

# What's On

WHAT?	DAY	TIME	WHERE
Mother's Union	3rd Thurs of month	3.00 pm	St Aidan's
Thursday Group	2nd Thurs of month	2.00 pm	St Aidan's
Baby Cafe	Wed morning	10.00-11.00	St Mary Magdalene
Toddlers	Wed morning	11.30-12.30	St Mary Magdalene



### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Carols by Candlelight  
St Simon's 6.00 pm

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December—Christmas Eve

Holy Communion with Lessons and Carols  
St Mary Magdalene 11.30 am

### 25<sup>th</sup> December—Christmas Day

Christmas Celebration Service  
St. Aidan's 10.00 am

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December—New Year's Eve

St. Simon's 10.00 am

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
Miss Julie Ann Gowdy	28th Apr	4th May	St Mary Magdalene
Mrs Margaret Curran	7th Oct	18th Oct	St Simon
Mrs Donna Mawhinney	15th Oct	23rd Oct	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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*Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon yourself and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*  
Matthew 11:28-29.

This is a verse which has been very much at the front of my mind in recent weeks. The more people I speak to, the more I'm convinced that what Jesus offers here is what we all need. Our culture is obsessed with going faster, being more connected and getting more done. Lots of people are in pain or are more isolated than ever. Many in our parishes are grieving. Jesus' words here are what they need. They're what we need. Who could you invite to come to Jesus to find rest? Perhaps you need it yourself?

In this month's Newsheet you can read about some of the things which are happening in the life of our churches. I do hope you'll commit them to your diaries, and also remember them in your prayers.

*God Bless  
Ross*

**November 2023**



## NOVEMBER SERVICES



<b>5th November</b>	United – Bible Sunday—St Mary Magdalene 11.30 am		
<b>Lead / Preach</b>	Rev Ross Mungavin/Ven Barry Forde		
<b>Reader/s</b>	Kate Irving		
<b>Prayers</b>	Ven Barry Forde		
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 55:1-11 John 4:31-54		
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday</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	Rev Ross Mungavin
<b>Reader/s</b>	Billy Hughes	Bobby Griffin	Jane Stewart
<b>Prayers</b>	Karen Mills	John Collins	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Readings</b>	Psalms 80:3-11 John 15:5-13	Psalms 80:3-11 John 15:5-13	Psalms 80:3-11 John 15:5-13
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Nov</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>	Rev Ross Mungavin	Rev Ross Mungavin	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Reader/s</b>	Karen Mills	Margaret Close	Peter Ainley
<b>Prayers</b>	Billy Hughes	Alan Serplus	Rev Ross Mungavin
<b>Readings</b>	Daniel 7:9-14 John 5:1-30	Daniel 7:9-14 John 5:1-30	John 5: 1-18 Micah 6: 1-8
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Nov</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	John Collins	Eddie Gill
<b>Prayers</b>	Karen Mills	Rev Ross Mungavin	Ven Barry Forde
<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 53:1-12 John 5:31-47	Isaiah 53:1-12 John 5:31-57	Daniel 7:9-14 John 5: 19-30

**SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER at 11.30 am**

The next United Service will take place in

**St Simon's**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NOVEMBER 2023



It's good to be started. We have been looking at Healing The Paralysed Man and The Centurion's Servant. We have a good number this year so it might be possible to put on a small production at Christmas. Alison our Church Family Worker is joining our team and we look forward to her ideas.

As usual we ask for your prayers for teachers and children.

*Barbara Emma, Alison, Gladys and Dorothy.*

### Prayer Central



We had our very first Prayer Central on the 4th October - each church was represented and we prayed for one another, our churches, our mission partners and for the lost.

Our plan is to meet on the first Wednesday of each month, meaning the next Prayer Central is at 7:30pm on 1st November in St. Simon's.

We'll have prayers written that you can read out, or you can pray into yourself and join in the 'Amen's', or you can pray out loud. We want everyone to feel able to come and join in!

*Please do your best to attend.*



The St Aidan's Mothers' Union branch meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3.00 pm in the church.

*Barbara Bowden*

### SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER Bereavement Service

Lots of people in our churches and parishes are grieving. On **Sunday 12th November at 6.00pm in St Mary Magdalene** we'll have a quiet, reflective service to remember those we have lost and to find hope in the midst of grief.

*Doesn't Harvest seem a long time ago? Alison has received this 'Thank you' from South Belfast Foodbank, for the food and monetary donations made at our Harvest Thanksgiving. Well done everyone!*

A Big **THANK YOU**

St Aidan's, St Simon's, St Mary Magdalene Churches  
for supporting South Belfast foodbank with your Harvest collection.  
Your donations make a BIG difference to local people in crisis.  
You collected 118.3kg. This will provide 282 meals.

South Belfast foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.  
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