

Church of the Holy Spirit
Manse Road, Mossley



The Dove Magazine

September / October 2026 Edition

Parish website
www.mossley.org

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From the Rectory Study

September is always a busy time in Parish 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.

Personally, I will find this September to be even busier than usual! On 1st September I will be travelling to North Argentina and Paraguay with Rev Geoff Hamilton (Mission Director of SAMS Ireland). The purpose of our trip is to connect with mission partners and visit a range of different ministry projects. One of the highlights of the trip will take place on Sunday 6th September when we will be at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Asuncion, Paraguay, for a celebration service. This will focus on the life and ministry of Captain Allen Gardiner, 175 years (to the very day) since he passed away at just 57 years of age.



Captain Gardiner was one of God's faithful missionaries. Records demonstrate that he experienced many physical difficulties and hardships throughout his ministry and service of God. Yet, despite his many troubles, he once reflected, "While God gives me strength, failure will not daunt me."

On 6th September 1851, at the age of 57, he died of disease and starvation while serving on Picton Island at the southern tip of South America. When his body was found, his diary lay nearby. It bore the record of hunger, thirst, wounds and loneliness. The last entry in his little book showed the struggle of his shaking hand as he tried to write legibly. It read, "I am overwhelmed with a sense of the goodness of God."

Regardless of the challenges that he faced, Captain Gardiner held tight to the hope that he found in God. He trusted God at all times and in all situations. He believed that God was greater than the problems he faced and he had an unwavering faith in God. Captain Gardiner's example of dedication and faithfulness has now inspired 175 years of mission work in South America. We praise God for him and his legacy, yet we are also challenged to follow his example. Are we overwhelmed by a sense of the goodness of God? Do we trust Him when we find life difficult and we can't make sense of the situations we find ourselves in?

As we enter another new season in the life of our Parish, I challenge all of us to follow the example of Captain Gardiner. Let us ask God to deepen our faith and trust in Him, and each day may we count our blessings and be overwhelmed with a sense of God's goodness.

Your friend and Rector,

Peter Jones

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

9 th July	Roy McKeown	15 Ravensdale
24 th July	Edith Higgins	Abbeylands Care Home

HOLY BAPTISM

28 th June	Esme McGuinness	46 Earlview
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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 eight.

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 four 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	Julie Robinson
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Elaine Maxwell	

Sunday Services and Lesson Readers

Sunday 6th September Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer NO EVENING SERVICE	NT	Matthew 18:15-20	Albert Patterson
Sunday 13th September Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion 6pm Late Evening Office	OT G OT	Exodus 14:19-31 Matthew 18:21-35 Acts 20:17-38	Eugene Marron Preacher Bob Lee
Sunday 20th September Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service 6pm Healing Service	NT NT	Matthew 20:1-16 Mark 9:30-37	Club J / Ignite Winifred Clarke
Sunday 27th September Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Matthew 21:23-32 Ezekiel 37:15-28 Mark 9:38-50	Julie Parkinson Jacqui Eccles Preacher
Sunday 4th October Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Harvest Thanksgiving 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving	NT OT	To Be Confirmed 2 nd Chronicles 7:11-22	Jacqui Eccles Caroline Rogan
Sunday 11th October Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity 11am Holy Communion 6pm Compline	OT G OT	Exodus 31:1-14 Matthew 22:1-14 Proverbs 3:1-18	Bob Lee Preacher Winifred Clarke
Sunday 18th October Twentieth Sunday After Trinity 11am All-Age Service 6pm GB / BB Enrolment	NT NT	Matthew 22:15-22 Mark 10:35-45	Club J / Ignite GB / BB Member
Sunday 25th October Fifth Sunday Before Advent 11am Morning Prayer 6pm Holy Communion	NT OT G	Matthew 22:34-46 Nehemiah 8:1-12 Matthew 24:30-35	Pamela Marron Bob Lee Preacher
Sunday 1st November All Saints Day 11am Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	OT G OT	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Matthew 5:1-12 Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2	Kay Thompson Preacher Jacqui Eccles

Mossley Parish
are hosting an evening of

COUNTRY GOSPEL

FEATURING MUSIC ARTISTS:
KENNY ARCHER &
REVD. CANON DAVID MCBETH

FRIDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER
2026

DOORS OPEN
7PM STARTING
7.30PM

TICKETS £10
INCLUDES LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
THE RECTOR & CHURCH WARDENS

MOSSLEY PARISH CENTRE, MANSE ROAD, NEWTOWN ABBEY
IN AID OF MOSSLEY MISSION GROUP MISSION PARTNERS - TANSEN HOSPITAL & SAMS IRELAND
(CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT REGISTERED CHARITY NO. NIC103262)

Holiday Bible Club 2026

We were absolutely delighted with this year's Holiday Bible Club which was called *Kingdom Builders*. It was held in the Parish Centre from Monday 17th until Friday 21st August. As has become our tradition, the Friday evening was our annual Community Fun Night and BBQ.

