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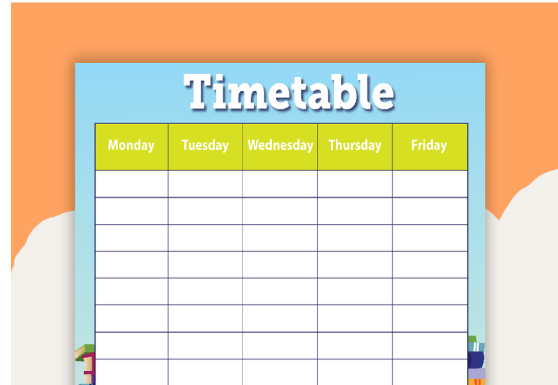
September / October 2024 Edition

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From the Rectory Study

It's hard to believe that the summer is over and autumn is upon us once again. Just a few days ago the children returned to school and as the saying goes, "...it's back to porridge." I can remember, all too well, returning to school after the summer holidays – as a student and a teacher. This is a really busy time of year in school life. One of the management responsibilities that I had during my teaching career was the development of the school timetable and the various class lists. To be honest, I enjoyed the challenge of this work and I often compared it to a large jigsaw puzzle. Each year, as the process neared its conclusion and the final timetable was almost complete, there were always last-minute changes. I can remember one particular year when it took days to get the final classes appropriately allocated.



Parish life is also particularly busy at this time of year. Just a few days ago I was working on a different kind of timetable – the rota of services for the next four months in Mossley Parish. In one sense it seemed rather peculiar to be reflecting on Christmas services at the end of August! Yet it is vitally important to plan ahead and strive to be well organised. The next two months of services is outlined on page four of this magazine and there is much for us to look forward to and engage with.

In the next few weeks all the parish organisations will be restarting and specific details are included in this magazine. There will also be a few new additions as we embark on another season in the life of Mossley Parish. Before long the Parish Centre will be in use every day of the week once again! I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who gives so willingly of their time and talents within Mossley Parish. It is such an encouragement to see a wide range of activities and services.

Planning ahead and offering a varied programme of events is important but it is even more important, as Christians and a community of faith, to ensure that our plans are in keeping with God's will. In Proverbs 19:11 we read, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." This is a timely reminder that we need to seek God and follow His guidance during the year ahead. Elsewhere in Proverbs we are reminded that we can and should trust God (Proverbs 3:5-6), and we are also challenged to commit our plans to Him (Proverbs 16:3). At the beginning of this new season, let us seek God with all our hearts and commit our plans and our Parish to Him.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10th July David Baird Somerton Care Home,
Belfast

16th July Raymond Leitch 24 Milewater Drive

HOLY BAPTISM

7th July Leo Norman George Collins
(16 Beechgrove Gardens)

MEMORY LANE

Our Memory Lane service for people living with dementia, their carers, friends and family will be held in the church building on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 2.30pm. More details on page 8.

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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Jacqui Eccles	Valerie Porter
Ken Jackson	Julie Robinson
Leeanne Kelly	Jim Sloan

Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 1st September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer	NT	James 1:17-27	Albert Patterson
6pm Evening Prayer	NT	Matthew 5:1-12	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 8th September Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Mark 7:24-37	Julie Parkinson Preacher
6pm Service of the Word	NT	Matthew 6:1-18	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 15th September Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service	NT	Mark 8:27-38	Club J / Ignite
6pm Healing Service	NT	Matthew 7:1-14	Bob Lee
Sunday 22nd September Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Healing Service	NT	Mark 9:30-37	Winnie Millar
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Exodus 19:10-25 Matthew 8:23-34	Jacqui Eccles Preacher
Sunday 29th September Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 11am Morning Prayer & Baptism	NT	Mark 9:38-50	Eugene Marron
6pm Compline	OT	Psalms 121	Winifred Clarke
Sunday 6th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity 11am Harvest Thanksgiving	OT	Leviticus 23:9-14	Kay Thompson
6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	NT	Luke 17:11-19	Caroline Rogan
Sunday 13th October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 11am Holy Communion	OT G	Job 23:1-9 Mark 10:17-31	Maureen McCrea Preacher
6pm GB Enrolment Service	NT	Matthew 11:25-30	GB Member
Sunday 20th October Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity 11am Confirmation Service	NT G	Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Confirmation Candidates
6pm Healing Service	OT	Joshua 14:6-14	Bob Lee
Sunday 27th October Fifth Sunday Before Advent 11am Morning Prayer	NT	Mark 10:46-52	Pamela Marron
6pm Holy Communion	OT G	Psalms 119:121-136 Luke 18:9-14	Jacqui Eccles Preacher

