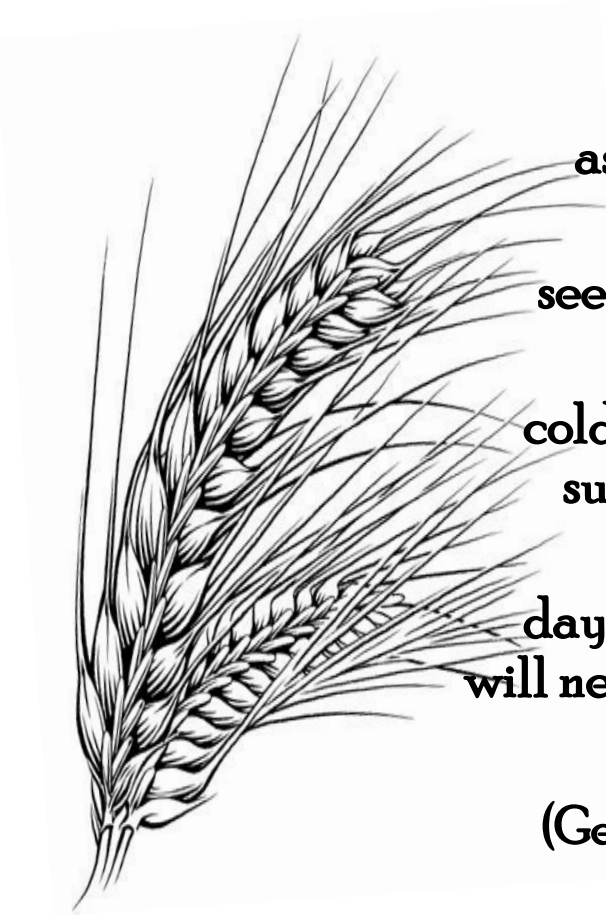
The Parish Magazine of Christ Church, Lisburn

October & November 2026



'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.'

(Genesis 8: 22)

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CHRIST COMMUNITY LOVE

Following Christ,
Building Community,
Living out God's love
for the city of Lisburn and beyond.

Worship for October & November

Sunday 4th October – HARVEST THANKSGIVING
8.30 am Holy Communion - Matthew 6: 25-34
10.30 am Morning Worship for Harvest
Preacher: Canon James Carson
6.30 pm Harvest Praise

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 19
10.30 am Morning Worship – Ephesians 2: 1-10
'A city where GRACE is a gift'
4.00 pm Messy Church in the Hall - 'Harvest'

Sunday 18th October – Trinity 20
10.30 am REFRESH Service and Holy Baptism – 'David & Goliath'
SOUP LUNCH after Morning Worship – Proceeds to Habitat for Humanity 'Building Hope Brick by Brick' project
6.30 pm Healing Service: Speaker – Glynis Jess, a Lay Reader from Ballynahinch Parish

Sunday 25th October – 5th before Advent
10.30 am Holy Communion – Ephesians 4: 1-16 & Matthew 22: 34-46 - 'A city where unity honours God'

Sunday 1st November – 4th before Advent
8.30 am Holy Communion – Ephesians 4: 17-5: 2 & Luke 9: 18-27
10.30 am Morning Worship and Holy Baptism – Ephesians 4: 17- 5: 2 - 'A city of people formed to be like God'

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday
10.30 am Morning Worship - Psalm 46
4.00 pm Messy Church in the Hall on theme of 'Remembering'

Tuesday 10th November
7.30 pm ENGAGE – Worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship in the Church
Worship led by Richard McCrossan

Sunday 15th November – 2nd before Advent
10.30 am REFRESH – Enrolment Service
Speaker: Melissa Newell, SAMS Mission partner in Ecuador
6.30 pm Evening Prayer - Psalm 25

Sunday 22nd November – Sunday before Advent
10.30 am Family Communion – Ephesians 6: 10-20 & Matthew 25: 31-46
'A city where people find strength in the Lord and his armour'
6.30 pm Bereavement Service - Speaker from Links Counselling Service

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday
10.30 am Morning Worship for Advent and Holy Baptism – Luke 1: 1-25
'Beginnings and credibility'

Rector's Corner



PRAYER ROOM AND 8 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

These 8 Days in the life of our parish and amongst the churches that participated in this period of focused prayer has been rewarding at so many levels and personally and which will create a greater sense of unity amongst the churches with that desire to continue to work together to be good news for our Lord Jesus Christ in the city. To join in this Global Week of Prayer across 140 nations is truly remarkable, a movement of people committed to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to our team in the parish who prepared the prayer room with the stations in the coffee bar. It allowed for people to find space and quiet on Saturday 12th September as well as the couple of times we kept it open after the Saturday. Thank you to all who covered the 24 hours on the Saturday.

To have the opportunities for the 'quiet' space as well as sharing together in prayer particularly each evening was refreshing and purposeful in seeking the Lord and his will for our churches, city and nation. Let's be prepared to hear stories of lives changed by Jesus to follow Him.

Personally, to find quiet and silence was so refreshing in the week in the various prayer rooms across the city and to 'know Jesus better' [Ephesians 1: 17] as well as through all we shared together as Christians.