During the week, each evening started at 6.30pm and we enjoyed stories, quizzes, music, games, challenges, craft time and snacks. As we sought to learn from the Bible, we looked at the story of the wise and foolish builders, the parable of the hidden treasure and how Jesus is the King of Kings.

The Friday evening was very encouraging and the children brought along family members and friends. The BBQ was enjoyed by everyone and the children played on the bouncy castle. We also had a 9ft inflatable slide. Unlike previous years, the Rector didn't test out the slide but the same can't be said of all the leaders!

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

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



Prayer Fellowship

“Ask and it will be given to you.” (Matt.7:7)

On waking each morning, do you begin your day with prayer? It's very probable that your first anxious thoughts are how you are going to get everything fitted in or how you will cope with what may be ahead. When we opt to 'go it alone' in our own strength, we miss out on the wonderful support and guidance that our Father is so willing to provide. **God is not just there for the crises in our lives**, He is eager to be involved in ordinary day-to-day events as well.

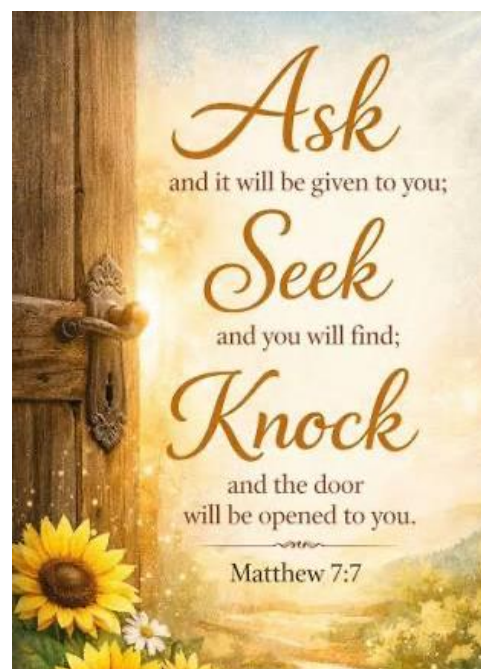
However, He will only ever come to us by invitation and it's prayer that opens the door and welcomes Him into every situation. Jesus said, "Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:24)

An unknown poet once wrote:

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day.
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered.
He answered, 'You didn't ask!'

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on grey and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, 'But you didn't seek!'
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys in the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided, 'My child, you didn't knock!'*

*I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day.
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray!*



The psalmist wrote "O God ... early will I seek thee" (Psalm 63:1, KJV). The first voice he wanted to hear in the morning was God's and, before others made demands on his time and energy, he wanted to know the Lord's will. When we make prayer our first priority each morning we too can walk into the day with the confidence and peace that God is beside us - our perfect support and guide.

The Prayer Fellowship meets each Wednesday at 7.30pm, for about an hour, in the Pentecost Room. We sing God's praise, hear His Word and pray to Him about all our concerns. If you feel self-conscious about praying aloud, there is no pressure whatsoever - silent prayer is absolutely fine! If you are free, we would be delighted to see you.

Community Lunches



The Community Lunches will recommence on Wednesday 9th September from 12noon until 2pm and will continue as before on the second and fourth Wednesday in every month.

There will be a choice of two soups (one gluten free), a selection of bread, tea / coffee and biscuits. All dietary requirements will be catered for and the cost will be £4.50.

Thank you to all who help in any way – to those who bake bread and to all our soup makers. If anyone would like to help by making a pot of soup (two pots in a year), please contact Kay or Hilary for further information.

We look forward to seeing everyone again very soon.

Kay Thompson – 07969835916

Hilary Gillies – 07840243427

Memory Lane

Following a brief pause over the summer months, we are delighted that the *Memory Lane* services will recommence on **Thursday 3rd September at 2.30pm**. These monthly gatherings continue to offer a gentle, dementia-friendly space in which worship, familiarity and fellowship come together in a calm and reassuring environment.



Memory Lane is designed with particular care for those living with dementia as well as for their carers, relatives and friends. Each service features well-loved hymns, a short reflection, prayer and unhurried conversation over tea/coffee, ensuring that all who attend feel comfortable, supported and included.

