

*Church of the Holy Spirit*  
*Manse Road, Mossley*



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## *From the Rectory Study*

Here we are at the beginning of another new season in the life of our Parish. As you read the various articles and reports in this magazine you will see that there is much planned for the next few months. Even our weekly Parish Bulletin is now back to its usual level of busyness following the summer months. I am incredibly thankful to all the leaders of our various parish organisations who give so willingly and generously of their time to ensure that our Parish Centre is consistently open and busy with a range of activities. I would also like to thank the parishioners and members of our local community who support all that takes place with such faithfulness and dedication.

As I reported in the last magazine, the renovation of the Minor Hall is almost ready to begin. It is expected that this project will commence in October / November and continue for approximately seven weeks. During this period of time there will be builders on site and while there may be a little disturbance, as there is with any building project, we look forward with anticipation to seeing the end results. Once more I would like to thank the members of the Select Vestry who have worked with great focus and commitment in relation to this project.

In the last magazine I sought to outline the costings of this project as clearly, concisely and honestly as I possibly could. It is expected that the renovation will cost £49,000 and this is a revised cost which takes into account our needs as a Parish and what is financially and practically feasible. The Select Vestry have been incredibly wise and prudent with the Parish finances during recent years and this has enabled us to have a surplus of income over expenditure for each of the last three years. However, we will need to engage in fundraising for this project and one of our first ventures will be a Gift Day on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Special envelopes will be available by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September and these can be collected in the church porch. We can also get these delivered to parishioners who may not be at a church service during the next few weeks. Please contact the Rector, Rev Louise, Mr Ken Jackson or either of the churchwardens if you would like an envelope. All contributions towards this special appeal will be greatly appreciated and can be offered during our harvest weekend (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October).

As we take this step of faith, we do so with the intention of repairing our facilities, securing their long-term future, and developing our mission and ministry here in Mossley. God has been so good and faithful to us in past years and I am confident that He will continue to bless us as we move forward and in alignment with His will. God wants us to trust Him and serve Him wholeheartedly. We certainly see this in the life of Solomon (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 9 and 10). When we are faithful to God, He is able to do far more than we could possibly imagine. Let us unite together in serving God wholeheartedly and with the thankfulness that He deserves. Thank you for your continued support of Mossley Parish.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

## HOLY BAPTISM

29 <sup>th</sup> June	Alvey McKee (40 Sharonmore Avenue)
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Ivy Grace Sarah Grills (20 Hyde Park Manor)

## 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 (except July) beginning at 2.30pm.

Further details about Memory Lane can be found on page 8 of this magazine.

## 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](http://www.mossley.org))
3. YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://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 4 of this magazine.

### Wednesday

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

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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Ken Jackson	Julie Robinson
Leeanne Kelly	Jim Sloan

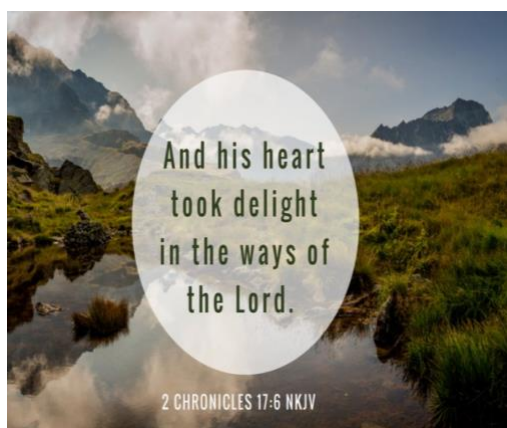
## Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Twelfth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Evening Prayer	NT NT	Luke 14:25-33 Philemon 1-21	Adam Parkinson Winifred Clarke
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b> Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion 6pm Compline	OT G NT	Jeremiah 4:22-28 Luke 15:1-10 John 6:51-69	Winnie Millar Preacher Caroline Rogan
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b> Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	NT NT	Luke 16:1-13 1 <sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-7	Club J / Ignite Bob Lee
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Luke 16:19-31 Nehemiah 5:1-13 John 9:1-12	Eugene Marron Jacqui Eccles Preacher
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Harvest Thanksgiving 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	OT OT	Leviticus 19:1-13 Joel 2:21-27	Albert Patterson Winifred Clarke
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion 6pm Late Evening Office	OT G OT	Jeremiah 29:4-7 Luke 17:11-19 Nehemiah 6:1-16	Bob Lee Preacher Caroline Rogan
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service 6pm GB Enrolment	NT NT	Luke 18:1-8 Luke 12:13-21	Club J / Ignite GB Member
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> Fifth Sunday Before Advent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Luke 18:9-14 Isaiah 45:22-25 Luke 4:16-24	Maureen McCrea Bob Lee Preacher
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> Fourth Sunday Before Advent 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	OT G OT	Habakkuk 1:1-4 Luke 19:1-10 Lamentations 3:22-33	Julie Parkinson Preacher Jacqui Eccles

