

St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Enabling People to find a living faith in a loving God

2018

SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1895



Sunday Worship at 11 am

1st Sunday - Holy Communion

2nd and 4th Sunday - Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday - Informal Service

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Charity Registration No. CCNI 101978



Service Times Sept. – Nov. at 11am

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Celebrating 35 years of the Thrift Shop
- 9 Parish Communion
- 16 Informal Service
- 23 Holy Baptism
- 30 Fifth Sunday informal service
7pm Service for healing and wholeness
Donegall Road Methodist

OCTOBER

- 7 Harvest Thanksgiving - 6.30pm Harvest Hymns of Praise
- 14 Parish Communion
- 21 Informal Service
- 28 Holy Baptism

NOVEMBER

- 4 Parish Communion
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 18 Informal Service
- 25 GB Enrolment

MIDWEEK SERVICE

THURSDAY 3pm First and Third Thursdays



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, Lynn 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, 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,

We love to celebrate at St Aidan's. The church year offers many opportunities for special celebration services - the high points of Easter and Christmas quickly come to mind and soon we will be celebrating Harvest. But there are many other occasions when we take time to celebrate - with families when they come to church for baptism, or weddings for example - most importantly each and every Sunday when we gather for worship to give thanks, to celebrate all that God has done and is doing in our lives as individuals and as a Church Family. We are reminded of his love and mercy, his provision to meet all of our needs.



As we acknowledge all that God has done for us, we want to reach out to help others in need. For the past 35 years our Thrift Shop has been a major part of that reaching out to the local community - another good reason for a celebration. On Sunday 2 September at 11am we will have a service of celebration to mark the work and witness of those 35 years.

Perhaps you have a memory or a photograph relating to the shop, if so we would love to hear from you. Many people have been involved in helping in the shop over the years, but our thanks go especially to Maureen McBride who began the shop to raise funds for the parish mini-bus. Although we no longer have a mini-bus, funds from the shop are used to support Children's Church, and many other parish needs. Plans are in hand for a long overdue face lift for the shop premises and a huge amount of work has been done to clear stock in preparation for renovation work. We look forward to another celebration when the work is completed!

Now that summer is drawing to a close, holidays are mostly over, and children are back to school, our thoughts turn to the Autumn and all that lies ahead. Throughout this edition of the magazine you will find details of the various organisations which form part of the Church Family. Life steps up a pace after the lazy, hazy days of summer! A great way to prepare is to take time with God, to leave aside all that pre-occupies us and simply enjoy his presence. In his article for this issue, Canon Ken has written about God's desire to have us spend time with him, using a lovely illustration of a boy with his Dad. It also reminds us as parents and grandparents of the gift of time we can give to children and grandchildren.

*Take time
to celebrate being God's child.
Saturday 1 September 10.30 - 1.30 in church*

*Warm Greetings in Christ,
Rev'd Bobbie.*



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ST AIDAN'S GIRLS BRIGADE



Getting near that time again for the start of another GB year.

Hope everyone has had a lovely break and enjoyed the great weather we have had over the summer months.

Our opening night will be Friday 7th September 2018. Last year we introduced a separate registration night for parents/guardians which appeared to work well.

We plan to repeat this process this year with our **registration evening on**

Thursday 6th September 2018. Officers will be at the hall between 7 pm - 8

pm to facilitate registration of all current girls and look forward to having new

members join us. Please note it is not necessary for your daughter to attend the registration evening.

Please pass our start date around and if you know of any young girls in the district who currently do not attend GB please encourage them to do so. **Our**

company numbers have gone down over the past few years and it would be great to see more girls coming along.

Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

We may have been in recess during the gloriously warm Summer but we have been active as well. The MU hosted a fundraiser for the 'Summer of Hope' campaign at which the grand total raised was £240.00. I wish to thank all who donated pastries and cakes and to our members, a huge thank you for making it a success.

I trust the members are looking forward to the Autumn Season, as usual we have our registration evening on Thursday 20th September at 8pm in the church hall, when (George) from the 'Big Yellow Bus' will be joining us.

The MU South Belfast Area Service will take place on Tuesday the 2nd October 2018 at 7.30pm. The service will be held in the Church of the Epiphany and the speaker will be the Revd Louise Stewart, Rector of the parish.

The branch meeting will take place on Thursday 18th October at 8pm in the church hall, this will be our MU Overseas and Biblical Bring & Buy Sale in aid of the MU Relief Fund.

The next meeting 'A Crafty Christmas' will be Thursday 15th November at 8pm in the church hall. *Barbara Bowden*

HARVEST PRAYERS

*God of the heavens and the earth
You call us to share in the care of your creation
And to bring food and fruitfulness from field
and farm.*

*Hear our prayer for all who make their living
on the land*

*And make us grateful for the work of their
hands*

And for the generosity of your provision.