Prayer Fellowship

Can you recall the story of the Transfiguration when Jesus went up on a mountain to pray and he took Peter, James and John with him? As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered and his clothing became dazzling white. Peter, James and John witnessed this, as well as Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah. The Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark and Luke) record what Peter said to Jesus: 'Lord, it is good that we are here.'

If this was our experience at a prayer retreat, how would we feel? What would be the condition of our hearts? I wonder how Peter, James and John felt when Jesus gave them that exact invitation. Peter's response was a desire to make three tents (one for Jesus, Moses and Elijah) as he wanted to remain there. Peter didn't want the short retreat to end, and that is the fruit of true fellowship with the Lord and His people - especially in the sacred practice of prayer. It is good to be with the Lord.



If we are not regularly seeking the Lord in prayer with other believers, we need to ask ourselves two serious questions and be honest in answering them. If we aren't gathering with other believers to seek God and encourage one another, why not? If we are not praying for our family, friends, congregation and community with one another, why not?

We may offer many reasons and each of them are excuses. We may say, "I don't have the time." That excuse is easily dismissed. No one was busier than Jesus, yet he made and took time to have fellowship in prayer with his disciples. Another flawed reason is the times in which we live and the challenges of isolation because of modern technology. During COVID-19 the Prayer Fellowship continued to meet online through Zoom prayer meetings and no one had to leave their living room to join in!

Whatever our reasons for not gathering together to pray, all of them are but excuses. Can we imagine the reaction of Jesus if Peter, James and John had said, "Thanks, Jesus, but we don't really want to spend time with you and each other in prayer. We have other things that are more important to us?"

Prayer is a matter of desire turned discipline. It is also a matter of obedience. We are commanded to pray – alone and with other believers. So, don't let anything keep us from saying, "Lord, it is good that we are here" and to receive the many blessings of fellowship that He wishes to bestow upon us.

If you would like to participate in prayer with others from the Parish, we would love you to come along on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and meet in the Pentecost Room. Let us affirm what Peter said to Jesus: "Lord, it is good that we are here."

*Pitch your demands heaven-high and they'll be met
Ask for the Morning Star and take (thrown in)
Your earthly love. Why, yes; but how to set
One's foot on the first rung, how to begin?*

Excerpt from "Five Sonnets" by C.S. Lewis

Bowling Club

The Fun Bowls will finish on 4th September with the final round of this year's team competition and once again we have had a very enjoyable few months. One thing that always amazes me is the noise that can be heard when thirty or more bowlers are playing and other non-bowlers are chatting. This adds to the enjoyment of the evening.

On Wednesday 28th August a cheque for £1250 was presented to the Marie Curie organisation on behalf of this year's Fun Bowlers. We would also like to acknowledge donations that were received from Parish members, friends of the Bowling Club and the Women's Guild. These all added to this year's fantastic total. Thank you all and your support is very much appreciated.



This was the second year that the Bowling Club invited boys and girls aged eight and over to come and try indoor bowling. Everyone involved could see the progress that the young bowlers were making as they grew increasingly familiar with the shortmat game. The season concluded with fifteen young bowlers each being presented with a medal and a certificate. Sincere thanks to the leaders and helpers who supported and coached each evening.