## Prayer Fellowship

There are times in our lives when we come into contact with someone who becomes a strong influence upon us. That influence can be positive and uplifting, bringing out the best in us, or it can be negative bringing out the worst side of our nature.

In the Bible we have many instances of both types of influence. This is what has always fascinated me about the Bible - the way God has given us a record of both types of influence.



One of my favourites is King Jehoshaphat. His is a fascinating story. He wasn't perfect, he made mistakes and at times he lacked wisdom in his decisions. Yet in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 17:3 we're told the Lord was with him because he walked in the ways of his ancestor David and he didn't seek the Baals. Jehoshaphat sought God and walked in His commandments. He was obedient and loyal to God and these are the reasons King Jehoshaphat is one of my favourite characters in the Bible. Here's a list of the characteristics he displayed:

1. He was different.
2. The Lord was with him.
3. He sought God.
4. He walked in obedience to God's commands.
5. His heart took delight in the ways of the Lord.



Reflecting on this often leads me to pray to God and ask a very important question: *"Lord, is my heart taking delight in your ways?"* God often responds by giving me a sense of peace or a disquiet (like a check) in my spirit.

This is the way God influences me through characters in Scripture and He does speak to us through the Bible. Interacting with God through His Word, in this particular way, brings growth in our relationship with Him. Jehoshaphat recognised the importance of biblical teaching and he sent out leaders and Levites to teach the people the book of the Law.

Knowing and having understanding of Scripture is empowering and strengthening. It is faith-building and it delights the heart of God. It turns ordinary followers into warriors for the Kingdom of God.

The Prayer Fellowship meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Pentecost Room and we would love you to join us.

### **Parish Magazine (November / December 2025)**

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations.

## **Bowling Club**

Last Wednesday evening, 27<sup>th</sup> August, saw the final night of this year's Fun Bowls, with a couple of presentations taking place. Since early May, the Parish Centre has been a hive of activity each Wednesday evening as bowlers enjoyed the game of indoor bowls. Most evenings the attendance has been in excess of thirty bowlers and on one occasion the count was nearly forty.

It is difficult for me to express in a few words the friendship and fellowship that we have experienced over the past few months. Bowlers came from different clubs to play, and with all four mats in action it felt like just one large bowling club. No one was left out and everyone got a game.



During August, a proper competition was played over two nights with six teams taking part. Right up until the very last end was played it was uncertain which team would be the winner. With a shot score of twenty-nine points, and winning by just one shot, was the team skipped by Steven Horner. The winning team was presented with their shields by the Rector.

This year's chosen charity was Motor Neurone Disease and a cheque for £1000 was presented to Mr. Stephen Thompson by Eugene Marron on behalf of the Fun Bowlers. Mr. Thompson thanked the Fun Bowlers for their donation and gave a short address about the workings of the MND Association NI. I would like to thank and acknowledge donations received from friends of the Bowling Club and other parish organisations.



