

# St Aidan's Parish Magazine

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**Autumn 2019**



***HARVEST CELEBRATIONS***  
***SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER - 11am and 6.30pm***

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## SERVICE TIMES September - November

### September

- 1 11am Parish Communion
- 8 11am Baptism
- 15 11am Informal Service
- 22 11am Morning Prayer
- 29 11am Service of the Word for fifth Sunday

### October

- 6 11am and 6.30pm Harvest Celebrations
- 13 11am Morning Prayer
- 20 11am Informal Service
- 27 11am Morning Prayer

### November

- 3 11am Parish Communion
- 10 11am Remembrance Sunday
- 17 11am GB Enrolment
- 24 11am Morning Prayer

**MID-WEEK SERVICE:** First and Third Thursdays at 3pm in Church

**Parish Fellowship** - beginning 11 September: Second and Fourth Wednesdays 7.45-9pm in Parish Hall.



## 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, 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; also those who have contacted the prayer line and individuals on our parish prayer list. *You are the Body of Christ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. 1 Cor. 12.*

**Wednesday:** Pray for Canon Ken, Assistant Minister and Alison Shaw, Community Outreach Worker as they engage with the community. Pray for friends and neighbours who are finding life difficult for whatever reason. *What a friend we have in Jesus. Church Hymnal 627.*

**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 peace in this troubled world. Use the news headlines to focus your prayer. *Make me a channel of your peace. Church Hymnal 503.*

**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. Remember organists Gerald and Edna. *Bind us together Lord with cords which cannot be broken. Church Hymnal 518.*

**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. *Jesus stand among us in your risen power; let this time of worship be a hallowed hour. Church Hymnal 338.*

# BACK TO THE FUTURE



**Dear Friends,**

We often think of January as a time of new beginnings, a fresh start as the old year ends and a new one begins. In the church calendar Advent, usually in December, marks a new year when one cycle of readings and festivals end and a new one begins. However as I write I'm thinking of the new beginnings which occur at this time of year. Summer is over and a new school term will see little ones having their first taste of school life, while at the other end of the scale those whose school days are over will be starting out on a new way of life. This issue of the parish magazine contains details of organisations returning to their usual weekly or monthly slot with fresh energy and a new programme for the year ahead.

The most exciting 'new beginning' for us in St Aidan's is the preparation for the celebration of 125 years of being church here in Sandy Row. The anniversary takes place in March next year and we have chosen the theme **BACK TO THE FUTURE** to help focus our thinking and planning as we seek to continue to ***'Enable people to have a living faith in a loving God by serving Christ in the Community'***.

In 2015 we celebrated 120 years – looking back to the foundation of the church and its witness over the years. In a new and very different context the challenge of being church requires fresh thinking and new ways of doing things. For some time the Select Vestry has been considering how to make the best use of our buildings. We are blessed with a beautiful, well maintained church building which no longer needs to facilitate huge congregations on a regular basis. We have a large parish hall in a poor state of repair which is not fit for purpose. The cost of re-furbishing the hall has proved not to be viable, leaving the only option to sell the hall and re-order the church building to provide both a worship space and accommodation for all parish activities with full disabled access. It will take time for this to be accomplished so in the meantime the hall will continue to be available for at least the next two years. Plans for the future will also include a celebration of the historic place of the parish hall within the community down through the years.

Thinking of these 'new beginnings', I am reminded of the importance of prayer as we move forward together in God's mission. The Apostle Paul writes: Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

*Warm Greetings in Christ,  
Revd Bobbie.*



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# GIRLS' BRIGADE UPDATE



The Grand Central Hotel in Belfast was the venue for our 70th Anniversary Dinner held on Friday 17th May, 2019. The Chaplain, President, Officers and Sub-Officers of the company joined with many past members to celebrate the occasion. We had a great evening together with beautiful food and the chat was good. It was great to share some memories of the company over the years, a company which has meant so much to each of us and had a big impact on our lives.

Further celebrations for our 70th year and Girls' Brigade NI being 125 years, took place with our Junior girls and officers having a day at Jungle NI in Moneymore. Over the day there was approx. 1600 Junior girls taking part which was great for the girls to be involved in. There was a full programme of activities such as zorbing, paintballing, mini quads, Llama trekking, to name but a few, we even had some toasted marshmallows off the fire. Thankfully the weather was good and the girls were able to get round the activities, they had a fantastic time even though they appeared slightly tired on the bus going home, at least it was a quieter journey home.