We warmly encourage members of the congregation - and the wider community - to consider whether someone they know might benefit from attending. A neighbour, a friend or a family member may find these services a source of comfort, connection and spiritual nourishment. Extending an invitation can make a meaningful difference to those who may otherwise feel hesitant or unsure about attending church activities.

We look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new friends as we begin our autumn gatherings together.

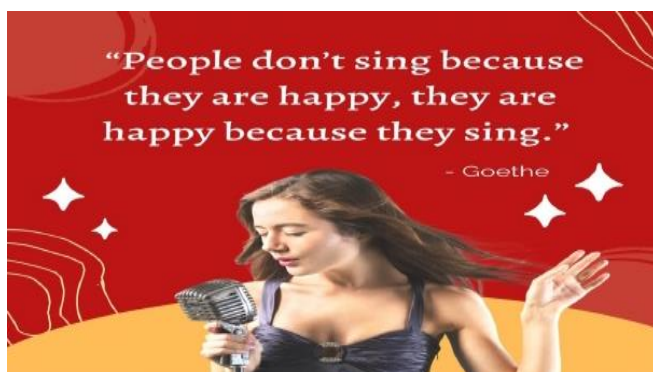
Future dates: 1st October 2026

5th November 2026

3rd December 2026

God bless, Rev Louise

Choir News



Hello Mossley Parishioners,

I cannot believe summer is nearly over and autumn approaches. I hope you have all had a pleasant and relaxing few weeks.

I loved the summer days in my garden looking after pots, tubs and hanging

baskets. Sadly, my mobility issues mean I can't do this anymore. My garden became a sad reflection of what it used to be and was taken over by brambles, weeds, moss and overgrown shrubs. It's amazing how quickly nature takes over when there is no one to keep on top of it. This summer I have found a great gardener who not only cuts the grass but has started to turn my jungle back in to my garden! I am so happy when I go out now and see my garden beginning to take shape once more. A poem called God's Garden, written by Dorothy Frances Gurney, reminds us that *"One is closer to God in a garden, than anywhere else on earth."*

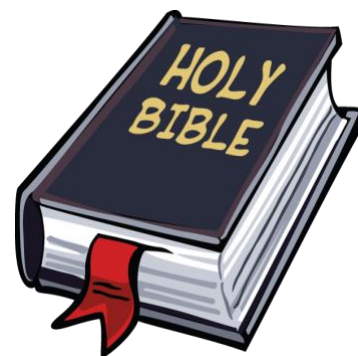
Our Choir practices resume on Thursday 3rd September and we will be working towards our Harvest Festival. We are always on the lookout for new faces. It would be really nice to see you. You will be so welcome, but in the meantime...

KEEP SINGING, Joan

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.



Parish Magazine (November / December 2026)

We plan to have the next edition of the Parish Magazine ready for release on Sunday 1st November. Could all articles and notices please be with the Rector before Monday 26th October? It would be great to have a wide variety of articles and photos from all parish organisations.

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to hosting our Christmas Fair in Mossley Parish on Saturday 5th December from 10am until 1pm. We had a great time last year and we are really looking forward to seeing the Parish Centre filled with people once again this year. As always, we plan to have gift stalls, craft stalls, baked goods, sweets & treats, a Christmas tearoom, live seasonal music, and so much more.



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

Online Services



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

Each week, our online service is available on YouTube from 11am and it is then released on Facebook, our website, and the dial-in facility at 12.30pm. We look forward to the resumption of our online Bible Studies on Tuesday 15th 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.

Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship

We are looking forward to being involved with the Newtownabbey Churches Fellowship at the Great Glengormley Get Together on Saturday 12th September. This is always a busy day with plenty happening, as outlined in the poster.

Plans are also developing for Bible Week 2027. It is hard to believe that this will be the sixth Newtownabbey Bible Week and we look forward to sitting under the teaching of Dr Alan Wilson. Please do plan to join us from 17th – 21st January and mark the dates in your diaries.



Bible Study

Our Bible Study Group will recommence on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm. We look forward to being able to meet together in the Carntall Room each week for a time of reflection and discussion.

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



From September until our Christmas break, we will focus on Ruth. The biblical scholar Tony Merida writes, "Ruth is one of the best short stories ever written. But this is not just about a woman finding a husband, or a widow a family. It is about the royal line that leads to Jesus."

There may only be four chapters in Ruth but there is much for us to reflect on as we consider themes of faithfulness, grace and compassion. This promises to be a focused and encouraging study series.

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.

Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 4th 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 Claire Holmes as our guest preacher. Claire is SAMS Ireland Liaison Officer and she is also involved with Prison Fellowship. 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 2nd October from 6pm until 8pm or Saturday 3rd October from 9am until 10am. A willing team of decorators will be required for Saturday morning. Please do come along. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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

Bowling Club

As our 2026 Summer Bowls season draws to a close, it is a pleasure to reflect on another very successful season of Mossley Parish Indoor Summer Bowls.

Attendance has been excellent throughout the summer, with strong numbers each week and all four mats regularly in use. The continued support of our members and visitors has created a lively, friendly and welcoming atmosphere. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces returning, new friendships being formed and everyone enjoying the fun, fellowship and good-natured competition that make our summer bowling evenings so special.



Our annual summer rinks competition took place in August and proved to be a closely fought contest. Going into the final match, two teams were tied for the lead, but the team skipped by Brian White narrowly secured victory with a score of 33. Congratulations to Kim Jones, Doreen Crymble, Roy Guinn and Brian White on their well-deserved win. The competition was played in a warm and sporting spirit, and we thank everyone who took part and helped make the tournament so enjoyable.

We are also delighted to announce that an outstanding £1,200 has been raised for our two chosen charities: NI Kidney Research and the MS Society. This is a tremendous result and reflects the generosity of everyone who donated and supported the fundraising, and helped throughout the summer. We hope the contribution will make a meaningful difference to the important work carried out by both charities. Marie Curie also visited to collect a £200 cheque from a previous charity competition.

Sincere thanks to the committee, volunteers and everyone who helped with mats, bowling, refreshments and the smooth running of each evening. Summer Bowls would not be possible without your time, effort and commitment.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who took part. Your friendship, encouragement and enthusiasm are at the heart of the Club, and we look forward to welcoming returning members and new faces in the new indoor bowling season.



Looking ahead, winter bowling will recommence on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. We hope to see a strong turnout as we move from the summer bowling into the regular club season, welcoming back those that have braved the cold for the summer outdoor bowls and we also hope to see a few new faces.

Gavin

Club Secretary

Photos from Summer Bowls Presentation Night



MOSSLEY PARISH INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

NEW INDOOR BOWLS SEASON

Starts Wednesday 2 September

7:00 PM

Friendly indoor bowls, good company and a warm welcome for new and returning players.

Everyone welcome

Whether you are an experienced bowler, returning after a break, or completely new to the game, come along for the start of the new indoor season.



New players

Beginners are encouraged - no previous experience needed.



Equipment

Bowls can be made available on the night.



What to bring

Flat shoes and comfortable clothing are recommended.

Come along and give indoor bowls a try

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit, Manse Road

All abilities welcome - please share with family, friends and anyone interested in trying bowls.

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.

6 th September	Liz Holmes
20 th September	Edith Kearney
4 th October (Harvest)	Lillian Smyth
18 th October	Cynthia Markwell
8 th November	Remembrance Sunday
22 nd November	Winnie Millar



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 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Julie Robinson, Freda Luney & Pamela Marron

October 11th, 18th, 25th

Emmy Templeton, Pam Millar & Liz Holmes

If anyone is unavailable or wishes to make changes to the monthly rota, please speak to Winnie Millar. Many thanks.

Prayer List

Each week we publish a prayer list in our weekly Parish Bulletin. Names can be added to the prayer list by filling out a prayer card and placing the card in the box on the table in the church porch. If you are submitting the name of someone else, please ensure that they permit their name to be added to the prayer list.

Bric-A-Brac



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

Just before the July holidays, the Rector was presented with a cheque for £4000 from the bric-a-brac team and this money will be used to support the ongoing mission and ministry of

Mossley Parish. We are thankful to the bric-a-brac team who give so willingly of their time and show such devotion and commitment.

We continue to receive generous donations of bric-a-brac and many items have sold very quickly! It is always good to get new items and if anyone has a donation of bric-a-brac, please contact Alec Orr (02890836286).

We would also like to appeal for volunteers who could offer some of their time in helping to set the bric-a-brac out on a Friday afternoon (around 2pm) or putting it away around noon on Saturdays. If you can help, even on a rota basis, please speak to the Rector or Alec Orr. All help would be greatly appreciated!

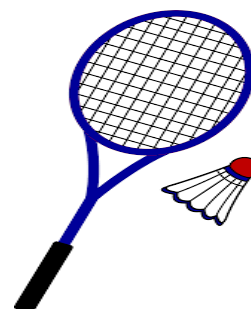
On the first Saturday of each month, a Bakery Stall can be found in the foyer of the Parish Centre. There is always a great selection of bread, scones, cakes and other lovely treats. The choice is varied and ever-changing. Thank you to all who make this possible. Please do come along and buy yourself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

Badminton Club

After a well-deserved summer break, the Badminton Club will resume in September in the Parish Centre.