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September will start our normal club bowling here in Mossley Parish and it would be wonderful to have new members come and join with us each Wednesday evening at 7pm. Our bowling club, like many other bowling clubs, is always looking for new or former bowlers, so why not come along for fun, exercise and a bit of craic.

(G. Curry)



## Holiday Bible Club 2025

We were absolutely delighted with this year's Holiday Bible Club which was called *Deep Sea Divers*. It was held in the Parish Centre from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. As has become our tradition, the Friday evening was our annual Family Fun Night and BBQ.

During the week, each evening started at 6.15pm and we enjoyed stories, quizzes, music, games, challenges, craft time and snacks. As we sought to learn from the Bible, we looked at the baptism of Jesus and the parable of the pearl of great value. We also reflected on two miracles of Jesus.

The Friday evening was very encouraging and the children brought along family members and friends. The BBQ was enjoyed by everyone and the children played on the bouncy castle. We also had a 9ft inflatable slide. Rumour has it that the Rector was spotted on the slide!

A massive thank you to everyone who made the week possible. Your help, donations, prayers and support were greatly appreciated. A final word of thanks to all the children who came along and to their parents/carers for bringing them each night. We look forward to more children's ministry events in the very near future.

We have included a few photos of the Holiday Bible Club with this article. More photos are on our Parish Facebook page.



## **Community Lunches**



The Community Lunches will recommence on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 12noon until 2pm. Lunch will include cheese, a choice of two soups (one gluten free), a selection of breads, tea, coffee and biscuits. The cost will be £4.50 per person.

If anyone would like to volunteer to make a pot of soup (one pot per year), please let us know. A special thank you to all our soup-makers for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Please come along on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month. We look forward to meeting up again with friends old and new.

Many thanks,

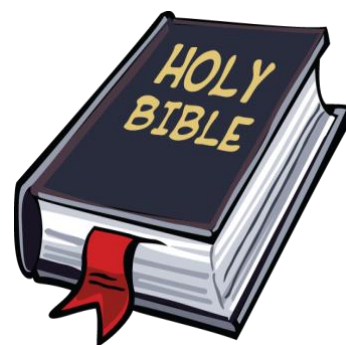
Kay Thompson – 07969835916

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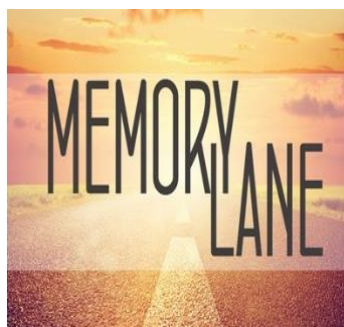
## **Guild of Lesson Readers**

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.



## **Memory Lane**



Our interdenominational Memory Lane service provides a welcoming, inclusive and safe worshipping space for those living with dementia, their carers, family and friends.

We look forward to meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October for our harvest celebrations and on 6<sup>th</sup> November when we will be thinking about remembrance. Then on 4<sup>th</sup> December we will have our annual carol service.

The services are held in the church building at 2.30pm and are followed by tea / coffee and a chat. Please do spread the word about Memory Lane. Everyone who comes along will be made very welcome.

With sincere thanks, Louise



## Choir News



The choir are looking forward to the next few months in our Parish. After the summer break, choir practices recommenced on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm and we are practicing for our Harvest Festival which will be on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

As I get older, I really appreciate all the beautiful hymns we sing in church. I really listen to the lyrics and the profound meaning of the words written down for us. One of my favourite hymns "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God", contains the line '*Let the Fragrance of Our Prayers Arise*' 🙏. What a beautiful phrase in a hymn by Keith Getty/Stuart Townend. I will just have to content myself singing it as I will never rise to the dizzy heights of composing something so wonderful. Why don't you come along to our choir practices in September? You never know, you might be inspired to write something of your own!

