

St Colman's Parish Church, Larne Road Carrickfergus



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DETAILS OF SERVICES

9.00am each Sunday Holy Communion - traditional language

10.30am each Wednesday Holy Communion - traditional language

Sunday Services at 10.15am

Sunday 28 May	Service of the word with Children's Church
Sunday 4 Jun	Holy Communion with Children's Church
Sunday 11 Jun	Morning Prayer with Children's Church
Sunday 18 Jun	All -age service – Children's day
Sunday 25 Jun	Service of the word
Sunday 2 Jul	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 Jul	Morning Prayer
Sunday 16 Jul	Service of the word
Sunday 23 Jul	Service of the word
Sunday 30 Jul	Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 Aug	Holy Communion
Sunday 13 Aug	Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 Aug	Service of the word
Sunday 27 Aug	Service of the word
Sunday 3 Sep	Holy Communion

Evening Services 7.00pm

Sunday 11 June	Contemporary service
Sunday 10 Sep	Contemporary service

RECTOR'S LETTER

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May 2006

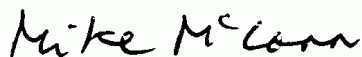
Dear Parishioner,

As summer approaches many people are looking forward to a break away from the normal routine. Kids are looking forward to time off school, exam candidates to exams being finished and mums to not having to get the kids out each morning. The streets and parks will see children enjoying the freedom of summer. This year, as you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we are planning an exciting Summer Holiday Bible Club for the children of the area to enjoy. For some a long planned holiday awaits.

Summer is an opportunity for renewal and re-energising. It can be a time for spiritual renewal if we take the slowing of the pace of life as a chance to think a little more deeply about our lives. If you are on holiday somewhere different make sure you worship with the local Christians even if the language is unknown. Just the identifying with your brothers and sisters in Christ has its own power. And there are many English speaking church services available both in main cities year round but also on campsites in the summer. The best website for information is www.ics-uk.org/churches/

When the early Christians were dispersed through persecution they found that God was already there ahead of them wherever they went. That is true geographically and in our life's journey. Jesus promised to those who trust themselves to him that he would be with them always. May we find him with us this summer in all that we are doing.

God bless,



Mike McCann

EASTER VESTRY

The Easter Vestry meeting took place this year on Wednesday 26 April at 8.00pm. The annual accounts were presented and adopted. Copies of the accounts are available in church. The following were appointed or elected at that meeting. .

Rector's churchwarden
People's churchwarden
Rector's glebewarden
People's glebewarden

Brian Sheilds
Isabell Stewart
Harold Love
Victor Latimer

Select Vestry

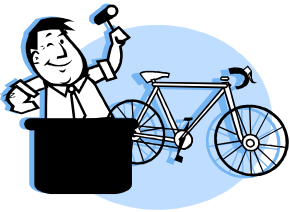
Audrey Alexander, Heather Burgess, Angela Cole,
Anthea Crouch, Alan Hibbert, Alison Inch, Thomas Magill,
Ailsa McVicker, George Moore, Anne Sheilds, Heather Stewart,
Chris Sturgess

Honorary Secretary
Gift Aid secretary
FWO recorder
Honorary Auditors

Anthea Crouch
Chris Sturgess
Fred Cole
Joy Warnock, Ronnie Cromie

SUMMER FETE AND AUCTION

It was decided to hold the Fete and Auction separately this year. The Fete will take place on Friday 9th June at 6.30pm. A bigger and better Fete is planned for this year with some new stalls plus all the old favourites. We are presently looking for your contributions of toys, bottles, small gifts etc. which can be placed in the box at the back of church.



The Auction will be held on Friday 8th September before the organisations restart and it is planned to run the auction in connection with a Barbecue and car boot sale. The hall be in use for the Holiday Bible Club until August 24th so hold onto your items for the auction until then and have a good end of summer clearout before the new school year begins and the autumn begin. More details of the auction will follow nearer the time.

VISIT TO ROMANIA

Two church members Ashleigh Stewart and Gina Hibbert will be part of a Crusoe team to Romania where they will be working with local Christians in various ways including running Holiday bible clubs for local children. Crusoe is an initiative of Crusaders, a Christian Youth organisation. Crusoe trips give young people the opportunity to serve overseas, to gain a perspective of the world church and to develop their leadership gifts. We wish them every blessing in this venture.

LEPROSY MISSION

Continuing our new policy of charitable giving by the parish, we collected ££116.67 for the Leprosy Mission. Thanks to those who supported this.



PARISH RECORDS

Baptism

9 April 2006

Ellis David Branagh

23 April 2006

Rachel Margaret Shields

END OF YEAR SERVICE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY 18th JUNE AT 10.15am

We usually end the Sunday school year by having a special service including prize-giving for the Sunday School children followed by a picnic lunch together in the church hall, or outside if the weather is good. We encourage you to participate in this as it is a chance for the church family of all ages to be together. Everyone brings some food, roughly enough for their family, which is placed on a large buffet table before church and then after church we share together all that has been provided. Try to be with us if you can on this day.



SUMMER HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

For the first time this year we have organised a three day Summer Holiday Bible club. This will run from Tuesday 22 August until Thursday 24 August. The club will have three age groups, lower primary, upper primary and early secondary school age. Morning and Afternoon sessions will take place for all ages with an additional evening session for the older children. The club will finish with a parents and kids BBQ on the Thursday evening. The club will be run by a team of visiting leaders along with some of our own children's workers. The team are principally from Dunmurry and are from a variety of churches and they will be staying overnight at the hall during the club. We expect there to be 15-20 leaders so we can cope with plenty of children! So please encourage any children and young people you know to come and take part. This is the only such club in the Eden/Lower Downshire area so we hope it will be a great success. Please pray for God's blessing and protection upon this new venture.



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