We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

(From Arthur Rank Centre)

Foodie Prayer

For food, glorious food and those who provide
it

Let us praise God

For potatoes and pasta, crumbly cheese and
juicy tomatoes

Let us praise God

For the smell of freshly baked bread, for butter
and honey, jam and cream

Let us praise God

For colourful carrots and bendy bananas,
peppers and peanuts and pears

Let us praise God

For sizzling sausages and bacon butties, for
crunchy apples and seedless grapes

Let us praise God

For milk and for juice, for fish and for chips
Let us praise God

For chocolate and for biscuits, for cornflakes
and toast

Let us praise God

For food, glorious food and those who provide
it

Let us praise God

Amen.

(Taken from the Farming Community Network)



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are looking forward to beginning our new season of Children's Church, which for a number of reasons, including baptisms and informal services, is beginning on Sunday 14th October. (New Date) During August and September, we are hoping to visit the parents / guardians of those children, who were baptised in St. Aidan's and who are now between 3 and 5 years old. We are hoping to encourage families to bring their children to join in our church services and activities.

We are always grateful to our supportive parents/grandparents etc. As usual we value your prayers and encouragement.

Barbara, Dorothy, Gladys and Lynn.



Messy Church will recommence in September after our summer break.

Dates for this term are

**14 September & 5 October
9 November & 7 December**

We meet in the Church hall from 4-6pm

BOWLS

The Bowling Club will recommence on Monday the 10th September at 7.30pm. We look forward to the beginning of the new term and would welcome any former members of the Club back to a new session. We would like to encourage new members, so if you know of anyone who would be interested please bring them along to join in the fun and fellowship.

No special skills required, you will find practice makes perfect, there are people on hand to help you along.







SPONSORED WALK

We have collected the sum of £1,386.00 up to date for our Annual Sponsored Walk which took place in June. We would like to have all monies in by early September, so if anyone has outstanding sponsorship forms or would like to donate towards the walk, could you please forward them to Mrs. E. Collins as soon as possible.

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

On a personal note may I thank all those who helped with the 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 You All.

Elizabeth Collins & Margaret Griffin

Craft Group

Jaki Polly will be organising a craft group in the church at Halloween.

Food Bank

Thanks to all for the Easter collection. The South Belfast Food bank really appreciates our support and, since we put our donations into Friendship House, they are used for people in our own area. Monetary donations are used to buy items in short supply and to pay the rent for storage.

Relevant To All Ages

Hope you are all ready.

We have a brilliant programme of events lined up between now and January.

Don't forget to pass on any ideas you have for community outreach or fundraising to a member of the Relevant to All Ages Team. The Relevant To All Ages Team consists of Alison Shaw, Alice, Dorothy, Margaret, Arlene, Brenda, Andrea and Jaki, with, of course, help from many people who support our efforts.

DIARY DATES.

1st September 2018

Parish Quiet Morning

29th September 2018

Macmillan Coffee Morning

14th November 2018

Anniversary of The End of World War One / Music Hall Night.

Sunday 2nd December 2018

Route Choir / Christmas Light Switch on. Plenty to look forward to. We look forward to seeing you at all these events

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Parish Quiet Morning in Church

Saturday 1 September 2018

10.30am – 1.30pm

Bring your lunch tea/coffee provided

The Armistice 1918 – 2018

Sunday the 11th November 2018 will mark the Centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War in 1918. I pray we will all see this anniversary on the 11/11/2018 as full of significance, as our church is full of war memorials from St. Andrew's, Christ Church and St. Aidan's, so many young men served and died. I pay tribute to all those young men who came from every class and creed, from this land and many others who fought and died in both WW1 and WW2.

Many soldiers carried a small testament in their uniform pocket provided by the Church Army, YMCA or Scripture Gift Mission. Many had an Active Service text of St. John's Gospel and in some cases the testament actually saved the soldiers life, acting as a shield, embedding the bullets. 'Jesus Truly Saves'.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John Chp15. V13)

Their fight is over but our fight continues. Our fight is not a physical one, it is spiritual.

*Faith in God with Prayer - Inspiration by The Holy Spirit - Generosity to others
Humility to God and fellow humanity - Trust in Jesus Christ and in the Bible.*

We are all called into the mission and ministry of God's Church, we are called to reach out to the community in mission and service. Standing against poverty, alcohol and substance addiction, against abuse, gambling, hatred and violence, showing God's Love, as God has shown his love to us. We must all strive to get this Gospel message out, along with Bishop Alan, Revd Bobbie and Canon Ken, acting in tangible ways that shows God's grace and love. Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, Jesus saved the entire world and he still saves us today. We will never forget those young men or their sacrifice, it is only through Jesus we must look forward into the future for today's generation. God Bless you all. *John Collins. Parish Reader.*

The Irish on the Somme.