In the meantime, parishioners, we will be glad to see you all back from your summer holidays in good voice and raring to go! New choir members will be made very welcome and if anyone would like to sing with us at the harvest services, please contact Jane.

Keep singing,

Joan

There are so many benefits from participating in musical activity. *"If you want to improve the well-being of someone, you let them sing in a choir, you let them learn an instrument and you let them get lost in all of the beauty, support and connections that come from such things. You immerse them in Music-making...."* (Vaughan Fleischfresser, musician and educator). He continues, *"...when someone learns a musical instrument, their life is never the same again. They gain a lifelong purpose, hobby, sanctuary, social network, beauty, challenge and happiness."*

"The only thing  
better than singing is  
MORE SINGING."

*Ella Fitzgerald*

### **Did you know?**



The Church of Ireland has an Organ Scholarship programme throughout Ireland, including the Diocese of Connor. It was established in 1990 to help and provide organists for public worship by an anonymous benefactor who recognised the importance of the ministry of music in local parishes and identified a declining number of musicians committing to church music. Anyone who has grade 4 piano or above is welcome to apply. If any parishioner is interested and would like further information, please get in touch.

## **MusicMakers**



MusicMakers continues on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September after a well-deserved summer break. New members P4 – Year 12 are welcome. In addition to learning piano, children have the option of learning violin. No prior experience is necessary and anyone who has had a break from lessons and would like to restart is welcome too! We are also looking for instrumentalists who would like to play some Christmas music.

## **Christmas Fair**

We are looking forward to hosting our Christmas Fair in Mossley Parish on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 10am until 1pm. We had a great time last year and we are really looking forward to seeing the Parish Centre filled with people once again this year. As always, we plan to have gift stalls, craft stalls, baked goods, sweets & treats, a Christmas tearoom, live seasonal music, and so much more.

In previous years parish organisations were actively involved with the Christmas Fair and we would be delighted if this continued this year. Please speak to the Rector, Rev Louise, or Mrs Kim Jones for further details.



## **Online Services**



As we enter another new season in the life of our Parish, we will continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These will be available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible and it really is a blessing to many people who join with us faithfully each week through the wonders of technology.

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. We look forward to the resumption of our online Bible Studies on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

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.

## **Women's Guild**

What a glorious summer it was! I hope everyone is feeling rested and rejuvenated for another new season of busyness and activity.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Flint, who stepped down from the Committee at the end of last year, for all her hard work and dedication to the Women's Guild, particularly during these last few years. She has been a tremendous support, offering wise counsel and ensuring that we were going in the right direction. As we say thank you to Pat, I would like to welcome Karen Henry onto the Committee and hope she enjoys her time helping us plan the events for the incoming year.

Our final meetings of last year seem like a distant memory, but as I flick through my photos, I am reminded of the great times that we had - a very successful baking stall during the Spring Fair, a lovely visit from Rosie Diffin, our AGM, and a very soggy trip to Cookstown!

I want to share some of the items we discussed during the AGM again, just in case anyone missed the last edition of this magazine:

- **Tea/Coffee** is to be served at the beginning of the evening so it can be enjoyed as our speaker is presenting. We will try this out for the first few months.
- **Winter Break** (Jan/Feb). We had suggested having a winter break as, during January and February, attendance levels are often greatly reduced and we have also had to cancel speakers. Instead of an evening meeting, we suggest having a tea/coffee morning on the second Saturday of January and February. Another option is not to meet during January or February. We can discuss this further in September. However, we will try the coffee morning in January and see how it goes.
- **Fundraiser**. There was agreement that we would host a barn dance in March 2026. I just need to confirm with our caller in the next few weeks.
- **Speakers**. Has anyone got any suggestions or know someone who would be keen to come and share with us?

