Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley



The Dove Magazine

November / December 2026 Edition

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From the Rectory Study

In early September I travelled to Argentina and Paraguay alongside Rev Geoff Hamilton (Mission Director of SAMS Ireland). During my time in South America, I engaged in bilateral meetings with other mission agencies and I had the opportunity to meet different church leaders and mission partners. It is heart-warming to see the various ministries that are taking place and the difference that they are making in people's lives. From soup kitchens to adoption centres, Bible translation to various agricultural projects, there was so much to experience and give thanks to God for.

Since I have returned home, I have reflected significantly on the ministry of one particular lady called Beryl Baker. She left the UK for Paraguay almost fifty years ago. Beryl trained to be a nurse and for over forty years she worked out of a medical practice in the Chaco. Living fearlessly on her own, she has brought health, healing and hope to those for whom medical assistance simply would not be available. Beryl is deeply humble, totally unassuming and never mentions the MBE that she was awarded in 1995 for medical services to the community in Paraguay. It is estimated that she has treated over 20,000 people during her ministry in Paraguay. One person who spent some time with Beryl reflected, "I was struck by her warmth and love for Jesus. While caring for local people medically she has an even greater desire that the local people would come to know Jesus as Lord of their lives. She would take every opportunity to share Jesus…".

Beryl is now retired but she still lives in Asuncion among the people she loves so dearly. Her ministry is rooted in her Christian faith and dedicated completely to God. She is an incredible example of what it really means to trust God entirely and without reservation. Having reflected extensively on Beryl's life, faith and ministry, I have been reminded of the importance of faithfulness and dedication in Christian living.

In a few weeks we will enter the season of Advent and it won't be long until Christmas. We will have all the usual seasonal events and services to look forward to and enjoy. Once again, we will be reminded of the full extent of God's love and care for each of us. The birth of Jesus was no ordinary birth and the baby who lay in the manger was no ordinary child. This baby, Jesus, gave up the glory of heaven to be laid in that lowly manger. He was God's gift for you and me, so that through believing in him we can draw close to God and become His children.

This Christmastime, may we respond to God's unending love by demonstrating our own faithfulness and dedication to Him. On behalf of the Rectory family, may I also wish each of you a very blessed Christmas and a peaceful 2027.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

5th October Brian Shields 21 Fairview Crescent

HOLY BAPTISM

27th September Khalia McCulloch 27 Ballyearl Close

27th September Kazzara McCulloch 27 Ballyearl Close

25th October Nathan Thompson 7 Woodford Avenue

MEMORY LANE

Our Memory Lane service for people living with dementia, their carers, friends and family will be held in the church building on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 2.30pm. More details on page eight.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for in-church worship on Sundays, Online Services and Bible Studies will still be available. You can find these on:

1. The Parish Facebook Page.
2. The Parish Website (www.mossley.org)
3. YouTube (www.youtube.com). On YouTube simply search for Church of the Holy Spirit Mossley and this will lead you to the videos.
4. For an audio service telephone 02893270073. Calls will be charged at a local rate but for many people will be included in your call package.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am Holy Communion

11am Morning Service

6pm Evening Service

The particular services for each week, at 11am and 6pm, are outlined on page four of this magazine.

Wednesday

We have a short service of Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10am. This usually lasts thirty minutes.

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Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	 OT G NT	 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 5:1-12 Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2	 Timothy Jones Preacher Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 8th November Third Sunday Before Advent 11am Remembrance Service 6pm Late Evening Office	 OT G NT	 Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 5:1-12 John 15:9-17	 Kay Thompson Preacher Caroline Rogan
Sunday 15th November Second Sunday Before Advent 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	 NT NT	 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11 Luke 9:1-6	 Club J / Ignite Winifred Clarke
Sunday 22nd November Kingship of Christ 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	 NT OT G	 Matthew 25:31-46 2nd Samuel 23:1-7 Matthew 28:16-20	 Harry Brolly Bob Lee Preacher
Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent 11am Healing Service 6pm Evening Prayer	 NT OT	 Mark 13:24-37 Isaiah 1:1-20	 Maureen McCrea Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Grief Share Service	 NT OT	 Mark 1:1-8 Isaiah 40:1-11	 Albert Patterson Caroline Rogan
Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent 11am Holy Communion 6pm Compline	 OT G NT	 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 John 1:19-28 Philippians 4:4-7	 Eugene Marron Preacher Winifred Clarke
Sunday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent 11am Nativity Service 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols	 NT 	 Luke 2:1-14 Various	 Club J / Ignite Various
Sunday 27th December First Sunday of Christmas 11am Morning Prayer	 NT	 Luke 2:15-21	 Bob Lee

Christmas Fair

We are really looking forward to our Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December 2026. Sincere thanks to the organising committee for their hard work. Please do come along, bring friends and family with you, and help us spread the word by telling others about the Christmas Fair.