To celebrate fifty years of Mossley Parish Indoor Bowling Club we would like to extend an invitation to all former members, friends of the Club and current members, to come along on Wednesday 30th October at 7.30pm. We can chat about past times, renew friendships and have a look at some photographs that have been taken over the past years of Mossley Parish Indoor Bowling Club. I'm sure that there are plenty of memories to be exchanged and perhaps a few stories to be told. A couple of mats will be out if anyone wishes to show that they still have a bowling arm!

There will also be a Fiftieth Anniversary Thanksgiving Church service on Sunday 17th November at 6pm. Bishop Ken Clarke will be the guest speaker and there will be music by the Boy's Brigade Centenary Choir. Please do come and join with us.

Mossley Parish Indoor Bowling Club will restart on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm and will continue until March 2025. To date, there is no information about the league restarting so I expect matches will be played on a home or away friendly basis. Finally, if you haven't bowled with us yet, please stop by on Wednesdays at 7pm and join in the fun. (G. Curry)

Thank You!

On behalf of Tim, Mike and myself, a big thank you to the Indoor Bowling Club and the Summer Bowls for the generous donation to Marie Curie in memory of Clifford. The support that Marie Curie provided during the last week of Clifford's life was invaluable. Keep bowling. Your friend, Liz Holmes.

MusicMakers



After a well-deserved summer break, MusicMakers restarts on Thursday 5th September. MusicMakers is a club for children who are currently P3 – Year 12. There are a few places left!

Advance Notice! Christmas Musicians wanted! Anyone who has been playing an orchestral instrument for at least two years and would like to play some Christmas Carols in a small ensemble is welcome to come along. Further information available in the next magazine!

Jane

Choir Notes

Hello Parishioners,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer break, be it at home or abroad. I can't believe that we are at September already and a busy time in the life of our Parish. We look forward to welcoming all our children back on Sunday mornings.

We sang a beautiful new hymn at a July service recently which had some very poignant and thought-provoking words - *"Thanks for friends who keep on loving, finding words to help us grow. Celebrating our achievements, sharing in our pain and woe. God is glimpsed where love is faithful, mirrored here in time and space. Thanks to God for friends who love us, Christ revealed in every face.* The rest of the words are equally beautiful and we sang it to a very familiar tune. I have become so aware of the wonderful friends I have since my eyes and legs are increasingly letting me down. I thank God for every one of them!

I will leave it to Jane to fill in her plans for Autumn and Harvest. We look forward to singing more beautiful and meaningful hymns.

Thanks to you all for your encouragement and support.

Keep on singing,

Joan



Many thanks, Joan. Choir practices restart on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm after the summer break. We have a very busy few months ahead with preparation for special services for Harvest, Confirmation, Remembrance and not forgetting the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on 15th December. Jane.

Community Lunch



The Community Lunch will recommence on Wednesday 11th September and will continue on the second and fourth Wednesday in the month.

A choice of two soups, cheese, a selection of breads, tea / coffee and biscuits will be served between 12noon and 2pm. The cost will be £4.

Please come along and everyone is welcome. We look forward to meeting up again with friends old and new.

For further information please contact:

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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 2024/2025 season will be Monday 9th September. On our first night, all sections will meet from 6.30pm until 7.30pm and no uniform is required. From Monday 16th September our meeting times are as follows:

Tinies	(3 years to P1)	6:30pm - 7 :30pm
Explorers	(P2 to P4)	6.30pm - 7.45pm
Jun, Sen, Brigaders	(P5+)	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Associates	(18 +)	6.30pm - 9:00pm



Memory Lane



Our Memory Lane service, for those with living with dementia and their loved ones, continues every month. The next service is on Thursday 5th September at 2.30pm in the church building, followed by services on 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.

