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'You have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life' (The Easter Collect)



He is Risen

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

Three black crosses of varying heights are silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. They stand on a dark hill.

WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND JOY FILLED EASTER!

OUR VISION

Photograph by Cecil Carson

Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community
Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love

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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

After the long months of winter, it is wonderful to see longer and brighter days and everything suddenly springing back to life, much helped by the increasing warmth of the days. As Winter turns to Spring and

Lent gives way to Easter, so we celebrate a 'turning-point,' not only in the natural world, but in our spiritual journey. Amidst all the new growth, there is God and His call again to new and revitalised life!

The message of Easter is that there is a new creation at work among us. A new creation, full of beauty and hope, where previously there has been darkness and despair. It is not only a new creation full of hope but full of love as well, and it is here that we are able to understand the wondrous exchange which takes place on that first Easter morning between Jesus and Mary Magdalene at the tomb, when she imagines him to be the gardener. Jesus calls her tenderly and gently by her name. There is a moment of recognition, and he commissions her to tell the other disciples, that in him and in the events now taking place, a new dawn is quite literally breaking through. The Risen Christ is freed from the darkness of death and he walks in the sunshine of a garden. He emerges from the tomb and the awe and beauty of that moment will generate new possibilities and new delights - new forms of life for all people everywhere!

Perhaps as we begin to emerge from lockdown, we can take comfort from this, and find our own way back to some semblance of the life we had before this pandemic – for we are social creatures, and we need the reassurance of each other's presence. Perhaps like Mary Magdalene, we need a



voice and touch; we need the kindness and the companionship of others - but most of all, we need the assurance of the Easter message.

It is only through believing and being with the Risen Lord, through private and communal prayer with others (that is Morning Prayer), and always through our sacramental life (especially Holy Communion), that we learn how to go out into the world and become our true selves once again – through committing our lives to serve the Lord, and through acts of self-effacing goodness and truth (see the series of articles on Holy Communion by the Rev Chris West and this month he emphasises why gathering together is so important – page 16).

The Easter Resurrection, and the message it brings conquers hopelessness. It gives you hope, purpose and meaning. It gives you a reason to live. Therefore, do not settle for another nice little Easter – accept the challenge. If you are a regular attender at church that is a good start, however if you are irregular or have not been for a while pick up that challenge and join a vibrant band of worshippers in the Cathedral on a Sunday morning. Our Cathedral has had a major transformation so may the lives of all our parishioners be transformed too as we meet in these new surroundings? As we experience these new surrounding may we also experience a new beginning this Easter – experience the life, hope, and faith that Christ brings – experience the Lord's presence as He walks with us along the pathway of life

The Easter Collect sums it all up:

Almighty God through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Yours very sincerely,



Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes), We are encouraging parishioners who may be in Enniskillen shopping on Thursday mornings to drop in for this short service – a mid-week pause and praise with God!



Parochial Registers

Burial

- 26th February - Ellen (Nellie) Woods,
Corkhill Care Home,
formerly Coleshill Park, Enniskillen.
- 15th March - Ruby Callen,
The Graan Abbey Nursing Home,
formerly Coleshill Park, Enniskillen.
- 18th March - Robert Douglas (Dougie) Hughes,
14 Tullyavey Road, Ballinamallard.
- 22nd March - Elizabeth Ann (Lizzy) Weir,
6 Queen's Park, Lisbellaw.



*"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5: 4

Donations in Lieu of Flowers



The Church can benefit greatly from donations made in lieu of flowers at the time of a death or the anniversary of a death. Please keep this in mind, and we acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have contributed in this way in the past.

Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

- £400 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Mr Derek Beresford.
- £480 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Mr Desmond McFarlane.
- £1,000 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Mr Jack Spratt.
- £630 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Mr Willie Wallace.
- £1,500 Anonymous donation.
- £100 Anonymous donation.
- £50 Anonymous donation in memory of my parents.
- £200 Donation in memory of Dougie from Mrs Violet Hughes and family.

Organ Restoration Fund

- £250 Anonymous donation.
- £500 Anonymous donation.

Parish Donations

Redecoration Fund

- £100 Donation in loving memory of my husband Derek. From his wife Sandra Beresford.
- £30 Donation in loving memory of Mrs Ellen Woods. From Mr Brendan and Mrs Shirley Khan.
- £450 Donation in loving memory of our dear Mum and Dad, Mr & Mrs Hawthorne. From their son in Belfast and daughters Sylvia and Joyce in Enniskillen.
- £2,000 Anonymous donation (Choir Lights).
- £50 Donation from Mr Jason and Mrs Andrea McClintock.
- £500 Donation from Mr Ronnie Tiernan.

Webcam Fund

- £50 Donation in loving memory of my husband Gerry on his birthday (9th February). From Mrs Violet Vennard.