Harvest Thanksgiving



We had our annual Harvest Thanksgiving services on Sunday 4th October and it was good to be able to give thanks to God for His many blessings. We were delighted to welcome Claire Holmes (SAMS Ireland and Prison Fellowship) as the guest preacher at our 11am service and it was an added bonus to also have Mags Southern and Gwen Carlisle with us in Mossley. Mags and Gwen were Senior School leaders in St Andrew's College, Asuncion, Paraguay, for nearly thirty years. This school was founded by SAMS' mission partners in the late 1960s and Mags and Gwen were part of the many developments of the school during their three decades of service.

It was encouraging to see good attendances at these services and we offer our sincere thanks to Jane and the Choir for leading us in worship and for their anthem.

There were lots of flowers, fruit, vegetables and other food products offered as gifts for our harvest decorations. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and to the team who met to decorate the church building.

On Monday 5th October we were able to distribute some harvest gifts to parishioners. We were also delighted to be able to partner with Mossley and Earlview Primary Schools as a total of twenty-nine harvest hampers of fruit and vegetables were given to families within the local community. Thank you so much to everyone who made all of this possible.

Hi everyone,

It was really lovely to be with you all on Harvest Sunday and Mags and Gwen enjoyed it too. Thank you for giving us such a warm welcome and it was good to chat to many of you after the service and during the soup lunch.

All your support for SAMS through your prayers, interest and financial support means so much and is making a difference in South America. It is so much appreciated, as is all the faithful ministry of your Rector, Peter, as he gives so much time, love and wisdom to the ministry of SAMS at home and overseas in his role as Chairman.

During the trip to Northern Argentina and Paraguay in September, Peter and Geoff took many flights, covered many miles and had long days (and some sleepless nights) as they went to represent SAMS Ireland at the 175th anniversary service for the ministry of Allen Gardiner and encourage the Church in South America. Different people in South America expressed to me how much they enjoyed their visit and how much it encouraged them.

So, thank you all so much! It is a privilege to share together in God's mission.

God bless you.

Claire.

Guild of Lesson Readers



Thank you to everyone who has offered to read lessons and to all who have already done so. The rota for the next two months can be found on page four of this magazine. Any changes to allocated readings can be made by speaking to either of the churchwardens.

We are always on the lookout for more readers! If you would be interested in reading lessons during church services, even if you have done so before, please speak to either the Rector or Rev Louise.

Badminton Club



After a well-deserved summer break, the Badminton Club resumed on Tuesday 29th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. It was good to see the players back, and the competitive streaks bubbling to the surface once again.

We are delighted that a Junior Badminton Club is now in existence and it is starting to grow. It meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm until 7.15pm and aims at encouraging young people to try badminton.

If you would like to have some fun and a little friendly competition, please do come along. You will be made most welcome!

Online Services



We continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These are made available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. Since the last edition of this magazine, our online provision has been watched almost 1000 times and this equates to an incredible 119 hours of watch time. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible and it really is a blessing to many people who join with us faithfully each week.

Each week, our online service is available on YouTube from 11am and it is then released on Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm. .

If anyone would like to learn more about the livestream system or be willing to help on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector, Rev Louise or Bob Lee.

Parish Magazine (January / February 2027)

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 3rd January 2027. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Monday 28th December? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations, particularly from the various Christmas events.

Bible Study



Our Bible Study continues to meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre and an Online Study is released at 7pm. We are delighted to see the Carntall Room filled and extra chairs being required! It has been a joy to welcome new members to the Bible Study and we have been blessed as we have studied God's Word together.

This year we are looking at the book of Ruth and there has been much for us to think about. We have considered issues of mission and ministry, particularly how we can be positive influences within our local community. We have reflected on big subjects like God's providence and how we can remain faithful during challenging seasons of life.

Following the half-term break, the Bible Study will resume on Tuesday 10th November and we will be looking at the third and fourth chapters of Ruth during coming weeks. On Tuesday 15th December we will have our annual Christmas Study and this year it is entitled *'The Cradle, Cross and Crown.'* As ever, this will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

If you have never been to the Bible Study, or haven't been recently, please do come along and bring a friend with you.

Parish Finance



Freewill Offering and Building & Maintenance Fund envelopes for 2027 will be available for collection from the Parish Centre during December 2026. Perhaps you have recently come to reside in the Parish and don't know who to ask, or maybe you have been intending for some time to obtain envelopes and just haven't got around to it. Maybe you have started in your first job and would like to have your own envelopes to make your personal contributions to the work of Mossley Parish. Whatever the reason, please speak to either of the churchwardens or Ken Jackson (Parish Recorder) at any of the Sunday services.

