The Text This Week study group continues to meet in the church to discuss the upcoming Sunday’s Bible readings in an informal and relaxed setting over a cup of coffee. The fortnightly sessions, which begin with an opening prayer, the reading of the Epistle and/or The Gospel for the following Sunday (Holy Communion) and informal discussion, conclude with a short version of Evening Prayer. These sessions are not meant to be taxing, or in any way academic, but designed to get us thinking about what the Bible is saying to us in St Ann’s and St Stephen’s Churches. Please note the following dates if interested: October 16, 30; November 13, 27th and December 11th. We aim to be finished each evening by 9.00 pm.

Former organist

Bridget Helen Hamilton visited St Ann’s during the summer. She is the great, great, granddaughter of Henry Gladney Gick, a former organist in St Ann’s. Fred Deane showed her his name on the list of organists. She lives in Newcastle Upon Tyne. The first Church of Ireland hymnbook was compiled by the Rev Hercules Dickinson and published in 1856. He was first a curate and then vicar of St Ann’s from 1851-1902. The book had 180 hymns. We think Bridget’s ancestor must have served during those years.

Recitals

At 1.20 pm following the Daily Eucharist on October 4: Giovanni Grano (classical guitar). October 11: Annalisa Monticelli (piano).

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First year ordinand on placement

We welcome to St Ann’s and St Stephen’s Churches, Alistair Doyle who has commenced a ten-week first year placement with our Parish. Alistair writes: “Hi, I am Alistair Doyle. I am married to Cecilia and we live in DunLaoghaire with our family Richard (29), Chloe (27) and Toby (10). I have been a life long parishioner of St. Matthias’ Church, Killiney/Ballybrack and have had several roles within the life of the parish, Churchwarden, Glebewarden, Vestry Member, Sunday Club Leader, Messy Church Leader and Diocesan Lay Reader. In Philippians 4:4 Paul writes, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Sharing God’s message of unconditional and eternal Love with great gladness continues to make me Rejoice in the Lord. I am now embarking on a new Chapter in my walk with God, as an Ordinand at The Church of Ireland Theological Institute. I am delighted to have the opportunity to spend my first placement in St. Ann’s, Dawson Street. My hopes over the ten Sundays are to observe and experience worship, ministry and parish life, in a different context to the Suburban and local ministry I have been serving in. I look forward to meeting you, Thank You, Alistair.”

Special service in St Ann’s

A special service to give thanks for the work of the Bereavement Counselling Service (BCS), which has met in St Ann’s for 36 years, is to take place in the church on Sunday 18th November at 3.30 p.m. The BCS has reluctantly decided to cease operating at all centres across the city due to circumstances beyond their control. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.
Junior Churchwardens are appointed

The children made a welcome return to Church on Sunday 16th September after the summer break. The theme of the service was ‘New Beginnings’ and it was appropriate that Arabella Crinion, son of David and Aimee Crinion, and sister to Hugo, was baptised during the service. We congratulate Poppy Comerford and Jack Balbirnie (pictured above with The Vicar) who have been appointed Junior Churchwardens and wish them well in this new responsibility which they will fulfil until February. They were presented with Junior Churchwarden medals at the service.

Walk of Light

The annual Ecumenical ‘Walk of Light’ which takes place in Dublin every November will begin from St Ann’s Church, Dawson Street at 4pm on Sunday 25th November. There will be a brief opening service before the walk moves off, carrying lanterns, to its next Church. Further information is available from Lynn Mills.

Bram Stoker Festival

On October 26 at 7pm and 9pm the Irish premiere of Nosferatu: Symphony of a Century, directed by Andrea Mastrovito, will take place in St Ann’s. It is an animated interpretation of the classic 1922 horror film Nosferatu, with a live score specially commissioned for the Bram Stoker Festival by Matthew Nolan. See Bramstokerfestival.com for more details.

Fundraising Concert on Sunday 21st

On Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday (October 21) the RDZ Jazz Choir and the Brook Singers will perform a variety of pieces from their musical repertoire in a 45-minute concert starting at 1.15 p.m. Our main sponsors, The 37 Restaurant, Dawson Street, has also invited concert goers for a complimentary glass of wine and refreshments in their premises opposite the church after the concert. Tickets are €12.50 or €40 for four. There is no admission charge for children. Before the concert, and after the church service, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served in the Parish Centre. This has the makings of a great Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday! All proceeds from the concert are in aid of parish funds. Tickets are available from the Parish Office.

Harvest Sunday

This will take the form of Family Holy Communion on Sunday 21st October (11am) when the preacher will be the Rev’d Canon Gillian Wharton, Rector of Booterstown with Mount Merrion. The Rev’d Gillian is a former parishioner and Churchwarden of St Ann’s, Dawson Street. The church will be decorated the previous Saturday from 10am onwards and donations towards the cost can be given to the Churchwardens or The Vicar. Following the service, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served in the Parish Centre. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church to facilitate arrangements for catering.