Magazine Contributions


We thank those who have contributed to the Parish Magazine. Contributions will still be gratefully received from those who have not yet returned their envelopes.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week in St Macartin's Cathedral
"THIS IS LOVE"

<p>Palm Sunday 10th April "LOVE WELCOMED" <i>9am - Holy Communion</i> <i>10.30am - Procession with Palms</i></p>				<p>Maundy Thursday 14th April "LOVE ENACTED" <i>11am - Holy Communion</i> <i>7.30pm - Holy Communion with the Ceremonial Stripping</i></p>	<p>Good Friday 15th April "LOVE DISPLAYED" <i>7.30pm - Service of Reflection</i></p>
<p>Monday 11th April "LOVE OUTPOURED" <i>7.30pm - Compline</i></p>	<p>Tuesday 12th April "LOVE PREDICTED" <i>7.30pm - Compline</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 13th April "LOVE BETRAYED" <i>7.30pm - Compline</i></p>			

Easter Day
17th April
"LOVE WINS"
9am - Holy Communion
11am - Holy Communion



Palm Sunday (The First Sunday back in the Cathedral)



The Cathedral reopens on Palm Sunday. Everyone please meet at the Cathedral Hall and follow the Palm Sunday procession to the Cathedral. Palm branches and Palm Crosses will be provided. What an amazing way to re enter our newly refurbished Cathedral by joining with everyone singing 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'



Photographs of
Palm Sunday
2018

Holy Week and Easter Services

Monday 11th at 7.30pm

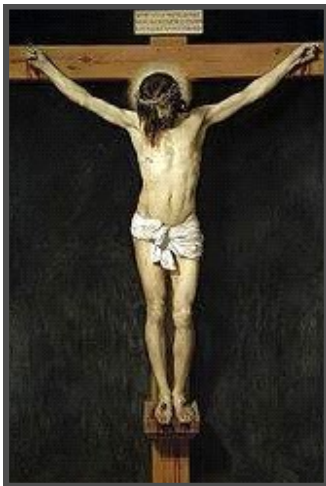
Tuesday 12th at 7.30pm

Wednesday 13th at 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm



Maundy Thursday is famous for two things. The first is one of the final acts that Jesus did before his death: the washing of his own disciples' feet (see John 13). Jesus washed his disciples' feet for a purpose: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another. Thursday was also important because it was on that night that Jesus first introduced the Lord's Supper, or what we call Holy Communion. Jesus and his close friends had met in a secret upper room to share the Passover meal together – for the last time. Jesus transformed the Passover into the Lord's Supper, saying, 'this is my body' and 'this is my blood' as he, the Lamb of God, prepared to die for the sins of the whole world.



**Good Friday
at 7.30pm**

Good Friday:

Good Friday is the day on which Jesus died on the cross. He was crucified at 9am in the morning, and died six hours later, at 3pm. It is the most solemn day in the Christian year, and is widely marked by the removal of all decorations from churches.



**Easter Sunday @ 9.00am &
11.00am**

Easter Day:

Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! We look forward to an eternity in His joy! Hallelujah!

Jesus' appearances after His Resurrection



Mary Magdalene	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
Other women at the tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
Peter in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
The two travellers on the road	Mark 16:12,13
10 disciples behind closed doors	Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25
11 disciples with Thomas	John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7 disciples while fishing	John 21:1-14
11 disciples on the mountain	Matthew 28:16-20
A crowd of 500	1 Corinthians 15:6
Jesus' brother – James	1 Corinthians 15:7
Those who saw the Ascension	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will be in touch.

A service to confirm adults will take place in St Macartin's Cathedral on Ascension Thursday (26th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact the clergy for details.

Keep Free - Cathedral Official Reopening

The Official Reopening of St Macartin's Cathedral after complete reroofing, repainting and extensive improvements will take place on

Sunday 15th May 2022 at 7.00pm

Please attend and invite family and friends.