An alternative method of giving is the use of a standing order whereby you authorise your bank to pay the Church a fixed amount on a specific date each month. This would be the preferred method of contribution as it means that our income is spread evenly throughout the year. Additionally, if you are a tax payer, there is the opportunity to gift aid your contribution to the church and this increases your offering by some 25%.

If you require any further details, please contact Ken Jackson.

Bowling Club



Since my last article we have started our bowling season and attendance has been excellent, with strong numbers each week and all four mats regularly in use. The Harry Morrow Competition has already been completed. Congratulations go to Peter Jones, who won the competition, and to our runner-up, Derek Randall. Both players performed strongly throughout and we thank everyone who took part and helped make the competition an enjoyable and successful event.

The new league season has also commenced. Our opening match took place on 14th October against Glengormley Methodist. Mossley Parish secured its first two points of the season through one winning rink. It was encouraging to get points on the board in our first fixture and to see the team back in league action.

The start of the season gives everyone an opportunity to renew friendships, enjoy the fellowship of the game and build momentum in the weeks ahead. We look forward to the remaining fixtures and hope to add further points as the league progresses.



Thank you, as always, to the players, organisers and supporters who continue to contribute to the Club. We wish all our members, friends and fellow bowlers an enjoyable season and look forward to sharing further updates in the next edition of The Dove.

Gavin
Club Secretary

Safeguarding Trust

Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

Rev Peter Jones	028 90 832726	Carolyn Caldwell	028 90 844040
John Nesbitt	07954150067	Eugene Marron	07884585688

Flower Rota

We are blessed to have beautiful flowers in our church building every week. Sincere thanks to those who work so faithfully in providing beautiful displays and everyone who donates so generously in memory of loved ones.

8th November	Remembrance Sunday
22nd November	Winnie Millar
6th December	Lennox Family
20th December	Ann McCutcheon



Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship

It's almost that time of year again when we gather along with members of other local churches in Mossley Primary School for a week of worship, Bible teaching and mission. Plans are well underway for Bible Week 2027 and we look forward to welcoming people from near and far for what will undoubtedly be a week of great blessing.



From Sunday 17th January until Thursday 21st January we will be meeting in Mossley Primary School at 7.30pm each evening. This year we are delighted to welcome Dr Alan Wilson as our speaker. Dr Wilson was formerly a Baptist Pastor in Switzerland and Portstewart and is now a member of Dollingstown Parish in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. He is a published author and lecturer at Belfast Bible College.

Throughout our week together we will also worship and praise God, hear testimonies, and we will be welcoming various Christian singers and musicians. The book stall will also be available this year and it will have a range of interesting Christian books and resources – including Dr Wilson's book, *The Crucible of Leadership: Learning from the Story of Moses.*

This event is being organised by the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship and is open to everyone. Please mark the dates in your diary and do plan to come along.

Prayer List

Each week we publish a prayer list in our weekly Parish Bulletin. Names can be added to the prayer list by filling out a prayer card and placing the card in the box on the table in the church porch. If you are submitting the name of someone else, please ensure that they permit their name to be added to the prayer list.

Community Lunches

The Community Lunch Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday 9th December from 12.30pm. Due to ill health our usual caterers will not be making the food this year. Carrick Caterers have provided us with a Christmas menu (please see below) and there will be a choice of beef or chicken. All dietary requirements will be catered for.

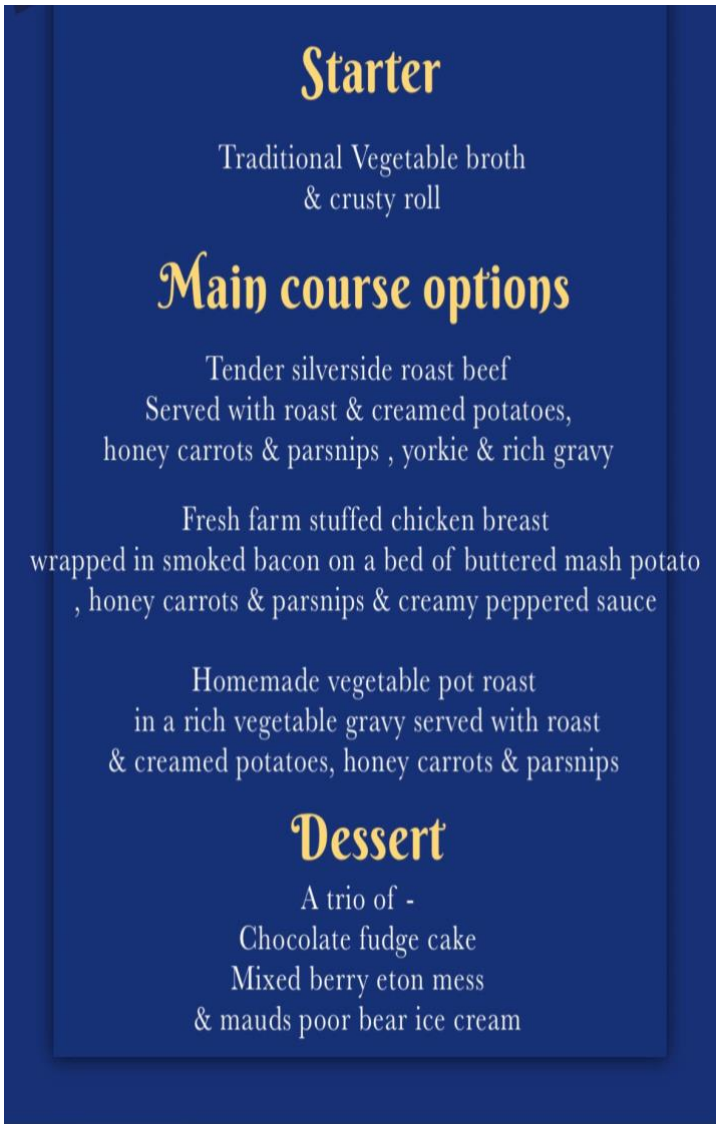
Thanks to Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council for providing a grant towards the lunch, we will be able to reduce the cost to £15 per person. A list will be left in the church porch on Sunday 1st November for anyone wishing to attend.