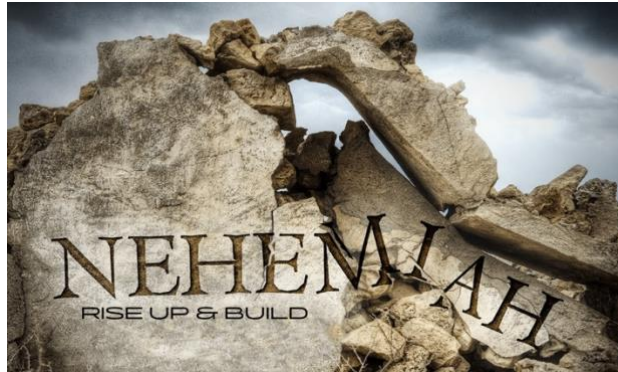
If you know anyone who is living with dementia, their carers, family or friends, please do invite them to come along to our worship service and they will be made very welcome. Fellowship continues after the service with a cuppa.

With thanks, Louise

Bible Study

Our Bible Study Group will recommence on Tuesday 10th 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 reflecting on Nehemiah and it promises to offer us much to think about and engage with. The biblical scholar Geoff Treasure wrote a commentary of Nehemiah and he offers some very helpful insights. In seeking to apply lessons from Nehemiah to our modern-day context he observed, "Can one man with the help of God turn



a vision into reality? Nehemiah did. The walls of Jerusalem arose from rubble. A wayward people were brought together as a worshipping community. But the book of Nehemiah is not simply history. It challenges and encourages us all, whether leaders or church members, to face the issues and problems confronting our churches today. It offers us timeless principles and insights to be followed, if we are to see many of our churches rise from potential ruin to God-inspired restoration." Our studies of Nehemiah will certainly be timely and relevant.

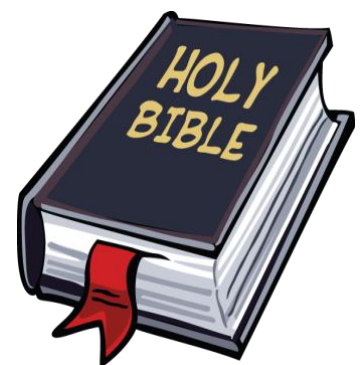
The study programme will be made available on our website and Facebook page in early September. Paper copies will also be available in the church porch.

The 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.

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.



Women's Guild

Hello ladies, I hope you all had a peaceful summer and that you even enjoyed some adventures. I look forward to having a good catch up when we get started again. I spent a week on the north coast at the end of June and, since then, all I have done is work. However, I had great news in August. My daughter is off to university and Alex is going back to study for A-Levels. After a few hard months, particularly April and May, we are very happy and thankful.



A few weeks ago, some of us enjoyed a lovely trip to the RUC Memorial Garden and it was a very informative trip. Some of you have expressed an interest in going to see the Memorial Garden. Please let either Pat Flint or myself know if you are interested as it turns out that they do Saturday tours as well.

The programme for the next year has nearly been finalised. We have only a few speakers and dates left to confirm. Hopefully the complete schedule for the year ahead will be ready for release on our first night back – which is on

Wednesday 11th September at 8pm. We have no speaker arranged for this particular meeting but we will give an update on last year's fundraising and we will also outline our plans for the year ahead. It would also be great to get the tea rota organised at this meeting.

During the summer a few of us ladies have been busy baking for a baked goods stall which is held on the first Saturday morning in the month at the bric-a-brac sale. So far, this has been very successful and I just wanted to raise awareness. We would be delighted to accept any baked goods for the stall. Please do come along and support us by buying some homemade delights.

As always, a massive thank you to everyone who helps with the Women's Guild. Your support and encouragement are much appreciated. I would also love to extend an invitation to any new members who would like to join our Guild. Everyone will be made most welcome.

God Bless,

Leeanne

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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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. During the summer months we received a number of encouraging comments from people, from both near and far, who watched 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 10th 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.

Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 6th 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 Capt. Isaac Hanna as our guest preacher. Isaac is currently the Mission Development Officer for Church Army in Ireland. 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 4th October from 6pm until 8pm or Saturday 5th October 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)

Parish Magazine (November / December 2024)

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 27th October. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Tuesday 22nd October? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations.

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.

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!

