. Although low in numbers our spirits were high as we set off on what turned out to be a very damp night. On completion of the walk a very welcome cuppa was provided along with cocktail sausages and lovely tray bakes etc.

A very big Thank You to all who supplied the food, served it, gave out drinks during the walk, provided transport and helped out in any way.

I would also like to thank the Walkers and the Sponsors and everyone involved who make this annual event the success it is. It is a great effort and a great fund-raiser for the Church. Just a little reminder to all those still holding Sponsorship Forms.

Could all sponsorship money and donations be given in by the 1st September, this allows us to forward gift aid forms to the R.C.B. in Dublin, and gift aid would enhance our total by three to four hundred pounds. *M. Griffin.*

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving we will be collecting food for those in need.

A list of suggested items is available. Plans are in hand to open a distribution centre in the Sandy Row area. This will be managed by volunteers from each of the churches in the local community. Further information from Dorothy Coates and Alison Shaw.

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 5 September: 12.30 – 3.30
in Sandy Row Methodist Church Grounds
This event is organised by local churches working together.
Admission free - lots of fun and games for all the family.

BOWLS

The bowling club will resume on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church hall, Donegall Road.

We look forward to all our members joining us on this evening. We are a lively bunch and always ready to welcome new members so why not come along. *Gladys.*



REMEMBRANCE

During the early days of the second battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2nd May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander, Major John McCrae. As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the Chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty that evening, it is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up your quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Major John McCrae was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He contracted pneumonia and died on 28th January 1918 at Boulogne and is buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Section of Wimereux Cemetery.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A New Start.

"The time has come," he said.
"The kingdom of God is near, Repent
and believe the good news!"

Mark 1 : 15 NIV

Each day at dawning we have but to pray
that all of the mistakes that we made
yesterday, will be blotted out and forgiven
by grace, for God, in his mercy, will
completely efface all that is past, and
he'll grant a new start to all who are truly
repentant at heart.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Mrs. Margaret Couchman who was recently awarded the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) for Community Service. Margaret travelled over to London to receive her medal at Buckingham Palace.

What a wonderful acknowledgement for all her hard work. Well Done Margaret.



PUZZLER

What is this?

ONE ANOTHER. ONE ANOTHER. ONE ANOTHER.
ONE ANOTHER. ONE ANOTHER. ONE ANOTHER.

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What is the solution to this riddle?

My first is in border and also in bed;
My second's in roll but never in bread;
My third is in mile but isn't in metre;
My fourth's found in pint but not found in litre;
My fifth's not in pain but always in ache;
My sixth is in pie but never in cake;
My seventh is found both in ankle and knee,
My whole is a creature that swims in the sea.

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WORD SEARCH

Sweetie Scramble (Can you unscramble these well loved sweeties)

Onb nosb. Aruymr tnmsi. Aocchtelo railecs. Leylj eibasb. Emsrslaset.
Dgtmei egsm. Psabrryebr ulrfsef. Urtfi silpealst. Qoclciruei lrtalsso.
Lydol xtmrusie.

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In a drawer there are five pairs of brown socks and five pairs of black socks - all jumbled together. If it was completely dark, how many socks would need to be taken from the drawer to be sure of having a matching pair?

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By replacing the asterisks with a popular food, nine three-letter words will appear when read vertically.

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*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
P	W	Y	U	D	Y	N	E	N

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Can you add punctuation to this sentence to make sense of it?

THAT THAT IS IS THAT THAT IS NOT IS NOT IS NOT THAT IT IT IS

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What has a mouth but cannot talk?

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Bill could never tell the truth. Tom could never tell a lie. One of them said, 'The other one said he is Bill'

Which one said that?

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What is it that has a tongue but never talks,
Has no legs but always walks?

Answers.....Next Magazine.

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.

Finance: Details of Freewill Offering Envelopes, Gift Aid and Parish Financial Report are all available on request.

Please inform Revd Bobbie or the Church Wardens of parishioners who are ill at home or in hospital. Also let us know if you would like a name added to the weekly parish prayer list or contact the prayer line: **07733 712942**.

PARISH REGISTER

FUNERALS:

Elizabeth Fleeton – 9 June 2015

David Coates – 23 June 2015

Flower Rota

September

6th Mr. P. Oakley

13th Mrs. B. Watson

20th The Leith Family

27th Mrs. K. Wiggins

October

4th Mrs. M. Horn

11th Mrs. R. Vance

18th The McAllister Family

25th Mrs. I. McCreery

November

1st The Walsh Family

8th Mrs. W. Campbell

15th Mr. C. Dickson

22nd Mrs. L. Brown

& Girls Brigade

BAPTISMS:

Michael Hill (Adult) - Friday 12 June

Anna Lise Sloss (Adult) - Friday 12 June

Rhio Drew Patterson - Friday 12 June

Theo Darren Adams - Friday 12 June

Caine Adams - Friday 12 June

Emilee Adams - Friday 12 June

Isla Marian May Campbell - Sunday 26

July



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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Organist: Mrs Ellie Leckey

Honorary Secretary: Mr. John Griffin

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Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Coates

02890 692132

Rector's Church Warden: Mrs. Barbara Bowden

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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 2015 – 2016

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. G. Hollywood.

Parish Organisations & Contacts

Sunday Children's Church: Mrs Dorothy Coates

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Monday Bowls: Mrs Gladys Holywood

Wednesday Bible Study Group: Revd Bobbie

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Thursday Mothers' Union: Mrs Barbara Bowden

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Select Vestry: Mr John Griffin

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Friday Girls Brigade: Mrs Fiona Hendren

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Messy Church: Mrs Alison Shaw

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