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

Please keep an eye on the weekly Parish Bulletin for more details.



Rector In Argentina And Paraguay

As mentioned on page two of this magazine, the Rector will be visiting Argentina and Paraguay from 1st – 11th September. He will endeavour to release video updates on our Facebook page each day. During this time all pastoral emergencies should be directed to Rev Louise Bowes (07900410069).

Safeguarding Trust



We are happy to report that we now have forty-five volunteers who have completed the Safeguarding Trust training. There will be some new sessions available for those who still have this to complete. Please speak to the Rector for further details.

The Rector is now working with all the volunteers to ensure that Access NI applications are completed. Completion of this check is now of paramount importance for anyone involved in children or youth ministry within the Parish. If you require a form, please speak to any member of the Parish Panel.

Mrs Joan Mackey has decided to retire from the Parish Panel. We would like to thank Joan for her commitment to Safeguarding Trust within Mossley Parish and for the outstanding wisdom and dedication that she brought to the role. Mr Eugene Marron has kindly agreed to become a member of the Parish Panel and we welcome Eugene to this new role. Joan has generously offered to remain in post until Eugene's Parish Panel Member training is fully complete.

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
John Nesbitt	07954150067	Joan Mackey	028 90 775366

Good Companions Club

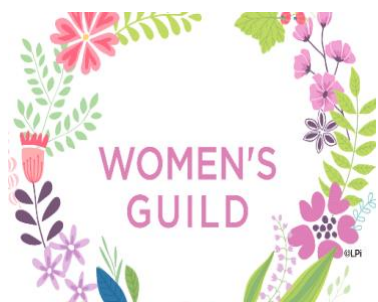
We are hoping to start a new organisation within Mossley Parish and it will be called the Good Companions Club. This will be an opportunity for parishioners and members of the local community to meet together and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.



It is envisaged that the Good Companions Club will be held on Thursday mornings from 10.30am until 12noon and we aim to have two meetings each month – the first and third Thursdays of each month.

In order to make plans for the year ahead and get all the necessary preparations complete, there will be an initial meeting on Thursday 17th September at 10.30am in the Carntall Room. Morning coffee and scones will be provided.

Women's Guild



Following the summer break, the Women's Guild will meet on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30pm in the Carntall Room. We do encourage all members of the Women's Guild to come along and the speaker will be Ruby Maxwell. Ruby is this year's Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet in County Antrim and she will be sharing about the duties that are associated with this prestigious role.

All members are also encouraged to save the date of Saturday 21st November for a special outing to Brownlow House in Lurgan. This will be an excellent day out, with quality tea / coffee and a tour of this historic property.

Dove Tots

Hello to all our Dove Tots families and friends!

We had a wonderful time at Dove Tots last year and it was great to see so many children each Friday morning. The Parish Centre was really busy each week and we had such good fun! We are starting back on Friday 18th September at 10am and look forward to seeing all the boys and girls after our summer break.



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

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 5th September and new members will be made very welcome.

Just For A Laugh

A grandfather talked often about the 'good old days', when the cost of living was much lower. "When I was a lad," he exclaimed, "my mother could send me to the local shop and I'd get some mince, two pints of milk, some bread, some tinned rice and a magazine – all for less than a pound!" His young grandson protested: "You couldn't do that now. They got those video cameras everywhere you look."

Youth Club

Following our summer break, the Youth Club will recommence on Saturday 12th September from 7pm - 9pm and it is open to children from P4 up to Second Year (Year 9). This year our registration has, once again, taken place online and there has been an encouraging number of children signed-up. The Youth Club will meet every Saturday during term time in the Parish Centre and will cost £1 per night.



There will be plenty of arts & crafts, as well as football, badminton, pool, the Wii, Xbox and board games. We promise that the tuck shop will be well stocked with all our usual favourites. We are also trying to organise some exciting trips for the year ahead.

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

Girl's Brigade



We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break. We have a busy schedule ahead including our usual games, badgework and Scripture.

This year's Scripture course is titled '*The Fruit of the Spirit.*' We will be studying Bible stories including The Lost Coin and The Lost Sheep and learning about God's sacrificial love.

Some dates to note:

Monday 14th September – GB returns

Sunday 4th October – GB hosting soup and cheese lunch after 11am Harvest service.

Sunday 18th October – GB enrolment at 6pm service

Monday 19th October - Half term fancy dress party

Monday 26th October – Half term break

"Seek, serve and follow Christ"

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."

