

St Aidan's Parish Magazine

Summer 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

Minister in Charge: Revd Bobbie Moore
Church address: Blythe Street, Sandy Row, BT12 5HX
Website: www.staidan.connor.anglican.org

12 July 3.30pm
LOL District No5 (Sandy Row)
Annual Boyne Anniversary Service

30 August (5th Sunday) 11am
Songs of Praise

7pm Healing Service in St Simons

DAILY PRAYER POINTS – PUSH

(Pray Until Something Happens!)

A suggested pattern for prayer during the week. Please use the magazine and weekly pew sheet to focus your prayers.

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, Family Worker

Thursday: Pray for the various summer activities and outreach organised in the community by local churches.

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

Saturday: Pray for Sunday Services, for Revd Bobbie, John, Ellie 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 for brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith and do not have the freedom to gather for worship.



Dear Friends,

Following on from the huge success of the special souvenir anniversary edition of the parish magazine, we have decided to continue to use this booklet format. Not quite as much reading this time, but there is also a booklet containing the annual financial statements, and various reports, so plenty of information and fuel for your prayers. And those prayers must first and foremost be of thanksgiving especially for the wonderful anniversary celebration on Sunday 23 March which has been a great encouragement to everyone. Many former parishioners returned and old friendships were renewed. An

exhibition of photographs and reports of times past reminded us of the faithful witness of St Aidan's in changing times over those 120 years. Please pray that we will continue to be faithful witnesses as we face the new challenges before us in this generation.



As you read through the financial statements and the treasurer's report, you will understand that a big part of our challenge is meeting the costs of ministry. I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who responded to the letter which accompanied this year's supply of envelopes. We have seen an increase in this first quarter but we cannot be complacent. If you have not yet thought about increasing your contribution, may I encourage you to do so – even a small amount will make a difference.

As we face the future, one of the most important things we can do is pray. Christians believe in a God who seeks to work in partnership with us and as a church family we seek above all us to be open to his leading as we grow in relationship with him. With that in mind we are going to carve out some extra time to pray after the morning service on the second Sunday of each month. We will meet for approximately fifteen minutes to pray specifically for the work and witness of the church within the community. We are committed to praying regularly for those who are ill or in any kind of trouble – just send your prayer requests directly to me or to the person who delivers this magazine, or use the prayer line **07733 712942**.

Scripture and prayer go together as Paul writes in that familiar passage about spiritual warfare.

God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. (Ephesians 6:17,18 The Message)

Warm Greetings in Christ,
Revd. Bobbie

GIRLS'S BRIGADE END OF YEAR REPORT

The Girl's Brigade 2014/15 session finished off with their Annual Display on Friday 17th April 2015. We were delighted that Girl's Brigade NI President, Mrs Lyn Campbell was available to attend as our Guest of Honour and present our awards. A programme of PE, verse speaking and our fancy items "Annie incorporating the ever popular Frozen" were performed for guests, parents and friends and we would thank everyone for their support. The girls in all sections have worked extremely hard this year to cover their badgework programme in physical activity, educational, spiritual and service. We would like to congratulate all girls for achieving their awards to a high standard and to all cup winners a big "Well Done". The Officers would like to thank Revd Bobbie and Lorraine Fullerton for their preparation and time given to teach the scripture course to girls over a number of months. You will see that the results achieved very high marks. It was great to have Lyn Campbell with us at our display especially as we had a unique special award to give to one of our junior girls, Katy Beggs. Katy was awarded the "GB Endeavour Award" by GB Headquarters to acknowledge her commitment and dedication to GB following an operation on her foot which left her with a cage for a number of months. Katy continued to attend GB in her wheelchair with enthusiasm and joined in all activities she possibly could. To have the GB President with us to present the award was very fitting and made it an even more special occasion. We hope all officers and girls enjoy a much deserved break and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

GB Awards 2014/2015

Junior Scripture

- 1st - Katy Beggs 100%
- 2nd - Blessing Eneh 98%

Senior Scripture

- 1st - Lauryn McCullough 95%

Brigader Scripture

- 1st - Amy Hendren 97%
- 2nd - Holly McGookin 84%

Tiny Tot 1 - All Round Cup

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

Tiny Tot 2 - All Round Cup

- 1st - Jessica Campbell
- 2nd - Alex Meehan
- 3rd - Tia Robinson

Explorer 1 - All Round Cup

- 1st - Bobby Butler
- 2nd - Amber Allison

3rd - Eden Allison

Explorer 2 – All Round Cup

- 1st - Alexis Magill
- 2nd - Ashanti Norris
- 3rd - Leah Skey

Juniors – All Round Cup

- 1st - Arizona Crocker
- 2nd - Katy Beggs

Brigaders – All Round Cup

- 1st - Amy Hendren

New Recruit

- 1st - Aimee Dickson - Junior
- 2nd Joint - Amy Gargan - Explorer
Khaili Cooper - Tiny Tot

Best Progress – Younger Sections

- 1st - Izzy Whitely - Tiny Tot
- 2nd - Charlie Mainwairing - Explorer

Badgework Cup

- 1st - Brooke Allison - Explorer



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

St. Aidan's Mothers Union

The MU theme for 2015 is 'United in Prayer'. Mary Sumner, the founder of MU, realised the importance of prayer. So each day at midday MU members around the world pause to pray.

