

Church of the Holy Spirit
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From the Rectory Study

Just the other day I saw an interesting picture (please see opposite). As you can see, it is divided into three parts and it illustrates the changing seasons of the next few months. In approximately four weeks it will be harvest time once again. The leaves will be falling, the shorter evenings will have arrived, and we will be looking forward to our harvest celebrations on Sunday 1st October. More details relating to this year's harvest services can be found on page six of this magazine.

As we journey into October and November, the mornings will certainly be crisper. I usually try to cut the Rectory grass for the final time in October and we also reach for our jumpers and heavier coats. By mid-November we will have had our Remembrance Service and our attention will, once again, be on Advent and (dare I say it) Christmas.

I often find the next four months to be among the busiest in the annual cycle of church life. Our parish organisations restart, our more familiar weekly routines are re-established following the summer break, and there is such a range of church services and activities. As we enter another busy season in the life of our Parish, please do pray each day for the ongoing ministry of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible contains many references to prayer and throughout the Old and New Testaments we are consistently challenged to be a praying people. When we read the accounts of the Early Church, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, we see clearly that the first Christians were committed to prayer. I just love the concluding verses of Acts 2 which reflect on the fellowship of believers. Here we encounter an emerging church that was passionate, devoted, united, generous, praising and praying. The result of their faithfulness was blessing and growth (Acts 2:47).

As we move forward together as a community of faith, it is vitally important that we seek God in prayer. The Bible also encourages us to be persistent in prayer. This challenges us to spend time praying to God each day and it helps us grow deeper in our knowledge and love of Him. Perhaps we could develop our own private prayer lists and keep them updated with specific details. There is power in persistent prayer. It also helps us grow in character, faith and hope.

As we enter another new and busy season in the life of our Parish, let us commit ourselves to be persistent in prayer and seek the leading of God each and every day.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones



HOLY BAPTISM

8 th July	Olivia Muir	5 Ravelston Avenue
6 th August	Georgia McCall	21 Ballyvesey Court

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

20 th July	Albert Kerr	14 Tudor Park
27 th July	Eddie Johnston	16 Ballyfore Avenue

HOLY MATRIMONY

7 th July	Mr Stephen and Mrs Stephanie Kennedy
	17 Leicester Park, Carrickfergus

ONLINE SERVICES

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

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

9am	Holy Communion
11am	Morning Service
6pm	Evening Service

The particular services for each week, at 11am and 6pm, are outlined on Page 4 of this magazine.

Wednesday

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

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Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 3rd September Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Matthew 16:21-28	Pamela Marron
	NT	Acts 18:1-16	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 10th September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i>	OT G	Exodus 12:1-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Julie Parkinson Preacher
Sunday 17th September Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service	NT	Matthew 18:21-35	Club J / Ignite
	NT	Mark 8:26-38	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 24th September Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Matthew 20:1-16	Tom Buchanan
	OT G	Psalms 119:121-128 Mark 9:30-37	Bob Lee Preacher
Sunday 1st October Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Harvest Thanksgiving	NT	Luke 17:11-19	Eugene Marron
	NT	John 15:1-8	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 8th October Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Exodus 20:1-20 Matthew 21:33-46	Jacqui Eccles Preacher
	NT	Mark 10:2-16	Jacqui Eccles
Sunday 15th October Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service	NT	Matthew 22:1-14	Club J / Ignite
	NT	Mark 10:17-31	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 22nd October Twentieth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Matthew 22:15-22	Kay Thompson
	OT G	Proverbs 4:1-18 Mark 10:35-45	Bob Lee Preacher
Sunday 29th October Fifth Sunday Before Advent 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Matthew 22:34-46	Harry Brolly
	NT	Hebrews 11: 32 - 12:2	Jacqui Eccles

Rev Lee Boal

On Sunday 10th September Rev Lee Boal will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George Davison. The service will begin at 3.30pm and will be held in Lisburn Cathedral, where Lee will also serve his curacy. We have booked a bus for parishioners to travel together to this special occasion. There are a few spaces remaining and the cost is only £5 per person. If you would like to go on the bus, please put your name on the sheet in the church porch before Monday 4th September.