Eric, who came along last year, will entertain us with music and song. If Santa isn't too busy, he will also be calling.

Our Wednesday lunches continue to be well supported and it is great to see everyone enjoying the food and company. Many thanks to all our soup makers and if anyone would like to help by making a pot of soup, please contact Kay or Hilary for further information.

Kay Thompson – 07969835916 Hilary Gillies – 07840243427





Memory Lane

In October, we gathered to celebrate Harvest and enjoyed singing many of our favourite harvest hymns. Reflecting on Jesus' parable of the growing seed (Mark 4:26-29), we were reminded that just as growth takes place quietly and unseen beneath the soil, God is continually at work in our lives. Using the words of Psalm 121, "The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever," we thought about the many ways God has cared for and guided us throughout our lives, often without us even realising it. The cross displayed beneath the scarecrow's clothing served as a powerful reminder that Jesus lovingly watches over us each day, remaining faithful through every season of life.

Memory Lane continues to provide a gentle, dementia-friendly space where worship, friendship and familiar traditions come together in a calm and welcoming environment. Designed especially for those living with dementia, as well as their families, friends and carers, each gathering includes well-known hymns, a short reflection, prayer and time for conversation over tea and coffee.

We warmly encourage you to spread the word. If you know someone who is living with dementia, or supporting a loved one with dementia, these services can offer companionship, comfort and spiritual encouragement. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

Our next service will be a Service of Remembrance on Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm, followed by our Carol Service on Thursday 3rd December at 2.30pm.

Please help us share this invitation with those who may benefit from coming along. We look forward to welcoming them to Memory Lane.

God bless, Rev Louise

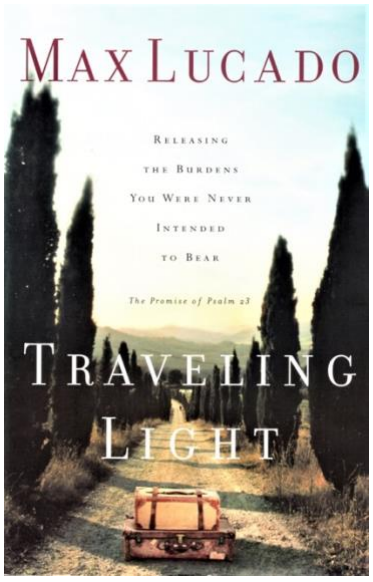








Prayer Fellowship



Max Lucado wrote a wonderful book called 'Travelling Light.' In it he talked about many of the burdens we accumulate in our minds and carry around with us over the years: a suitcase of guilt; a sack of discontent; a duffel bag of weariness on one shoulder and a hanging bag of grief on the other. When you add on a backpack of doubt, an overnight bag of loneliness, and a large trunk of fear … no wonder we're so tired at the end of the day!

"Travelling Light," he says, "means trusting God with the burdens we were never intended to bear."

Our Lord Jesus extends a beautiful promise to each of us. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11: 28 NIV

The old hymn, *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*, communicates this invitation so well. Originally written as a poem in 1855 by Joseph Scriven, this popular hymn reminds us:

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

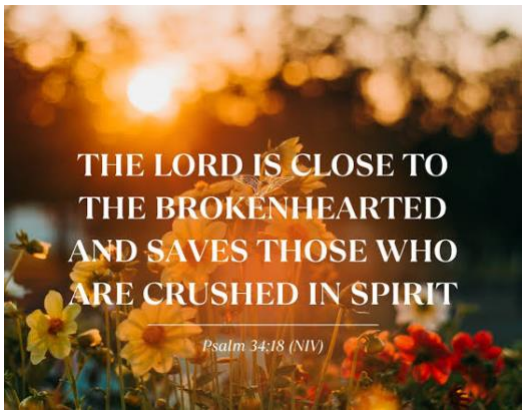
Everything to God in prayer!