Cathedral Redecorating

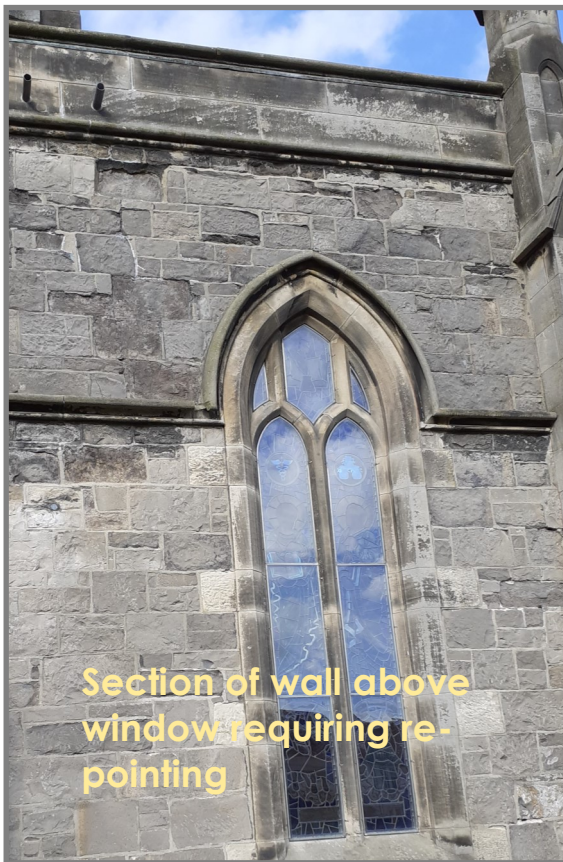
Work is progressing satisfactorily although some time was lost when the painting team was afflicted by Covid-19. The ceiling and upper walls are complete and are very impressive. The ceiling itself is painted in 'slaked lime' with matt finish. The ribs and other structural features are painted mushroom with eggshell finish.



Left: Gold paint has been applied to the ceiling bosses which gives the whole ceiling a lift.

Cathedral Redecorating

The south wall beside the Hilliard window is damp and an infra red heater is being used to dry it out in preparation for decoration. The pointing of the stonework on the outside of this wall is in



Section of wall above window requiring re-pointing

poor condition and the opportunity will be taken to rake out the joints and re-point using lime mortar which will enable the wall to dry out fully over time.

Right: Photo of High level (clear storey) window which is newly painted. A plastic strip has been fitted at the base of the window to prevent condensation draining down on to the paintwork of the wall. The weep hole to allow the condensation to drain outside has been restored. A further problem has arisen in that the electrical cables along the base of the south and north walls, which supply power, are faulty and will have to be replaced. These extras will add to the cost of the project.

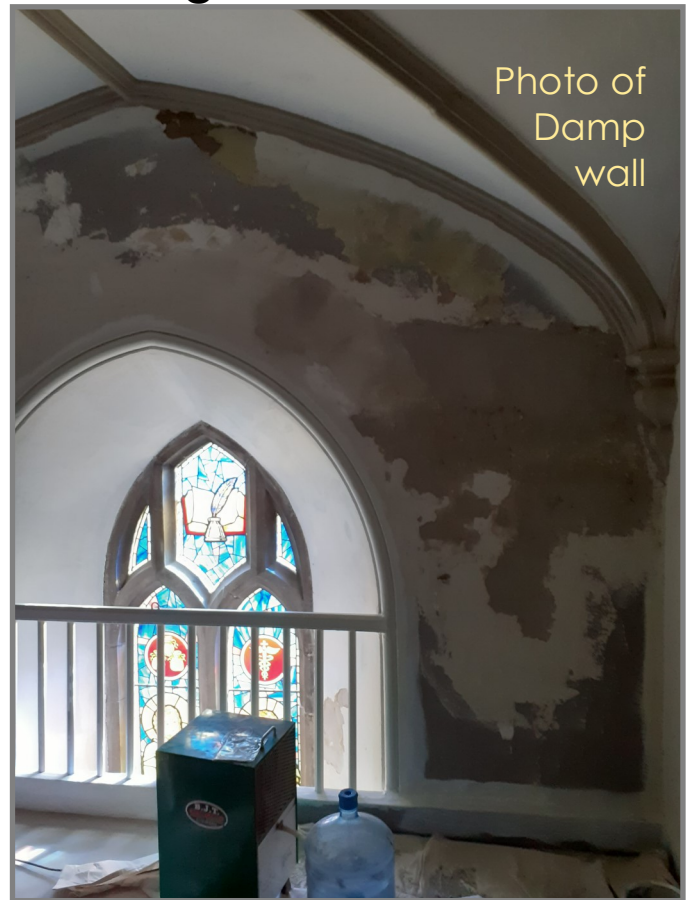


Photo of Damp wall



Cathedral Redecorating

Right: Rev Chris West and Sam Morrow inspecting progress with the redecoration.

Visit by Funders

During the past month the cathedral was visited by Ms Nina McNeary of the National Churches Trust to see the work in progress at the cathedral. The National Churches Trust had donated £25,000 to assist with the costs of restoration of the cathedral. This was a very welcome boost in the early days of fund raising for the project.



The Cathedral restoration team acknowledging the financial support from The National Churches Trust. From left: Noel Johnston, George Irvine, Rev Chris West, Mrs Hope Kerr, Dean Hall, Sam Morrow.

Cathedral Family The Rev'd Chris West



Tell us a little about yourself.

At 26 years of age, I am probably the youngest priest currently serving in the Church of Ireland. I grew up in rural Armagh, where my parents, Linda and Nigel, always encouraged me to play an active role in the life and mission of the Church. Later, they would do the very same thing for my younger brother, Owen. I was baptised in St John's Parish, Mullaghbrack, and confirmed during my early teens. Before training for ordination, I had been studying Medicine in Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee, and I left my studies there to pursue God's call to priestly ministry.

