

St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Summer 2017

Enabling People to find a living faith in a loving God

SERVING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1895



Sunday Worship at 11 am

1st Sunday Holy Communion

2nd And 4th Sundays Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday Informal Family Service

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SERVICE TIMES June - August at 11 am

JUNE

- 4 Pentecost: Parish Communion
- 11 Trinity Sunday: Children's Day
- 18 Trinity 1: Family Service
- 25 Trinity 2: Morning Prayer

JULY

- 2 Trinity 3: Parish Communion
- 9 Trinity 4: Morning Prayer
- 16 Trinity 5: Family Service
- 23 Trinity 6: Morning Prayer
- 30 Trinity 7: Fifth Sunday – Baptism
7pm Service for Healing & Wholeness
Donegall Rd. Methodist Church

AUGUST

- 6 Trinity 8: Parish Communion
- 13 Trinity 9: Morning Prayer
- 20 Trinity 10: Family Service
- 27 Trinity 11: St Aidan's Day Morning Prayer



A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR FAMILY PETS
SUNDAY 16 JULY 2017 AT 11AM IN CHURCH GROUNDS
ALL PETS WELCOME
PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE SAFELY CONTAINED



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

Wednesday: Pray for young people during the holiday period and for Alison Shaw, Community Outreach Worker.

Thursday: Pray for the various summer activities and outreach organised in the community by local churches and the ongoing ministry of the Thrift Shop.

Friday: Pray for peace on our streets during the holiday period.

Saturday: Pray for Sunday Services, for Revd Bobbie, Canon Ken, John, organists Gerald and Edna 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.

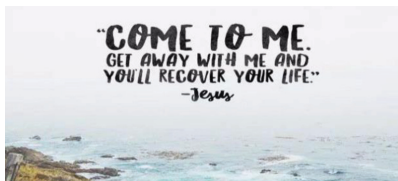
Dear Church Family,

The sun has got its hat on - well at least it has as I write! It's good to enjoy the warmth and the longer evenings. At this time of year many organisations take a break over the summer - greatly appreciated by leaders as they take time to recharge their batteries. Families too enjoy a break from the usual routine of getting children off to school. However, parents don't need to panic as there are several summer schemes and holiday clubs to keep the young people occupied. You will find all the details in Alison's report.

And of course we continue to meet together for worship on Sundays. I was reminded recently of a quote from Archbishop Justin Welby about the church's existence:

"First the Church exists to worship God in Jesus Christ. Second, the Church exists to make new disciples of Jesus Christ. Everything else is decoration. Some of it may be very necessary, useful or wonderful decoration - but its decoration."

The mission statement which guides all we do in St Aidan's puts it this way: Enabling people to find a living faith in a loving God, by serving Christ in the Community. At the beginning of May the Annual General Vestry met to review the past year and to consider further opportunities to grow in our commitment to worship and share the gospel of Christ in the community. You can read the reports and the financial statement in the accompanying booklet. St Aidan's is blessed with a great team of people who give of their time and talents to carrying out the work and witness of this Church Family. Many of you by now will have met Canon Ken as he makes his way around the parish. I am so grateful for this additional help and support. So let us take time to enjoy a slower pace over the summer months so that we can begin the new term in September feeling refreshed. With that new term in mind, there will be an opportunity to set aside some time for reflection and preparation on the last Saturday morning in August. Parish Quiet Morning in Church



Parish Quiet Morning in Church

Saturday 26 August

10am – 2pm

Bring your lunch : tea/coffee provided

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matt. 11:28-30 TM

Warm Greetings in Christ

Revd Bobbie.



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ST AIDAN'S GIRLS BRIGADE



Just a wee round up of the last few months of the session.

After returning in January the junior, senior and brigader girls worked hard preparing for their Scripture Exam at end of February and we are delighted to say that all girls achieved fantastic results with a number of girls achieving full marks. All sections took part in the judging evening in March adjudicated by Joan Plunkett, Captain, Church of Epiphany and we would thank Joan for undertaking this task. The remaining weeks focused on completing badge work and preparing display items.

The Explorer section took part in the Northern Ireland Choral Speaking Competition in February and they can be very proud of their performance. We would thank Margaret Close for working with the team each week and also her support as President of the company.

The officers and girls would like to thank everyone from the congregation who supported them at their recent Family and Friends Evening on Friday 28th April 2017. It was lovely to have with us as our Guest of Honour, Canon Ken McReynolds recently appointed Assistant Minister in St. Aidan's and we would thank him for his kind words of encouragement and for agreeing to present the girls with their awards. Thanks also to all parents, grandparents and friends for their support throughout the year bringing the girls down so faithfully each week. Unfortunately due to the reduced numbers in the company our display was slightly shorter, highlights of the evening being "Chicken Licken" and "The Lion King". The girls performed brilliantly and looked as if they were having fun and enjoying every minute. The colourful costumes looked fabulous and well done to all officers who worked so hard in putting the items together. Hopefully those attending had an enjoyable evening and it was great that some of the parents and friends joined us for a cuppa afterwards to finish the evening.