As church leaders, we have committed to meet the last Thursday of the month in the morning at 9.15 am to support one another and discern the Lord's guiding path in what we share together.

I have asked Richard McCrossan from St Paul's to lead worship on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 pm in the church. I've called it 'Engage, a time for worship, teaching, fellowship and prayer for the churches and our city.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The previous magazine drew attention to our services on Sunday 4th October as well as our Harvest Mission envelopes to share in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ, locally and globally. A reminder that those who do not have FWO envelopes, to use the brown envelopes for this Harvest Appeal.

Our Messy Church on Sunday 11th October at 4.00 pm in the main hall will

have a Harvest theme using crafts, songs, bible stories and food to remind ourselves of God's goodness to us in creation.

We will have a Harvest Soup Lunch on Sunday 18th October after our morning worship. This will be in the main hall and donations will be to support the work of Habitat for Humanity in Malawi to build homes, brick by brick with £1200 building a home for a family, giving them security.

Mission donations by parishioners or a parish group to any mission agency or charity should be with the Parish Office by Tuesday 3rd November to allow the distribution of monies to them by the end of November.

CHURCH PROPERTIES UPDATE

The Select Vestry as trustees have responsibilities to keep our buildings in good shape and over the summer we have seen the transformation of the new 'Upper Room' behind the stage which is a meeting room with facilities for tea and coffee and the refreshing of the main kitchen with new worktops and doors and the painting of the kitchen. In addition, we have tarmacked the hill area of the church grounds. Thank you to all who have worked to improve our buildings and grounds to be places of fellowship and welcome.

HEALING SERVICE

This will be on Sunday 18th October at 6.30 pm in the church and the speaker will be Glynis Jess who is a Lay Reader from Ballynahinch Parish and will include prayer and the laying on of hands as we come to the Lord with the needs of someone.

TEACHING SERIES – GROWTH

I have been pondering about the theme of the 'city' over these past few months and I reflect on God's mission for Lisburn and our role as disciples. We will look at the book of Ephesians and will begin on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 pm with tea and coffee. We will be using the UPPER ROOM for this Teaching Series and the themes and passages are noted in this magazine.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Act of Remembrance and falling silent will be on Sunday 8th November at 10.30 am to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our peace and freedom.

ENROLMENT SERVICE

We will have this service on Sunday 15th November at 10.30 am for our GFS Branch and CLB Company. I am pleased that Melissa Newell will be our speaker at this service. Melissa will be home on furlough from her work

in Ecuador and we will have an opportunity to hear from her about her role in Misahualli with the local church.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

This will be on Sunday 22nd November at 6.30 pm in the Church followed by refreshments in the main hall and there will be a speaker from Links Counselling Service at the Bereavement Service. It is a significant service for all who have lost a loved one, who grieve and find comfort in the Christian faith. It is open to anyone and do share with a family member or friend. We do have an act of 'remembering' in this service.

ADVENT – 'Who is the baby?'

As I write these notes in mid September, it is hard to focus on Advent when we think of the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ. This year we are reading Luke chapter 1 on the first 3 Sundays of Advent [29th November]. We do hope to include daily readings nearer the time as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of this baby. As we read Luke 1, we will see God's preparations through the announcing of the birth of John the Baptist and of Jesus by angels. Truly remarkable and prophetic! We will explore the message of these births and what was promised.

The Bauble scheme will support our 2026 project to build houses in Malawi. Instead of sending Christmas cards, a small donation with a message on the big screen will change lives in Malawi. We also support the Salvation Army through gifts for all the family and Lisburn Foodbank with food gifts. We will update parishioners nearer the time of these items and when to bring them to Church.

We have begun a new season in September and our journey as a community of faith and hope continues. We have begun with 'prayer' as churches in our city as a focus. May we discover afresh the power of prayer, of being in God's presence, of knowing the comfort of praying for someone and how prayer shapes our mission as disciples to see people discover Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. I use again the words from the Apostle Paul:

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.' [Ephesians 3: 20,21]

Blessings in Christ

Paul

The Curate Writes



Prayer

In September, we had the Week of Prayer in our city, and perhaps one of the great gifts of a Week of Prayer is that we can be still and focus, to put aside the noise and the busyness and simply come before God, focus on the cross, on Christ, what He has done for us and give thanks. But this needn't be confined to one week, nor should it be. The hymn, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus,* captures the importance, value and joy of prayer in our everyday lives.

This hymn is a favourite of many. It was written in 1855 by Joseph Scriven, a native of Banbridge, Co. Down. It teaches us much about the faith, but it also shows us the pastoral reach of hymnody. One writer says of this hymn, "its simply stated truths have brought solace and comfort to countless members of God's people since it was first written in 1855." The power of prayer is on display here, and it encourages us, as we sing it, to always go to Jesus, our faithful Friend in prayer: "Jesus is our only refuge: take it to the Lord in prayer." Philippians 4:6-7 calls us to go to God in prayer always.

The lines of this hymn are immensely powerful, but when we consider the story that was lived behind these words, they are all the more powerful.

