

*Church of the Holy Spirit
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From the Rectory Study

I like the music of Keith and Kristyn Getty. Many of you will have heard of them and may even be familiar with some of their songs. Perhaps you were, in the pre-COVID-19 days, able to attend one of their concerts.

One of their songs is a real favourite of mine and it is not just my favourite! In 2013 Songs of Praise conducted a nationwide survey. Tens of thousands of people voted for their favourite hymn and from a list of one hundred hymns *In Christ Alone* came in second (*How Great Thou Art* was the nation's favourite). This beautiful piece of music was written in 2001 by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend and is widely regarded to be a wonderful hymn of confidence. The opening verse of *In Christ Alone* is profound.

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

This year, as we journey towards Christmas, everything will look somewhat different because of the COVID-19 restrictions. The Christmas parties will not be happening as they did last year, increased numbers of people will be buying gifts online, and even our family gatherings may be impacted. But one thing that has not changed, and will never change, is the confidence and hope that we can find in Jesus Christ. The opening verse of *In Christ Alone* reminds us that Jesus is dependable, resolute, faithful, loving, and strong. He is the One who wants to journey with us through the good times and help us when we find things difficult in life.

This year has been exceptionally difficult for all of us. We have experienced lockdown, become familiar with social distancing, and still we face uncertainty as to what the weeks and months ahead will look like. Yet, as people of faith, we can trust God to be our light and our strength as we enter the final weeks of 2020 and await the dawning of a new year. God is there for each of us, offering us the lasting peace and comfort that only He can give. The fullness of His love for us was revealed on that first Christmas Eve, the night when Jesus was born. Bernard Matthew Adams reflected, "The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years." May we experience the wonder of God's love this Christmastime.

On behalf of the Rectory family, may I wish you a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

11th October Anne Gilroy 1 Dunluskin Gardens,
Carrickfergus

PARISH OFFICE

Our Parish Office is currently closed due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. It is advised that all correspondence should be forwarded to the Rector.

ONLINE SERVICES

Although we are meeting for 'in-church worship' on Sunday mornings, we are still uploading Online Services and Bible Studies. 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.

PARISH CENTRE

We have been working hard at implementing the reopening procedures of the Parish Centre. Things were going well, and then new COVID-19 restrictions meant that we needed to halt our endeavours.

When the restrictions are eased, we will continue to explore the prospect of reopening the Parish Centre.

ADVENT SERVICES

This year our Advent Services will be available on YouTube, Facebook, the Dial-In Facility, and our website www.mossley.org on Thursday 3rd / 10th / 17th December from 7pm each evening.

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Pat Flint	Valerie Porter
Joan Mackey	Ken Jackson



Church Services

“Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

(Psalm 121:2)

Dear Friends,

We continue to meet for our in-church services on Sunday mornings. **Our first service is at 9.30am and our second service begins 11.30am.** Please be assured that the church is cleaned using our fogging machine between the services. Both services follow the same structure and last approximately 35 minutes. Our booking system seems to be working well and we continue to ask that you would kindly contact either Mrs Winifred Clarke (07749064808) or Mr John Nesbitt (07954150067) to confirm your attendance at a Sunday service. This can be done from Monday morning until Thursday evening each week.

In recent weeks, the House of Bishops have offered some further guidance in relation to church services. Firstly, we are very thankful for the opportunity to be able to sing once again during our services. All of us have greatly missed the inclusion of hymns in our worship. Secondly, at the beginning of November, permission was also given for parishes to use small individual cups so that communicants may receive wine at services of Holy Communion.

In addition to our in-church services we are continuing with our online services each Sunday morning (on YouTube, Facebook, the Dial-In Facility, and our website www.mossley.org). These are the same as the services that are provided in the church building.

During the season of Advent, we will also be releasing short and reflective services each Thursday evening at 7pm. These will be available on YouTube, Facebook, the Dial-In Facility, and our website www.mossley.org on 3rd / 10th / 17th December. There will be an in-church service at 11.15pm on Christmas Eve. A list of Sunday services with accompanying Bible readings can be found on the next page of this magazine.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Parish and for your many prayers.

