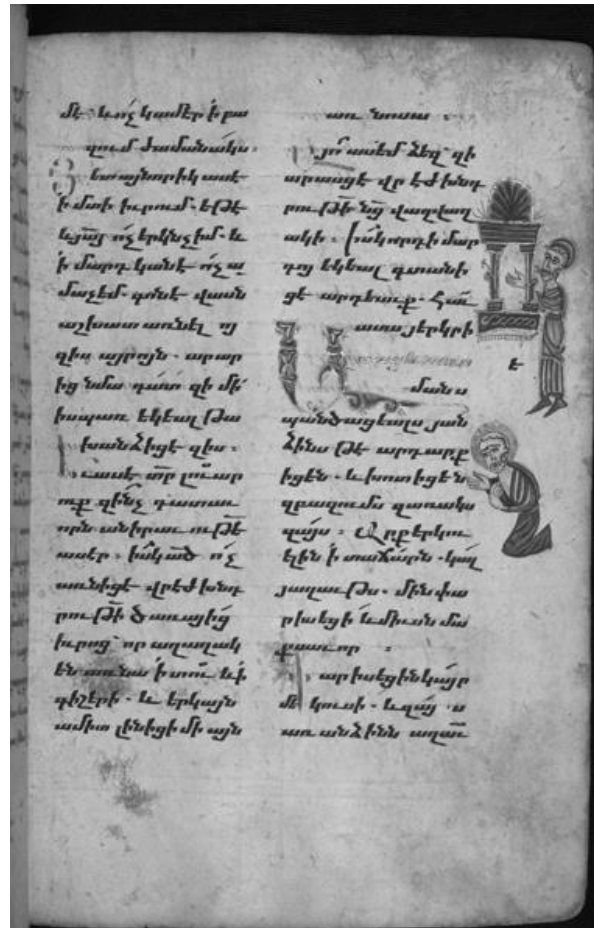


SAINT JOHN'S MALONE



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Fifth Sunday before Advent. Bible Sunday

Welcome to Saint John's especially all who are visiting today.

An audio *loop system* is in operation for those with hearing aids. The order of service is available to download from the website and the 10.30am is livestreamed on St John's Malone YouTube channel. Those baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and are communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive Holy Communion, according to conscience.

Today: Sunday 26th October 2025

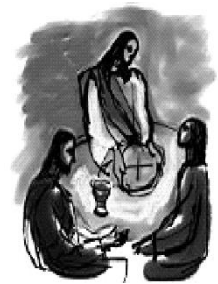
9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said*

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist Coffee/tea follows this service

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

The Eucharist ~See service booklet for 10:30am if available or below for page references in the BCP 2004

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Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Help us to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 45:22–25

22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.'
²⁴Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. ²⁵In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading Romans 15:1-6

1 We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ²Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. ³For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.'
⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading *Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke chapter seventeen beginning at verse eleven. **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ***

Luke 4:16-24

16 When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the

place where it was written: ¹⁸‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.’ ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph's son?’ ²³He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ ²⁴And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Services this week

Wednesday 29th October 7.30pm Zoom Compline See eNewsletter for access code and link

Thursday 30th October Ss Simon & Jude 10.30am with prayer for those in need will take place in the Side Chapel. The prayer list is in the Side Chapel.

A cup of tea/coffee is now available after this service.

Next Sunday: All Saints' Sunday | 02.11.25

9.00 a.m. Eucharist in the Side Chapel *said*

10.30 a.m. Sunday First with talk by Linda Abwa from CMSI

Coffee / Tea follows this service and all are welcome

St. JOHN'S AUTUMN STUDY GROUP 2025

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- 11th November - The Alexandrian Crisis: the debate that makes the Nicene Creed necessary
- 18th November - The Council of Nicaea: how and why the Council formulated the Creed
- 25th November - After the Council: why the debate continued
- 2nd December - Why the Nicene Creed matters

To register please email - briandcrowe@aol.com



Prayer Diary: Week beginning 26/10/2025

Porvoo Communion Churches:

Church of England: Diocese of Carlisle, vacancy – bishop of Carlisle, Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh (acting bishop)

Church of Norway: Diocese of Stavanger, Bishop Anne Lise Ådnøy

Notices: | Sign up for the regular email Update – do sign up for this to keep up to date with the parish programme events and link to the parish magazine.

Churchyard Tidy-up Many thanks to all who helped out at the tidy-up last Friday.

Contactless Payments The Select Vestry has made a contactless payment devices available in the parish and may be used for any donations you'd like to make at social time after the service in the hall or in the vestibule.

Giving and Stewardship in St Johns' much of our income received is through the Free Will Offering Scheme using either envelopes or increasingly, by Standing Order. Standing order forms are available by asking the Churchwardens or contacting the Office or secstjohns@btconnect.com. Alternatively if you wish to make a donation then the account details for St John's are also available from the Wardens. Your donations help us maintain our buildings and support ministry and outreach here in St John's and more widely.

Organising your wedding in St John's

Weddings are special occasions in the life of any family and of the Church. We'd be delighted to talk to anyone contemplating their wedding in St John's. When considering getting married please check possible dates with the Rector before confirming any other arrangements. It is expected that couples will make a regular commitment to the life of the Church in preparation for marriage.

Hospital Visiting

The Rector would appreciate knowing if parishioners are going into or are in hospital or discharged and is pleased to offer pastoral support.

Safeguarding

The Rector, select vestry and parish leaders are committed to uphold the good practice to the parish's ministry with children, young people and vulnerable adults. Should you have any concern or suspicion regarding child welfare in the parish please contact a member of the **Parish panel**. Rev Canon Stephen Fielding 9066 6644 | Mrs Patricia Armstrong 07854005699
| Dr Anthony Stevens 07710647080



Donations to the Foodbank can either be placed directly into the basket at Tesco Newtownbreda or donate directly to the Foodbank. Or ***please place items in the baskets in the entrance vestibule/porch.***

Open for donations every Wednesday 1-3pm and every Thursday 10am-12pm.

Our warehouse is Unit 4, 23 Sunwich Street, Belfast, BT6 8HR

Any questions regarding donating please call us on 07743332489 or email us on info@southbelfast.foodbank.org.uk

Notices cont'd

The 'Give your parish a Leg Up' campaign for new chairs has come to an end. Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously. Almost £6000 has been raised and we have exceeded our target. More new chairs for the halls will be available soon.



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