It's as simple as that! He's there for us and He's eagerly waiting for our prayers.

The Prayer Fellowship meets each Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the Pentecost Room for about an hour, to sing praises to God, read and reflect on His mighty Word and spend time in spoken and silent prayer. We would love to have you join us!

Service of Grief Share

On Sunday 6th December we will be having a special service of reflection at 6pm. This service will be particularly relevant to anyone who has recently experienced bereavement or is struggling with a sense of grief. Please do join with us as we look to God for His comfort and hope, and as we seek to experience the peace that only He can give.



Tea Brew



Each Sunday, after our 11am service, we are delighted to be able to meet for a cup of tea or coffee. This is a great opportunity to spend time with each other and grow closer together as a community of faith. We are also delighted that the Tea Brew were able to donate £200 to the Northern Ireland Hospice and Children's Hospice. Please see the letter below.

Sincere thanks to everyone on the Tea Brew rota and Mrs Winnie Millar who organises the monthly rota. If you haven't yet come along for a cuppa after the service, you will be made most welcome!

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	Iris Allen, Karen Henry & Marie Dollin
December 6th, 13th, 20th	Winnie Millar, Maureen Irwin & Isobel Jack

Please note, no tea / coffee after church on 27th December

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Northern Ireland Hospice

Northern Ireland Children's Hospice

Dear Friends,

On behalf of everyone at Northern Ireland Hospice and Children's Hospice, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your recent generous donation of £200.00 through your Tea Brew scheme. Your compassion and support are truly making a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families who depend on our vital care services.

Every year, Northern Ireland Hospice provides specialist palliative care to over 4,000 local babies, children, and adults living with life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses. This includes care and support for patients and families in our In-patient Unit, care in the community, and bereavement support. Our Children's Hospice – the only one in Northern Ireland – is a key part of our crucial services, offering specialised care and support for babies, children, and young people living with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Your generous donation directly contributes to the vital work we do in both areas. Thank you. We would also like to take this opportunity to share some inspiring stories about how your donations are making a real difference. You can find these stories on our website at nihospice.org

With heartfelt thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Tracy

Tracy Bell
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Bric-A-Brac



The bric-a-brac sale continues each Saturday morning. It is encouraging to see people gather in the Parish Centre and catch up over a cup of tea / coffee, perhaps grabbing a bargain from the sale.

The Bake Sale is also very popular and successful. On the first Saturday of each month there is always a great selection of bread, scones, cakes, pastries etc. Please do come along and get yourself a homemade treat for the weekend! All proceeds will go to Church funds.

We continue to receive generous donations of bric-a-brac and many items have sold very quickly! It is always good to get new items and if anyone has a donation of bric-a-brac, please contact Alec Orr (02890836286).

We would also like to appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon or putting it away around noon on Saturdays. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr. All help would be greatly appreciated!

Minor Hall Update

We are pleased to report that work is well underway with the renovation of the Minor Hall. The old floor has been removed and appropriate new drainage has been installed. This is one of three measures to counteract the problem with damp that has existed in the Minor Hall. In coming days, a damp-proof course will be inserted and then the new floor can be laid. A third action that is being taken is the injection of waterproofing into the walls of the Minor Hall.



Once all of this is completed then the internal work in the Minor Hall will begin. It is anticipated that this work will be completed before Christmas. We would like to thank our builders and everyone who has worked so hard on this project. As we enter the New Year, it will be exciting to have this new and fresh space for use as we seek to develop our mission and ministry, as well as our engagement with the local community.

Good Companions Club

We have been having great fun at the Good Companions Club and we have enjoyed a range of different activities at our recent meetings. There has certainly been plenty of laughter coming from the Carntall Room! Our recent morning of board games was very well received and a great time was had by everyone.

On 5th November we will be focusing on Remembrance and there will be a special craft to complete. Then on 19th November we look forward to welcoming Rev Canon Kevin Graham MBE DL. Canon Graham is a Deputy Lieutenant in the Borough of Belfast and he will be sharing with us about his work within the Lieutenancy and how it relates to his vocation as a Rector in the Church of Ireland. As we enter December, we have been invited to Mossley Primary School for a special Nativity show. Specific details will be released soon.

The Good Companions Club meets from 10.30am on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Carntall Room. We enjoy time together and there is always a cup of tea / coffee and some nice treats. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun and fellowship.

Dove Tots

Dove Tots has been going really well this year! The Parish Centre has certainly been busy each Friday morning. We had a brilliant time at our half-term fancy dress party on Friday 23rd October. There were fabulous costumes, lots of nice treats and plenty of music and dancing.