Every blessing,

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Sunday Services

8th November Third Sunday Before Advent 9.30am Remembrance Service 11.30 am Remembrance Service	NT	Romans 8:31-39
15th November Second Sunday Before Advent 9.30am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion	OT G	Judges 4: 1–7 Matthew 25: 14–30
22nd November The Kingship of Christ 9.30am Service of the Word 11.30 am Service of the Word	NT	Matthew 25: 31–46
29th November First Sunday of Advent 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.30 am Morning Prayer	NT	Mark 13: 24–37
6th December Second Sunday of Advent 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.30 am Morning Prayer	NT	2 Peter 3: 8–15a
13th December Third Sunday of Advent 9.30am Holy Communion 11.30 am Holy Communion	OT G	Isaiah 61: 1–4, 8–11 John 1: 6–8, 19–28
20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent 9.30am Service of the Word 11.30 am Service of the Word	NT	Luke 1: 26–38
24th December Christmas Eve 11.15pm Christmas Communion	OT NT G	2 Samuel 7: 1-5,8-11,16 Acts 13: 16-26 Luke 1: 67-79
25th December 9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Service of the Word	OT G NT	Isaiah 9: 2–7 Luke 2: 1–14 Luke 2: 1–14
27th December Saint John the Evangelist 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.30 am Morning Prayer	NT	Luke 2: 15–21
3rd January Second Sunday of Christmas 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.30 am Morning Prayer	NT	Ephesians 1: 3–14

Bible Studies

Our Bible Studies have resumed after a short break and we are reflecting on the Sermon on the Mount. This is one of best-known and most loved teachings of Jesus. Hundreds of Bible commentaries have been written on Matthew 5-7, seeking to reflect upon and analyse the meaning of these simple yet revolutionary words of Jesus. As we journey towards Christmas, we



are taking a closer look at the teachings contained in the Sermon on the Mount and we are seeking to discern lessons from them that help us grow closer to God.

Each Tuesday afternoon our Study Notes are made available on Facebook and our Parish website. Later that same day, usually around 7pm, a short video is uploaded to Facebook, YouTube, our website, and our dial-in facility. It has been encouraging to see parishioners and people from other churches engage with the Bible Studies. There is much for us to engage with and reflect upon as we undertake our journey through the Sermon on the Mount. Each week we aim to look at a small and focused part of the Sermon.

Bishop Tom Wright brilliant reflects, **“Again and again the Sermon on the Mount calls and challenges us to a life of radical discipleship.”** Please do join with us as we continue to study this wonderful and much-loved teaching of Jesus.

Dove Catering

When lockdown restrictions are suitably eased, we can offer catering at funerals at a cost of £5 per person. For more details contact:

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Safeguarding Trust

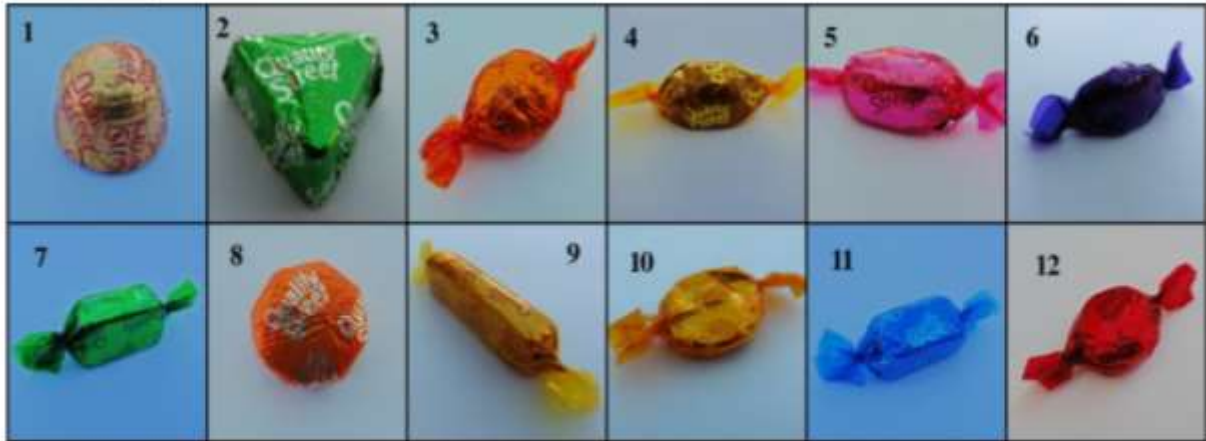
Our Parish is committed to the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Trust policy. Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children in the Parish, please contact a member of the Parish Panel:

Rev Peter Jones	028 90 832726	Carolyn Caldwell	028 90 844040
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Christmas Coffee Time Challenge

Who does not like a Quality Street at Christmas? Can you match these Quality Street wrappers with their chocolates and their names? The answers are on page 12.