A great new venture for the bric-a-brac has been successfully running for a few months now - a monthly Bakery Stall with a great selection of bread, scones, cakes, pastries etc. The choice is varied and ever-changing. You never know what is going to be on the table!

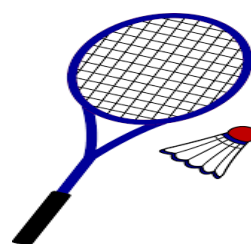
The Bakery Stall is on the first Saturday of each month and the next one will be on 7th September. We would love to see you there supporting this new venture with all proceeds going to Church funds.

Thank you to all who have supported us so far. Hope to see you soon.

Badminton Club

After a well-deserved summer break, the Badminton Club will resume on Thursday 3rd October 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!



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 20th September at 10am and we look forward to welcoming everyone once again. Anyone wanting to come along for the first time will be made very welcome!

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to hosting our Christmas Fair in Mossley Parish on Saturday 30th 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.

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 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Julie Robinson & Freda Luney

October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 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.

On Sunday 19th May the Tea Brew hosted a soup and cheese lunch after the morning service and the amazing sum of £1270 was raised. Just after the midweek Holy Communion service on Wednesday 21st August, a presentation was made by the Tea Brew to Sarah-Jane from the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. Well done to everyone involved!



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 7th September and new members will be made very welcome.

The Restoration Station 2024

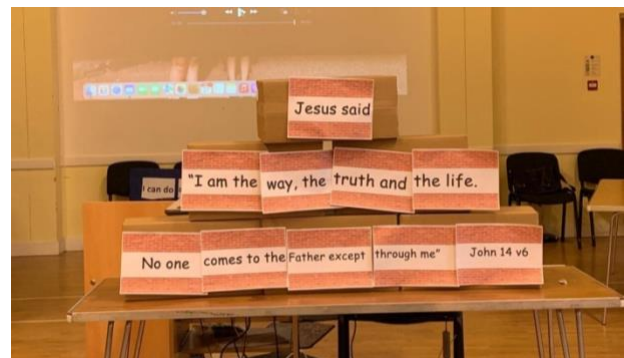
We were absolutely delighted with this year's Holiday Bible Club which was called *The Restoration Station*. It was held in the Parish Centre from Monday 19th until Friday 23rd August. This year we had over eighty children registered! As has become our tradition, the Friday evening was our annual Family Fun Night and BBQ. It was great to see the hall filled with children and their parents / carers.

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 greatness of God, the healing of a blind man, and the occasion when Jesus forgave Peter for his acts of denial. On another evening 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.

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 – especially the development of Messy Church.

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



Confirmation

We are looking forward to our service of confirmation on Sunday 20th October at 11am and welcoming Bishop George Davison back to Mossley.

At this service the candidates will confirm the promises of their baptism and the Bishop will pray that God's Spirit will strengthen and guide them to live out their faith in their everyday lives. Please do pray for the candidates as they attend the confirmation classes and prepare for their confirmation.



Candidates for confirmation can be both young people (Year 9 or above) or adults. We have had one meeting of candidates and more meetings will be taking place during the next two months. There is still time for anyone else who would like to be confirmed. Please speak to the Rector as soon as possible.

Greetings from Mavis and Eric

Dear people of Mossley Church family,

We would like to say 'thank you' for the welcome we received on Sunday 18th August. It was lovely to worship again in the church where we started married life in the late sixties. I was involved in the 'Blue Box' scheme and looking after the young children - including our own daughter, Holly, when she came along. Eric read the lessons and took his turn doing collections.

So many young couples starting out and grew up in a wonderfully Christian environment. We pray that God will bless your witness of His love in the world. Be strong. Keep praying.

Mavis and Eric Crossen

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.