We are thankful for Lee's time among us. Please do pray for Lee and his wife Beth as they embark on a new and exciting chapter of ministry.

Online Services



We continue to offer Online Services and Bible Studies. These are made available on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility. 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. We regularly receive encouraging comments from people, from both near and far, who have availed of our online services.

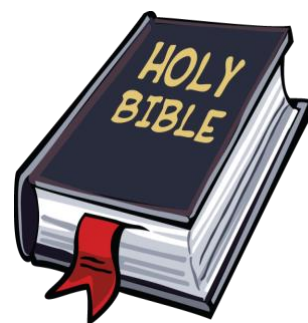
Each week, our online service is available on YouTube from 11am and it is then released on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm. We look forward to the resumption of our online Bible Studies on Tuesday 5th September.

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.

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.



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

(2nd Timothy 3:16-17)

Bible Study

Our Bible Study Group will recommence on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm (please note the slightly earlier time). 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 to the New Testament and our focus will be the Gospel of Mark. There will be much for us to reflect on and engage with. The study programme will be made available on our website and Facebook page in early September. Paper copies will also be available in the church porch. The study schedule will cover some of the most famous and well-known episodes recorded in the Bible. It will be good for us to look closely at many of the stories of Jesus that we already know so well. There may be only sixteen chapters in Mark's Gospel but it is certainly action-packed.



The Bible Study Group is open to everyone and new members will be made most welcome. If you have been before, even before the COVID pandemic, and haven't managed to get along more recently we would love to see you back on Tuesday evenings in the Carntall Room. We plan to release online Bible Studies which will also be based on the weekly content that we study at the in-person meeting. This will be available around 7pm each Tuesday on YouTube, Facebook, our website and the dial-in facility.

Harvest Thanksgiving



On Sunday 1st 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 evening service we look forward to welcoming the Archdeacon of Kilmore, Ven. Ian Horner, as our guest preacher. Archdeacon Ian is also Rector of the Bailieborough Group of Parishes in County Cavan.

All donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers are most welcome and can be left in the church building on Friday 29th September from 6pm until 8pm or Saturday 30th September from 9am until 10am. A willing team of decorators will be required for Saturday morning.

Please do plan to come along 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)

Prayer Fellowship

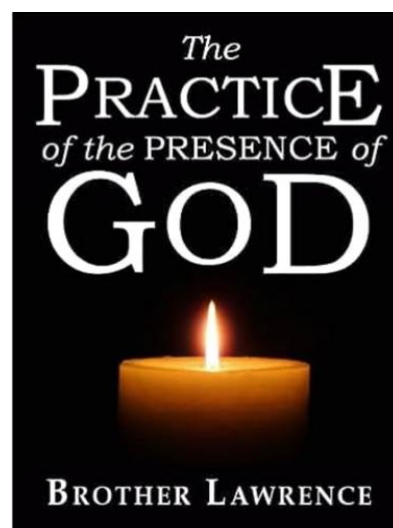
'Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age' (Matthew 28:20 NIV)

When times are good, we tend to rely on our own strength and wisdom. Often, it's only in troubled times, like a bad medical report, a child addicted to drugs, a lost job, or a troubled marriage that we remember our God and fall to our knees!

'When I was in distress I sought the Lord' (Psalm 77:2 NIV). God's fatherly heart wants us, above all, to abide and confide in Him. When we turn to Him in our distress, we can be certain that He is *'our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble'* (Psalm 46:1 NIV).

No loving father wants only to hear from his children when they want something from him. A good father dearly wants to share everything that happens in his children's daily lives. Our Father God is just the same. He longs to share the good times with us too!

Brother Lawrence was a member of a Carmelite monastery in the 17th Century. As a lay brother, he was given the most menial jobs. He washed dishes, cooked meals and repaired shoes among other things. Although his tasks were mundane, he determined to carry out every single one to the best of his ability and the glory of God, always being conscious of God's continual presence with him. He would silently talk with God and share all his thoughts with Him quite naturally and simply as he worked during the day. Brother Lawrence said he found those spontaneous chats every bit as satisfying as his formal prayer times.