WRAPPERS



CHOCOLATES



NAMES

	Number	Letter		Number	Letter
THE GREEN TRIANGLE			CARAMEL SWIRL		
TOFFEE FINGER			COCONUT ECLAIR		
FUDGE			MILK CHOCOLATE BLOCK		
HONEYCOMB CRUNCH			TOFFEE PENNY		
THE PURPLE ONE			ORANGE CREME		
ORANGE CHOCOLATE CRUNCH			STRAWBERRY DELIGHT		

General Vestry Meeting

On Tuesday 6th October 2020 we were able to have our Annual General Vestry Meeting. This meeting would usually be held just after Easter each year but due to the lockdown it had to be postponed. This was a triennial year, which means that we needed to elect Diocesan Synod Representatives and Parochial Nominators (and supplementals for both roles) as well as Churchwardens, Glebewardens, and a Select Vestry.



It was encouraging to see such a good attendance at this meeting, and we managed to get our business concluded swiftly. The following appointments were made:

Rector's Churchwarden Winifred Clarke

People's Churchwarden David Boyd

Rector's Glebewarden Bob Lee

People's Glebewarden Alan Bowes

Select Vestry

David Boyd, Alan Bowes, Tom Buchanan, John Caldwell, Winifred Clarke, Jacqui Eccles, David Flint, Pat Flint, Ken Jackson, Bob Lee, Joan Mackey, George Madden, Vikki Moore, John Nesbitt, Julie Parkinson, Valerie Porter.

Diocesan Synod Representatives

Ken Jackson, Maureen Steenson, Alan Bowes, John Caldwell.

Supplemental Diocesan Synod Representatives

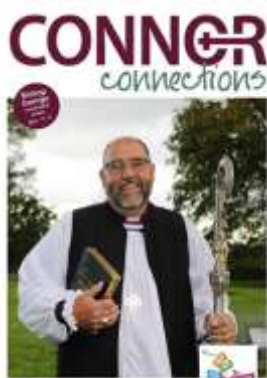
George Madden, Winifred Clarke, Bob Lee, Tom Irwin.

Parochial Nominators

Maureen Steenson, Pat Flint, Jacqui Eccles, Alan Bowes.

Supplemental Parochial Nominators

Bob Lee, George Madden, David Flint, Julie Parkinson.



Connor Connections

The autumn edition of Connor Connections is available online. There is an article about Rev Louise's ordination on Sunday 20th September included in this edition. Please take a look on Facebook or the diocesan website (www.connor.anglican.org).

Book Review

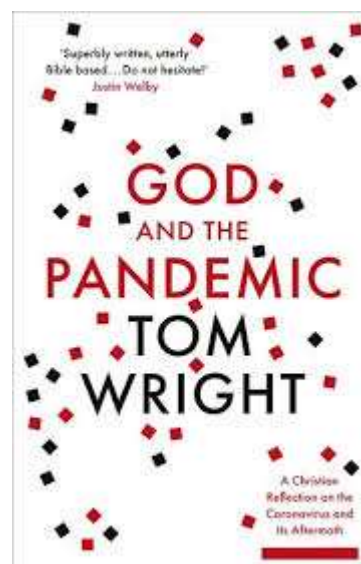
“God And The Pandemic” by Tom Wright.

Bishop Tom Wright has produced an excellent little book which reflects on a range of questions that many of us have been asking since late March. What should be the Christian response? How should we think about God? How do we live in the present? What can we learn about ourselves? How do we recover? In wrestling with such questions Bishop Wright invites us to consider different ways to respond to current challenges and the challenges yet to come.

The most important vocation for the Church in this season of uncertainty, for Bishop Wright, is our calling to prayer and the vital initial Christian response to the coronavirus pandemic is lament. As he unpacks these two thoughts he engages superbly with biblical texts and, in doing so, offers each of us hope and reassurance for these challenging times.

God and the Pandemic is well-written and accessible. At the same time, it is deeply thoughtful and theological. It is a wonderful and timely read in this frustrating season as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic.

Archbishop Justin Welby offers high praise to this book. He writes, “I read it in a sitting with pleasure, provocation and profit. Do not hesitate!”



Ordination of Rev Louise Bowes



We are all absolutely delighted that Rev Louise was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George Davison on Sunday 20th September at a service in St Patrick’s, Ballymena.

Louise has worked incredibly hard during the past two years and has dedicated herself to her studies with great diligence and commitment. This wonderful service was a special occasion for Louise, and she continues her vocational journey and offers herself to be a beacon of Christian faith and hope – displaying her faith, encouraging others in their faith, and modelling (by word and deed) the grace and love of God.

Please do continue to pray for Louise in the weeks and months ahead as she continues to serve God within our Parish and local community.

It's Collective.

A few years ago, Canon Raymond Fox led a few services for us in Mossley Parish. He has written a poem about these unusual times in which we live, and we are thankful to him for allowing us to include it in this magazine. It is entitled *It's Collective*.

