

# St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Summer 2016

SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1895



In memory of Thomas Moore, CLB who died on the 8th  
September 1918.

## Special Community Services

Sunday 12 June at 3pm

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving to mark The Queen's 90th Birthday

Sunday 3 July at 3pm

A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

To mark the 100th anniversary of The Battle of the Somme

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## SERVICE TIMES June - August

### JUNE

- 5** 11am Parish Communion  
**12** 11am Children's Day and Prize giving  
3pm Service of Celebration for the Queens 90th Birthday  
**19** 11am Family Service for Father's Day  
**26** 11am Morning Prayer

### JULY

- 3** 11am Parish Communion  
3pm Service of Remembrance for 100th anniversary of Battle of the Somme  
**10** 11am Morning Prayer  
**17** 11am Family Service  
**24** 11am Morning Prayer  
**31** 11am Special Service for Fifth Sunday  
6.30pm Service of Healing and Wholeness

### AUGUST

- 7** 11am Parish Communion  
**14** 11am Morning Prayer  
**21** 11am Family Service  
**28** 11am St Aidan's Day Morning Prayer



## 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 sick, the house bound and bereaved.

**Tuesday:** Choose one item from the news headlines and bring that situation to God in prayer.

**Wednesday:** Pray for young people and leaders involved in Children's Church, Messy Church, Girls' Brigade and remember Alison Shaw, Family Worker

**Thursday:** Pray for members of the Select Vestry, Church Wardens, and all who give their time to various church activities.

**Friday:** Pray for brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted because of their faith. Look at the Open Doors website for up to date information.

**Saturday:** Pray for Sunday Services, for Revd Bobbie, John, Organists Daniel and Gerald and the Choir that our worship may glorify God and bind us together as members of God's family. Pray that St Aidan's will be a beacon of light in the community and a place of welcome and acceptance.

**Sunday:** Pray together in God's house if possible.

## Dear Church Family,

Her Majesty the Queen has served us all her adult life. From 10th-12th June the country and Commonwealth will celebrate her 90th birthday. Here in St Aidan's we will have a special service of celebration and thanksgiving on Sunday 12 June at 3pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together to say thank you: thank you to God for a faithful life well lived, and thank you to the Queen for her unstinting service.



We will use an order of service which has been specially prepared for the occasion and includes this quote from the Queen at her Coronation.

*"I have in sincerity pledged myself to your service, as so many of you are pledged to mine. Throughout all my life and with all my heart I shall strive to be worthy of your trust." June 2nd 1953.*



The hymns, theme and Bible passages have been chosen because they are known to be held in particular regard by Her Majesty. To mark this significant birthday a book has been published about the Queen's Christian faith, its title is self-explanatory – 'The Servant Queen and the King she serves'. Copies of the book will be available free of charge at the service. Do come and join in this very special,

historic occasion.

On a more sombre note, there will be a service on Sunday 3 July at 3pm to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme. A memorial tablet originally from Christ Church showing the names of men who died in the First World War has recently been found and will be placed in the church. Members of the Ulster Covenant Historical Society will join us in dedicating this memorial during the service. Many young men from the local community gave their lives in service to King and Country and it is appropriate that we remember their sacrifice and thank God for their service.

During the summer months there is an opportunity to come to church for a mid-week service. The new Thursday at 3 Service has just begun on alternate Thursdays and is greatly appreciated. The format is a short service with hymns followed by refreshments. Dates during the summer are: 2, 16, 30 June; 14, 28 July and 18 August.

I look forward to seeing you in St Aidan's.

Warm Greetings in Christ

*Revd Bobbie.*



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# ST AIDAN'S GIRLS BRIGADE



## What has been happening at GB?

The company completed the 2015/16 session with their Annual Display on Friday 22nd April 2016. Our Guest of Honour was Elizabeth Collins and we would thank Elizabeth for agreeing to present our Awards. The Officers would also like to thank all family and friends for their support both throughout the year and at our display. We hope those who attended enjoyed our programme showing the physical work the girls do throughout the year along with items specially prepared for the display. The Tiny Tots and Explorers did a great job acting out the story of Rapunzel while the Junior and Senior girls did an extract from the musical "Matilda". We can't forget to mention our very own special guest "Her Majesty" celebrating her 90th birthday with us.