# GIRLS' BRIGADE UPDATE



Eighteen Tinies and Explorers along with Officers had their celebration day on 8th June to Belfast Zoo. The day started off with a picnic lunch and then a long walk around the Zoo to visit all the animals. On their way round the girls were so excited to meet special visitors Elsa and Ariel. GBNI provided a Pelican craft for each of the girls to make and of course a visit to the shop was a must. Everyone had a fun filled day and it was great for our girls to be part of the 125 GBNI celebrations.

Open night and registration for the new session will be on 13th September 2019, details will be advised to all parents and on notice boards. We look forward to seeing all girls return for another year and hopefully enrolling new members. Please encourage any young girls you know to come along and meet new friends on a Friday evening.

*The Officers.*

**ST. AIDAN'S MOTHERS' UNION**

**MU Theme 2019: Listen, Observe, Act:**

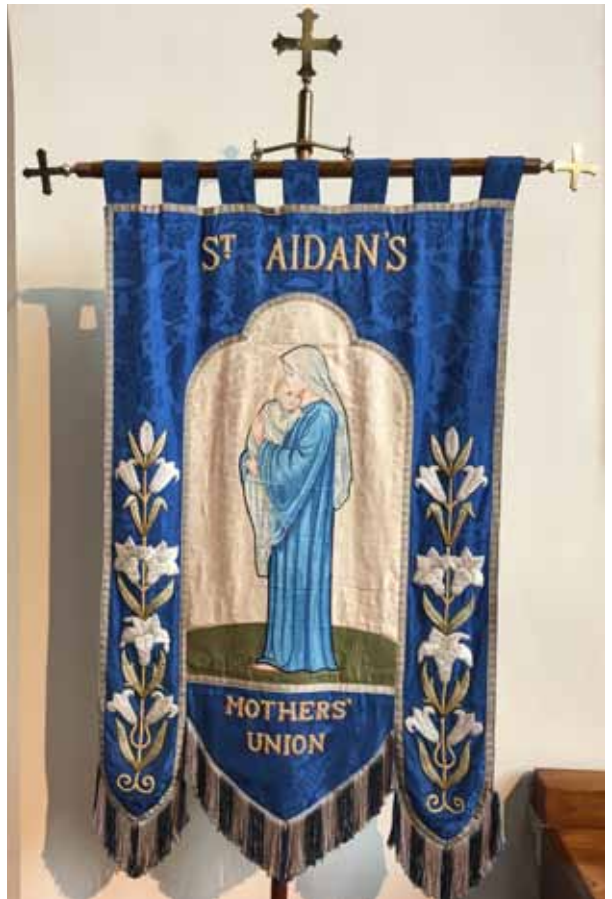
The summer recess has all but too quickly passed, the autumn session will begin with our registration evening on Thursday 19th September at 8pm in the church hall.

The MU South Belfast Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm in St Polycarp's Church.

The MU South Belfast Area Service will take place on Tuesday the 8th October 2019 in St. Thomas's Church Lisburn Road at 7.30pm.

The branch meeting will take place on Thursday 17th 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 November meeting will be on Thursday 21st November at 8pm in the Church hall.





## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

We are looking forward to beginning our new season of Children's Church with the Family Service on Sunday 15th September.

We Look forward to welcoming back our children and look forward to hearing about their other holiday adventures.

We also would be glad to welcome new children. We are always grateful to our supportive parents/grandparents etc.

As usual we value your prayers and encouragement.

*Dorothy, Gladys, Lynn & Barbara*

## **CRAFT GROUP**

Jaki Polly will be organising a craft group in the church at Hallowe'en.



We have been reviewing our Messy Church programme and have decided to focus on key topics of the Church year. This term our first meeting will be on Friday 4th October from 4 - 6pm when we will be focussing on the gifts of Harvest time.

**Date for the diary** - Our next meeting will be our Christmas dinner and celebration on Friday 6th December.

## **FOOD BANK**

Thanks to all for your continued support.

The South Belfast Food bank really appreciates our support and, since we continue to put our donations into Friendship House, they are used for people in our own area. Monetary donations are, as usual, much appreciated and are used to buy items in short supply and to pay the rent for storage Our next collection will be at Harvest.

## **RELEVANT TO ALL AGES TEAM**

**SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER**

**MacMILLAN COFFEE MORNING.**

**10.30 – 12.30**

This is always a great event. Last year we raised an amazing £489.74. Wouldn't it be great to better that?