Following the half-term break, Dove Tots will recommence on Friday 6th November. We look forward to welcoming all the boys and girls, along with their parents and carers, each Friday morning.

A massive thank you to the Dove Tots team who do a brilliant job each week. We are always on the lookout for more helpers. For more details, please go to the Dove Tots Facebook page.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

We will have a service of Holy Communion at 11.15pm on Christmas Eve. There will also be a service of Holy Communion at 9am and an All-Age service at 10am on Christmas Day.

Girl's Brigade



Girls' Brigade has got off to a great start this year. The girls have been busy and there has been lots to do each Monday night in the Parish Centre.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our soup and cheese lunch on Sunday 4th October. We were absolutely delighted that £376 was raised towards GB funds.

On Sunday 18th October our annual Enrolment Service was held at 6pm – in the Parish Centre this year due to the problems with the heating system in the church building. It was really encouraging to see many of the girls in attendance and they were brilliantly behaved. We are so proud of each of them.

We are always glad to welcome recruits of any age from 3+, including older girls / ladies who are keen to share their skills and knowledge or just want to help out. Please speak to any leader if you are interested.

Boys' Brigade

We are currently trying to reopen the 14th Newtownabbey BB Company and are keen to welcome boys from the local community. Please do help us spread the word about our BB company and commit this venture to your prayers.

Registration is still open and is available online. Check out our Parish Facebook page for the appropriate links or speak to the Rector or Julie Robinson.



Youth Club



After our summer break, Youth Club started back on Saturday 5th September. We, once again, used online registration and within a few days we had forty-five children registered. Since then, we have been contacted by a number of parents / carers asking if we had any spaces available. At present, the online registration is closed but we will review the situation in January.

We would like to record our sincere thanks to all the leaders who give so willingly of their time and make sure that Youth Club meets each Saturday evening. We are also thankful to the Education Authority who, once again, have supported us with a grant for this current session of Youth Club.

The children really do enjoy Youth Club. There are always plenty of arts & crafts, as well as football, badminton, pool, the Wii, Xbox and board games. Youth Club is for children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9) and it meets every Saturday during term time in the Parish Centre, costing £1 per night.

Following the half-term break, we resume on Saturday 7th November and there will be much to look forward to as we journey towards Christmas. Rumour has it that the Christmas music playlist will appear in early December!

Kidz Klub

On the first Saturday night of each month Kidz Klub meets in the Parish Centre. This is a club for children from nursery school age to P3. Each night, Kidz Klub begins at 5.30pm and finishes at 6.45pm. There are games, crafts and other activities for the children to enjoy. For further details please speak to Elaine Maxwell.

KIDZ KLUB

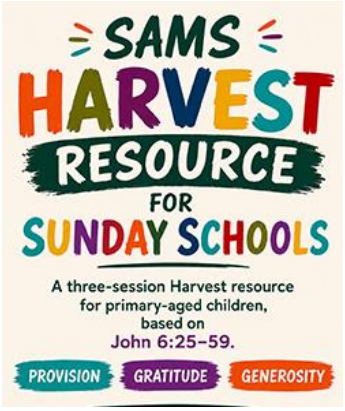
Advent Services



Advent is an important time for Christians. It is a time of preparation as we celebrate Jesus' first coming and look forward to his return in glory. It is also a season of personal reflection, an occasion to take stock of our lives and seek to realign with God's revealed plan for us.

This year, during the season of Advent, we will have three Advent Services. They will be on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the church building, starting on Wednesday 2nd December and concluding on Wednesday 16th December.

Crèche & Club J



It has been a busy and enjoyable few months in Club J and Crèche as the children have been learning about the Gran Chaco region of Northern Argentina. They discovered how local communities grow their own food, save seeds and use irrigation methods to make the most of the resources God has provided.

One of the children's favourite activities was matching real seeds to the fruits and vegetables they produce. Through this hands-on activity they learned how important it is to plant seeds, nurture them and help them grow. This helped reinforce the message that just as plants need care and attention to flourish, our faith grows when we trust in God and follow Him. The children were reminded that God is our Provider and faithfully cares for all our needs when we place our hope and trust in Him.



To celebrate Harvest, the children created a range of colourful crafts featuring Bible verses about God's provision and faithfulness, helping them reflect on God's many blessings in their lives.

On Remembrance Sunday (8th November) the children will spend time learning about the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others. They will take part in themed activities and create crafts to take home as a reminder of the significance of Remembrance Sunday. As we reflect, we are reminded of the words of Jesus: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).