### ***Meetings for the incoming year (2025/2026)***

September	Watoto Restoration Tour (booked for Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September)
October	David Hume (rescheduled from January 2025)
November	Christmas Craft Night (Christmas Bauble making & Christmas Snacks)
December	Trip to Theatre at the Mill (Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2025) to watch Belfast Actually 2. The cost is £24 per ticket (discount will be applied if we have over a certain amount). Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in going as I will need to make the payment by October to confirm the seats.

I'm sure we are all looking forward to meeting again. Remember our starting date is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. God bless, Leeanne

## **Harvest Thanksgiving**



On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will be giving thanks to God for His goodness towards us and His provision of all our needs. We will be having celebrations of Harvest Thanksgiving at our 11am and 6pm services. At our morning service we look forward to welcoming Rev Matthew Gaw as our guest preacher. Matthew is currently the Curate-Assistant in Donaghcloney and Waringstown in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. Following the morning service, the GB will be hosting a soup and cheese lunch.

All donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers are most welcome and can be left in the church building on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 6pm until 8pm or Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 9am until 10am. A willing team of decorators will be required for Saturday morning. Please do come along. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Please also plan to come along to our services as we give thanks to God for His many blessings and His goodness.

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)*

## **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.

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Liz Holmes
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Edith Kearney
5 <sup>th</sup> October (Harvest)	Lilian Smyth
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Cynthia Markwell
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Sunday
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Winnie Millar



### **Just For A Laugh**

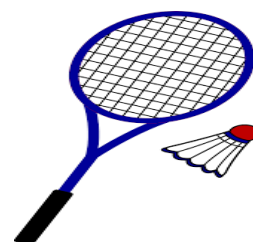
While visiting a cathedral recently, I couldn't hear the service over the chatter of the two people sitting in front of me. Finally, I tapped one of them on the shoulder. "Excuse me," I said, "I can't hear." The reply was swift and indignant. "I should hope not! This is a private conversation."



## **Badminton Club**

After a well-deserved summer break, the Badminton Club will resume on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

We would be delighted to welcome new members to the Badminton Club! If you would like to have some fun and a little friendly competition, please do come along. You will be made most welcome!



## **Dove Tots**



Hello to all our Dove Tots families and friends!

We had a wonderful time at Dove Tots last year and it was great to see so many children each Friday morning. The Parish Centre was really busy each week and we had such good fun! We are starting back on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10am and look forward to seeing all the boys and girls after our summer break.

We would like to wish all our little ones who have moved on to Nursery School all the very best. We will miss you!

## **Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship**

We are looking forward to being involved with the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship at the Great Glengormley Get Together on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. This is always a busy day with plenty happening, as outlined in the poster.

Plans are also developing for Bible Week 2026. It is hard to believe that this will be the fifth Newtownabbey Bible Week! Once again, we will meet in Mossley Primary School - from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Please mark the dates in your diary. Details about our speaker will be released very soon!



## **Thank You!**

Mrs Lorraine Jackson would like to express her sincere thanks to everyone who attended the funeral of her husband Harry and donated generously to Cancer Focus. Your thoughtfulness, support and kindness are greatly appreciated.