## **SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER**

**ROUTE CHOIR AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT**

**SWITCH ON 6.30pm**

This is an amazing night. Not to be missed.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

Events are planned for the 125th anniversary of the church from 20th -23rd March 2020. Exciting things are planned so keep the dates free.

More details in next magazine

The Relevant To All Ages Team consists of Alison Shaw, Alice Redpath, Dorothy, Margaret, Arlene, Brenda, Andrea and Jaki with of course, help from many people who support our efforts.

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.

## Notice Board

### New Parish Fellowship

2nd & 4th Wednesday  
Every Month  
7.45pm - 9.00pm

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th September  
at 10.30am - 12.30

### Thursday @ 3 Service

Route Choir & Christmas  
Lights Switch On Sun 1st Dec. 6.30pm

### FILM:

### Back to the Future

Wednesday 11th September  
at 7.45pm

### Bowls

Monday 9th September  
at 7.30pm

### Girls Brigade Opening Night

Friday 13th September 6.45pm

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## ST AIDAN'S PARISH FELLOWSHIP - MOVING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE



In preparation for the celebration of the parish's 125th anniversary next March, we are planning a Fellowship meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The theme for the celebrations is Back to the Future, so we are starting off on 11th September at 7.45 with a showing of the film, starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd. Marty McFly, a 17 year old high school student, is accidentally sent thirty years into the past in a time-travelling DeLorean invented by his close friend, the maverick scientist Doc Brown. Everyone is welcome.

### REMEMBRANCE Pearls Before Poppies

*The Story of The Red Cross Pearls by Rachel Trethewey*

The Red Cross Pearls tells a story of a little-known campaign. While we all associate the selling and wearing of poppies with the Red Cross, the charity kicked off its post war fundraising efforts with adornments that were a little more luxurious.

In February 1918, when the First World War was still being bitterly fought, a prominent society member Lady Northcliffe conceived an idea to help raise funds for the British Red Cross. Using her husband's newspapers, The Times and the Daily Mail, she ran a campaign to collect enough pearls to create a necklace, intending to raffle the piece to raise money for the war effort.

What began as a high society campaign however, captured the wider public imagination.

Over the next nine months 4,000 pearls poured in from around the world, enough to create 41 separate strings.

Society women everywhere donated pearls in tribute to lost brothers, husbands and sons,

while groups of women came together to raise enough to contribute one pearl on behalf of their communities. The pearls donated ranged from priceless heirlooms, even



one that had survived the sinking of the Titanic, to imperfect yet treasured trinkets. Reflecting the wide variety and quality of the pearls on offer, prices paid during the auction ranged from £22,000 for the Norbury necklace to £30 for the childrens necklaces. These along with other pearl jewels such as rings and brooches, raised the Total amount of £85,290 pounds, 12 shillings and 4d for wounded soldiers, when they were auctioned off at Christies in London on December 19th 1918.

Since the publishing of Pearls before Poppies, author Trethewey has been on a publicity campaign that included touring the country giving talks about the real life stories that inspired her book. During this, one of the original pearl necklaces auctioned at Christies, was found after its owners read about it in the Trethewey book.

The string of natural pearls had been in the same family for almost a century – a constant heirloom since it was originally purchased at Christies in 1918 and it is still kept in its original box marked with the Red Cross emblem.

The owners who wished to remain anonymous have always referred to the necklace as the Red Cross Pearls, they did not know the full history of the jewel and the fundraiser until reading Pearls before Poppies.

In a full circle moment the necklace has been sent back to Christies for valuation. The auction house has placed its value somewhere between £100,000 - £150,000. More than the entire total raised for the Red Cross Pearl Appeal in 1918.

## A Word From Canon Ken



Dear Friends

I've just switched on my computer to type this letter and there's some activity going on that I didn't request – Windows (my computer software programme) is installing an 'update'. This is something most people have set up to happen automatically and insures that our computers continue to run smoothly and deal with any security issues or system errors that may arise; most importantly it ensures that at any given time we can get the very best our Windows system has to offer. Sometimes it takes a while to complete but if we are patient we know that, computer wise, we are left in a good place!

I mention this because, as I sat waiting for a few moments for the download to complete, it occurred to me that sometimes, maybe often, we find ourselves in need of a spiritual 'update' – a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit to cleanse and restore, an unimpeded surge of spiritual energy to help us live the Christ life and to 'operate' to our maximum potential.

