

# **ST. COLMAN'S CHURCH - LARNE ROAD** **CARRICKFERGUS**

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## **APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER**

### **EASTER VESTRY**

The Easter Vestry meeting took place this year on Tuesday 1 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	Gary Baxter
People's churchwarden	Isabell Stewart
Rector's glebewarden	Harold Love
People's glebewarden	Colin McVicker
Other Select Vestry members	Brian Shields, Sandra Aeppli, Audrey Alexander, Angela Cole, Alan Hibbert, Gina Hibbert, Alison Inch, Thomas Magill, Ailsa McVicker, George Moore, Heather Stewart
Parochial Nominators	Joy Warnock, Alison Inch, Colin McVicker
Diocesan Synodsmen	Jim McStraw, Gina Hibbert, Isabell Stewart
Honorary Secretary	Angela Cole
Honorary Treasurer	Alan Hibbert
Gift Aid secretary	Chris Sturgess
FWO recorder	Fred Cole
Honorary Auditors	Joy Warnock, Ronnie Cromie

### **OUR BRAZILIAN FRIENDS**

Thanks to all who have supported our Brazilian visitors. Those hosted by St. Colman's have very much enjoyed their time with us and the whole team have enjoyed their time in Ireland. Some would like to stay! A number of special events will take place as they conclude their time in Ireland as follows:

- 1) On Sunday 11 May the team will be performing some dance and Drama in the Global Day of Prayer programme at Carrick Castle from 3 to 5pm. Please come along and support this as Christians from over 200 nations pray together on Pentecost Sunday.
- 2) From Thursday 15 May until Saturday 17 May the team will be engaging in Street Evangelism by performing Drama and Dance at various points around Carrick.
- 3) On the morning of Sunday 18 May the Brazilian team will be leading our morning service at 10.15am. So come prepared for something a bit different!
- 4) On the evening of Sunday 18 May at 7.30pm we are hosting a "graduation" service for the team as they come to the end of their time before they head off for two weeks of mission in Bolton and three weeks of mission in Portugal. This will be a joint event in our church hall where we will welcome folks from Gateway Church and Cregagh Community Church. We will have some food together, hear stories of their experiences among us, and enjoy some performance and music. It is going to be a great night so put it in you diary.

## **SERVICE OF DIVINE HEALING – THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY**

On the evening of Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May we are planning a service of divine healing in St. John's Church, Ballycarry. This will be under the auspices of Divine Healing Ministries (DHM) and the director of DHM, the Rev. Bro. David Jardine, has agreed to speak that evening. It is open to all who would like to receive prayer for healing, for strength and for encouragement. You may wish to come to receive prayer on behalf of someone else. For some time the Rector and Billy have felt that it would be good if a regular service of Divine Healing was available in the East Antrim area. Rev. Gabrielle Farquhar, one of our Presbyterian colleagues in Ballycarry, is also very supportive of such a service and feels St. John's would be an ideal location for it. There is a very special atmosphere in St. John's. It feels like a "thin place" where the spiritual and material worlds come very close. If it proves successful then we hope to make it a more regular event. So please support it and make it known to your friends.

## **PARISH FETE – FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

The date for the Annual fete has been set for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June beginning at 6.30pm. We will have the usual range of stalls along with a car boot sale this year. We will need donations from you of good items you no longer need. There will be a cake stall so put your baking skills to good use. We will also need people willing to man stalls on the evening. Angela Cole is co-ordinating the fete so contact her (028 28277551) for further info and offers of help.

## **KIDSZONE CELEBRATION AND PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Kidszone, the Sunday morning Children's work, will conclude for the summer on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June with a special service of celebration in church at 10.15am. The children will be taking part in much of the service as will the youth band and we always follow this with 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 KIDS CLUB – 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST**

The dates for the "Carrick Circus" kids club, which will take place in our hall, will run from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Our friends from Dunmurry will be returning to help us and we hope to partner again with Mt. St. Nicholas in providing hospitality for the team. Please encourage children you know to come. It was great fun last year and is eagerly anticipated by those who attended before. We hope to gather up many more kids for 3 fun-filled days. Your support for this is appreciated.

## **PARISH AUCTION – FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The parish Auction will take place this year on Friday 5 September with viewing from 6.30pm and the auction at 7.30pm. The hall will be available to store items from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August so if you are planning a clear out over the summer please hold onto items which might be good for the auction until then.

## **PARISH RECORDS**

### **Baptism**

17 February 2008  
23 March 2008  
23 March 2008

Madison Cara Olivia Wright  
Theo David Milligan  
Alyssa Emily Galbraith

## **FURTHER DIARY DATES**

The contemporary service in May will be replaced by the Brazilian students' Graduation on May 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a contemporary service on the second Sunday in June, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **EVENING PRAYER**

In the autumn we are considering having an occasional evening prayer, if there is sufficient interest. If that is something you might value then please indicate that to Mike or Billy.