To cut a long story short, I was made deacon by the former Archbishop of Armagh on Sunday 1st September 2019, and served my title in St Andrew's Church, the Parish of Killyman. I was ordained priest by the Archbishop of Dublin on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (29th September) in 2020. I served as Curate Assistant for a year in Taney Parish – a busy parish in suburban south Dublin – before making the trip to this beautiful "island town".

Cathedral Family

Was Ordained Ministry something you had always thought about pursuing?

One of the most influential events on the journey to Ordained Ministry occurred in my early teens, during a celebration of the Eucharist. I had a strong sense of God's love – that we are always his guests, recipients of his hospitality; God is always the host, already waiting to welcome us with open arms. George Herbert describes a similar experience in one of his poems about the Holy Communion; he writes, "Love bade me welcome." On that occasion, I had a sense of my own identity as someone who is loved by God. Coupled with that was a strong sense of being called to share that love and hospitality with others. I enjoyed studying the Sciences, so Medicine seemed like the logical step to take at the time.

Tell us about some of your favourite things.

I am an avid reader, and especially enjoy reading mystery novels. My favourite book is probably a toss-up between Agatha Christie's *Endless Night* and Dorothy Sayers' *Gaudy Night*. In the theological sphere, I will read anything by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams. His little book, *Being Christian*, is a great place to start.

My favourite film is called *Lion*. It is based on a true story about a five year old boy who gets lost in Kolkata, and it follows his search for his family and his home.

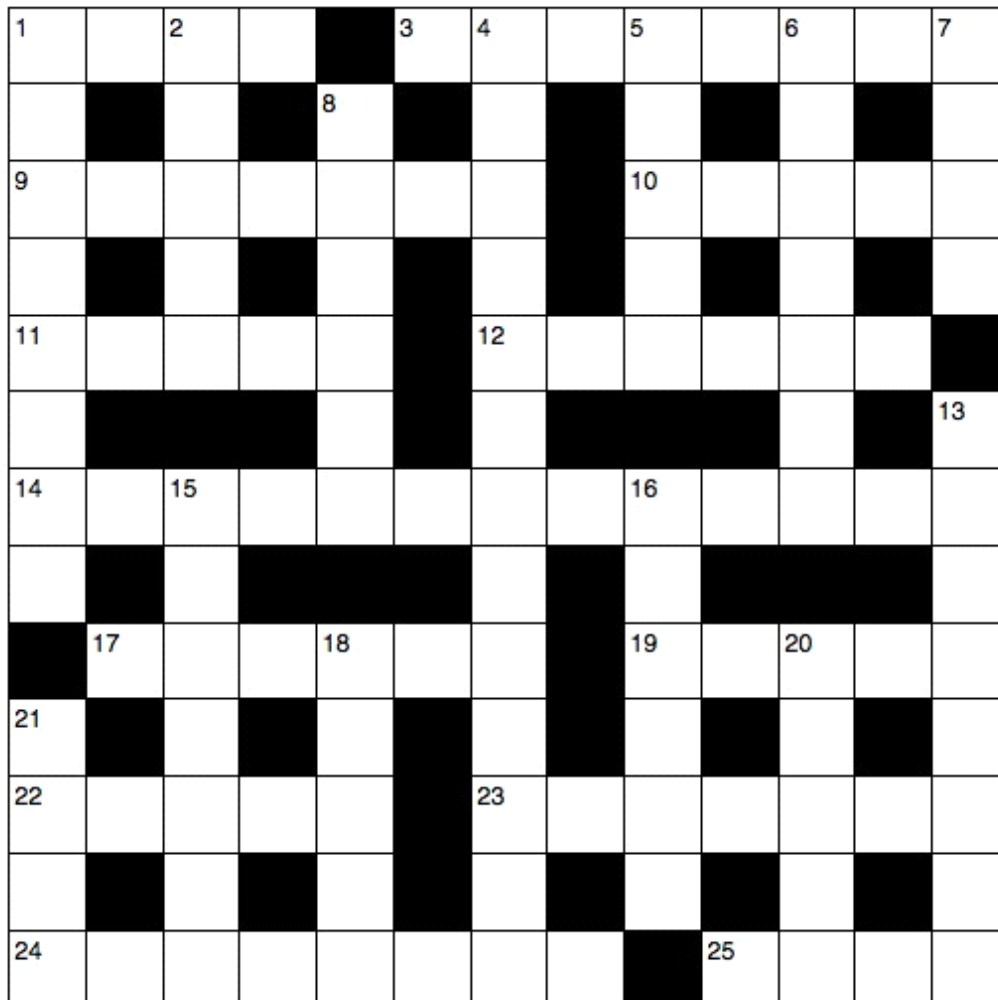
I have an infamously sweet tooth. My favourite thing to eat is ice-cream, even in Winter – especially if it is pistachio flavoured. I will eat almost anything, as long it does not resemble a character I might have met in Beatrix Potter!