Almost the other
End of this year
This year, world change
However temporary

However temporary
Doesn't feel like it
Pandemic still here
Loss, loss of normalcy

Covid-19, it's name
Told in numbers
Far and near
Now Circuit Breaker

In this moment, loss,
Numbers are people
Loss of connection
Compounding felt grief

You promise to
Meet our needs
Help us to hear
Songs of deliverance



*Raymond Fox.
End of October 2020*

Mossley Prayer Fellowship

The Prayer Fellowship has continued to meet, through Zoom, every Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm. Sincere thanks to everyone who has organised and hosted these meetings. It is important that we continue to be prayerful people and seek to grow ever closer to God.



Relationship exists at the very heart of Christianity. The prolific American author Joyce Meyer once said, "The truth is God created us to have relationship with us. He wants to love us and take care of us, and He wants us to love Him. That's where our walk with Christ has to start." Even in these challenging times, God still cares deeply for us. Let us commit ourselves to pray

daily and seek the peace that only God can give. If you would like to join with us for a time of prayer on Wednesday evenings, please speak to any member of the Prayer Fellowship.

Welcome Back To Mossley!

We look forward to welcoming Gareth Campbell to Mossley in January. Gareth is no stranger to Mossley, and he has sent us this message by way of introduction.

Hello all, my name is Gareth Campbell and I'm just writing a quick message to introduce myself for the new year. I am currently an ordinand in my second year studying for ministry and will be joining you all in 2021 for a short placement.



My wife Sarah, our two children Patrick and Eden and I currently live in Maghaberry and attend Lisburn Cathedral, a church I previously worked for as a youth worker for 3 years. Since starting my part time training for ministry however I have moved to a part time youth work post in Seagoe, Portadown.

In the spare time I find between working, studying, and having a 2-year-old and new-born, you're most likely to find me walking round a field playing golf. I mention this only because my current golf bag is my connection to Mossley as I purchased it at one of your Saturday morning sales in the church hall 2 years ago. This was during our Streetreach year which I was a part of and since then have often found myself reflecting on fond memories in your community.

I am very much looking forward to coming back to Mossley to study and learn more from you all in the new year.

Preparing to Celebrate



Traditionally, Advent is an occasion for us to reflect and, as such, the Rector has been involved with the production of a short devotional book called *Preparing to Celebrate*.

This booklet contains twenty-four short. It is pithy, easy to read, and challenges us to prepare not only to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, but also to look forward with great anticipation for His glorious return.

Preparing to Celebrate has been purposefully designed to use between 1st December and Christmas Eve and would be a great start to each day during Advent. It stirs our thinking in relation to themes of waiting, preparing, expecting, and rejoicing, and it consistently focuses on the wonderful hope and peace that God offers each of us.

This booklet costs £2 per copy. A number are available in the Church porch or from the Rector.

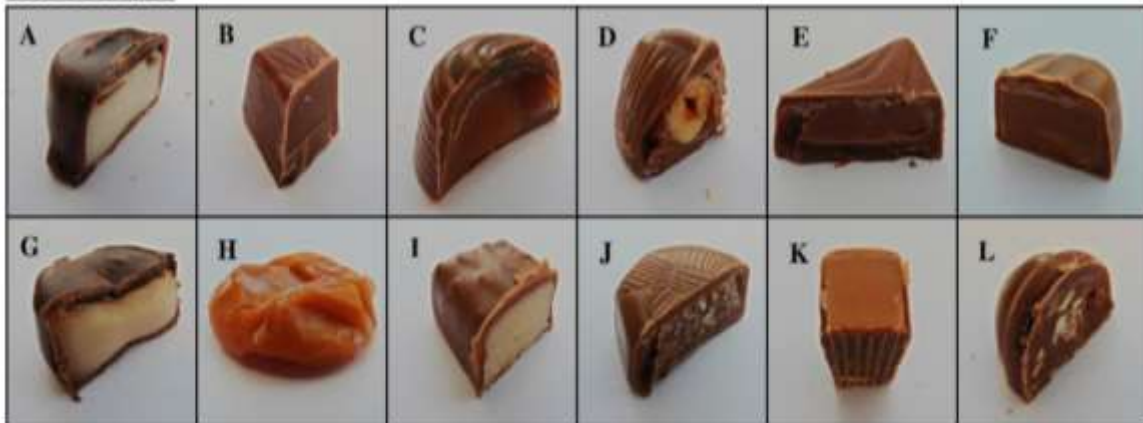
Coffee Time Challenge Answers

We hope you managed to get most of these chocolate favourites identified. The answers are below.

