

## CALENDAR OF SERVICES etc.

<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
	<b>SAS SUNDAY</b>	Parent, Adult, Child	<i>Tea and coffee to follow</i>
<b>November 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
	<b>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b>		
<b>November 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
<b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>
	11.00 am	Morning Worship	<b>Revd Purvis Campbell</b>

**Introduction to the Enneagram - 10.30 - 11.30 Wednesdays - Committee Room****Wed 1st - Type 2 - The Need to be Needed****Wed 8th - Type 3 - The Need to be Successful****Wed 15th - Type 4 - The Need to be Special**

An Enneagram is a figure of 9 sides used to represent types of personality in a system of ancient origin. The system may help to understand others and ourselves, and to gain insight and self-control. The types will be discussed with Biblical examples, and contemplative prayer will follow.

**Elders on Duty** Ann & Robin Simmons **Stewards** Ruth Ward & Sile McVeigh

<b>Flowers</b>	5th November	<b>Margaret Leeson</b>	19th November	<b>Wilma Ormiston</b>
	12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Ruth Ward</b>	26th November	<b>Kate Warnock</b>

**The Kirk Session** will meet on **Wednesday 8th November** in the Fletcher Room at 8.00 pm.**The Church Committee** will meet on **Tuesday 14th November** in the Fletcher Room at 8.00 pm.**The Renaissance Committee** will meet on **Thurs 2nd November** in the Fletcher Room at 8.00 pm.

**Special Visiting Event:** On Wednesday 22nd November from 7.30 to 9.00 pm the **Dublin Gospel Choir** will give a concert at CCR on behalf of The Friends of St.Luke's Hospital. Tickets @ €20 from tel. 01 4065314 or email: info@friendsofstlukes.ie. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.

**Hallowe'en : A time** which marks the coming of winter with pre-Christian symbolism and spooky overtones, but also for Christians **a time of remembrance** for those who have gone before us in the faith, a great cloud of witnesses, for whose example we give thanks; how widely spread through time and across space are the faithful of every nation and culture whose lives proclaim the gospel of God's sacrificial love and will that all people should have more abundant life! At this time we renew our commitment to advance this message in the world, and we recognize that what we do to support a vital church by maintaining worthy buildings and nurturing an exemplary and loving fellowship among us is aimed primarily at supporting our inherited duty to witness to Christ in our broken world.

**We give thanks** for those whom we ourselves have known and loved, who passed on this commitment to us. We pray for forgiveness for falling short of their dedicated example. We think of those no longer able to be with us regularly, in homes or cared for at home, and for the bereaved. We especially pray for those who are ill at present, particularly for Jean, Audrey, and Elaine, and for those undergoing medical tests and fearful of the future, that they may feel the comforting presence of the Almighty. **We pray** for those who nurture others, and pass the love of God on to their children and to those they care for. We thank God for the process of Reformation in Christian witness begun 500 years ago. We pray for the churches of our country and abroad, blessing in particular those churches which nourished our overseas members whose presence among us is so enriching. We especially remember the needs of the residents of the Gujarat hostels which we support. We also bring to mind today those with Connemara connections and pray that they may be comforted after the shocking desecration of Errislannan church, and be enabled with the help of their neighbours to resume their witness shortly.

**We give thanks** to those who contributed to last month's examples of witness, the Harvest Festival and the large Communion service at which we welcomed 16 young adult communicants. The party afterwards was tremendous too! Thanks to the young people themselves, and to those who encouraged them to this stage and who instructed them, especially to Simon. We hope to see much more of them in the future. Thanks also to those who contributed to the Retiring Collection which raised over €400 for Feed the Minds. Lastly, thanks to those who organized the refreshments and to Jill McQuillan and those who arranged and disarranged the lovely Harvest decorations.

**Renaissance Project:** After a quiet time during the vacancy the Renaissance Project has sprung to life again. As Purvis explained in last week's sermons the ever-changing world demands constant adaptation to changes in the secular world and its requirements and in worship preferences and practice. The aim is to create a space where people feel valued. The Committee will work towards consensus and will keep the congregation informed about topics of discussion and decisions agreed.

**Explorers:** The Bible study group will meet **twice** in November to replace time lost to Storm Ophelia. 20th The Wedding Feast at Cana, 27th The Samaritan Woman.-7.30 Mnt Tabor Centre, Sandymount.

#### **Committee Meeting 10th October - A very brief account.**

Problems of storage in the Lecture Room were discussed (and have been dealt with). Current repairs to the rear roof of the church have been completed. Further inspection of roof and steeple is planned. Reports on church lighting and heating will soon be ready for consideration. The continuing cost of propping up the unstable wall of the property to the rear of the Tennant Hall requires steps to end the current situation. **Robin Fraser** will kindly lead the Grounds Maintenance Team. **Louise Potts** will be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for a trial period. A bicycle stand will be installed. Convenors are still needed for the Household and the Fellowship and Fundraising sub-Committees. Name labels should be worn by those attending after-church refreshments.

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**Bulletin Editor's Details**-Email address: [bulletineditor@christchurchrathgar.org](mailto:bulletineditor@christchurchrathgar.org) Suggestions for those needing our prayers especially welcome. Robin Simmons's phone number will be found in the Phonebook. **NB** Copy deadline for December Bulletin-Thurs 23 November, to appear on 26th November.

**ONLINE BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT CHRIST CHURCH RATHGAR October 2017**

The Explorers (Sandymount Inter-Church Scripture Reading Group) 2017-2018

The Gospel according to John: eight evening gatherings

We will be meeting again this year in the Community Room of the MountTabor Care Centre. We meet from 7.30 - 9.00 pm, beginning and ending promptly.

All evenings will be led by Rev. Dr Kieran O'Mahony, OSA, Biblical Studies Coordinator, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Dublin

Monday, 20th November 2017	The wedding feast at Cana (John 2)
Monday, 27 November 2017	The Samaritan woman (John 4)
Monday, 11 December 2017	The sequence of feasts (John 5-10)
Monday, 15 January 2018	The man born blind (John 9)
Monday, 19 February 2018	The washing of the feet (John 13)
Monday, 19 March 2018	Jesus' death (John 18-19)
Monday, 16 April 2018	Jesus' resurrection (John 20)

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All are welcome to any or all evenings of this series. Please bring a Bible with you.