Regrettably we have to say that two of our officers Lorraine Fullerton and Barbara Watson have decided to step down as officers of the company. Both have been in the Girl's Brigade a very long time having 52 and 48 years respective service. They will both be missed on a Friday night but we wish them well for the future. We are delighted that Barbara has agreed to be a helper in the company and will be down when she is free to do so.

We would like to congratulate all girls on their achievements throughout the session and well done to those girls who were awarded cups at the display.

Hope to see all girls back in September. *The Officers*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CUP WINNERS! 2015 - 16

### SCRIPTURE AWARDS

#### Junior

1st - Morgan Smyth  
2nd - Alexis Magill  
3rd - Arizona Crocker

#### Senior

1st - Katy Beggs

#### Brigader

1st - Amy Hendren

#### Tiny Tot 2

1st - Abigail Sergeant  
2nd - Sacha Hewitt  
3rd - Madison McCormick &  
Tia Robinson

#### Explorer 1

1st - Jessica Campbell  
2nd - Channel Cooper  
3rd - Alex Meehan

### SECTION ALL ROUND CUPS

#### Tiny Tot 1

1st - Khaili Cooper  
2nd - Elayna Magill  
3rd - Heidi Norris

#### Explorer 2

1st - Amber Allison  
2nd - Zara Dickson  
3rd - Brooke Allison

### **Junior**

- 1st - Morgan Smyth
- 2nd - Arizona Crocker
- 3rd - Imogen Swain

### **Senior**

- 1st - Katy Beggs

### **Brigader**

- 1st - Amy Hendren
- 2nd - Zara Gregg



### **New Recruit**

- 1st - Hannah McAllister (Tiny Tot)
- 2nd - Robyn Magill (Tiny Tot)

### **Best Progress – Younger Sections**

- 1st - Miley Norris (Explorer)
- 2nd - Jorja Swain (Tiny Tot)
- 3rd - Bobby Butler (Explorer)

### **Best Progress – Company Section**

- 1st - Imogen Swain (Junior)

### **Badgework Cup**

- 1st - Amy Gargan (Explorer)
- 2nd – Aimee Dickson (Junior)
- 3rd - Morgan Gorman (Brigader)





Sunday 17 April was a special occasion when we said thank you to our organist Ellie. Everyone enjoyed singing some favourite hymns and Ellie was delighted with her gifts – a framed photo of her with the choir, a beautiful glass vase and of course flowers and cake.



**CHILDRENS  
CHURCH**



## HOLIDAY IN INDIA

It is over a month since Hazel and I were in India and by now I will only remember the “bad” bit and the “good” bits. There is so much poverty in India and it is impossible to ignore, ordinary people living in what can only be described as hovels, washing their children with a bucket of water at the side of the road, rubbish everywhere and trying to make a frugal living, selling anything they can. So many gods and rituals and all of this round the corner from lovely hotels, where we, as tourists, were living in a totally different world.



The good bits –  
Beautiful temples,  
palaces, and of

course the magnificent Taj Mahal which was everything I hoped it would be. I thought about Princess Diana and said a little prayer for her two sons, who had lost their mum at such an early age. The most amazing place was Varanasi on the banks of the Ganges, which is known as the Spiritual capital of India. We saw the Burning Ghats, where bodies are laid out and burnt on piles of wood. The ashes are then thrown into the Ganges.

People wash their clothes and also bathe in the river to wash away their sins.

I found the people to be warm, friendly and ready to speak and make contact (sometimes overly friendly, when they were selling something) it was a truly wonderful experience but I am not thinking of moving to India in the near future.