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

Next session will hopefully start with a fun night on Friday 8th September 2017, this date will be confirmed nearer the time.

The Officers.



AWARDS 2016 - 2017

SCRIPTURE AWARDS

Junior

1st	-	Brooke Allison & Zara Dickson	-	100%
2nd	-	Tia Hamilton	-	98%

Senior

1st	-	Katy Beggs	-	100%
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Brigader

1st	-	Zara Gregg	-	100%
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SECTION ALL ROUND CUPS

Tiny Tot 1

1st	-	Georgie Meehan
Tie for 2nd		Olivia Henning & Taylor Gill

Junior

1st	-	Zara Dickson
2nd	-	Imogen Swain

Senior

1st	-	Morgan Smyth
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Brigader

1st	-	Zara Gregg
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Junior

1st	-	Zara Dickson
2nd	-	Imogen Swain

Senior

1st	-	Morgan Smyth
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Brigader

1st	-	Zara Gregg
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Tiny Tot 2

1st	-	Khaili Cooper
Tie for 2nd		Rachel Fletcher & Hannah McAllister

Explorer 1

1st	-	Tia Robinson
2nd	-	Abigail Sergent
3rd	-	Aime Donnelly

Explorer 2

1st	-	Jessica Campbell
2nd	-	Alex Meehan
3rd	-	Amy Gargan

New Recruit

1st	-	Kayla Kirk
2nd	-	Jorgie McCormick

Best Progress – Younger Sections

1st	-	Chanel Cooper (Explorer)
2nd	-	Hannah McAllister (Tiny Tot)
3rd	-	Oratile Leso (Explorer)

Best Progress – Company Section

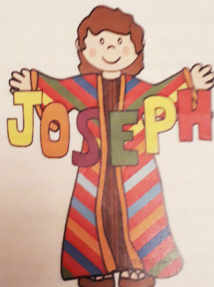
1st	-	Tia Hamilton (Junior)
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Badgework Cup

1st	-	Bobby Butler (Explorer)
2nd	-	Aimee Dickson (Junior)

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THE STORY OF JOSEPH
(GENESIS 37-43)



PRESENTED BY ST AIDAN'S STORY TELLERS

DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY
MARGARET CLOSE and DOROTHY COATES
PIANIST: GEORGE BRADLEY

ADMISSION FREE : DONATIONS WELCOME







Over recent months we have been focusing on the fruits of the spirit. Our theme in May was goodness. We talked about the Good Shepherd and how he looks after his sheep with love and compassion.

In June we plan to conclude this series by looking at peace. Some of the young people are being coached at Friendship House by a drama group called, "The Play it by Ear Theatre Company." We hope that they will perform a short play in our June Messy Church based on peace which we are all looking forward to.

Dates

June 9th 4-6pm

July no meeting

August 18th 4-6pm

Friendship house will be running two holiday Bible clubs over the summer months from Monday 31st July for one week and Monday 14th August for one week.

For further details please contact Natalie at Friendship House tel 028 90322733

HISTORY EVENING FRIDAY

19th MAY at 7.45. We had a History Evening with Mr. Norman Weatherall delivering a talk on "The History of Sandy Row." There was a display of photographs and a light supper was provided afterward.

JOSEPH

What can I say? This evening will, hopefully, be remembered by all who saw our production. It will certainly be remembered by all of those who took part. We are still planning to have a pizza night when we will show a video of the show, date to be confirmed. Thank you to everyone who supported us to make this the great night it was.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

By the time this issue of the Parish News is delivered, the members will have had two opportunities to join with members in the Connor Diocese.

Firstly, the South Belfast Area Social will have had their outing to Dobbies in Lisburn on the 20th May at 10.30am.

The 'Young Members Committee in Connor' will have held 'The Wee Sing' in St. Patrick's Parish Hall Ballymena on 23rd May at 7.30pm. This is to give the Connor members a chance to join in events taking place across Ireland in celebration for:

MU IRELAND 1887 – 2017 ARE CELEBRATING 13 EVENTS TO MARK 13 DECADES OF LOVE & SERVICE.

During the coming Summer months, the branch meetings cease but the work of MU still goes on. A recent email was received from Valerie Ash stating that urgent prayer is needed for South Rwenzori and the recent deaths following a disturbance in Kasese.

In May / June the MU Prayer Diary heading is OVERCOMING CONFLICT

Many of our worldwide members live in unstable times of government. We as members can support our fellow members in Prayer as we do through the MU Prayer Diary. Let us continue to up-hold all situations in Prayer over this summer break. The next meeting will be our register night on 21st September at 8pm in the church hall. May I leave you with a 'Grace for Summer Days'

For food and health and happy days, receive our gratitude and praise.

In serving others, Lord may we, repay our debt of love to thee. Amen

Barbara Bowden

CHILDREN'S CHURCH & CRECHE



JUNE-AUGUST 2017

Children's Church has a regular attendance

and it is encouraging to see the number of children who turn up on Sunday mornings. Thanks to their families who support us. Our outing to Dundonald Ice Bowl will be on Saturday 10th June followed by our prize giving on Sunday 11th June. We are always looking for new members, so if you know any children who do not attend other churches, please tell them they will be welcome in St. Aidan's. Children's church will recommence on Sunday 24th September. Thanks again for all the support we get from the entire family of St. Aidan's.