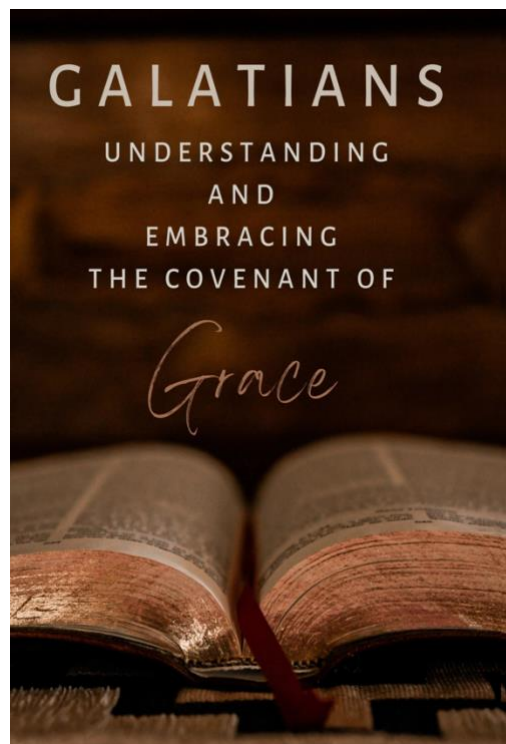


## **Bible Study**

Our Bible Study Group will recommence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. We look forward to being able to meet together in the Carntall Room each week for a time of reflection and discussion.

This year we will be turning our attention to Galatians and Ephesians. The study programme has already been released and digital copies are currently available on our website and Facebook page. Paper copies are also available in the church porch.

From September until our Christmas break, we will focus on Paul's letter to the Galatians. This letter was written to correct a misunderstanding of grace that emerged in Galatia. Paul sought to remind this emerging Church that God's love is unconditional and salvation is a free gift from God, offered to us through His amazing grace and we can only ever receive it by faith. The Christian pastor and author Warren Wiersbe actually describes Galatians as a dangerous book! He writes, *"After spending months studying Galatians, I am humbled and challenged. Humbled because I don't think God is too impressed with our ministries, no matter how impressed men may be. Challenged because I myself need to start living deeper and ministering deeper..."* There will be much for us to engage with during these next few months and I really hope that this series of studies will challenge and inspire us.



The Bible Study Group is open to everyone and new members will be made most welcome. If you have previously attended the studies and haven't managed to get along more recently, we would love to see you back on Tuesday evenings in the Carntall Room. It really is highly beneficial to sit around God's Word and study together. For those who cannot attend in person, we will continue to release online Bible Studies which will also be based on the weekly content that we study at the in-person meeting. These will be abbreviated versions of the weekly in-person study and will be available around 7pm each Tuesday on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility.

### **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:

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Carolyn Caldwell

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John Nesbitt

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Joan Mackey

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## **Bric-A-Brac**



What would a Saturday morning be without a visit to the bric-a-brac sale in Mossley Parish Centre? It is wonderful to see people coming from near and far to grab a bargain and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Our Saturday sale began in 2009 and has met faithfully each Saturday morning ever since. In the years that have followed, an incredible £103,000 has been raised to support the ongoing mission and ministry of our Parish. The sales are continuing to do very well and we are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time and show such devotion and commitment.

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 (around 2pm) 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!

On the first Saturday of each month, a Bakery Stall can be found in the foyer of the Parish Centre. There is always a great selection of bread, scones, cakes and other lovely treats. The choice is varied and ever-changing. Thank you to all who make this possible. Please do come along and buy yourself something nice for your morning tea / coffee.

## **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. 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!

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>

Julie Robinson, Freda Luney & Pamela Marron

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

Emmy Templeton, Pam Millar & Liz Holmes

If anyone is unavailable or wishes to make changes to the monthly rota, please contact Winnie Millar (07854595633). Many thanks.

## Girls' Brigade

Hopefully everyone has had a relaxing summer break and are feeling energised and ready for some fun. As always, we are keen to welcome any new members of all ages, but particularly in our older age groups.

Our first session of the 2025/2026 season will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. On our first night, all sections will meet from 6.30pm until 7.30pm and no uniform is required. From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September our meeting times are as follows:

<b>Tinies</b>	(3 years to P1)	6.30pm - 7.30pm
<b>Explorers</b>	(P2 to P4)	6.30pm - 7.45pm
<b>Jun, Sen, Brigaders</b>	(P5+)	6.30pm - 8pm
<b>Associates</b>	(18 +)	6.30pm - 8pm



## Kidz Klub



On the first Saturday night of each month Kidz Klub meets in the Parish Centre. This is a club for children of nursery 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. Kidz Klub restarts on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October and new members will be made very welcome.