Tragedy struck Scriven's life. His fiancée accidentally drowned on the very eve of their wedding, and great sorrow followed. In 1845, Scriven sailed for Canada to start life anew, but ill health brought him back to Ireland after two months. Two years later, he moved to Canada, met a lady and fell in love; they were engaged to be married. However, sorrow was to come again since the young lady was stricken with a serious illness and died. For Scriven, depression set in, but despite all this, he never gave up his personal faith in Jesus Christ.

This hymn was written in this backdrop, and when Scriven's mother was seriously ill, he penned this hymn, which was originally a poem, to comfort his mother. Since then, it has comforted millions, pointing them to the power of prayer and to always turn to the Saviour.

"Have we trials and temptations, is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer."

He is our closest and greatest Friend.

Matthew

You are invited to
a
Soup Lunch
on
Sunday, 18th October in the Church Hall after Morning Worship

Proceeds to:
Habitat for Humanity
for
'Building Hope Brick by Brick' project



Everyone welcome

Logos Hope - Gospel Ship

SCAN BELOW TO FIND OUT MORE:

Albert Quay, Belfast

Saturday, 3rd - Tuesday 20th October

from

10.00 am - 10.00 pm (except Mondays)

FREE ENTRANCE

Special Gatherings - Booking Required - Scan QR Code

Men's Fellowship	Friday, 9th October	7.00 pm
Teens Event	Saturday, 10th October	4.00 pm
New Irish Arts	Friday, 16th October	7.30 pm
Seniors	Saturday, 17th October	12.00 noon
Youth	Sunday, 18th October	5.30 pm

https://www.uk.om.org/waves-of-hope-belfast

Church Family Matters

Bereavements in the Parish

David Joseph Ferguson
Heather Patricia Douglas Clarke
Frances Gillian (Gill) Lappin
Elizabeth Anne McComb

Decorating the Church for Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest decoration will take place on Friday, 2nd October from 9.30 am. Supplies of flowers, fruit, vegetables, greenery, small potted plants etc are required to decorate the church. If you are able to help with the decoration of the church on Friday, 2nd October, it would be very much appreciated by the team who make the church so beautiful at this time of the year.



Perhaps **you**, **your family** and **friends** or even **your organisation** would like to help this year with decorating the Church.



Applefest Coffee Morning

Tuesday, 6th October
10.00 am - 12 noon
in
Christ Church Main Hall

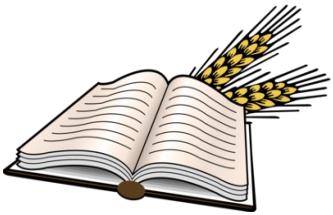
The Choir from Old Warren Primary School will sing around 10.30 am

Apples will also be for sale



Come along and support this special feast of apples

Harvest Services



Sunday, 4th October
Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30 am **Harvest Thanksgiving - Speaker: Canon James Carson**

6.30 pm **Harvest Worship and Praise**

Harvest Mission Envelopes

this year are for:-

General Mission Support	(50%)
Diocese of Luwero for Clergy & Lay Training	(25%)
Lisburn Foodbank	(25%)

Harvest envelopes are available in your Freewill Offering box or if using a Standing Order, brown Harvest envelopes are available in the church porches. If you are a giftaider and using a brown Harvest envelope, please complete and sign the front of the envelope.

Gifts for Lisburn Foodbank

Gifts will be received for Lisburn Foodbank at the Harvest Services.



Harvest Collection Shopping List

Bags for Life

Washing Up Liquid

Toothbrushes

Small Diluting Juice

Tinned Peas

Tinned Meat

Anti-bacterial Spray



Prayer Points for October & November

- The opportunity to share in the Global Week of Prayer [6-13 September] with other churches in our city. Hosting the prayer room on Saturday 12th September in our coffee bar and the opportunity for space and corporate prayer. Hearing personal stories of quiet prayer and answered prayer.
- The commitment of church leaders to meet monthly for prayer and sharing in the mission of the Gospel in our city.
- For all our leaders in shaping each parish group in this new season in the life of the parish.
- For our worship in this season with Harvest, Remembrance Sunday, Enrolment, Advent, Messy Church, Healing Service and our Refresh Services.
- The take up of the 12 'Explore Christianity' cards which include a bible verse and prayer.
- Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity in 2026 as we raise funds to build houses in Malawi. The ReStore premises in Lisburn and its mission to our city. For Jenny Williams as she leads Habitat for Humanity Ireland. For God's provision for a new partnership beyond this year and the outcome of conversations with a couple of agencies in September.
- Praying for Melissa Newell who is a SAMS mission partner in Ecuador and her work in the local church and community. Melissa's visit to us in November.
- Praying for 5 friends who do not know Jesus as their Lord and our witness to them in word and deed.
- For our Select Vestry as they act as trustees for the charity of Christ Church Lisburn and recent projects to improve our property.
- For our safeguarding panel in all matters of training and governance for the care and wellbeing of our children and young people.
- For Bishop George in his leadership in the Diocese and especially with the recent clergy meetings on growing healthy churches and clergy.
- For the Diocese of Luwero and Bishop Wilson in his leadership. The staff and pupils at St Apollo led by Esther and the congregation that meets at the church there. Those undergoing theological training: Mukalazi Boaz and Erifaz Kyeyune, who are supported by this parish. For the staff of Fields of Life in Lisburn and Kampala and praying for Bridget and Rachel in their roles in schools and the community.
- All who lead and share in our worship especially Ross Morrow and

our choir and praise group. The gift of technology to livestream our services on a Sunday. The work of the AV and sound team. With gratitude to all who are on the welcome team and all who provide refreshments on a Sunday, on Tuesday mornings and at funerals.

