

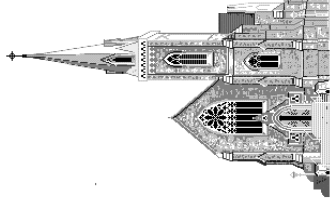
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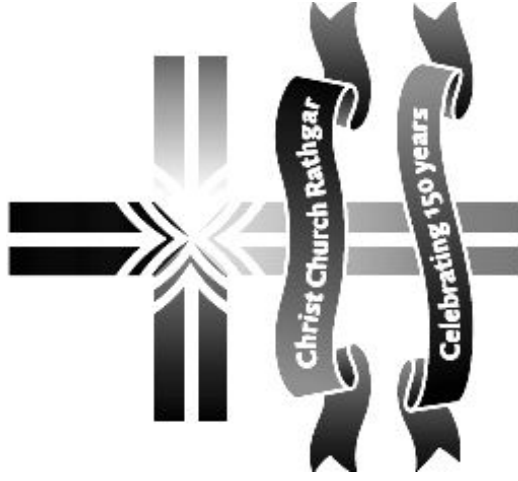
SUNDAY SERVICES

9:30AM SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
11:00AM MORNING WORSHIP



SUNDAY SERVICES

7 FEB	11:00am	Rev Prof L S Kirkpatrick	Concluding Service of the Sesquicentennial Year
14 FEB		Rev C M Hunter	
21 FEB		Rev C M Hunter	1 st in Lent
28 FEB		Rev C M Hunter	2 nd in Lent
7 MAR		Rev C M Hunter	3 rd in Lent



**A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED,
SUPPORTED, PRAYED FOR,
ALL THE EVENTS THROUGH
THE PAST YEAR OF
CELEBRATION**

NOTICE BOARD

CCR – AGM
Thursday
11 Feb 10
8:00pm
Orwell Hall

150th Anniversary Committee
Thursday 25th Feb 10
8:00pm Manse

LENTEN STUDY
St Patrick's Hall
Three Patrons
Wednesday
24th Feb / 3rd Mar
10th Mar

Church Executive
Tues 9 Feb 10
8:00pm Vestry

Kirk Session
Wednesday
3rd March

YOUTH AND FAMILY UPDATE

One month into the New Year and we already have 3 weekends of youth club under our belt and myself and the leaders have put together our plan for the next 17 or so weekends of Elevate and J-club. We had a great run of activities last term and there's a lot more to come over the next 5 months.

Fringe:

"Fringe is an initiative of Presbyterian Youth and Young Adult Workers in the Dublin area and its aim is to give an opportunity for young adults between the ages of 18-29 to meet together over dinner in a relaxed social atmosphere where everyone is free to discuss issues to do with their faith and Christianity"

On the 11th of December Fringe met at CCR for pizza and discussion with about 12 folks attending, the last meeting was in Lucan on the 15th of January with more pizza and discussion in the pub. The next Fringe is at 7.30pm on Friday the 19th of February at 5 Gardiner Row, Dublin 1, off Parnell Square.

Elevate: Saturday 7.15-9.15pm

1st - 6th years

We've been getting up to the usual football, Wii and circle games and also collectively came up with 'The 10 Commandments of Elevate' our list of expectations (or rules if you want to be blunter) to help us run Elevate more smoothly and get the guys to tidy-up after themselves so us poor down-trodden leaders don't have to do it all.

Last Saturday we had our messy games night including a ham sandwich making relay race where we had to make a sandwiches using only our mouths to pick up ingredients, it was suitably gross and I got mayonnaise in my hair. We also attempted to eat a banana whilst wearing a pair of tights on our heads, we are a very refined bunch at Elevate don't you know! This Saturday we will have 'The Big Fat Quiz of the Year' and a Valentines Day themed night next Saturday. Also, Marcus from the Salvation Army will be coming in to speak to us soon and hopefully we will be going to the homeless shelter in town some Sunday morning next month to help cook breakfast.

J-Club: Saturday 5.30-7pm

2nd - 6th class

J-club kicked off the New Year with the kids getting to know their leaders by trying to find out which fact belonged to which leader, so was it Craig or Harry who broke his nose running into a tree? Anna or Beth who has a cat named Onslow? Me or Tom who drank fermented horse's milk? Ask a J-clubber and see if they remember.

Last Saturday, just like the Elevate guys, we played some messy games like bobbing for apples then bobbing for jelly tots in a bowl of flour with messy results, we also got covered yoghurt and worked on our J-club rules, so all in all a productive night. This week we're having a Tournament night where we'll also learn about the talents God gives us and next Saturday we'll be learning what the bible teaches us about love and playing lots of games at our Valentines night.

DIY Music Club:

Music Club will be back in 2 weeks time, we are possibly moving to a Wednesday time slot, more information next week.