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CHOCOLATES



NAMES

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THE GREEN TRIANGLE	2	E	CARAMEL SWIRL	1	C
TOFFEE FINGER	9	K	COCONUT ECLAIR	11	I
FUDGE	5	F	MILK CHOCOLATE BLOCK	7	B
HONEYCOMB CRUNCH	4	L	TOFFEE PENNY	10	H
THE PURPLE ONE	6	D	ORANGE CREME	3	A
ORANGE CHOCOLATE CRUNCH	8	J	STRAWBERRY DELIGHT	12	G

Update from the South American Mission Society

SAMS Ireland has been active in different ways during the COVID-19 crisis. All mission trips to South America had to be cancelled, as governments closed their borders and air travel ground to a halt. Nonetheless, here is a little update of what has been happening recently.



Perú

Pray for Bishop Jorge as he continues to oversee two emergency committees in response to the pandemic crisis. Reduced Income has affected the churches ability to meet ongoing commitments. Some church members as well as pastors had to manage on very little during an extended lockdown. It is estimated that 30% of the population has now been exposed to COVID-19.

Paraguay

Some news from Chris and Alison Hawksbee. Alison continues her online teaching until the end of the year, although school may return partly at the end of November. This has its' challenges! The challenges are for teacher and students. Some of the students are suffering because of it. Pray for home difficulties in their families.

There are also online services at St. Andrew's Chapel. Tim Curtis has returned and has completed his quarantine. He has been up to the Mennonite Colonies to meet up with the Bible translation team there. He will be doing most of the advisory work online from Rio Verde with the translators. He is helping with the Enxet Norte translation!

Claire Holmes

Mission Partner Claire Holmes, who had been diagnosed with Cancer at the start of the year, received the joyful news that many prayers had been answered. Doctors were able to give her the all clear in May. There was no longer evidence of the cancer being active. A special sponsored walk organised by Claire in August raised significant funds for the COVID - 19 response of the church in South America. It is hoped that before Christmas there will be grants dispersed to various South American Anglican Dioceses in their attempts to deal with specific COVID-19 related projects. The church has been dealing with many uncertainties due to the pandemic.



Please do continue to pray for the ongoing work in South America and give thanks to God for Claire's good news!

Update from Tansen

Punam is a nurse working in Tansen Hospital who is currently on isolation ward duty. Every day she gets into her PPE suit and goes into the patient's room to check on them. Like all Tansen Hospital nurses, she is doing her duty with a smile and a lot of care, but Punam is sad at some of the changes due to Covid – she says wearing the PPE suit changes the way the patients and others respond to her as a nurse. Many nurses are serving faithfully while putting a little risk to themselves.



Punam has been working on the surgical wards since she started. However, with the advent of COVID-19 and the changes that have come due to that, she has also been assigned to do isolation duty.



For nurses in Tansen, two nurses are assigned together for a two-week period. During that time, they stay in the small nurses' room and are there for the entire time – no breaks away during those two weeks. The two nurses take turns dressing in their PPE and going into the patient rooms to check on them. One goes in, takes

care of checking vitals, makes sure everything is okay and then goes back to the nurse's room. About four hours later, the other nurse takes her turn. They have learned to work differently in these patient encounters – they do not turn their backs on the patients, and they don't use their stethoscopes for checking blood pressures, etc. They wear at least 2 masks into the room, and upon leaving, discard the outer one, but leave the inner one on even in the nurses' station.

We are thankful for Punam and others like her who are faithfully serving the patients who come to Tansen Hospital even though there is some risk to themselves.

Give thanks for the incredible work which happens Tansen Hospital and please pray for the safety and protection of medical staff like Punam.

A Missions Prayer

God of truth and love, sustain, inspire, and enlighten your servants who bring your Good News to people throughout the world. We thank you for all ministries which take place in your name. Bless the ongoing work in South America and in Tansen Hospital. As our mission partners seek to radiate your love in word and deed, we pray that they would know your peace and presence this Christmastime. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Children's Christmas Challenge

Boys and girls, I'm sure that you are all looking forward to Christmas! The story of Christmas is the greatest story ever told. I'm sure you can remember some of the main characters and key parts of the Christmas story. To help you remember there is a wordsearch below. I hope you can find all twenty answers!

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w	m	f	b	a	b	y	j	e	s	u	s	h	c	i



Baby Jesus	Mary	Joseph	Wise Men	shepherds
angels	Angel Gabriel	stable	inn	manger
star	frankincense	sheep	myrrh	gold
Bethlehem	King Herod	innkeeper	gifts	census