- For all who serve from our church on the Board of Governors in local schools. Paul is chair of Central Board of Governors. Assemblies in Central and Old Warren Primary Schools.
- For our pastoral care to those who have had a bereavement recently, who are in hospital, undergoing treatment, waiting on an appointment, had a wedding or baptism. For the ministry of hospital chaplains. For our engagement with parishioners in nursing and residential care through our pastoral visitors and working with Eric Crangle and friends as they bring a ministry of music.
- Thankfulness for the NHS, its staff in hospitals, the community and care homes. For all who sustain our community at this time including our farmers, those in education, our emergency services, policing, shop owners, utility suppliers and the church. For a drier period of weather to allow the crops to grow and animals to graze.
- For peace in our world especially in Israel/Gaza/Syria/Lebanon/Iran, Ukraine, Niger, Yemen and Sudan. For godly wisdom from world leaders to care for the world and its people.
- For the work of Open Doors in supporting Christians where they are persecuted especially in Nigeria, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Pakistan, DRC and China at this time.
- For Bishop Aime Joseph and Mama Benigne from Gitega Diocese and Bishop Seth from Matana, Burundi.
- For governments and world leaders in shaping care for God's world amid recent disasters because of political instability, warfare, drought, floods, fires and earthquakes.
- For all involved in leadership in parliament in London, Stormont and at council level dealing with many issues but serving the needs of people. Praying for our new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham.

Bible Verse of the Month

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God. *Leviticus 23:22*



Acorn Club

September

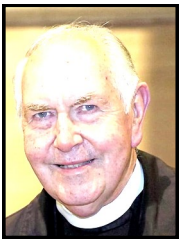
The 3rd of September was the first meeting of the season for the Acorn Club. We did the fire drill and then had tea, coffee, tray bakes and loads of chat. Our new Curate, Matthew, kindly spoke about his life and journey into the Ministry and also his home church in his beloved Annalong where he had his grounding. We all thoroughly enjoyed Matthew's talk.

October

Our next meeting on the 1st October will be the outing going to Mission to Seafarers which we are all looking forward to and then onto Abbey Shopping Centre for lunch and shopping. We will leave the church car park at 10.00 am sharp and will arrive back between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

November

On the 5th November, Brother David Jardine from the Divine Healing Ministries will be our speaker. Hoping we will have a good turnout at 2.30 pm in the Coffee Bar



Evelyn



Rev Matthew Campbell spoke on A Tale of Three Towers: A Story of Grace at the September Acorn Club meeting

Mothers' Union



Friday, 9th October
7.30 pm

'Quiz Night with Desserts'



Friday, 13th November
7.00 pm

'MU Enterprise Table'

7.30 pm

'S.A.S.R.A.'

The speaker from The Soldiers' and Aviators' Scripture Readers Association is Paul Somerville

All welcome

Growth Teaching Series



'The city – A place that honours Jesus'

Tuesdays at 7.30 pm for coffee in the Upper Room starting at 7.45 pm

06 Oct	Ephesians 1: 1-14 'A city where Jesus is honoured'
13 Oct	Ephesians 2: 1-10 'A city where GRACE is a gift'
20 Oct	Ephesians 4: 1-16 'A city where unity honours God'
03 Nov	Ephesians 4: 17- 5: 2 'A city of people formed to be like God'
10 Nov	Praise Service
17 Nov	Ephesians 6: 10-20 'A city where people find strength in the Lord and his armour'



Upper Room

A Big Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteer Team

Every church project begins with a conversation of hope that begins to grow but it becomes reality only when people step forward with willing hands and generous hearts. Over recent weeks, several remarkable volunteers have done exactly that, transforming two small rooms into one bright, spacious area that will serve our growing youth group and many other ministries within the church. Their hard work has created a space that will bless our church family and congregation for years to come.

A Wall Came Down and a New Space Opened Up

The project began with the biggest task of all: knocking down the dividing wall. What once were two separate rooms have now become one welcoming, flexible space ready to accommodate our expanding youth group, Bible studies, prayer gatherings, and community meetings. The difference is extraordinary — and it's all thanks to the determination and skill of our volunteer team.

Rewiring, Sockets, and a New Coffee Dock

But they didn't stop there. The team rewired the room, adding extra sockets so our young people can enjoy hot chocolate together — a small detail that will make a big difference to the warmth and hospitality of the space. And for the first time, we now have **hot water in our new coffee dock**, making it easier to serve drinks during youth nights and meetings. These practical improvements will be appreciated and enjoyed every single week.

