

**Services:**

March 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd David Godfrey
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd David Godfrey
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd Jim Carson
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Revd Jim Carson
Palm Sunday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Revd Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie
Maundy Thursday	8.00 pm	Holy Communion	Revd Lorraine Kennedy Ritchie
Good Friday	8.00 pm	Reflection	Marianne Knoetze
Easter Sunday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Early morning worship	Marianne Knoetze
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	Marianne Knoetze

**Elders on Duty:** Doreen Steenson & Guido Kerens

**Stewards:** Robin Fraser & George Stuart

**Flower Rota:** March 6th Jenny Moffett; March 13th Ruth Ward; March 20th Frances Martin; March 27th Carol Esmonde.

By the time you read this Bulletin the **Kirk Session** will have met on 17th and 27th February. The Interim Moderator will inform the congregation of current progress at worship on 28th February. Please continue your prayers that the Holy Spirit may guide the Session as it deals with the applications for the post of Minister of our congregation.

**We greatly regret** to announce the deaths on February 7th of Diana Glass and February 9th of Revd Terence McCaughey. The congregation mourns the passing of these valuable companions on our journey of faith, and we are much the poorer for their loss. Diana was a kindly, patient and hardworking member of the congregation who gladly undertook a large number of essential jobs behind the scenes without any self-promotion. She was a faithful member of our choir and an especially attentive friend of Lilian McCullough during her last illness. Terence McCaughey was a radical Presbyterian Minister and academic who was qualified in English, Celtic Studies and Theology, and a greatly loved teacher of the latter two in TCD, where he was also Presbyterian Chaplain for a time. He was also Presbyterian Chaplain to Mountjoy Prison. He was a prominent member and president of the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement. Those who heard him preach will recall with pleasure his perceptive and moving treatment of the Bible as theological literature and his call for a deeper commitment to discipleship.

**We pray also** for all those of the congregation who are suffering, and especially from illness of body or of mind, or who have recently been bereaved, that they may be comforted and be always conscious of the presence of God's healing power working in their lives, and we think especially of Jack Henderson, David Glass, and the McCaughey family, and the friends of Diana and Terence. We pray for strength and encouragement for those who love and support or minister to them.

**We thank God** for the birth of twins, Alice and Emmanuel, to Douglas Carson and Rosaleen Crushell. We pray that the twins may have long and fruitful lives and be a joy to their loving families.

**We thank God also** for the return of Simon O'Moore Donohoe after his illness and are delighted to welcome him back among us and to wish him success as he phases in his return to work with us and in his teacher training course.

**Thanks** to those who serve the congregation each Sunday as **stewards**, providing worshippers with a welcome at the door, and collecting the offering. Please get in touch with Ann Simmons if you would like to join them in helping out with this necessary task, either for a month or as a short term replacement. Help will be greatly appreciated.

**Bible Study:** The Explorers, the Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group, continues its study of the Acts of the Apostles at the Community Room of the Mount Tabor Community Centre from 7.30 to 9.00 pm., on **Monday 21st March** when Revd Dr Kieran J. O'Mahony will explore the characteristics of the Preaching in The Acts.

**Ecumenical Lenten Meditation:** The programme of silent meditation during Lent continues until 23rd March, Monday to Friday from 7.45 to 8.30 am at the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar Road.

**World Day of Prayer:** This worldwide, ecumenical, lay-led service will be revived in our area on **Friday 4th March** at 5 pm, also in the hospitable Church of the Three Patrons. This year's service on the theme "Receive Children - Receive Me!" has been prepared by the churches of Cuba. The involvement of older primary school students will be encouraged. Some of you may find it difficult to fit in such a service on Friday, but please do try to support this important service.

**Enid Mayrs**, CCR's archivist, hopes that those of you with long memories will look at the pictures of a CCR choir outing, which were taken in the early 1960s by the late Fred Carroll, and let her know if you can identify the people in the photos. The pictures are in a folder on the notice board in the back porch.

**The Church Committee** will meet again on **March 8th**. Its last meeting, on 9th February, approved the draft congregational accounts to be presented at the AGM, and passed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for his very hard work.

The **Annual General Meeting** took place on Monday 22nd February, attended by 25 members of the congregation. The Moderator explained the procedure for electing the new Minister. A moment of silence was observed for those we had lost during the year. The Clerk in his report paid tribute to Lorraine for all her hard work for us during the vacancy. The Moderator thanked the group that went to Belfast to the meeting which resulted in our being granted Leave to Call. Randal Gray presented the Financial Accounts for the year 2015. Reports from the following groups were presented: Youth, Junior Church, Church Committee, Catering, Mums & Toddlers, Scouts, Property Committee and Halls Lettings. Many thanks were expressed to all involved. Lively discussion was followed by tea.