8 th September	McCartney Family
22 nd September	Liz Holmes
6 th October (Harvest)	Lilian & Wesley Smyth
20 th October	Cynthia Markwell
10 th November	Remembrance Sunday
24 th November	Winnie Millar



Youth Club



Following our summer break, the Youth Club will recommence on Saturday 7th September from 7pm - 9pm and it is open to children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9). This year our registration will take place online, just like we do for the Holiday Bible Club. From Monday 2nd September forms will be accessible on our website and Facebook page. One form is required for each child who wishes to attend. 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.

Last year we had almost ninety children registered as members of the Youth Club and we are anticipating a similar level of registration again this year. This is a tremendous blessing and we are incredibly thankful. However, it also means that we do require more leaders in order to comply with the necessary safeguarding ratios. If we don't recruit enough leaders then we will have to strictly limit the number of children who can attend each Saturday evening.

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.

Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship

We are looking forward to being involved with the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship at the Great Glengormley Get Together on Saturday 14th September. This is always a busy day with plenty happening, as outlined in the poster.

We are also looking forward to Praise in the Park on Sunday 15th September from 3.30pm until 5pm. There will be Bible stories, crafts, music and lots of fun for all the family. This event will also be held in Lilian Bland Park.

Plans are also well advanced for Bible Week 2025. We will meet in Mossley Primary School from Sunday 19th January until Thursday 23rd January. Our speaker will be Bishop Andrew Forster. Please mark the dates in your diary.



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Club J & Creche

Join us at Club J where Sunday mornings are all about fun, faith and friendship! We start together in Church for the 11am service and, after a short message from one of our ministry team, the children make their way to the Parish Centre to continue their worship in their own special way.

Each week at Club J is filled with excitement. We have Bible stories, hands-on activities, creative crafts and a bit of friendly competition with quizzes. Of course, there are always snacks to enjoy! Our dedicated leaders work hard to make learning about God both fun and meaningful.



For our youngest members, the Creche in the Carntall Room provides a nurturing environment with age-appropriate stories, songs, toys and crafts. It's wonderful to see this space buzzing with activity and we look forward to welcoming new members.

On the third Sunday of every month the members of Club J take part in the all-age worship service at 11am. This brings great joy to the whole congregation. It's always a highlight!

We're excited to start the new term on Sunday 8th September. A huge thank you to our incredible Club J leaders who have been hard at work planning for another amazing year.

Do you know any children who would like to join us? We'd be thrilled to welcome them to Club J and Creche —please spread the word!



A prayer as we begin a new year at Club J and Creche

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the new term of Club J and the Creche. Bless the leaders who have prepared so diligently and guide them as they teach and care for the children. May each child grow in faith, feel loved and experience the joy of knowing you. As the children participate in all-age worship, may they feel encouraged and valued. Let Club J and the Creche be welcoming spaces where young hearts are nurtured in your love. Bless our times together and may all we do bring glory to your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Ignite Youth

Ignite will also be recommencing on the 8th 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. We also look forward to joining with other local churches at Connect and taking part in Connor Youth events during the year.

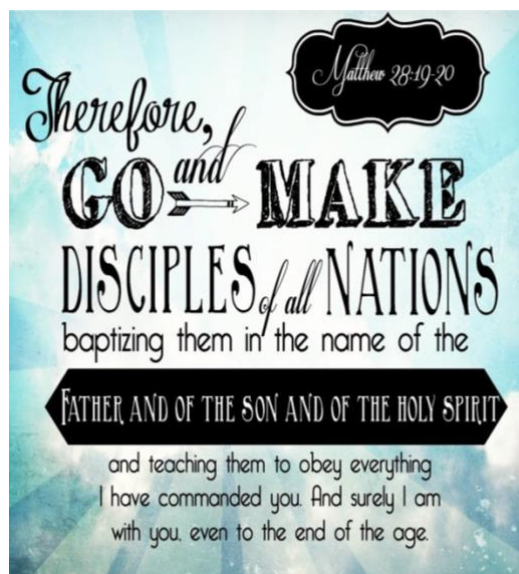
Antrim & Newtownabbey Street Pastors



Antrim and Newtownabbey Street Pastors continue to go out on Friday and Saturday nights. At the moment we are on a recruitment drive and training will be starting very soon for any new recruits that we can muster. At the moment, due to numbers, we are reduced to doing no more than ten nights per month and we are going out with three people in a patrol. This is because our insurance only allows us the minimum of three. Not every Street Pastor is available on a monthly basis and it can be difficult to provide teams for Antrim, Ballyclare and Glengormley.