Painting — Done with Generosity and Care

Once the renovation work was complete, the painting began. Every brushstroke was done free of charge, offered as a gift to the church. We are deeply grateful to Kearney's Paints and the painter who donated all the paint needed to finish the room beautifully. Their generosity has helped create a space that feels fresh, welcoming, and full of possibility.

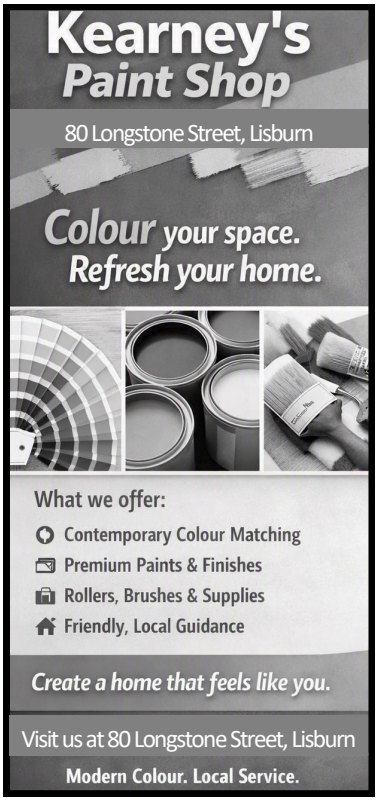
We Can't Say Thank You Enough

To our vestry in trusting the vision and supporting the development of the project and the team of volunteers from our church family - thank you. Your time, your skills, your hard work, and your kindness have created a room that will serve our wider church family in countless ways. You have given us more than a renovated space; you have given us a place where community can grow, friendships can form, and faith can flourish.

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We truly **cannot say a big enough thank you** to each of you. Your work is appreciated more than you know, and our whole church is grateful.

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." Psalm 136 verse 1



Prayer Fellowship

The Prayer Fellowship meets every Wednesday
at 7.30 pm in the Choir Room.

Please come along any Wednesday and join us for a time of prayer and singing.
You will be made very welcome.

Missionary Prayer Fellowship

Missionary Prayer Fellowship meetings take place every 4th Wednesday monthly and you are welcome to join us any month.

Sunday, 15th November

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Enrolment Service

Speaker:

Melissa Newell

(SAMS Mission Partnership in Ecuador)



Global Week of 24/7 Prayer

Perhaps the most enlightening experience for me in the Prayer Room was that Karen and I were there from 02:00 to 04:00 on Saturday morning and it was a very valuable time.

I would be the first to admit that I don't always find it easy to pray as I get distracted far too easily! I get distracted by noise, by people talking, by traffic going past.

On Saturday morning there was none of that. We went into the Prayer Room and it was very quiet, it was very still and that meant that I could concentrate on my prayers. It gave me time to think about questions I have about my Christianity, it gave me time to think about what I want from the Lord and what the Lord wants from me.

I spent more time praying than I thought I would. We had two hours in the Prayer Room and I had thought that two hours is quite a long time. So I thought we would spend a bit of time praying, we would make our way around the Prayer Stations and then we would be sitting for a while waiting for other people to come in. I have to admit I didn't really expect there to be anybody coming in at 2 o'clock in the morning!

In a selfish sort of way that helped me as well because it meant that I could do something that I had been told to do in school all those years ago. That was not just to "pray, pray, pray" as it's robotic praying but to actually think about what you are praying. For example, we were told to pray The Lord's Prayer line-by-line, stopping after each line to think about what we were saying and what we were praying.

I greatly valued that stillness in the Prayer Room and I hope it happens again. I've had that stillness in prayer events here in Christ Church as well as previously in school and in other church buildings. I love being able to sit in that peace and quiet. When I came into church this morning there was music playing and people chatting and I was finding it hard to properly pray as I was hearing what was going on around me.

As I said, I found it so valuable on Saturday morning to sit and spend an hour and a half going around the Prayer Stations and I would encourage anyone to take some time out. What it has taught me is to value that time, take a bit of time out, don't rush when praying and that I can do all that at home. I hadn't really thought about that until Saturday morning - I can take myself off to a room with the TV off, the radio off, the windows closed, cars

going by but I can't hear them.

I would encourage everyone to try it, it's a very fulfilling thing to do and I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity this weekend to do it.

Stephen McKenna

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The Global Week of Prayer has been a busy week for so many people. As we prayed individually or together, we are acknowledging Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

140 Countries
2,300 Prayer Rooms
386,000 hours of continuous prayer

A statistic that baffled me is that there are 120 churches in Lisburn. Only around 10% of these registered for the Global Week of Prayer.

It was great to meet with other denominations and their leaders over the past week.

Also interesting to know that Christ Church has a number of Pentecostal Anglicans!!! What is the right term for this Anglo-Costal?

Lovely that we can share and be part of other churches.

On Saturday morning as I sat in the Prayer Room, it was lovely to watch daybreak over Lisburn City.

It made me pray for those who would be facing another day - lonely, facing health issues, family relationship problems and many other worries.

My prayer was that Jesus would enlighten hearts and give those struggling the strength to face another day.