I was challenged there and then to leave the letter aside for a moment and to ask God to install a Divine update in my heart and soul; to clear the cobwebs and clutter out of my life, to make me spiritually clean and restore his love and zeal. Just like the psalmist prayed in Psalm 51. 10-12. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."



Depending on the download we are installing in our computers we might get a message something like this.

'Your update is complete. It is now safe to continue.'

If you have prayed with the psalmist YOUR update is complete.  
**IT IS NOW SAFE TO CONTINUE!**

Blessings  
Ken

## HARVEST

Harvest festivals have been celebrated for thousands of years and many Christians now celebrate Harvest as a way of thanking God for all the good gifts He has given us.

God of Harvest  
Gardener Supreme,  
You place us at the centre  
Feed us, equip us,  
And having provided for us,  
Look to a different harvest  
A fruitfulness of lives  
In service to you and others,  
God of Harvest  
Feed us,  
Prune us,  
Harvest us,  
That our lives  
Might bring glory to you.  
*(Youth for Christ International)*

## KIDS CORNER

What kind of fish go to heaven when they die?  
*Angel fish*

What's the difference between a fish and a piano?  
*You can't tuna fish.*

Have you put any fresh water in the fish bowl?  
*No, the fish haven't drunk the last lot I gave them.*

### **Keeping on the Fishy Theme**

Fish have fins and all the answers to this puzzle begin with the letters Fin.

Can you say which Fin is.....

- 1...the last one
- 2...a little bird
- 3...on your hand
- 4...an ornament, a fancy knob
- 5...*showy dress or decoration*
- 6...*the last part of a piece of music*

## ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK.



We would like to thank all those who joined us on our Annual Sponsored Walk in June.

Our wish would be to have all monies in by

early September, so if anyone has outstanding sponsorship forms or would like to make a donation 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 taxpayers to consider completing a form as the additional funds will help to increase our final total.

I would like to thank all those who helped with the catering, providing the food and serving it on the night of the walk and those who helped with transport from the hall to the starting point, also the sponsors and those who made donations. Lastly, a Big Thank You to all the Walkers on the night and for making this fund-raising event the success it has been over the years. *God Bless You All. Elizabeth Collins.*

## BOWLS

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 9th September 2019 at the usual time of 7.30pm.



While we welcome back all our members, we would love to see some new faces join our ranks.

If you want to try some gentle exercise, enjoy a bit of craic and a cup of tea, come along and join us. Who knows you may be a Champion in the making. GOD BLESS. *Gladys.*

*7...comes to the end*

*8...is fussy*

*9...an unpleasant person*

*10...a smoked haddock*

*Answers in next mag.*





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## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

Jacob James Gordon Upsall, 12 May 2019

### WEDDINGS

Shomisa Polly and Mark Bowden, 19 July 2019

### FUNERALS

Evelyn Armstrong, 9 July 2019

Marie Stinton, 11 July 2019

William Johnston, 25 July 2019

Cecil Irvine, 1 August 2019

### 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. Also let us know if you would like a name added to the weekly parish prayer list or contact the prayer line:

**T. 07733 712942.**

Please ensure that all articles for Autumn Magazine reach Liz Adair / Margaret Close by the 1st November. *Thank you*

## Flower Rota

### September

1st Mrs. G. Hollywood

8th Mr. & Mrs. B Richardson

15th The Leith Family

22nd .....

29th .....

### October

6th Mrs. M. Horn

13th Mrs. R. Vance

20th The McAllister Family

27th Mrs. I. McCreery

### November

3rd The Walsh Family

10th Mrs. W. Campbell

17th Mrs. C. Dickson

24th Mrs. L. Brown & Girls Brigade

### Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust Parish of St. Aidan

The incumbent, select vestry and parish workers are committed to uphold good practice in the parish's ministry with children and young people.

Should you have a concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the parish panel.

Revd Bobbie Moore Tel: 02892 682789  
Mr. John Collins Tel: 02890 628235  
Mrs. Norah Baillie Tel: 02890 249431  
Mrs Barbara Bowden Tel: 02890 312620

Or any of the following agencies

- The local Health Trust Child Protection/ Gateway Team
- PSNI
- NSPCC



## WHO'S WHO IN ST AIDAN'S

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**Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Margaret Couchman**

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### **Members of Select Vestry for 2019 – 2020**

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**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, Mrs. M. Couchman**

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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: Mrs. M. Couchman**

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**Friday Girls Brigade: Mrs. Fiona Hendren**

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**Messy Church: Mrs. Alison Shaw 07547030451**