What are your favourite hymns and passages of Scripture?

My favourite hymn writer is Brian Wren. His "Great God, your love has called us here" (*Church Hymnal*, 416) is one of my favourite hymns. The former Dean of Armagh introduced it to St Patrick's Cathedral, where I regularly attended services, during the Maundy Thursday Eucharist with the washing of feet, as well as for ordinations, where it seemed to fit beautifully. It has the wonderful line: "we for love, by love, were made". The hymn "All my hope on God is founded" (*Church Hymnal*, 10) is also near the top of my list.

My favourite Scriptural text is the Epistle of James. St James sometimes gets a reputation for being a bit of a "scold" when it comes to the words we use; but – as I am sure our parents would tell us – behind every scold lies a deep concern for our welfare.

Crossword



Across

- 1 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) 3 A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9 In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10 Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11 Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12 Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17 Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19 What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22 The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23 For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24 Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25 Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Crossword

Down

- 1 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2 Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5 An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6 Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8 One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13 Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)
- 16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)
- 18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)
- 20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)
- 21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

Bible Reading Notes

Each Sunday all three readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are printed on a Parish Bulletin. The Psalm and Collect are also listed. Make sure you get this sheet each week (If for some reason you are not out – get someone to take one for you). Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm each day throughout the week with your private prayers. Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of the church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them and have them sent directly by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and relevant to every day life.

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path'
Psalm 119 verse 105



Study on the Holy Communion: Part 2 "Gathering"

In the previous edition of Cathedral News, we noted that our celebrations of the Holy Communion can be thought of as a series of important "movements": gathering; confession; Scripture readings and the sermon; communion; and sending. In this edition, we look more closely at the first "movement": gathering.



Gathering starts as soon as we arrive in the building; it is an important aspect of the liturgy. As Woody Allen famously said, 80% of life is about turning up, and everything else flows from that. The very word "Church" – *ekklesia* in Greek – means "a gathering", "an assembly", or "a calling out". The New Testament writers use *ekklesia* to refer to religious gatherings; sometimes, they use it to refer to a Jewish synagogue, but most often they use it to refer to the Christian community of members on earth (what the *Book of Common Prayer* calls "the Church Militant"), or saints in heaven (what the *Book of Common Prayer* calls "the Church Triumphant"), or both (what the Creeds mean by "the communion of saints").

The entrance of the procession during the opening hymn clearly marks the formal beginning of the service – the point at which we move from being a collection of individual persons to a body of people, gathered to worship God together. Such processions have a long standing in Scripture and Church history. For instance, there is the Procession of Psalms, as pilgrims made their way to the Holy City of Jerusalem for the Jewish festivals. (Psalms 120-134 are known as the "Songs of Ascent", as pilgrims would sing them as they ascended the uphill road to Jerusalem.) In fact, we need only think about the Procession with Palms – the origins of which probably date back to the fourth century in Jerusalem – during which the entirety of the gathered community engages in liturgical movement – a tradition we still celebrate on Palm Sunday in St Macartin's Cathedral, recalling Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



After the opening hymn, the celebrant's greeting ("Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" or "The Lord be with you") and the gathered community's response ("and also with you") speak of prayer for one another, and an expectation of God's presence with us. A sentence of Scripture then puts the emphasis firmly on God –

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who God is, and what God has done; we begin, in other words, by putting God – not ourselves – at the centre of the picture.

We then say the Collect for Purity together. Collects are a kind of prayer that goes back through more than a millennium of Christian worship, and they have been particularly refined and cherished by our Anglican tradition. We do not know what it is best to say – or how to say it – in prayer; so, collects, as the name suggests, literally collect the disjointed hopes, thoughts, and prayers of all those gathered for worship, and put them into phrases with which we can learn the habit of talking to God. Saying the Collect for Purity unites our thoughts and prayers, as we gather to celebrate the Holy Communion, and prepares our hearts to meet with the Risen Christ.

But why is gathering so important? Gathering helps us to lay aside an individualistic perspective on life and worship – the idea that we can define our own meaning and purpose – and helps us to adopt a corporate perspective – our meaning and purpose unfold in the course of an ongoing conversation between God, the Church, and the world.

About two hundred years ago, feeling the pressure of the Church's despisers, Christianity reinvented itself as a personal experience – something out of the reach of the public sphere, just about “me and my God”. While there is a personal dimension to faith – faith is about daily, courageous trust in God, and in what God has done for us in Christ – this is not the same as the “god-in-a-box” notion of faith we sometimes find appealing – the idea that faith is private, individualised, and best kept behind closed doors. The Resurrection blows that idea out of the water: it is the launching of the kingdom of God right in the middle of the old earthly kingdoms.