Boys' Brigade



Following a meeting with representatives of BBNI, we are delighted to announce that 14th Newtownabbey BB Company will resume on Monday 14th September. Registration is currently open and is available online – check out our Parish Facebook page for the appropriate links.

We would love to be able to welcome some extra leaders, even on a rota basis. If this is something that you might be able to help with, please speak to the Rector or Julie Robinson.

Summer Madness

Our Friday night started with Big Top, where we sang praise with a Dutch worship band. Then Joshua Luke Smith spoke to us about being rooted in Christ, focusing on Colossians 2:6-7. To finish off Big Top, we sang some more worship songs. A few of us went up to the front for the song '*I Thank God.*' After Big Top had finished, a few of us spent the night at the first rave of the festival and we went to the food court until we had to go back to our tents.



When I woke up on Saturday morning, it was an amazing experience to have known I had spent a night in a tent as this was my first time. As well as this, the worship in the morning had amazing music and overall was really good.



On Saturday afternoon, there were plenty of seminars to go to, like the school leavers' lunch where we were given advice on how to grow our faith at university. There was even a debate with DUP and Alliance MLAs on the under-16 social media ban. Our Saturday night started at Big Top Tent, where we sang praise with Jafeth Bekx (a Dutch worship band). Then Brenna Blain led us as we looked at the Bible, focusing on Matthew 14: 22-33. She discussed what living life rooted in Christ was like. The rest of our night was spent around the exhibition tents, spending too much money on clothes and waiting for crepes in the pouring rain. Then we played the most heated game of UNO ever, with a new set of rules in subcamp, until it was time to go back to our tents.

On Sunday, we attended the water sports activities and went canoe rafting. We finished our weekend in the Big Top tent before going home. Summer Madness was a highlight of my summer because I enjoyed the Big Tent and meeting new people.

Adam, Heidi-Marie, Erin, Emma, Timothy and Sam.

Ignite

Ignite is back and we couldn't be more excited! We return on 27th September, launching into a busy few months packed with activities, outings and opportunities to grow together.

This year, we'll be opening the Book of Esther, exploring how God is present and at work even in the moments when we struggle to see Him. Our hope is that these sessions will encourage and strengthen everyone who comes along.



A key date for your diary is *Connor Takes the Castle*, running from 2nd – 4th October. This weekend is always a highlight of the Ignite calendar and one we look forward to every year. Applications close on 16th September.

Ignite is always delighted to welcome new members. For those who have never been before, our Sunday mornings are a time of fellowship where we pray, worship and open the Bible together. Throughout the year, we also plan various outings and attend diocesan youth events.

If you have any questions, feel free to drop Nicole a message or contact us through our Instagram page. Follow us on Instagram to keep up with everything that is happening throughout the year and to see what's coming next — we'll be sharing key dates for our outings over the coming weeks. Watch this space!

As we begin this new season, we would deeply value your prayers for the months ahead.

Thanks, Nicole!

Ignite Summer Mission Work

During the summer months some members of Ignite were involved in mission and outreach. Here are some details of the ministries that they were engaged with.



From 6th - 17th July Nicole and Heidi-Marie attended Cranfield CSSM in County Down. CSSM is a Scripture Union mission that aims to bring the good news of the Gospel to the children of Mourne and the Cranfield caravaners. During this period, they had the joy of welcoming 563 children (4-17 year olds) and their families to the big white tents. This year they

shared the story of Joseph and part of John's Gospel with the children. Across the sections, they did crafts, singing and dancing, and a lot of craic and banter!

Heidi-Marie reflects, "I was a Tiddler leader by day (ages 4-6) and a Prawn leader (ages 7-9) by night. A craft that stood out to me was the sheep bookmark craft, explaining to the



prawns that Jesus is the good Shepherd. One of my favourite moments this year was seeing the youngest section, the Tiddlers, really enjoying and learning our new song '*Running the Race*.' This allowed them to learn about the heroes of faith and some Makaton as well! They were practically shouting the words by the end of the two weeks! We also had a family game night during week 2, which saw all the sections and their families get together (with a leader) under the banner of

either a crisp or a sweet. It saw us taking part in loads of different activities as a team, including a penalty shootout, potato and spoon race, and the lemonade challenge. Overall, it was a great two weeks full of songs, crafts and learning about Jesus."