At 7.30am on July 1, 1916, some 60,000 men climbed out of their trenches and walked across No-Man's-Land and into the history books. The Battle of the Somme, was to rage for another four-and-a-half months, would ultimately involve every Irish Battalion on the Western Front.

For some, such as the 36th Ulster Division which sustained some, 5,000 casualties in just 24 hours, the slaughter left them so weakened that they had to be withdrawn. For others their participation went on for weeks until attrition wore them down.

Today the Somme is at peace, though the First World War hasn't been forgotten. Dotted across its tranquil landscape are memorials to the Irish Dead, many of whom lie in the cemeteries clustered around the old front lines. Men of Ireland, North and South, unionist and nationalist.

*Soldier, rest, thy warfare o'er,
Sleep the sleep that knows no breaking;
Dream of fighting field no more,
Day of toil and night of waiting.*

(Tribute on the cross placed at the grave of teenage soldier John Clay, Forceville.
Copied from The Irish on the Somme by Steven Moore).



A WORD FROM CANON KEN

Have you noticed how communication methods have changed nowadays? People don't actually talk to one another as a first choice in conversing – they text, or WhatsApp or, as a last resort, email. The former two can be done on their mobiles at high speed and they can be doing something else at the same time. Sometimes I get involved in an exchange of text messages and I feel like screaming, “Why not just phone me so we can talk about this?”

I think I know why this happens; it's because many people's lives are lived at such a high speed that they must always be doing two, or several things, at one time. Example! How often do you see people carrying a polystyrene coffee cup? 'Coffee to Go' is now huge business' – as is food 'to go'! Doesn't anyone actually sit down to take lunch anymore (other than while they are texting on their phone or working on their ipad!?)

Where am I going with this? Well I've been challenged in my own life by an increasing habit – 'Prayer to Go'. I talk to God when I'm driving, when I'm walking, when I'm working in the garden, when I'm trying to get to sleep – and on numerous other occasions. Now I'm not suggesting that God doesn't hear such prayers – but what happens when He is trying to communicate his heart to us? You see that requires our full attention, our complete focus, an open mind in which he can impart his will and purposes - in other words a dedicated time set apart for him.

A man came home from a long day at work; he was totally exhausted. He went into his son's bedroom to wish him goodnight, and was greatly irritated when his little boy began to badger him about money. The little boy said, “Daddy, how much money do you make?” The father grunted, “Enough!” But the boy pressed further and said, “I mean how much do you make per hour?” The man was not in the mood for any games, so he gave the boy a quick lecture and said, “They pay me £20 per hour.” The boy then said, “Can I borrow £8?” The father screamed out, “No! Now go to sleep!”

The following morning the overworked man felt very guilty about the way he treated his son, so he apologised to him and gave him the £8. The little boy's eyes lit up like a Christmas tree and he ran to his room. In seconds he returned with his little piggy bank and spilled its contents on the kitchen table. The man watched curiously as his son excitedly pushed all the contents toward him. The boy then reached into his pocket for the £8 his Dad had given him and said, “Daddy, here's £20, can I buy an hour of your time?”

Do you see where this is going? That little boy wanted to spend time with his dad, so badly that he was willing to pay for it. Well, our Heavenly Father wants us to spend time with us so too - and He has paid for it as well. He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to remove every barrier, tear down every wall, bridge every gulf, unlock every door, that we might have a personal relationship with Him. Now He wants to spend quality time with us in which he can pour his love and grace into our lives and guide us in our walk with Him. But it's difficult if He only gets 'Prayer to go' time! What does He have to do to get our prime time?

I'm working on it in my own life. *Canon Ken*

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

TUCKER WILLIAM JOHNATHAN DUNN 20 MAY 2018

FUNERALS

ARTHUR MCCALLUM 21 MAY 2018

MATILDA CRAWFORD 2 JUNE 2018

PASTORAL NOTES

BAPTISMS: 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 and those who wish to receive Communion at home.

Flower Rota

September

2nd Mrs. G. Hollywood
9th Mr. & Mrs. B. Richardson
16th The Leith Family
23rd The Close Family

October

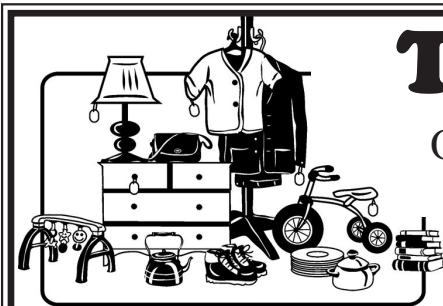
7th Mrs. M. Horn
14th Mrs. R. Vance
21st The McAllister Family
28th Mrs. I. McCreery

November

4th The Walsh Family
11th Mrs. W. Campbell
18th Mrs. C. Dickson
25th Mrs. L. Brown
& Girls Brigade

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 1st December. 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

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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 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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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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