## Youth Club

Following our summer break, the Youth Club will recommence on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September from 7pm - 9pm and it is open to children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9). This year our registration has taken place online and there has been an encouraging number of children signed-up for the year ahead. The Youth Club will meet every Saturday during term time in the church hall and will cost £1 per night.



There will be plenty of arts & crafts, as well as football, badminton, pool, the Wii, Xbox and board games. We promise that the tuck shop will be well stocked with all our usual favourites. We are also trying to organise another ice hockey trip for later in the year.

Once again, we are making an appeal for extra leaders so that we comply with the necessary safeguarding ratios. If anyone is able to help out on a Saturday night, even on a rota basis, this would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to the Rector or Rev Louise for further details about what would be involved.

## **Club J & Creche**

Club J is the place to be every Sunday! Children begin in church with their families for the 11am service. There's a short message from one of the ministry team and then we move to continue our worship in the Parish Centre. On the third Sunday of each month, we all stay in church for a special All-Age service, where many of the children take part — reading, praying or helping lead worship. It's a joyful celebration for the whole congregation.

Each week is packed with Bible stories, crafts, games and quizzes — all designed to help children grow in faith while having fun. There's even a snack to finish things off!



We also have a crèche room available for our youngest church members. This age-appropriate space is filled with toys, story time, music, crafts and snacks. It's a warm and welcoming environment where little ones can begin their journey of learning about God in a fun and gentle way.

Club J returns on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, with a full schedule ahead. Huge thanks to our amazing leaders for all their preparation. Do you know a child who'd like to join? They'll be warmly welcomed!

## **Ignite Youth**

Ignite Youth is for young people (Year 8 and up) to grow in faith, build friendships and have loads of fun along the way. Each Sunday, they meet together in church at the 11am service, then continue their worship in the Parish Centre with a lively and meaningful session. There are Bible stories, quizzes, challenges, prayer, music and plenty of opportunities to engage and learn together. Ignite Youth also takes part in the All-Age service and their involvement has been an encouragement to so many parishioners.

Beyond Sundays, Ignite Youth also enjoy residentials and diocesan events like *Connor Takes The Castle* and *Summer Madness*. These are exciting gatherings that bring young people together for worship, adventure and unforgettable memories. If you know any young people who'd enjoy being part of Ignite Youth, please encourage them to come along. They'll be made very welcome! The usual programme starts back on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

God bless, Kim

## **Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors**



At the time of writing, I have been out for one night in July and hope that the good weather continues for a few weeks yet! Prior to COVID we had three teams out before the end of August and we usually met quite a few people at this time of year. Perhaps young people and adults were making the most of the longer evenings before the winter sets in.

I am really looking forward to meeting people and chatting with them. Some parents are anxious about their children starting their first year in pre-school or even beginning primary or secondary education. Some young adults are starting their university years or entering the world of work. Perhaps you remember these experiences yourself!

As I engage with other people I often think of the Parable of the Good Samaritan. I'm sure that you all know the story very well. Who walked past the man who was on the ground? Who stopped with him and how was he looked after? As I reflect back on my own life, I call to mind the people who helped me. They were often ordinary people who offered words of comfort and the assurance of their prayers during my times of difficulty. I can remember one lady who spoke to me in the Links Room, offering me her thanks for helping her and her son some twenty-five years earlier. What she didn't realise was that this word of encouragement was timely for me in my own life journey.

This is one of the main reasons why I am involved with Street Pastors. I want to be a positive influence to other people. Is there any way that you would be able to help with this ministry and outreach? You could donate some financial support, or you could offer some of your time to join with us. Have you the ability and willingness to smile at a stranger and ask them how they are?