Global Prayer 24/7 has been a week of blessing for me personally, not only in me alone but with other people who want to see Jesus glorified and people brought to know the Jesus we love and serve.

Paul Armstrong

Blessed Through Our World Day of Prayer

Our Global Week Of Prayer was truly a special and Blessed occasion, it brought our Churches closer together in Faith, Hope, and Love. People from different backgrounds and walks of life gathered with opened hearts, ready to Worship, Pray, Listen, and give thanks to God.

Each Church taking part had its own brief on the setup ideas for the various Prayer Stations. A big shout out to Paul, Matthew and John for their leadership and to the team who set up our Prayer Room in the Coffee Dock.

As we entered this Holy Space for Worship, there was a wonderful sense of peace and anticipation. The room was dimly lit, and the sense that The Holy Spirit is present was palpable. A big thank you to Richard for his skills in lighting up the Cross, the ambience of the lighting was perfect.

We knew that this was more than simply an event - it was an opportunity to come together and remember that, although we live in different places and Worship in different ways, we are united through our Faith and our Love of God.

As we visited the individual Prayer Stations, it touched our hearts in different ways as we Prayed for our families, communities, countries, and for those who were facing hardship.

We were Blessed not only by The Prayers we offered, but also by the friendships strengthened and the love shared amongst us. The day reminded us that God is forever present when His people come together with sincere hearts.

As we returned home, we carried with us a renewed sense of hope and gratitude. We felt Blessed, strengthened, and inspired to continue Praying for one another and for our World.

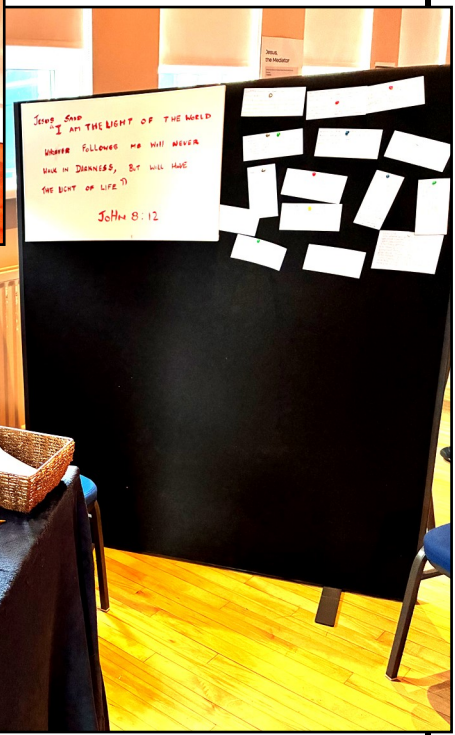
Wesley Dickinson

Prayer Fellowship



Global Week of 24/7 Prayer

Christ Church Prayer Room
on
Saturday, 12th September
in the
Coffee Bar





Kids' Holiday Bible Club





(*Kids' Holiday Bible Club continued*)





(*Kids' Holiday Bible Club continued*)







Sunday, 11th October
at
4.00 pm
Theme: Harvest

Sunday, 8th November
at
4.00 pm
Theme: Remembering

Missionary Donations

The closing date for Missionary donations
is

Tuesday, 3rd November 2026

to allow time to distribute funds to the various charities
by
31st December 2026.



Freewill Offering Donations

Church Books will ***close on 31st December 2026***. In order to have the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts ready for the Annual General Vestry, it is necessary that all Freewill Offering monies to be included in the Report should be received by the above date. Thank you for your co-operation.

2027 Freewill Offering Envelopes

If you have never had Freewill Offering envelopes before and require envelopes for 2027, please telephone the Parish Office on 9267 3271.

Make Giving Easier - Set up a Standing Order!

Many parishioners have now set up a Standing Order to pay in regularly to the parish. Thank you. We would encourage other parishioners to use this process. If you would like to consider this method of payment, please contact the Parish Secretary who will provide you with a Standing Order Mandate. These forms are also available from all the Church porches. When the form is completed, please take it to your Bank/Building Society. This will authorise your Bank/Building Society to pay an amount advised by you, at an interval of your choice directly into the Church Bank Account. Alternatively, contact the Parish Office for bank details.

Gift Aid Forms

If you are a Tax Payer and have not signed a Gift Aid Form and would like to gift aid your Freewill Offering and Harvest donations, please contact the Parish Office. Forms are available in the Main Church Porch.

Lisburn Foodbank

As the build up to Christmas begins, the Lisburn Foodbank will be putting together food parcels which will be filled with standard food items. They will also be doing Christmas bags filled with luxury Christmas treat items to bless those who are struggling financially this winter. These Christmas bags will be handed out along with food parcels.





This year Selection Boxes, cardboard Boxes of Biscuits and Chocolate Yule Logs/Mini Chocolate Rolls have been allocated to Christ Church.

Items will need to be brought in between Sunday 29th November and Wednesday, 2nd December.



Gifts for Salvation Army (adults and children)

will be received
on
Sunday, 6th December



Salvation Army are also accepting vouchers (Tesco, Sainsburys, Asda etc) or cash and they can purchase items on your behalf.