Nicole recalls, "I was a Shark section leader (3rd Year+), and a Starfish leader (our Parents / Carers and Tots' section). It was such a delight to be able to attend the Starfish sections and see all the tiny tots and their parents come along and have lots of fun with craft, parachute, nursery rhymes and (of course) their favourite juice and biscuits. Most of my time was spent with the oldest section. It has been such an encouragement to have seen familiar faces and new faces join us this year, even if it was a struggle for some to make it there for 11:15am! Through our sessions, although we had a lot of craic and banter, we spent time reflecting on Acts in the evening and hearing a food for thought in the afternoon – with a timely one focusing on the rise of AI. Over the two weeks, we had 58 teens come along. A highlight for our section was being able to give one of the teens a Bible – a great encouragement for us all, alongside some of our teens progressing into leadership roles."



Adam attended the diocesan Streetreach event from the 17th – 19th August. This year Streetreach partnered with St. Columba's, Derryvolgie. Adam really enjoyed Streetreach and he offers us the following summary of his time in Derryvolgie. "On Monday, we started



our day by studying Luke 15 - the Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. We then went to do outreach, putting up flyers showcasing the local church and the family fun day, while also litter-picking to clean the streets. On Tuesday, we continued our study of Luke 15 by focusing on the first half of the Parable of the Lost Son. We then went and cleaned the garden of an elderly woman who could no longer maintain it. We also cleaned a car park, alleyways, and the local primary school. On Wednesday, we finished our study of Luke 15 and prepared for the family fun day - where we ran out of burgers and hot dogs by the end!"

Crèche & Club J

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

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



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

Club J returns on Sunday 13th September, with a full schedule ahead. Huge thanks to our amazing leaders for all their preparation.

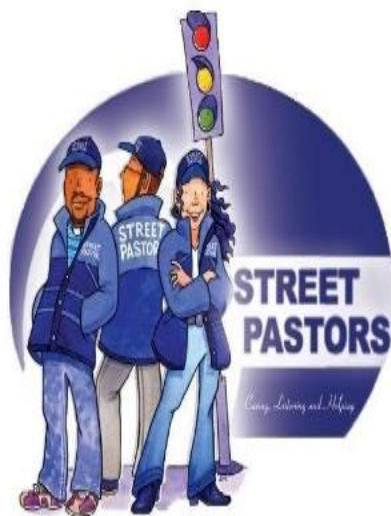
Know a child who'd love to join? Bring them along, they'll be warmly welcomed! Sign up via the link on the Parish Facebook page.

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 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 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.

Street Pastors



It's that time again when I seek to fill you in on the work of Street Pastors.

When we are out on patrol, we often get asked questions. We try to prepare for these in our training and we seek to be as prepared as we possibly can. In general terms, as we endeavour to answer the questions that we are asked, we will also remind the person we are speaking to that they are known and loved by God. It is important that we show genuine care and we model Christian love in all that we do. We need to be open and honest, and sometimes that means that we need to answer certain questions by saying that we don't have the answer.

In September we will start a new round of training. This is not only for the new recruits to Street Pastors but also for all who have been involved for some time. Just as we go to Church on Sunday to refresh our own Christian lives, so Street Pastors go to training to refresh and equip themselves for the things that they meet and get asked on the street.

I have included, on the next page, our timetable for training for the oncoming year - or in essence the next ten months. You will notice that most of the sessions are no more than three hours and we do include tea and coffee (and the odd cream bun). In this area it costs the participants nothing. Street Pastors is funded by its supporting churches and the local Council (through the PCSP). Out of that funding we pay a licence fee to the Ascension Trust, we supply uniforms to our volunteers, and cover any expenses involved in training.

We deeply appreciate the support of our volunteers and how generous they are with their time. How valuable is that? How valuable is that in comparison for the Saviour who died most horrifically on the cross for you?

I ask two questions of you:

1. What do you do, personally, in response to the sacrifice of Christ?
2. How much time can you spare to help and assist others, reminding them that they are precious to God?

I kindly ask that you consider Street Pastors. Speak to me about it. I get a buzz, even on a quiet night, by being in fellowship with other likeminded Christians who want to share their faith on the streets with all of those we meet.

God bless you all and thank you for your continued support.