Like Brother Lawrence, we can all find tremendous comfort and peace by sharing our thoughts continually with our loving Father God. We can be certain that He is always there with us. As St. Paul encouraged: *'Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests'* (Ephesians 6:18 NIV).

On a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm the Prayer Fellowship meets for about an hour in the Pentecost Room to praise God, read His word and pray both silently and aloud. We would be delighted if you were able to join us.

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
Clifford Holmes	028 90 848025	Joan Mackey	028 90 775366

Choir Notes

Hi everybody,

Not much happening on the choir front in July and August but we are looking forward to normality after all the summer holidays. Choir practices will resume on Thursday 7th September and we look forward to seeing a full turnout. You have all probably noticed that our numbers are sadly depleted and we are continually on the lookout for new members. At present we are an all-female choir and are missing some male singers. We know you are out there and would be so pleased to have one or two male voices among us. Please come along any Thursday at 7.30pm. You will be so welcome! Meanwhile we look forward to what Jane has in store for us for the upcoming Harvest Festival. Thank you all for your continued support.



Keep Singing!

Joan

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 so many people coming from near and far to grab a bargain, and then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Please do pop over to the Parish Centre any Saturday morning.

The sales continue 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 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!

JUST FOR A LAUGH

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

Youth Club



The Youth Club will be restarting on Saturday 9th September at 7pm. The Youth Club is open to children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9) and any new members will be made very welcome. The Youth Club usually meets every Saturday during term time from 7pm-9pm in the Parish Centre, costing £1 per night.

The children enjoy arts and crafts, playing football, pool, air hockey, hockey, games and board games. The tuck shop is also very popular.

Due to other commitments some of the leaders cannot be there every Saturday night and we urgently need new leaders and helpers. If anyone is able to help out on any Saturday night, even on a rota basis, this would be a great help. If you are interested you would be very welcome to come to Youth Club any Saturday night and join in the fun. Please contact June Meighan or the Rector for further details.

June Meighan (Leader-in-Charge)

Dove Tots

Last year was really busy at Dove Tots and it was wonderful to see so many children come along each Friday morning. A massive thank you to the team who worked so hard last year and gave generously of their time.



Dove Tots will be starting back on Friday 29th September at 10am and we look forward to seeing all the boys and girls after our summer break.

We would like to wish all our little ones who are moving on to Nursery School in September all the very best. We will miss you!

Kidz Klub



On the first Saturday night of each month Kidz Klub meets in the Parish Centre. This is a club for children between the ages of four and seven (Nursery 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 2nd September and new members will be made very welcome.

Community Lunches



The Community Lunches will recommence on Wednesday 13th September 2023. As last year, the lunch will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month, from 12noon until 2pm.

There will be a choice of two soups (one gluten free), a selection of breads, cheese, tea/coffee and biscuits.

The cost will be the same as before, £3.50.

We look forward to welcoming old and new friends as the lunches are open to everyone. Please feel free to bring along a friend (or two)!

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon for food, fellowship and friendship. For further information please contact.

Kay Thompson (07969835916)

Hilary Gillis (07840243427)

MusicMakers

After a well-deserved summer break, MusicMakers will restart on Thursday 31st August at 6pm. There are still a few places left for new members. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come along and see the games and activities our current MusicMakers enjoy while developing their musicianship, theory knowledge and performance skills.

Who? Children from P3 – Year 12

When? Thursdays

Where? Mossley Parish Centre



Christmas Fair



We are looking forward to hosting a Christmas Fair in Mossley Parish on Saturday 2nd December from 10am until 1pm. This will be our first Christmas Fair since before the COVID pandemic. 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.

Women's Guild

As I reflect on the past year of the Women's Guild, I have lovely memories of our evenings and I hope that this year's program will be filled with fun, laughter, friendship and fellowship.



We had a successful evening on Wednesday 23rd August, getting information for our new WhatsApp group to aid the registration process. I will be working on the WhatsApp group over the next week, so ladies watch out for our group text and online form. Please don't feel that the form needs to be completed immediately as it doesn't. If anyone needs help in completing, please wait until the next meeting to fill in or even give me a shout after church or any evening.

I hope you all enjoyed the photos from the summer outing and if anyone wants any copies, please do just ask me.