As Christmas approaches, we are looking forward to one of the highlights in our Parish calendar: the Nativity Service. The children and young people will soon begin rehearsals as they prepare to share the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please save the date of our Nativity Service (Sunday 20th December at 11am). Everyone is warmly invited to come along and support our young people as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas together. Your encouragement means so much to the children as they take part in this special service.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for all the children, young people, leaders and their families. We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead as we continue to learn, grow and share God's love together.

Every Blessing, Kim

Picture Parable



Street Pastors

As I write this article, I would like to thank the Parish for the use of the Carntall Room on two occasions for meetings of Antrim and Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

Since my last article we have started our current round of training and have completed two modules. The second of these sessions was practical first aid training and it was taken by a senior nurse who is a member of Carnmoney Presbyterian. Although I was in and out during the session, and did not hear it all, I was impressed by the way it was delivered and how it was received by the 'recruits.' Thankfully my training as a 'first-aider' has not been required during my years with Street Pastors. I do, however, remember it being fully utilised in my previous occupation.

In Street Pastors we are never on duty on our own. We go out in teams of three or four and someone always wants to, or is prepared to, take the lead. Personally, I have found it easier to support someone with suggestions as to how things could be done. We always seem to agree. I think we agree because we share a passion with each other to do the will of the Lord and we always think about how we can share God's love with others, irrespective of who they are or what their life circumstances may be.

We are always covered with the prayer of at least two other people (Prayer Pastors) who are always praying for us from their homes. Of course, God tells that even in our darkest hours we are never on our own and that He is always with us.

I do commend Street Pastors to you and extend an invitation to come along for an evening as an observer. I would also encourage you to attend our training sessions.





Earlier this month Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council honoured us by presenting us with their Community Safety award. I have included a picture of two of our representatives who went to accept the award on our behalf. Congratulations to all involved with Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors.

The commendation read: "Thank you for all that you do to support community safety across the Antrim and Newtownabbey area. Your dedication and commitment make a real difference to our local community."

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

God Bless you all.

Bob

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

STREET PASTOR TRAINING 2026/2027



ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY STREET PASTORS

Training Schedule

PRACTICAL TRAINING
Equipping you to make a difference

COMPASSION IN ACTION
Caring for people where they are

STRONGER TOGETHER
Growing as a team and community

FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY
Sharing hope, showing the love of Jesus

Date	Module	Time	Location
Saturday 12th Sept	**Communication**	9:30am-12:30pm	Carnmoney Presbyterian
Saturday 10th Oct	**Roles and Responsibilities**	9:30am-4pm Lunch Provided	Antrim Baptist
Saturday 24th Oct	**First Aid**	9:30am-12:30pm	Mossley Church of the Holy Spirit
Saturday 14th Nov	**Good News**	9:30am-12:30pm	New Mossley Presbyterian
Saturday 5th Dec	**Mental Health**	9:30am-12:30pm	Whitehouse Presbyterian
Saturday 16th Jan	**Knowing Your Community**	9:30am-12:30pm	Carnmoney Presbyterian
Saturday 20th Feb	**Suicide First Aid**	9:30am-12:30pm	Antrim Baptist
Saturday 13th Mar	**Youth Culture**	9:30am-12:30pm	Mossley Church of the Holy Spirit
Saturday 24th April	**Role of Police**	9:30am-12:30pm	Muckamore Presbyterian
Saturday 15th May	**Prayer**	9:30am-12:30pm	Glengormley Methodist
Saturday 5th June	**Drugs and Alcohol**	9:30am-12:30pm	Whitehouse Presbyterian

Please contact **Lauren** at newtownabbey@streetpastors.org.uk for more information or to confirm attendance and inform us of any dietary requirements. Thanks!

Mossley Mission Group

We continue to be grateful for the support of the Parish towards our mission partners. We hope you will be encouraged as you read about the work SAMS Ireland is involved with in Argentina and the reflections of Dr Rachel Karrach as she prepares to retire from Tansen.

SAMS IRELAND



An important part of Revd Marcos Humacata's ministry in Northern Argentina is translating Christian resources into the Wichí language. For many of us, having access to the Bible, children's materials and Christian teaching in our own language is something we easily take for granted. Yet across the Gran Chaco, resources written specifically for Wichí children remain limited. Translation is therefore much more than changing words from one language into another. It enables children to hear and understand the good news of Jesus in the language spoken in their homes, families and communities. Marcos is currently involved in developing and translating new children's resources into Wichí. These materials have the potential to be used across communities throughout the Gran Chaco, helping children discover more about Jesus and encouraging local churches as they nurture the next generation in faith. Please pray for Marcos as he undertakes this careful and important work. Pray for wisdom and clarity as he translates, and for creativity in developing resources that communicate well with children. Above all, pray that these resources will be a blessing to Wichí children and families, helping young lives to grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

"Heavenly Father, we thank You that Your Word is living and powerful, and that the good news of Jesus is for every people, every nation and every language. We pray for Revd Marcos as he translates and develops Christian resources for Wichí children. Give him wisdom in choosing the right words, faithfulness in communicating Your truth, and perseverance in the careful work of translation. We pray especially for the children across the Gran Chaco who will receive these resources. As they read, listen and learn in their own language, open their hearts to understand who Jesus is and what He has done for them. May these resources be more than words on a page. By Your Holy Spirit, use them to awaken faith, deepen understanding and create a lasting love for Your Word. Strengthen the churches, families and leaders who will share these materials with the next generation. And may many Wichí children come to know, love and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. For His name and glory, we pray. Amen."