The branch members recently placed a banner in the church which depicts the MU 'Wave of Prayer'. We often describe the three strands of the work of Mothers Union as 'Praying, Enabling and Campaigning'. Prayer is the core which inspires our enabling and campaigning.

The Wave of Prayer has been running since 1920, although it has been updated and revised several times over the years. In trouble spots around our world many MU members face huge risks and as such they often schedule difficult tasks to coincide with the time when they know members in other parts of the world are praying for their safety.

At the start of 2015 the Mothers' Union relaunched the 'Wave of Prayer' to include over 100 new dioceses across the world giving us a new opportunity to pray for more people. If it's not already something you do, we would be delighted for you to join us in the wave of prayer.

You will find prayers written specially for this at www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/pray-worship/waveofprayer

Listen to God through his word: Read Isaiah 40:27-31 and remember to 'Give Thanks to God' for his amazing love for each of us.

The branch will recess for the summer and begin D.V. on Thursday 17th September 2015. *Barbara Bowden*



SPONSORED WALK

The annual sponsored walk will take place this year on Friday the 19th June at 7.30pm. We will meet at the church hall 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 hall. Last year we raised the sum of £2033.00 which was a magnificent effort, added to that we received £347.17 of gift aid making a grand total of £2380.17. 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. *M. Griffin*



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are coming to the end of another Children's Church Year. Our outing to Indiana Land took place on Saturday 16th May and Prize Giving on 17th when Jessica sang her first solo in church. It is always nice to see the children taking a greater part in Church Services. They show such enthusiasm and ability. They are a credit to their families and it is a privilege for Barbara Gladys and me to be part of their lives. We are also grateful for the support we always get from the congregation.

Children's Church will finish on Sunday 17th May and recommence on Sunday 20th September. The Children's Church room will be available to parents during the summer months and will have a selection of materials available. We hope that all our children and their families enjoy a safe and fun filled Summer and look forward to seeing them in church and beginning Children's Church again in September. Gladys, Barbara and Dorothy



MESSY CHURCH

Our next Messy Church is on Friday 12th June from 4-6pm.

Two of our regular Messy Church families have asked for their children to be baptised so we are delighted to be including their baptism into our June meeting! There will not be a Messy Church event in July but we plan to meet again on 14th August 2015. During the summer months there are a number of schemes organised for children in the area.



*15 July - 6 August, Sandy Row Community Centre
27- 31 July, Friendship House
10 - 15 August, Friendship House and St Aidan's combined
17- 21 August, Great Victoria Street Baptist Church
24- 28 August, Sandy Row Methodist Church.*

We plan to hold a registration day on *Friday 3rd July from 12-2pm at Sandy Row community centre. All the groups will be represented and parents and children are welcome to come along and register for all the schemes on the one day. Alison Shaw - 07547030451*

PARISH REGISTER

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James Hewitt - 11 March 2015
Elizabeth Jane Scott - 9 April 2015
Mary (Molly) Hull – 15 April 2015
Robert Edmondson Fleeton - 20 May 2015

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

Flower Rota

June

7th Mrs I McCreery
14th Mrs. W. Campbell
21st Mrs. N. Baillie
28th Mrs I. Annett

July

5th
12th
19th The Coote Family
26th Mrs B. Wilson

August

2nd Mrs Mann
9th Mrs E. Collins
16th Mrs E. Bell & Mr E. Gill
23rd The Walsh Family

prayer list or contact the prayer line: **07733 712942**

BOWLS

The Bowls recessed for the summer on 16th March and will resume again on Monday 14th September. A donation of £160.00 was given to the Renovation Fund. May I wish the bowlers a relaxing break. God Bless. Gladys.



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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Parish Reader: Mr John Collins BSc.

Family Parish Worker: Mrs Alison Shaw

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Organist: Mrs Ellie Leckey

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

07712935504

People's Glebe Warden: Mr. Eddie Murray

02890 586733

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

02890 692132

Monday Bowls: Mrs Gladys Holywood

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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