Gathering also helps to meet one of our deepest needs as human beings. In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, there is an enchanted mirror – the mirror of “Erised” (“desire” backwards) – which shows on-lookers their deepest desires. In one scene, Harry looks into the mirror and sees himself surrounded by his family. If we are being honest with ourselves, I think we would all see a similar desire for a sense of belonging and fellowship reflected in that mirror.

Several weeks ago, we learned about the death of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. His obituaries reminded us of his heroic acts of public witness for justice. His whole approach was rooted in the Gospel, as illustrated by the African concept of “Ubuntu”. “Ubuntu” can be explained as, “a person is a person through other persons”. Or, as

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Archbishop Tutu often said, "I am a human being because I belong". This sense of belonging has deep roots in our faith – God is Trinity, meaning that relationship is at the core of who God is – and in our liturgy – gathering is a central part of our worship.

We have seen that gathering is a central part of our liturgy; it unites us as a body in prayer and worship, meets one of our deepest needs, and prepares us to encounter the living God. In future editions of *Cathedral News*, we will explore what happens when we have gathered for worship, beginning with the next "movement": confession – the penitential section of our liturgy.

Rev Chris West

Parish Visiting

Since parish visiting will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if they are unwell or know someone who is unwell. We can arrange some form of contact to be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.



**The Choral Scholars
of St. Macartin's Cathedral
Proudly Present:**

An Evening of Song & Sacred Music

**Musical Director: David Robertson
Organist: Glenn Moore**

Friday 29th April
7.30pm
St. Macartin's Cathedral

Retiring Donation in aid of the Cathedral's Organ Fund



New! New! New!

Parenting Wellness Group



When? Saturday 9th April @ 2pm

(The group will hopefully continue to meet on the second Saturday of every month)

Where? St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall

This is the first meeting of this group and all parents welcome. This will be an opportunity to discuss what a group like this might look like and to share ideas and suggestions.

Some initial thoughts include topics such as Parents Emotional Health and Well Being, Children's Emotional Health and Well Being, Help with Homework etc

Come along to find out more!

Please confirm your attendance beforehand or to ask any questions by sending a message to Linda Kingston (07342045474).

Footnote from the Dean

This is an exciting new venture for St Macartin's Cathedral being organized by the Rector's Churchwarden, Mrs Linda Kingston. If you are a parent, please take some time out from the pressures of everyday life and share some company with others!

Mothers' Union

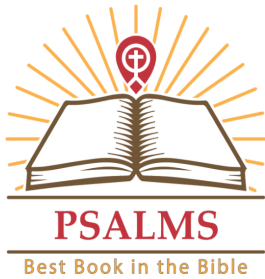
Our March meeting was Visitors' Night held in the main hall on Monday 14th. Jenifer, branch leader, opened the meeting with a warm welcome to members and visitors. Rev Chris followed with a reading and prayer. Our guest speaker was Kenny Fisher from the Fisher Foundation, accompanied by Hazel McFarland from Fermanagh Trust. Kenny gave a short talk on the background of the foundation, Hazel gave a presentation on the work of Fermanagh Trust at home and abroad. This was followed by the fabulous Silver Tones Choir of which Kenny is a member, with Hazel Darragh as conductor and Ruth Coulter on key board. The choir sang a number of well known songs and finished with the great hymn "How great thou Art" which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A delicious supper was served by the committee. The meeting closed with a poem entitled "Mothers' Love" read by Jenifer, branch leader. For our next meeting members will attend the Holy Week Service on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.



Mothers' Union



Psalm 100



Psalm 100 is a hymn of praise, well-known for its position as a canticle in Morning Prayer (*Jubilate*), and its setting to the tune of the “Old Hundredth” in hymn 683, “All people that on earth do dwell.” The psalmist stresses that God takes the initiative in creation and in caring for his people, and this should evoke a response of worship (praise and thanksgiving).

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing (verses 1-2).

The leader of worship – probably a priest in the temple – begins by calling “all the earth” to worship. Note that it is not only the people of God who are called to worship God; everything and everyone is invited to “make a joyful

noise” to God. Worship should break down the barriers which divide us from our neighbours, and from the rest of creation. All throughout the Scriptures, we see the keepers of the system – those who claim to know the way to God and exclude others from worship – constantly missing the point; meanwhile, we see the outsiders, the marginalised, and the wounded encountering God and being restored to temple worship.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (verse 3).