Barbara, Gladys, Lynn and Dorothy.

CHURCH HALL

We are hoping to offer the use of the church hall to our own congregation and the community for Birthday parties, Funeral teas and other suitable events. Catering and clearing up would be the hirer's responsibility but members of the Relevant To All Ages Team would be on hand to help. There would be a charge of £50 for those with no connection to the church and a discount of £10 for those known to St. Aidan's. A refundable deposit of £50 will also be required.

FOODBANK

We continue to support the Food Bank, which operates out of Friendship House every Thursday afternoon between two and four. Alison Shaw, our Community Outreach Worker, helps with this and they will find the recent Easter contribution very useful. Thanks to those who made a monetary contribution to the Food Bank. This will be forwarded to them. Thanks to all who support the Food Bank in any way.

Dorothy Coates

SPONSORED WALK

Friday 16th June 2017

Leaving Church hall

for Shaws Bridge venue between 7 & 7.30pm. We will be walking back to the hall, come and join the fun. Refreshments on return. Don't forget you can gift aid your donation.



RELEVANT TO ALL AGES

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

ST. AIDAN'S BOWLING CLUB

The spring bowling session ended with the members attending the Easter services in St. Aidan's, Mrs Hollywood forwarded a donation on behalf of the members to St. Aidan's renovation account of £ 140.00. The Club is now on summer recess and will resume in September 2017. I do wish everyone a long and enjoyable summer. Thank you *Gladys*



A WORD FROM CANON KEN



I am delighted to have the opportunity of sharing some time each week in the ministry of St Aidan's – mostly in pastoral work - and playing a part in its worship life on one Sunday per month. This comes, for me, after thirty-two year's ministry in the Church of Ireland, twenty-five of which I served as Rector of Lambeg parish. Now retired, my wife Dorothy and I live near Lurgan – with our two Shelties, Jess and Mitsy! We are blessed to have a family as well and are able to be involved in their lives too – especially our four grandchildren who range from a 'towering' twenty year old who now 'looks down' on us to a one and a half year old who 'looks up' to us!

Dorothy and I originally came from farming communities in East Tyrone – near Coalisland. I entered the ministry 'late in life' (as they say), by which time our two children, Garry and Nicola, were already born and separation from the family during training was challenging. However, we had no doubt it was God's timing and we have been so fortunate in feeling his hand upon our lives at every stage of our journey.

Our journey continues of course and now part of it is spent with you.

Again we are blessed. *Ken McReynolds*



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.

1. Revd Bobbie Moore - Tel: 028 9268 2789 2. Mr John Collins - Tel: 028 9062 82235

3. Mrs Norah Baillie - Tel: 028 9024 9431 4. Mrs Barbara Bowden - Tel: 028 9031 2620

or any of the following agencies:

• The local Health Trust Child Protection/Gateway Team

• PSNI

• NSPCC

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

Neve Olivia Jae McCartney – 30 April
Jaxton Joseph Gorman Parks – 30 April
Jaicie Jessica Sylvia Gorman Parks –
30 April
Hilton John Gorman - 28 May
Sailor Elizabeth Gorman Ashwood - 28 May
Harlie Frankie Chloe Jackson - 28 May

FUNERALS

Eileen White Bell – 1 March
Ronnie Oliver – 7 March
James Scott – 14 March
John (Jackie) Robinson 13 April
Georgina Cullen – 14 April
James Sloan – 4 May

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.

Flower Rota

June

4th Mrs. I. McCreery
11th Mrs. W. Campbell
18th Mrs. N. Baillie
25th Mrs. I. Annett

July

2nd.....
9th
16th The Coote Family
23rd Mrs. B. Wilson

August

6th
13th Mrs. E. Collins
20th Mr. E. Gill
27th The Walsh Family

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

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

02892 682789 / 07746583470

Assistant Minister: Canon Ken McReynolds

Parish Reader: Mr John Collins BSc.

Community Outreach Worker: Mrs Alison Shaw

07547030451

Organist: Vacant

Honorary Secretary: Mr. John Griffin

07729204457

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. Dorothy Coates

02890 692132

Rector's Church Warden: Mrs. Barbara Bowden

02890 312620

People's Church Warden: Mr. Robert Redpath

Rector's Glebe Warden: Mr. Alwyn Campbell

07712935504

People's Glebe Warden: Mr. Eddie Murray

02890 586733

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.

Parish Organisations & Contacts

Sunday Children's Church: Mrs Dorothy Coates

02890 692132

Monday Bowls: Mrs G Hollywood

Wednesday Bible Study Group: Revd Bobbie

07746583470

Thursday Mothers' Union: Mrs Barbara Bowden

02890 312620

Select Vestry: Mr John Griffin

07729204457

Friday Girls Brigade: Mrs Fiona Hendren

07776234830

Messy Church: Mrs Alison Shaw

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