Thank you to those who volunteered for the tea/coffee rota. This will stay on the notice board all year.

I have our program for the coming year outlined below. I also have more printed copies so please do ask if you need one. Please remember that any dates in **bold** are not the usual second Wednesday in the month. I would just like to thank all the speakers who have agreed to come and spend time with us and share with us their experiences and skills.

13 th September	Sustainable Flowers, <i>Susanna from #onesmallseed</i>
11 th October	Deputy Lieutenancy, <i>Mrs Jackie Stewart MBE</i>
8 th November	Cake Decorating, <i>Indulgence By Natasha</i>
6th December	Christmas Fun Night, <i>(Details to follow, price to be confirmed)</i>
10 th January	Bring and Buy Sale, Health & Wellbeing, <i>Amanda Patterson</i>
14 th February	Valentines Special, <i>Sylvia Rodgers, Salvation Army</i>
15th March	Friday Night Barn Dance
17th April	RUC George Cross Foundation, <i>Prof. Stephen White OBE</i>
8 th May	History of our Church, <i>(Rev. Peter Jones)</i>
15 th June	Saturday Guild Outing, <i>(Details to follow)</i>

The Women's Guild committee were all happy to continue to serve for another year, with the addition of Emma Robinson as our I.T. whiz.

Julie Parkinson reported the annual financials and the allocation of funds and donations that were made. If anyone wants any further information, please just ask any member of the committee.

Let's hope and pray for another successful year and I am really looking forward to all our speakers who have agreed to come along.

Best wishes, Leeanne.

Bowling Club

Summer Fun Bowls

At the time of writing, this year's summer fun bowls have only two more evenings left. But this is when things get a little more serious...TIME FOR COMPETITION! There will be matches involving eight teams (four bowlers in each team) on the evenings of 23rd and 30th August. They will compete in a series of matches with the victorious team having the highest total of shots at the end.



I want to express my gratitude to everyone who attended the summer fun bowls during the past sixteen weeks. It was a lot of fun. Every week has been amazing in terms of friendship, enjoyment and craic.

On Wednesday 30th August the summer fun bowls will be presenting a cheque to a representative from N.I. Chest Heart and Stroke.

Junior Bowls



The bowling club invited boys and girls, aged eight years old and above, to try bowling during the months of July and August. Young people showed up in good numbers, which was extremely encouraging and enjoyable. We are grateful to Ulster Transport Bowling Club (UTBC) for lending us four sets of junior bowls which were appropriate for the younger players' smaller hands. We'd like to thank UTBC for supporting the club and to everyone involved in this new endeavour.

September Restart

At the end of August, the Glengormley & District Churches Bowling League will meet to set the schedule for the indoor bowling season of 2023–2024.

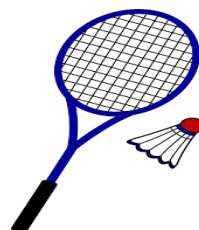
Mossley Parish Indoor Bowling Club will resume play on Wednesday 6th September. You are warmly invited to come along, meet with us, and give this fantastic sport a try if you haven't before!

(G. Curry)

Badminton Club

After a well-deserved summer break, the Badminton Club will resume on Thursday 14th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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



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. It has been really encouraging to see increasing numbers of people in the Parish Centre each week.

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 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Julie Robinson and Freda Luney
Winnie Millar and Isobel Jack

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.

You don't have to have attended GB as a child to join us as an associate. We're always on the lookout for new leaders who will bring new ideas and are open to sharing their life lessons and experiences with the younger girls. As associate leaders we also share friendship and fellowship with one another. If you think that is something you may be interested in, please get in touch.



Our first session of the 2023/24 season will be **Monday 11th September**. Our meeting times are as follows:

Tinies	(3 years to P1)	6:30pm-7:30pm
Explorers	(P2 to P4)	6.30pm-7.45pm (<i>please note slight change of time</i>)
Jun, Sen, Brigaders	(P5+)	7pm-8.30pm
Associates	(18 +)	6.30pm-9:00pm

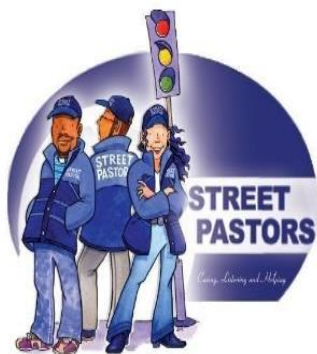
This year our Scripture Course is called '*Promises*.' The girls will be learning about the promises God made to characters in the Bible and also the promises He has made to us.