The priest goes on to explain the reasons for praise, pointing out that God is our creator and also picking up on the imagery of God as shepherd. The shepherd stays with his flock; his sheep are dependent upon him for food, water, and protection from wild animals. In the New Testament, Jesus is revealed as the “Good Shepherd.” Farmers might tell you that cattle are best herded from behind with shouts and prods; but that technique will not work with sheep. If you stand behind sheep making noises, they will just run around behind you. They prefer to be led by their shepherd. Sheep will not go anywhere their trusted shepherd does not go first, to show them that everything is safe. And we can trust Jesus, because he is – as one writer puts it – “a shepherd who smells like his sheep.” Whatever we may be thinking and feeling, we know God understands; for God made us, and shared our life and experience in Jesus.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name (verse 4).




Psalm 100

The priest continues to call the people to enter the gates of the temple. This psalm may have been sung during a festive entry into the temple precincts. For Israel, the tradition of the ark of the covenant – the law bundled up, carried around, and finally set at rest in the temple in Jerusalem – made an important point about God's presence: God's home was Israel. The psalmist is therefore inviting the people to draw near to the presence of God. The New Testament tells us that Jesus is the utter, and unrestrained, presence of God among us. *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations (verse 5).*


The priest closes this psalm by providing additional reasons for praising God. St Augustine – commenting on this psalm – says, "The verses are few, but with great subjects." This closing verse provides an example of this: the psalmist finishes this hymn of praise with three of the fundamentals of our faith: God is all-powerful; God is good; and God is faithful.

400th Anniversary History Books



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The cup presented by Edward Darty in 1623 to 2011 in use at the ordination of Bp. Cormac to St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: *Procurator Electoralis Provincialis de Ulsterne et donat Edward Darty Senex anno 1623*.
Thousand two seven. The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Darty, Sen., in the year 1623.

The tool, in its 412 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster (1609) but has similarities from the ancient Celtic Church. The church building dates from the early 1400s and since then its clergy and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Ennis Kilmenham played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. This conflict led to the establishment of two British Army regiments bearing the surnames of the town, Ennis Kilmenham. The cathedral is home for many of the kiln up families and members of these regiments and within its brick walls is the Ennis Kilmenham Regimental Chapel. In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community relations and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom and in Ireland at acts of worship, memorials and thanksgiving. Today, St Macartin's is committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

St Macartin's Cathedral
at the Heart of the Community



Over 400 years of Parish History
by Samuel B. Morrow



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A number of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried from the cathedral. Copies are available from the Parish Office or the Deanery.

Youth

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights and Sunday Café allow our children to spend time together learning about the life and ministry of Jesus, singing songs, and participating in crafts and activities. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4 and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8. In-person meetings started back on the First Sunday in Lent, 6th March, for the 6 weeks prior to Easter. Each Sunday, the children leave for their own activities after the Sunday School Prayer and the singing of a family hymn. Sincere thanks to the leaders who help supervise these sessions and make this vital ministry possible. Keep doing what you are doing so faithfully and well. The first Family Service was held on Sunday 27th March (The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday), and the second Family Service will be held on Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday). We meet at the Cathedral Hall on Palm Sunday at 10.30am, as we begin our procession to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Sunday Lights and Café will then break until the end of September.



Messy Church

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children, from all denominations, held on the third Thursday of each month. Our March session focused on Mother's Day, and everyone enjoyed creating celebration cards, colourful flowers and lots of other treats to share with the special women in our lives. Our next session is on Thursday 14th April at 4.00pm and all are welcome! This special Easter-themed Messy Church will look a little different as we are moving back into the hall. To enable this session to run as smoothly as possible, we ask that you let us know if you are planning to attend. If you would like to reserve a table, please get in touch with Gwyneth (Gwyneth.blair@gmail.com or 07753522324) before Thursday 7th April. Keep an eye on our social media pages for any updates and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to Messy Church!



Confirmation

The countdown continues to the Confirmation Service on Wednesday 27th April. After months of preparation, it is almost upon us. Our 24 candidates have enjoyed learning about the Church of Ireland and its mission and

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ministry, the significance of the Apostles' Creed, the important place the Sacraments must take in our lives, and what it means to live as a Christian in the world today. Our last few sessions together will be especially important, as we will be discussing the practicalities associated with the Confirmation Service. We really need full attendance, if possible.

Dates for April are as follows:

Monday 4th April, 6.30-7.30pm – “Where are we now?” A Revision Quiz in the Upper Room.

Monday 11th April, 7.30pm – Holy Week Service in the Cathedral, with Confirmation candidate participation, followed by a rehearsal for the Confirmation Service. We ask parents and guardians to please attend this Service with their young people.

Wednesday 27th April, 7.30pm – Confirmation Service in the Cathedral.

We would like to thank the parents and guardians for supporting their young people by bringing them along each week. Sincere thanks are also due to all the candidates, who have contributed so thoughtfully and well to the classes. We have had lots of fun exploring our faith together, and hope to see you at Xplore as it starts up again next month. Many thanks are due, too, to our bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis, for facilitating this important moment in the lives of our young people.



