

## Family worker update

On **Wednesday mornings**, our babies and toddlers and parents/carers meet in St Mary Magdalene church hall. From 10-11 am, we run the Baby Cafe where we have some time with our beautiful babies. We introduce them to a little gentle massage and sensory play. It is also a time for parents to share their parenting stories and encourage each other.

From 11.30-12.30 our toddlers and parents/carers meet to spend time playing together, learning songs and rhymes and having a healthy snack.

**Thursday mornings** from 10-12 our Women's Group meets. We cover a variety of topics including healthy eating, exercise, and mental wellbeing. Each year we follow an "eat well" programme and cook tasty meals together.

Please note we have changed our women's group to Thursday and our children's group to Wednesday. All these groups are open to anyone interested.

On the **first Thursday of the month**, a small group meet in **St Aidan's** to sing a few songs, and spend time praying for those we know within the community, who are unwell. We remember all countries suffering from tragedies. Afterwards some refreshments are enjoyed. We are always pleased to welcome anyone new to this group.

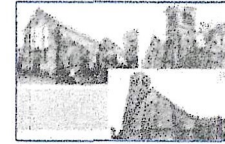
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Throughout the summer months, we have sadly lost some of our valued church members and other parishioners have experienced the grief of losing dearly loved family members. We extend our deepest sympathies to all who have been bereaved and the assurance of our thoughts and prayers. *Nunc Dimittis*

Name	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Church
Mr Eddie Hoy	14th Jun	21st Jun	St Aidan
Mr Billy Hill	15th Jun	21st Jun	St Aidan
Mrs Marie Robinson	26th Jul	3rd Aug	St Aidan
Miss Edna King	29th Jul	8th Aug	St Mary Magdalene
Mrs Sadie Davey	31st Jul	4th Aug	St Mary Magdalene
Mr Tom Jones	2nd Aug	8th Aug	St Mary Magdalene
Mrs Helen Oakley	24th Aug	30th Aug	St Aidan
Mr Hugh Rodgers	26th Aug	6th Sept	St Mary Magdalene

*We remind all families of the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving which will be held in St Mary Magdalene at 6.00 pm on Sunday 12th November.*

## Inner South Belfast Mission Area



St Aidan, St Mary Magdalene, St Simon with St Philip

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Welcome to the first Inner South Belfast Mission Area newsletter. What a mouthful! We'd love to get a simpler way of identifying this new initiative that combines the three parishes of St Aidan, St Mary Magdalene and St Simon with St Philip. Maybe you have an idea for a shorter name or a snazzy acronym? Is so, we'd love to hear it, so please get in touch with your ideas. There'll definitely be someone out there who can come up with something great!

The main purpose of the newsletter, which will be distributed at each monthly United Service, is to keep you informed of what's happening in the Mission Area—services, events, organisations etc. It will cover activities relevant to all the churches but also notices about what's happening in individual parishes.

This month, October, we celebrate a United Harvest Festival held in St Aidan's Church. The 'harvest' will be donated to the South Belfast Food Bank and we are grateful to all parishioners who have generously provided gifts of food and money towards this essential cause.

It is the intention that our Mission Area will form a link with a particular Missionary Society (yet to be decided) and therefore at future united services, we propose to take up a cash collection, which will provide financial aid and support to the chosen society. We will keep you informed when this is in place.

*God bless*

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## OCTOBER SERVICES



<b>1st October</b>	United – Holy Communion - Harvest—St Aidan 1130 am		
<b>Lead / Preach</b>	Rev Ross Mungavin/Ven Barry Forde		
<b>Reader/s</b>	Emma Mungavin		
<b>Prayers</b>	John Collins		
<b>Readings</b>	Psalm 69:1-12 John 2:12-22		
<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>St Simon 10.00</b>	<b>St Aidan 11.30</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene 11.30</b>
<b>Service</b>	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Morning Prayer
<b>Lead / Preach</b>	Rev Ross Mungavin	Rev Ross Mungavin	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Reader/s</b>	Billy Hughes	Dorothy Coates	Bill Jeffrey
<b>Prayers</b>	Karen Mills	Alan Serplus	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Readings</b>	Numbers 21:1-9 John 2:23-3:21	Numbers 21:1-9 John 2:23-3:21	Psalm 19 John 2:12-22
<b>15th October</b>	<b>St Simon 10.00</b>	<b>St Aidan 11.30</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene 11.30</b>
<b>Service</b>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
<b>Lead / Preach</b>	Ven Barry Forde	Ven Barry Forde	Rev Ross Mungavin
<b>Reader/s</b>	Karen Mills	Liz Adair	Kate Irving
<b>Prayers</b>	Billy Hughes	Ven Barry Forde	Rev Ross Mungavin
<b>Readings</b>	Hosea 2:16-23 John 3:22-36	Hosea 2:16-23 John 3:22-36	Numbers 21:1-9 John 2:23-3:21
<b>22nd October</b>	<b>St Simon 10.00</b>	<b>St Aidan 11.30</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene 11.30</b>
<b>Service</b>	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Morning Prayer
<b>Lead / Preach</b>	Rev Ross Mungavin	Rev Ross Mungavin	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Reader/s</b>	Billy Hughes	Robert Redpath	Libby Garstang
<b>Prayers</b>	Karen Mills	John Collins	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 2:13-19 John 4:1-15	Jeremiah 2:13-19 John 4:1-15	Hosea 2:16-23 John 3:22-36
<b>29th October</b>	<b>St Simon 10.00</b>	<b>St Aidan 11.30</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene 11.30</b>
<b>Service</b>	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Morning Prayer
<b>Lead / Preach</b>	Ven Barry Forde	Ven Barry Forde	Robin Moore
<b>Reader/s</b>	Karen Mills	Bobby Griffin	Jacqueline Stephenson
<b>Prayers</b>	Billy Hughes	Ven Barry Forde	Robin Moore
<b>Readings</b>	Joel 2:28-32 John 4:16-30	Joel 2:28-32 John 4:16-30	Jeremiah 2:13-19 John 4:1-15

### ‘PRAYER CENTRAL’

We're planning to launching a monthly gathering on the first Wednesday evening of each month. The Bible says that unless the Lord builds the house its workers labour in vain (Psalm 127:1) and so we want everything we do in our three churches to be supported by prayer. Prayer Central will be another monthly chance to get together as a mission area, to praise God for his work among us, to hear news of what we are doing and to pray for all our ministries. Our first Prayer Central gathering will be held in

**St Aidan's On Wednesday 4th October from 7.30-9.00 pm.**

*Please do your best to attend.*

**ST AIDAN'S CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
begins **22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023**  
and takes place during Church Service  
**11.30-12.30 approximately**



We look forward to seeing all our children back with us after the summer holidays. We also look forward to welcoming Ben, Alex and Tom Mungavin. Hopefully, we will also build on our contacts with children in Blythefield Primary School.

We would welcome any children, who belong to St Aidan's, or, who don't belong to another church in the area. If you know of any children, please tell them about us. Our programme includes bible stories, quizzes, games, art and "singing"

*We value your prayers and support.*  
*Barbara, Dorothy, Emma and Gladys.*



### SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

#### Remembrance Day

An Act of Remembrance will be included in *each of the three* churches during the morning services.

A Service of  
**Remembrance and Thanksgiving**  
will be held in  
**St Mary Magdalene at 6.00 pm**

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have lost loved ones in recent years. All are welcome and please do let others know, particularly if they have been bereaved.

**SUNDAY**  
**5th NOVEMBER**  
at 11.30 am

The next United  
Service will take  
place in  
St Mary Magdalene