"The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made." (Psalm 145: 13b)

Dates for your diary:

Soup and cheese lunch	Sunday 15 th October (<i>after our 11am church service</i>)
Enrolment Service	Sunday 5 th November at 6pm

Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors



Mossley Parish has been supporting Street Pastors in Antrim and Newtownabbey for the last ten years. Initially we had six Street Pastors from this church when our numbers totalled no more than fifty. Since the Pandemic, our numbers have fallen from a peak of just over seventy Street Pastors to around thirty-five who are able to engage in ministry on the streets. Of that thirty-five, only twenty-five are available to go out every month. This now means that we are only out between five and six nights each month.

We are starting another round of training at the end of September and have five potential new trainees. I am always optimistic that they will all turn up on the day. I believe that God will provide as He always has done in the past. I am once again encouraging any willing volunteers to come along to the training, to at least find out what it is like. I guarantee that there will be something in it for you. After the initial training we only ask that you repeat the training once every three years and go out “on patrol” one night a month. We let you volunteer for that particular night - either a Friday or Saturday night.

What are you likely to get out of it? This varies from person to person, but I offer you some insights from my own experience.

- 1 I am a member of a group of Christians who come from different denominations and work together for the good of the community.
- 2 I have the opportunity to follow the call of Jesus to “Go forth into the world and preach the Gospel.” This has been achieved through acts of kindness and through engaging in conversations.
- 3 I have made lots of new friends in the shops and other local business premises by engaging in frontline mission.
- 4 I have sought to extend a welcome to other people and encourage them to engage with their local church.

Let me also ask you to pray for Street Pastors as we go out each week. We do have a number of Prayer Pastors in Mossley Parish and they pray for the Street Pastors from their own homes. The Street Pastors deeply value your prayers and we are very grateful.

Thank you for supporting Antrim and Newtownabbey Street Pastors for the last ten years and I hope that you can find your way to continuing that support for at least the next ten.

*Thank
you* 

God Bless

Bob (Lee)

Club J / Sunday School....

On Sundays, Club J is the place to be!

Here is a snapshot of Club J / Sunday School....

The children gather, initially, in church with their friends and family for the 11 am service. They leave after a short period to continue their worship in the Parish Centre.

Each week, one of the ministry team gives a brief children's message before they go - which is always fun and engaging, and gets us all thinking before we leave.

Each week, Club J is packed full of fun as the leaders seek to help the children to learn more about God. We have exciting story times, active learning demonstrations, crafts, and even a little friendly competition when it comes to quiz time. There are always some snacks at the end too! Usually on the third Sunday of each month, the children from Club J get involved with the All-Age Worship service at 11am. This is always an exciting time for the children, as well as the wider congregation.



Club J will be restarting for a new term on Sunday 11th September.

Thank you to all the Club J leaders who have been busy preparing a jam-packed schedule for the year ahead.

If you know of any children who would want to come along and join us on Sundays, please encourage them along. They would be made very welcome.

Thanks for your ongoing prayers and support, Kim.

Ignite

Ignite will be commencing back on the 17th September and we have a busy year planned. Ignite is for all young people of secondary school age and it happens at the same time as Sunday School.



This year we will be using the new *Resonance* resource, developed by Connor Diocese and Down and Dromore Diocese with support from the Church of Ireland Youth Department, to learn more about who God is and how He works in the lives of young people. We will also be spending some time together, enjoying tea, hot chocolate and other goodies. Once again, we plan to attend *Connor Takes The Castle* (6th-8th October). We will also be participating in *Connect* in St. Brigid's on the third Sunday evening of every month.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to meeting our new members. We ask for prayer for the smooth running of the year and for us to see God at work in our everyday lives, no matter how busy we get.