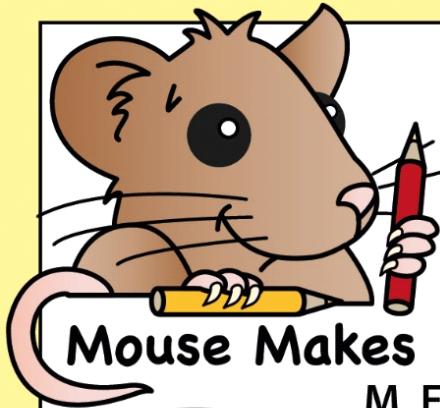
Xplore

Our youth group, Xplore, is open to all Confirmation candidates and others in Years 9-12. We are currently putting together a programme of events, and hope that the Confirmation candidates will stay with us after making their Confirmation as regular members of Xplore. The new programme begins with a trip to Prison Island, an activity centre in Belfast, on Saturday 7th May. More details about the trip will follow in due course. Please feel free to get in touch with our Curate Assistant, Rev Chris, for more information.

Answers to Crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Womb. 3, Agnostic. 9, Long ago. 10, Fleet. 11, Horeb. 12, Yellow. 14, Deceitfulness. 17, Banish. 19, Towel. 22, Boils. 23, Inferno. 24, Eternity. 25, Deputy. DOWN: 1, Will hide. 2, Minor. 4, Glory of Christ. 5, Offal. 6, The Robe. 7, City. 8, Zabbai. 13, Psalmody. 15, Chalice. 16, Let off. 18, If son. 20, Worse. 21, Able.

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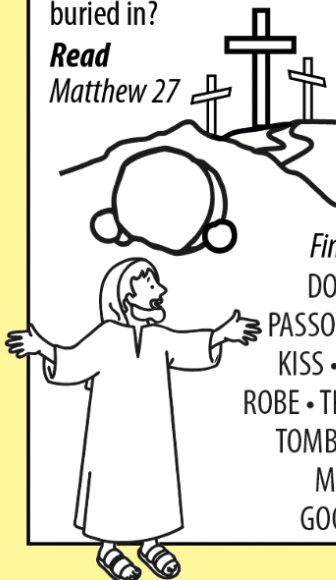
Who betrayed Jesus?
Who denied Jesus?

Read Matthew 26:17-75



What did the soldiers put
on Jesus at his crucifixion?
What time did Jesus die?
Whose tomb was Jesus
buried in?

Read
Matthew 27



HAPPY EASTER!

Jesus has risen!
Jesus is with us!
Jesus will come
again!



What did Jesus send the
disciples to find?

What did the
crowd do?

Read
Matthew
21:1-11



What did
Jesus do
at Passover?



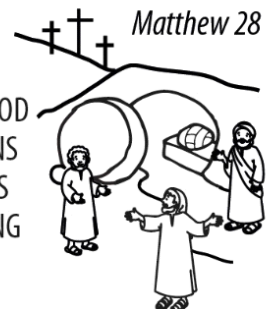
Read Matthew 26:17-30



On the third day who
rolled away the stone
covering the tomb?

What had happened
to Jesus?

Read
Matthew 28



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Find these words from the Easter story in the word search:

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ROBE • TREE • NAILS • CROSS • DARKNESS • QUAKE • DEATH • LOTS
TOMB • LINEN • STONE • BODY • BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN • GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT • SAVIOUR • PRAISE • EASTER

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Linda Kingston and Audrey Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - Raymond Campbell, David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,
Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),
Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders,
Jonathan Woods and Rosemary Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

April Lessons and Readers

Sunday 3rd April: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The First Reading – Isaiah 50: 4-9a - Jonathan McBride

The Psalm - Psalm 31: 9-16

The Second Reading – Philippians 2: 5-11 - Scott Elliott

The Passion Reading - John 23: 1-49 - The Curate

Sunday 10th April: The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Family Service

Sunday 17th April: Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

The First Reading - Acts 10: 34-43 - Ivan Kee

The Psalm - Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 - Avril Kee

The Gospel Reading - John 20: 1-18 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 24th April: The Second Sunday of Easter

The First Reading - Acts 5: 27-32 - John Graham

The Psalm - 150

The Second Reading - Revelation 1: 4-8 - Robert Northridge

The Gospel Reading - John 20: 19-31 - Scott Elliott



SUNDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

11.00am - Sunday School - Begins in church and children leave for classes.

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

4.00pm - Messy Church (Thursday once per month as arranged)

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS (will resume as soon as allowed)

MONDAY

Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)

Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)

Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)

Mothers' Union - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

Tuesday Club - 2.00pm - 4.00pm (last Tuesdays)

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged)

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

Xplore Movies - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

SATURDAY

Film Club - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)