*Dorothy Coates*





This term in Messy Church we have made our own musical instruments under the guidance of Dorothy, learnt about God's mercy and grace in the story of the prodigal son and focused on the power of prayer in the story of Daniel in the lions den.

We asked the parents to give us their thoughts about Messy Church so that we could write a St. Aidan's Messy Church prayer –

Dear God

Thank you for Messy Church,  
For the warm welcome,  
For the chance to meet together and  
For the happy times we share.  
Thank you God  
that we can learn more about you,  
That we have fun and  
Enjoy good food.

Most of all we thank you that Your love is  
always with us.  
May we always know Your love in our lives.  
Amen.

Thank you to all who participated and to the  
support from parishioners. We would also like  
to thank Jill Hamilton the Diocesan children's  
worker for her help this term.

Dates for the summer  
10 June 4-6pm  
(No Messy Church in July)  
12 August 4-6pm  
9 September 4-6pm

Dates of children's Bible clubs over the  
summer  
1- 5 August Friendship House  
8- 12 August Friendship House  
14-21 August Great Victoria Street Baptist

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

A Celebration of Faith is the 2016 theme for MU and there is plenty to celebrate as members began the year thanking God for the past 140 Years of its foundation.

Happy Birthday.

Queen Elizabeth the II was born on 21 April 1926 and her full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary. She was named after her mother (Elizabeth), grandmother (Mary) and great grandmother (Alexandra). Although she became Queen on 6th February 1952 the day her father King George VI died, she wasn't crowned Queen until 2nd of June 1953.

The Queen has been a supporter of Mothers' Union for over 60 years, and has spoken consistently about the importance of her family and of her faith in her 90th birthday year. Celebrate with us with a prayer for the Queen's reign when she became the longest-reigning monarch in British history on 9th September 2015.

Almighty God,

As members of the Mothers' Union we bring you our gratitude for the long life and reign of Elizabeth our Queen. We thank you for her support of our work and vision through the patronage of Mothers' Union. We look to her example of selfless service as we seek to live out our Christian faith by the transformation of communities worldwide. Amen

Happy Birthday.

We as a branch are planning a celebration of our 60th year since the formation of the MU here in St. Aidan's. The Thanksgiving Service will take place on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock on the 29th September 2016.

Barbara Bowden





### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

We have had a very successful year in children's church. We plan to have our "outing" on

Saturday 11th June to Spruce Meadows, an adventure farm near Ravarnet and then our Prize Giving on Sunday 12th of June. As usual many thanks to all who encourage us, by bringing your children and by praying for us. Thanks also to The Thrift Shop for their continued support. We plan to start Children's Church again with Family Service on the 18th of September.

*Gladys, Barbara, Lynn and Dorothy.*

### **SPONSORED WALK**

The annual sponsored walk will take place this year on Friday 3rd June at 7.30pm. We will meet at the church from 7.00pm where transport will be available to convey the walkers to Shaws Bridge. On completion of the walk refreshments will be served in the church. Last year we raised the sum of £2258.00 which was a magnificent effort, we received £388.80 of gift aid which gave us a grand total of £2646.80. Each year we have increased our total and we hope that this year will be no different. Everyone is welcome to participate in this very enjoyable way of raising funds which our church needs to keep providing a service to the people of the parish and beyond.

*Margaret Griffin*



### **FOODBANK**

St. Aidan's is making a significant contribution to South Belfast Foodbank in three important ways.

Firstly a monthly monetary contribution, secondly a regular food collection from members of the congregation and thirdly our Community Outreach Worker Alison Shaw is part of a team operating out of Friendship House in Blythe Street.

This is open for food distribution every Thursday afternoon and also offers advice as to appropriate measures to improve life for those, who are having difficulties.

Food contributions are always welcome and can be left in Church on Sunday or given into Friendship House on Thursday afternoons.

Thanks to everyone for their support to date.