Wonder Zone 2023

We were absolutely delighted with this year's Holiday Bible Club which was called *Wonder Zone*. It was held in the Parish Centre from Monday 14th until Friday 18th August. The Friday evening was our annual Family Fun Night and BBQ. It was great to see good numbers of children attend each night.

Each evening started at 6.15pm when we enjoyed video stories, quizzes, music, games, challenges, craft time and snacks. During our time together we looked at God's wonderful world and our attention was drawn to several key Bible passages. We looked at King David and King Solomon, and we were also reminded that Jesus is the Light of the World.



The Friday evening was very encouraging and the children brought along family members and friends. The BBQ was enjoyed by everyone and the children (and some adults!) enjoyed the bouncy castle and this year we had a 9ft inflatable slide – up an extra foot from last year!

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/guardians 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.



Mossley Mission Group

Claire Holmes, a long-term mission partner with SAMS Ireland, recently spent three weeks in South America. Please see, below, an update from her.

Returning to this region always feels like coming home, as I have spent a considerable amount of time there. It's truly a blessing to have two homes!

During my visit, I was deeply moved by several aspects that also serve as prayer points for our agency:



- The diverse range of ministries in Paraguay is remarkable, including churches, schools, a teacher training college, a children's home providing temporary shelter for waiting children, and shelters for indigenous people. Witnessing the church's various outreach efforts is truly inspiring. Please join us in praying for these ministries, that the Lord will abundantly provide for their needs, sustain and guide them, and continue to raise up leaders after His own heart.
- Despite the numerous challenges faced by individuals in their daily lives and ministries, it is awe-inspiring to witness their unwavering hope in Christ. Please pray for their continued strength and resilience, and for the Lord to work in and through each person, empowering them to overcome obstacles.
- The church in Paraguay (as well as other parts of South America) deeply appreciates the support and prayers of SAMS supporters, as well as the strength derived from partnerships with churches in other regions of the world. There is an ongoing desire for mission partners to come and serve alongside them. Let us pray that the Lord strengthens and blesses our partnership with the church in South America. We also remember and lift up all those who are discerning or preparing to respond to God's call for mission service.

May the Lord's guidance and blessings be upon us as we engage in this mission journey together.

Claire

We are also delighted to have a recent update from Tansen Hospital.



Our hospital continues to serve the needs of hundreds of thousands of Nepali citizens. Usually, people are sent to our hospital by other places when they are unable to pay. Even though Nepal has been trying to work to become more developed and able to care for its people. Due to the devastating earthquakes and the months-long border blockade with India, the needs are greater now than they have been in past years. Prices for needed

commodities such as fuel and food have skyrocketed - if they are even available. People have delayed coming to the hospital due to lack of funds or transport, and arrive sicker and more in need than they would have been previously. The hospital is filling a huge need of good medical care for anyone no matter the race, case, gender or economic status of the person.

Children's Challenge

We have a little challenge for the boys and girls. This challenge has a harvest theme.



Mouse Makes

THE WEEDS AND THE WHEAT

What did the enemy sow amongst the wheat?

Matthew 13:25




READ
the parable in **Matthew 13 v24-30,**
and **v36-43**

At harvest time the weeds are gathered, bundled then _____
but the wheat is stored in the _____

Matthew 13:30

Who sows the good seed?

Matthew 13:37

What does the field represent?
the _____
and who is the good seed?
The people of the _____

Matthew 13:38

Who sows the weeds?
The _____

Who are the harvesters?
The _____

Matthew 13:39

"He who has ears, let him _____"
Matthew 13:43

T	O	G	E	T	H	E	R	S	H	E	A	R
D	S	O	X	F	I	R	E	P	E	N	G	T
P	E	O	P	L	E	W	B	A	A	D	E	N
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PARABLE • HEAVEN • SOWED • GOOD • SEED • FIELD • ENEMY • WHEAT • GRAIN
GROW • TOGETHER • TIME • HARVEST • GATHER • BUNDLE • TIE
PEOPLE • DISCIPLES • JESUS • EXPLAIN • EVIL • FIRE • END • AGE • EARS

Find the words from the questions too!