Christ Church
Christmas Tree Bauble Appeal
for
Habitat for Humanity

Hi everyone,

Just a wee reminder, as usual, we will be running our Christmas Bauble Appeal. Yes, it's that time of the year again!!

Our chosen charity this year is Habitat for Humanity.

Remember a bauble can be purchased in memory of a loved one and a great way for them to be remembered during the festive season or simply to send a Christmas greeting to our church family.

No expensive postage. Minimum donation is £5 per bauble and £10 for organisations. Envelopes will be available from the church porch, Parish Office and Janice Thompson. Choose your envelope, brown envelopes for gift aiders and white for non gift aiders.

Your messages will be shown on the screen in church for everyone to see.

More details to come.

Watch this space.

Richard and Janice



Flower Rota for 2027



Thank you to everyone who provided flower arrangements for the Holy table over the past year. The beautiful arrangements are a wonderful reminder of God's blessings and enhances our worship services.

The new Flower Rota for 2027 is now available in the main church porch.

Bereavement Service

with an

Act of Remembrance





Sunday, 22nd November at 6.30 pm

Everyone is invited to the church hall after the Bereavement Service for refreshments.

Christ Church Tots Together

Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon
in
Christ Church Hall, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn
for
all children from birth to preschool



Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship (CIEF)

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An Evening of Worship and Fellowship

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Friday, 9th October at 7.30 pm
Refreshments from 7.00 pm

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Rev John Dunnett

(National Director of the Church of England Evangelical Council)

There is no cost and is open to everyone
For further information, telephone
Rev Matthew Gaw (Membership Secretary) on 07595922652

We Shall Keep The Faith

A thought for Remembrance

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders' fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew,
We caught the torch you threw,
And holding high we kept
The faith with those who died.
We cherish too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led.

It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders' fields.

And now the torch and poppy red
Wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught
We've learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders' fields.



Senior Version of Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)
YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.
(CHORUS)

Heavenly Humour

A 5-year-old boy was playing with his toy cars on the floor next to his bed. He suddenly noticed all the dust under his bed and screamed for his mother. His mother rushed to his room to find her son sitting on the floor with a very puzzled look on his face.

Mother: "What's wrong?

Son: "Remember today in church when the preacher said that we all came from dust and are going back to dust?"

Mother: "Yes"

Son: "Well, there's someone under my bed but I don't know if they're coming or going."

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A husband and wife drove for hours after Church one Sunday morning in silence after a terrible argument in which neither would speak. Later the husband pointed to a mule in a field. "Relative of yours?" he asked. "Yes," she replied and then added "by marriage."

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A small boy stunned his parents after church one Sunday when he began to empty his pockets of coins. Finally his mother asked the obvious question: "Where did you get all that money?" "At Sunday School," the boy replied nonchalantly. "They have bowls of it."

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The new vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house a woman's voice from inside asked: "Is that you, angel?" The vicar hesitated for a moment and then replied: "No, but I'm from the same department."

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After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."

Heavenly Humour

When my daughter Kelly said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelly would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing.

My curiosity got the better of me and I asked her, "Kelly, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men'!"

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A little boy is telling his Grandma how "everything" is going wrong: School, family problems, health problems, etc. Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake.

She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which of course he does. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yuck" says the boy. "How about a couple of raw eggs?" "Gross, Grandma!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grandma, those are all yucky!" To which Grandma replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves but when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

She continued, "God works the same way in our lives."

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A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "So, son, what does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy Daddy. It stands for "**B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth."

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The Rector was preaching about the relationship between “Fact and Faith.”

“If you are sitting in front of me in church is a Fact,” he said. “If I am speaking to you from this pulpit is a Fact. But it is only Faith that makes me believe that any of you are listening.”

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Thursday, 15th October
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Thursday, 19th November
'Wee Critters'







Thursday, 17th December
'Christmas Party'

Thursday, 21st January
'Mindfulness'
Sandra Daly



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Our Mission

Christ Church Lisburn exists to follow Christ, build community, and live out God's love, for the city of Lisburn and beyond.

Our Guiding Values

Christ

Our life and mission begin with Jesus Christ. His saving grace, His teaching, and His example guide us. Everything we do flows from knowing Him and making Him known.

Community

We are a family of believers and friends who welcome all, share our lives, and grow in faith side by side. We seek to be a place where everyone can belong and be cared for.

Love

God's love compels us to love our neighbours near and far, showing compassion, serving the vulnerable, and sharing the good news in word and deed.

Christ Church Parish WhatsApp

If you would like to be on Christ Church Parish WhatsApp, please contact the Rector.

Flower Rota

04 Oct	McMaster Family
04 Oct	Valerie & George Christy (Pedestals)
11 Oct	Vacant
18 Oct	Sandra & Paul Armstrong
25 Oct	Vacant
01 Nov	Norman and Naomi Nortcliff
08 Nov	Yvonne & Johnston Boyle
15 Nov	Evelyn Macklin
22 Nov	Vacant
29 Nov	Vacant



Sunday Coffee Rota

If unable to do your duty, please swap with someone else on the Rota.