Bob

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

STREET PASTOR TRAINING

2026/2027



ANTRIM & NEWTOWNABBEY STREET PASTORS

Training Schedule



PRACTICAL TRAINING

Equipping you to make a difference



COMPASSION IN ACTION

Caring for people where they are



STRONGER TOGETHER

Growing as a team and community



FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY

Sharing hope, showing the love of Jesus

Date	Module	Time	Location
Saturday 12 th Sept	Communication	9:30am-12:30pm	Carnmoney Presbyterian
Saturday 10 th Oct	Roles and Responsibilities	9:30am-4pm Lunch Provided	Antrim Baptist
Saturday 24 th Oct	First Aid	9:30am-12:30pm	Mossley Church of the Holy Spirit
Saturday 14 th Nov	Good News	9:30am-12:30pm	New Mossley Presbyterian
Saturday 5 th Dec	Mental Health	9:30am-12:30pm	Whitehouse Presbyterian
Saturday 16 th Jan	Knowing Your Community	9:30am-12:30pm	Carnmoney Presbyterian
Saturday 20 th Feb	Suicide First Aid	9:30am-12:30pm	Antrim Baptist
Saturday 13 th Mar	Youth Culture	9:30am-12:30pm	Mossley Church of the Holy Spirit
Saturday 24 th April	Role of Police	9:30am-12:30pm	Muckamore Presbyterian
Saturday 15 th May	Prayer	9:30am-12:30pm	Glengormley Methodist
Saturday 5 th June	Drugs and Alcohol	9:30am-12:30pm	Whitehouse Presbyterian

Please contact **Lauren** at newtownabbey@streetpastors.org.uk for more information or to confirm attendance and inform us of any dietary requirements. Thanks!

Mossley Mission Group

The theme of this update is thanksgiving. First of all, we would like to thank God for all He has done to expand His Kingdom. During the last few months, we have learnt more about the work of Tansen Hospital and SAMS Ireland - who we continue to support in mission partnerships. Thank you for your generosity and your ongoing prayers.

SAMS Ireland

We give thanks to God for the great training sessions for church leaders, serving across the Chaco. To appreciate the distances involved, the Gran Chaco is a vast region, roughly the size of France. This particular training session (pictured right) took place in July. Pray for Wichí church leaders - that they would be nourished by God's Word, strengthened in their faith and encouraged as they serve their churches and communities across the Chaco.



We are also thankful for all the lay people who are being trained. The photograph (pictured left) was also taken in July, during winter in the Southern Hemisphere. Pray for the many lay people who Rev. Marcos resources and equips for ministry, that they would grow in their knowledge of God's Word and be strengthened to serve Christ faithfully within their local churches. Travel between these scattered communities can involve long journeys over difficult roads, making opportunities to gather for teaching and fellowship especially valuable. Through this ministry, Marcos is helping local leaders grow in their understanding of Scripture and become better equipped to teach and encourage others.

Please pray that what is learned during these times together would take root and bear fruit as leaders serve within their own communities.

"Faithful God, Your mission is at work in the world and Your Word gives life to Your people. Strengthen Rev Marcos as he serves Your Church across the Chaco. Give him wisdom to teach Your Word faithfully, humility to listen well, and endurance for the long journeys and demands of ministry. As he equips pastors and lay leaders, deepen their knowledge of Christ and shape their lives by Your Word. By Your Spirit, build up local churches to bear faithful witness to Jesus in word and action within their communities. In His name. Amen."

Tansen Hospital

During the last year, Tansen Hospital has highlighted a number of points for us to remember and give thanks for.

- The CT scan service which began last October was a big answer to prayer.
- They have also been able to develop their cardiology services with the return of a cardiologist.
- The government in Nepal decided in June that only government hospitals would run the health insurance scheme. Many patients chose to return to Tansen and the hospital was suddenly very busy again. This resulted in a small surplus at end of financial year (mid-July).
- Please continue to give thanks for Dr Rachel's faithfulness. She has worked at Tansen since 1994 - first as a GP and then serving as Hospital Director since 2004. Dr Rachel has led the expansion of many services. She received her OBE this summer and we do indeed congratulate her on this recognition of her faithful service for God.
- Dr Rachel is retiring at the end of the year and we wish her well for the future. She will be replaced by Dr Joe LeMaster (USA) who worked in Okhaldunga hospital. Dr Le Master has a wide and varied experience of Nepal and he will join Tansen in October, ensuring that a smooth transition period can take place.



Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that a Country Gospel Concert will be held on Friday 18th September in the Parish Centre. Further details are contained in the poster on page five of this magazine.



We are also looking forward to another Table Quiz on Friday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please do put this date in your diary. We had a brilliant time at our last quiz and we really look forward to another enjoyable evening. Rumour has it that the Rector has already started working on the questions!

As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support. It really is a blessing for us to continue to partner with Tansen Hospital and SAMS Ireland.

Challenge Time



READ
John 15:1-17

THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

— — — — —
John 15:1

What does Jesus
ask us to do?

"Go and bear

— — — — —"
John 15:16

How many
times does Jesus
use the word
FRUIT?

What does
Jesus command?

To — — — — —
one another.
John 15:12,17

How many
times does Jesus
command us
to **LOVE**
one another?

What happens
to the branches
that do not remain
in the vine?
Thrown into the

— — — — —
and

— — — — —
John 15:6

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