In an attempt to encourage people to join with us, we will be revisiting the churches that support us during the next twelve months. We are keen for these partnerships to continue and deepen. Monthly training sessions will also be starting very soon and we encourage people to come to them and learn more about what it is that Street Pastors do. The first of these sessions will be an "Everyday First Aid Course" and it will be held in the Carntall Room in our own Parish Centre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 9am until 12noon. In October there will be a "Roles and Responsibilities Course" and this will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> October in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church from 9am until 4pm.

As I finish, I would like to thank you for your continued support and your prayers. They don't always keep the rain away but they help make life a little easier as we seek to be a Christian presence within our local community.

God bless,

Bob



## **Mossley Mission Group**

In the last edition of this magazine, we suggested that we hoped to organise a concert for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Despite our initial efforts this has not been possible and the concert will be held later in the year. It will be worth the wait!



Rev Geoff Hamilton has certainly hit the ground running as the new Mission Director of SAMS Ireland. He has been working on a series of new projects and developing links with the Church in South America. Each Monday he also releases a morning reflection called “Monday’s Mug” and this can be found on the SAMS Ireland Facebook page. In late November, the Rector will be travelling to Chile and Argentina for a short mission trip with Rev Hamilton. They will be meeting church leaders and reviewing mission

projects. This will be the first time that the Rector has been in Argentina since 2003. Please do pray for them as they travel between 17<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November and that their engagements with local churches will be informative and beneficial.

In previous editions of this magazine, we reported that there was ongoing work in Tansen Hospital to develop a postnatal ward. We are pleased to note that this ward opened in February and since then it has welcomed six mothers and their new-borns! The Tansen Hospital team is celebrating this milestone and ready to welcome many more little ones into the world.

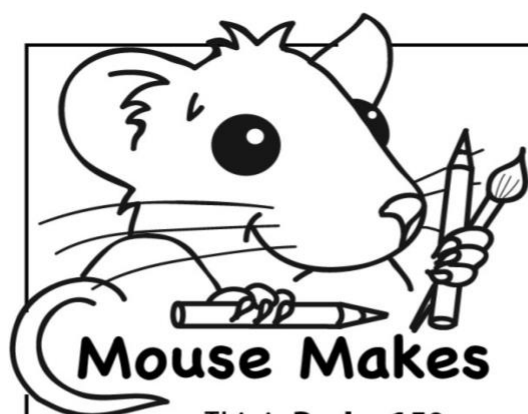
The following correspondence is a recent update from Tansen about their efforts to combat alcohol addiction.

We are training front-line helpers from our communities to help and counsel people struggling with alcohol and substance abuse. Alcohol consumption is linked to many health issues and is a significant contributing factor to gender-based and domestic violence. In early August, a five-day training was held in Dhangadi, focusing on building skills and competencies of frontline helpers from Bajhang, Rukum East and Kapilvastu districts. These trained individuals will be offering help to those struggling with alcohol addiction and will also conduct group counselling sessions. Thank you to Tansen’s local partners, Nepal Public Awakening Forum, Dalit Help Society and Dalit Social Development Centre, for being with us in this. Together, we believe it is never too late to make a change.



Thank you so much for your continued financial and prayerful support of SAMS Ireland and Tansen Hospital.

## Challenge Time



This is **Psalm 150**,  
a song of praise to God,  
it tells us why and how  
to worship God.  
*How do you praise and  
worship God?*

**Praise** God in His Temple,  
**Praise** Him in His mighty heavens.  
**Praise** Him for His acts of power,  
**Praise** Him for his surpassing greatness.

**Praise Him**  
with the sounding trumpet,  
**Praise Him**  
with the harp and lyre,  
**Praise Him**  
with tambourine and dancing,  
**Praise Him**  
with the clash of cymbals,  
**Praise Him**  
with the resounding cymbals.  
Let everything that has breath  
**PRAISE THE LORD!**

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TRUMPET • HORN • PIPE • FLUTE • HARP • LYRE • LUTE • STRINGS  
TAMBOURINE • DANCING • CYMBALS • DRUMS • BREATH • LORD