*Dorothy Coates*



### **ST. AIDAN'S BOWLING CLUB**

The spring bowling session ended with the members attending the Easter services at St. Aidan's and St. Simon's. A donation of £105.00 was forwarded to St. Aidan's renovation account on behalf of the members. The Club is now in summer recess and will resume in September 2016. I wish everyone a long and enjoyable summer. Thank you  
*Gladys*

## 'No Greater Love' 1916 – 2016

You cannot miss the number of War Memorial Plaques in our St Aidan's Church which speak of loyalty and loss by young men who belonged to St Andrew's, Christ Church and St Aidan's Parish Churches in both world wars.

Just to the left of the Communion Table is a beautiful window, in memory of Thomas Moore, CLB who died on the 8th September 1918, so close to the end of the War.

In 1914, Sandy Row provided many volunteers to the Army being raised by Lord Kitchener. Organisations such as the Boys' Brigade, Boy Scouts, and of course Church Lad's Brigade, provided many recruits and their sacrifices are testified by the memorials in our church and many others throughout the country.

One of the most famous Victoria Cross winners was William Frederick McFadzean who was aged 20 years when he died on the 1st of July 1916, at the Battle of the Somme. No one from Sandy Row would ignore the symbolic significance of the date, the original date of the Battle of the Boyne 1690. William McFadzean was a Presbyterian, who lived in Cregagh, and worshipped in St John's Newtownbreda. He was a Christian and had a personal faith and trust in God and in Jesus Christ, God's Son and Saviour and always carried and read his soldier's testament given to him by his mother. On the morning of 1st July 1916, a box of grenades slipped into the trench, and the safety pins were dislodged. Private William McFadzean, threw himself on top of the box, and was killed, saving his fellow soldiers lives and in doing so losing his own life. William McFadzean was a Belfast Solider, a British soldier, but was primarily a good solider of Jesus Christ, for he knew that this was not the end, and that his faith in Jesus Christ would secure eternal life.

St John 15:13 speaks of: "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends". John's gospel records Jesus' words of sacrifice, of service and of salvation. The message of the cross is clear – For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believed in him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

As we remember with pride, gratitude and sorrow the many sacrifices of those who served in the First World War, Battle of the Somme, World War 2 and the more recent conflicts; let us never forget the need to serve all people, both young and old within the community today. We are exploring the possibility of re-starting the CLB in partnership with St Simon's but this can only happen if leaders and helpers are available. The educational under-achievement of boys in working class Protestant areas is of great concern and the needs of our community are all too obvious. In St Aidan's we are trying to reconnect the community to the Church, by social and community service.

Jesus Christ called us to labour in his Mission and Ministry, so let our challenge in 2016 be to lead all to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins and the sins of the whole world. God bless you all.

*John Collins, Parish Reader*

**PARISH REGISTER**

**BAPTISMS**

Skyla Dawn Hutton – 17 April 2016  
Dylan Anthony Cooper – 17 April 2016  
Sara Helen Mildred Cooper – 17 April 2016  
Boston Sylan Thomas Craig Cooper –  
17 April 2016

**FUNERALS**

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 any funeral service.

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

*Flower Rota*

**June**

5th Mrs. I. McCreery  
12th Mrs. W. Campbell  
19th Mrs. N. Baillie  
26th Mrs. I. Annett

**July**

3rd .....  
10th.....  
17th The Coote Family  
24th Mrs. B. Wilson

**August**

7th.....  
14th Mrs. E. Collins  
21st Mrs. E. Bell & Mr. E. Gill  
28th The Walsh Family

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.



**Thrift Shop**

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11am – 3pm BRIC A BRAC  
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Providing a service to the community

## WHO'S WHO IN ST AIDAN'S

**Minister in Charge: Rev. Bobbie Moore**

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**Organist: Vacant**

**Honorary Secretary: Mr. John Griffin**

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**Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Coates**

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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 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.**

### **Parish Organisations & Contacts**

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**Monday Bowls: Mrs Gladys Hollywood**

**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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