Rathmines Youth Project:

The Rathmines Youth Project is run by the Rathmines Pembroke Community Partnership which itself is part of the Local Development Social Inclusion Programme (LDSIP) which aims to counter disadvantage and to promote equality and social inclusion. CCR has decided to do our bit for the community by granting use of the Youth and Family are and Orwell hall on Tuesdays from 4.30-6.30pm for the project to run their own youth club catering for young people between 11 - 18 years from Rathmines, Harold's Cross and Ranelagh.

Any questions just get in touch;

Simon: youth@christchurchrathgar.org / 086 3389996

BIRTHS

DECEMBER - JANUARY

20 Dec 09 Hugo McVeigh
son of Sile Allen and Brendan McVeigh

17 Jan 10 Keira and Ben Ross
children of Steven and Carolyne Ross

31 Jan 10 Alastair Loughlin
son of Stephen and Neasa Loughlin

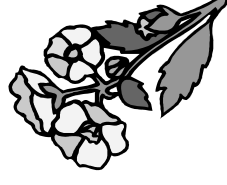
DEATHS JANUARY

2 January 2010 Derek Eaton

11 January 2010 William Love

We commend their families to God's care and comfort.

FLOWERS
FEBRUARY 2010



7 FEB - Flo Connolly

14 FEB - Flo Connolly

21 FEB - Doreen Conway

28 FEB - Pamela Cassidy

STEWARDS

Guido Kerens

Ann Kerens

Fred Yoakley

ELDERS ON DUTY

Flo Connolly

Robin Simmons

THE WORD

Diana Glass

CCR Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the congregation will take place on Thursday 11th February 2010 at 8:00pm in the Orwell Hall.

Andy Carroll

Many of you will remember Andy who served as our Youth Leader during the summer of 2005(?) when Karen was on Maternity leave. On Sunday 7th February 2010 Andy will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and inducted to the new ministry Donabate. The service will take place in Howth Presbyterian Church at 6:00pm. We wish him well in his new ministry and pray for God's guidance for him as he embarks on this challenging church plant.

LENTEN STUDY 2010

This year the Lenten Study Series will be held in

St Patrick's Hall - Church of the Three Patrons.

The theme this year will be:-

"GOD IN A TIME OF RECESSION"

Tuesday 23rd February – Gerry O Hanlon S.J.

"Compassion in a time of Recession

Tuesday 2nd March – Archdeacon Gordon Linney

Hope in a time of Recession

Tuesday 9th March - Rev. Ruth Patterson

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 5th March 2010 at 3:00pm

Zion Parish Church

All men and women are welcome

MINISTER'S DESK

Five years ago we asked the question 'What do we want to look like when we are 150?' Well, we are in our 151st year now and we have to ask 'How have we done?'

We now have truly excellent facilities in the Tennant Hall thanks to the hard work of Donald McNeill and the Property Committee. Now we need to pay for it! We have continued to develop the programme with Youth and Children and Simon is doing sterling work in this area.

Every member of the congregation has been invited to a social evening in the Manse and that was particularly enjoyable though we need to start again since there have been new members join us since.

The Junior Church is thriving though we still aren't enticing the teenagers into church.

The Committee structure of both the Kirk Session and Church Committee (Executive) have been reviewed and changed and it has now settled into a much better working plan though more work is needed in this area to involve more people in the activity of the congregation.

There is a stable and loyal group attending Bible Study.

Attendance at our Sunday services has picked up and now averages around 110 each Sunday and the coffee each Sunday encourages more conversation and dialogue. It is a good way to get to know new members.

This is only a brief outline of the major successes of the last five years. Much more has been accomplished quietly and subtly and we are hardly aware of it.

As we settle down to write the next 5 year plan (as now required by the General Assembly!) we need to build on what we have achieved and consider what our goals should be from here on.



IXΘΥΣ

TIME TO PRAY

Saint Anselm (c1033 – 1109)

Anselm, after many years of undisciplined living, entered the Abbey of Bec in Normandy. He is described as being 'one of the most enlightened thinkers of his time.' He became Abbot of Bec and eventually was made Archbishop of Canterbury by William II. Years of conflict followed between the King and the Pope with Anselm firmly on the side of Rome. His greatest writing is contained in "Cur Deus Homo" which means 'Why [did] God [become] man?' This treatise on 'Atonement' argued that the answer lay in God's justice and mercy. For all his academic excellence and deep theological thought his call to prayer is very straightforward.



A Call to Meditation

Come now, little man,
turn aside for a while from
your daily employment,
escape for a moment from
the tumult of your thoughts.
Put aside your weighty cares,
let your burdensome distractions wait,
free yourself awhile for God
and rest awhile in him.
Enter the inner chamber of your soul,
shut out everything except God
and that which can help you in seeking him,
and when you have shut the door, seek him.
Now, my whole heart, say to God,
'Lord, I seek your face,
Lord, it is your face I seek.'