TANSEN HOSPITAL

Nepal has been in the news for a series of floods and disasters over the past couple of months. Although Tansen was not directly affected, everyone was in shock because of the scale of devastation in Rasuwa, Nuwakot and Dhading after the flash floods, which are being called a Himalayan tsunami. Over 5000 people are still missing and nearly 1500 people have been confirmed dead. Many riverside towns and villages were swept away and there are many bridges down. Tansen is well above any river. Some of the downstream damage was on the east/west highway which is used to reach Kathmandu (which will take time to repair) but that is the only effect for the hospital. Tansen's indirect involvement was that they were asked to accept into their hospital mortuary the bodies of a couple of flood victims who died in the disaster, as were several other hospitals. A few people from the local district were working in the affected area and are presumed dead.

The latest two storms also brought some destruction to the local district of Tansen due to landslides and damage along rivers. UMN started a disaster fund and it is still possible to donate via the following website https://www.umn.org.np/nepalflood26/

Reflections from Dr Rachel as she prepares for her retirement.



I will be finishing in Tansen in January 2027. I have spent half my life in Tansen (so it feels like home) and although it won't be easy, it feels like God's timing. My successor is here and will be getting familiarised with the hospital during the next three months.

It has been a blessing to see national colleagues grow in leadership roles - doctors I knew as students become senior colleagues, and one baby I delivered being employed as a nurse. It has been a privilege to see the hospital develop over the years but still give care in Jesus' name and be available for the poor and marginalized. In my time we have built several new buildings and a rainwater harvesting tank and sewerage system. I can now speak semi-intelligently about infrastructure and building work! We have had an impact on the country through training programmes.

Living through the ten-year Maoist insurgency, the 2015 earthquake, and the COVID-19 pandemic were challenging times but also faith-building as we experienced God's provision in difficult circumstances. I used to worry about overspending on free care until I realized that whatever amount we provided in free care, the right amount of funding would come in. So, if we obey God's instructions to care for the poor, He will make sure we get the needed resources. A recent example is our CT scanner which we had in our plans for seven years but at just the right time the funding all came in, from different sources, within a very short period. This was very encouraging.

I came to Tansen for a three-year term as a GP doctor in 1994. I am glad that God only shows us one step at a time. Had I known I would be still here thirty-two years later, and be Hospital Director, I would have run away very fast. So, now I am looking to the next part of the adventure, learning how to live in the UK again. I am not sure what I will be doing yet, but resettling in Shrewsbury, and possibly finding some role in working with Nepali diaspora in the UK.

Please do continue to pray for the flooding situation in Nepal and also for Dr Rachel as she retires and the plans to transition to the new Director, Dr Joe Le Master.

FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all who came to our Country Gospel night in September. A total of £850 was raised after expenses were deducted. Hope you all enjoyed the yodelling!

We are planning a Quiz on Friday 5th February 2027. So, get the date into your diary now!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Our Christmas Hamper Appeal will be launched on Sunday 1st November. In partnership with our local schools, we would like to provide food hampers to families who are finding life difficult at this time. Everything that is donated to this appeal will go to those who need it the most. The hampers will be assembled during the week beginning Monday 14th December and it is envisaged that they will be distributed later that same week. All help will be gratefully received and further details will be released in the weekly Parish Bulletin nearer the time.

Posters and flyers will be released very soon and they will highlight the items that we plan to have in the hampers. As in previous years, a basket will be in the church porch for items to be left in. Alternatively, if anyone would like to contribute financially towards this project please speak with the Rector. All financial assistance will then be used to buy food items for inclusion in the hampers. Please do commit the Christmas Hamper Appeal to your prayers.

MISSION BOXES

If you have a Mission Box these should be returned to Ken Jackson during the month of November. Just a wee reminder, if you are a tax payer, that Gift Aid can be claimed on your donations – this is an extra 25p for every £1 you give. Ken can give you the relevant form and explain it to you. If you would like a Mission Box, Ken can supply one.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

We are delighted that the Prayer Fellowship has decided that the first Wednesday of each month will focus on the work of our Mission Partners: SAMS Ireland and Tansen Hospital. If you have an interest in missions, you would be most welcome. The first mission prayer focus will be Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm**.**

Challenge Time