In recent editions of this magazine, I have explained how and why I enjoy going out into the local community and helping in practical ways. It is a blessing to help some people get home safely and offer a listening ear to others. Many people are appreciative of the advice and care that we offer. Such care is a reflection of God's love, a depth and quality of love that passes all understanding and is unconditional.

Personally, I don't consider myself to be well enough versed as a Christian to provide a 'sermon' on the streets. I simply recall the commands of Jesus to go into the world and preach the Gospel. One such passage is Matthew 28:19-20 and it says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." These two verses contain an instruction and a promise. We are challenged to 'go' and assured of God's presence with us as we take each and every step.



Antrim and Newtownabbey could do with your help! We need more Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. We invite you to come with us on a Friday or Saturday night and model the love and forgiveness of God. If you wish to join Street Pastors, please speak to me and I will get you an application form. We will run a training session that is designed for you.

Thank you for reading this and may God bless you all.

Bob

Mossley Mission Group



In the last edition of this magazine, we suggested that we would be holding a table quiz in September. We are in the process of organising this event and further details will be released soon in the weekly Parish Bulletin. Some early plans have also been made for a concert later in the autumn.

We were delighted to welcome Rev Stephen McElhinney to Mossley on Sunday 7th July and it was good to get an update on the work of SAMS Ireland. Since then, Stephen has been appointed as Vicar of Glenavy Parish and he will be leaving his role as Mission Director of SAMS Ireland at the end of September. Please do pray for Stephen and also pray about the recruitment process for the new Mission Director.

We are pleased to have received the following update from Tansen hospital.

The hospital has been hoping to start an ENT department for many years. We have had a room set aside for this since 2008, which was used when we ran ear camps a couple of times and for staff to give some simple ear treatments in the past. We also advertised for an ENT surgeon from time to time with no result. So, we were happy to be contacted by a newly qualified ENT specialist looking for a place to work, who was willing to join our team. There are many patients in our community who will benefit from this new service.

Our next project is to raise money to buy a CT scanner. We refer many patients to get CT scans each week and the nearest place is 9km away. This can be a long and difficult journey for seriously ill patients and we often subsidise the costs for poorer patients too. We do not get timely reports back and usually patients are called back a few days later to collect their report. This has been in our plan for a few years too and now we feel it is vital that we can provide this service, to support our different specialties.

The two infrastructure projects are progressing, a little more slowly than we had hoped, but the maternity expansion project should be finished in the next month. After finishing touches are completed in the new admin block, the present admin offices can move and renovation work start to make the new post- delivery ward.

The wastewater project is also progressing. The huge septic tank is being built as we write and the Moving Bed Bio Reactor cleaning machine will be dispatched in the next few weeks from India, where it has been made to our specifications. The project is almost complete!

Please continue to pray for our mission partners – Tansen hospital and SAMS Ireland. Thank you so much for your continued support which is always gratefully received. The next meeting of the Mission Group will be on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm. Any new members will be most welcome.

Challenge Time



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"May the peoples
 _____ you, O God!
 May all the peoples praise you!
 The land yields its harvest;
 God, our God blesses us."

Psalm 67:5-6 NIV

"God ... has shown kindness by
 giving you rain from heaven
 and crops in their seasons.
 He provides you with
 plenty of _____. He fills
 your hearts with joy."

Acts 14:16-17 NIV

"Let us fear and respect
 the Lord our God.
 He gives us autumn and
 spring _____
 at the right time.
 He makes sure that we
 have the harvest at
 just the right time."

Jeremiah 5:24 ERV

"Honour the Lord with your wealth
 and the first part of your harvest."

Proverbs 3:9 ERV

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