

Zion Parish Notices

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A generous community

We continue to receive contributions toward our Refugee Appeal. As mentioned, all monies will be distributed through Christian Aid who will be effective on the ground where your gift is most needed. If you have pledged money, please remember to pass it on through the Rectory or the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

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Services – October 4th – 14th

Sunday 4th October

9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Communion

Wednesday 7th October

10.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October

9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Service of the Word

Wednesday 14th October

10.30 am Holy Communion

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Thank you

At our coffee morning on Monday, 21st September, we raised €2,225.17, with further pledges on top, which means our current total is close to €4,500. This is much more than we had hoped. Throughout our Coffee Morning many of you spoke of your heartbreak at seeing the pictures coming out of Syria and the surrounding region.

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We celebrate Harvest
on Sunday 18th October 2015



Candles and prayers for you.
The Celebration of Wholeness and Healing
Sunday, 20th September.

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There is a real sense of frustration that we would like to do more, but for the present we do not know where to direct our efforts. As the situation becomes clearer there will be a whole parish (church, school, community) meeting within the next month to consider what our long-term response will be. Details will follow. In the meantime, please continue to pray.

Today may we simply thank all those who baked, served, cleaned and everyone who came along, supported, and donated. If you missed out, don't worry, you may still contribute to the refugee appeal as we continue to accept donations. All monies will be channeled through Christian Aid.

With gratitude for our sharing in this practical living out of the Gospel,

Stephen and Laura.

Zion Girl Guides

Centenary Weekend - October 17th/18th

On 17th and 18th of October, Zion Guides are celebrating the centenary of the Guide Company. There will be a District Camp Fire at 4 p.m. on Saturday 17th and at 7.00 p.m. we are having a Supper in the Parish Hall.

On the morning of Sunday 18th, Harvest Festival, there will be a parade in the Church and coffee afterwards in the Hall. We are trying to contact as many past members as possible. Zion Guide Centenary has a Facebook page and the email address is zionguidescentenary@gmail.com

Please come along and meet up with old friends, bring your photos and memories. Ruth Hughes, Ruth Gibney, Ruth Burleigh (Warle), Pam McDonough (Greene).

Put the dates in your diary. We hope to include you.

The Sale Brochure Big Quiz 2015

Congratulations to Andrew Sparks, the winner of the 2015 Big Quiz .

Brian Hunt has been in touch to let us know that out of the many entries received there was only one with a perfect score.

Well done Andrew, enjoy the €25 prize.





Thank you to Professor Clive Lee RCSI RHA, for speaking to us during our recent **Celebration of Wholeness and Healing**. Professor Lee offered a compelling rationale for our need to consider carrying an organ donor card, and most important, letting our families know that we do so.

Today in Ireland many surgical procedures are cancelled due to a lack of donor blood and people die because they do not have access to organs that might be made available if these sensitive issues were spoken of with greater openness and less fear.

The church is made up of millions of people who share a rich tradition of giving, generosity and a life lived with compassion and empathy toward others.

The **Flesh and Blood Campaign** is a campaign to mobilise the church to help increase the number of blood and organ donors, it is a call to recognise a need and respond with an act of generosity. The campaign aims to raise the profile of donation in Ireland and encourage donation as a personal gift, seeking to equip individuals as advocates for donation, helping them talk about it so that we may all engage with our families, friends and communities.

Think.

The Church of Ireland supports the Flesh and Blood Campaign



Zion Church Event Climate Justice Lecture

Leading Environmental Theologian, Dr. Martin Hodson, will give a lecture on 'Climate Justice' in Zion Parish Church on Wednesday 28th October at 8.00p.m.

Climate change will most adversely impact the world's poorest. Dr Hodson will consider climate justice and what this means for the church, offering a clear biblical foundation for caring for creation though ethical living, practical action and advocacy.

Dr Martin Hodson is Visiting Researcher in Environmental Biology at Oxford Brookes University, and Associate Member of the [Institute of Human Sciences](#) at the University of Oxford. He is Operations Manager for the [John Ray Initiative \(JRI\)](#), a charity looking at the interactions between science, faith and the environment.

Dr. Hodson has published widely in the area of theology and climate change, his books include [Cherishing the Earth](#) (2008), [Climate Change, Faith and Rural Communities](#) (2011), [The Ethics of Climatic Scepticism](#) (2015) and [A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues](#) (2015).