04 Oct	Paul & Nola Dundas
11 Oct	Sandra Armstrong & Beverley Ringland
18 Oct	**SOUP LUNCH**
25 Oct	David & Jennifer Henry & Shirley Hanna
01 Nov	Janice Thompson & Roberta Thompson
08 Nov	Stevie & Rosie Long
15 Nov	Gary & Audrey Knowles
22 Nov	Anne Reynolds & Barbara Watson
29 Nov	Oonagh Soden & Lynn Shanks

Tuesday Coffee Rota

06 Oct	Ann Robinson, Myrtle Watterson, Colleen Watterson
13 Oct	Gwen Gibson, Kate Hayes, Roberta Rosbotham
20 Oct	Helen Dickinson, Dorothy Morrow, Sheila Smythe
27 Oct	Laureen Birrell, Vera Hewitt, Lottie Millar
03 Nov	Roberta Thompson, Rosemary Bodell, Anne Reynolds
10 Nov	Pauline Graham, Valerie Christy, Lynda Lashford
17 Nov	Oonagh Soden, Lynn Shanks, Kathleen Kerr
24 Nov	Beth Harris, Evelyn Greer, Betty Cummings
01 Dec	Ann Robinson, Myrtle Watterson, Colleen Watterson
08 Dec	Gwen Gibson, Kate Hayes, Roberta Rosbotham
15 Dec	Helen Dickinson, Dorothy Morrow, Sheila Smythe
22 Dec	**NO COFFEE MORNING**
29 Dec	**NO COFFEE MORNING**

Welcoming Rota for 10.30 am Service unless noted below

If unable to do door duty, please swap with someone else on the Rota.

	South & Nicholson Doors	**Baptismal Door**
04 Oct	Ivan Anderson	Nola Dundas
04 Oct	Wendy Bell (6.30 pm)	Andrew Bell (6.30 pm)
11 Oct	Stephen McKenna	Lewis Grant
18 Oct	Lottie Millar	Laureen Birrell
18 Oct	Church Wardens (Main Portch)	at 6.30 pm
25 Oct	Vera Hewitt	Evelyn Macklin
01 Nov	Ken Harbinson	Vera Hewitt
08 Nov	Kathleen Hynds	Janice Thompson
15 Nov	George Christy	Valerie Christy
15 Nov	Church Wardens (Main Porch)	
22 Nov	Naomi Littler	Heather Gibson
29 Nov	Annette Megarry	George Megarry
29 Nov	Anne Reynolds (6.30 pm)	Ann Robinson

Christ Church Sunday Services

Morning Worship
10.30 am

Evening Worship
(3rd Sunday)
6.30 pm

Holy Communion
1st Sunday at 8.30 am
4th Sunday at 10.30 am

All Age Worship (REFRESH)
3rd Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday School - CCK (Christ Church Kids)

1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday - The kids meet during morning worship
(REFRESH)

Note From The Editor

All material for the October/November issue **MUST** be in the Parish Office by
Monday, 16th November

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tues - Thurs	9.00 am - 3.00 pm
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Stephen McKimm

Church Organisations

SUNDAY

Sunday School	Mrs Bertha Thompson		
CCK	c/o Parish Office		Tel: **9267 3271**
(Christ Church Kids)	3rd Sunday - Church Service - 10.30 am 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday during 10.30 am Worship		
CCY	Rev Matthew Campbell		Tel: **07544339175**
(Christ Church Youth)		7.30 pm - 8.45 pm	

MONDAY

Indoor Bowls	Mr Johnston Boyle		Tel: **07802889412**
		7.30 pm	

TUESDAY

Badminton	Mr Garth Anderson	7.30 pm	Tel: **07719724079**
Teaching Series	Archdeacon Paul Dundas	7.30 pm	

WEDNESDAY

Christ Church Tots Together (Parent and Toddler Group)
Mrs Sylvia Eskins Tel: **07752590334**
10.00 am - 12 noon

Craft Club 10.30 am - 12 noon

Prayer Fellowship Mr Wesley Dickinson 7.30 pm
Tel: **07918672467**

Missionary Prayer Fellowship
Mr Wesley Dickinson 7.30 pm Tel: **07918672467**
(4th Wednesday Monthly)

WEDNESDAY
(continued)

Girls Friendly Society

Mrs Rosie Long — Tel: **07909915909**

Teddy Bears 3-5 years	6.45 pm
Candidates 5-7 years	6.45 pm
Junior Members 7-11 years	6.45 pm
Members 11-15 years	6.45 pm

Walking Group

Mr & Mrs David Henry — Tel: **07712839625**

(Meet at Smithfield Square Car Park for a walk and a coffee at The Haslem Hotel) 7.00 pm

THURSDAY

The Ladybirds (Women's Bible Study Group)

Miss Vera Hewitt — Tel: **9267 7009**

(2nd & 4th Thursday monthly) 11.00 am

Acorn Club (1st Thursday monthly) 2.30 pm
(For Seniors)

CLB Mr Tommy Ringland — Tel: **9263 8252**

(4 - 11 years) 6.45 pm

Choir Mrs Gwen Gibson 7.30 pm — Tel: **07887867178**

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