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Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die. (Hymn 260)



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The Parish of Enniskillen

The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Easter means different things to different people. For some it is about bunnies and eggs – completely secular. For others, it is about family get-togethers. To a few, it's just another day – completely atheistic and



God is not involved. However to many it is much more than those things. For the Christian Easter is not just a day, it is a season that lasts until Pentecost, and in fact we should remain 'Easter People', who should continually live with the message of Easter in our lives!

We live in an uncertain world where people cause pain and suffering through words and actions and where people are divided because of difference. That is not the Christian way of life. That offers no hope. Without hope we lose our will to live. Without hope we lose purpose and meaning. Without hope we lose our enthusiasm, our joy, our peace. However the good news is that the resurrection of Christ gives us a fresh hope.

We can only imagine how the two travellers to Emmaus felt knowing that Jesus had died. Gone were their hopes for a bright future. They thought God had let them down. They had suffered a cruel blow and were bewildered and upset. In their grief, the risen Jesus came alongside them and spoke with them at length but somehow they did not recognise Him. Why was this, and why did Jesus intend to leave them at Emmaus without first revealing who He was? The answers may be found by looking back at the encounters Jesus had with people.

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He never forced His true nature onto anyone. Every individual had to make up their own mind as to who He was, and to decide if the things He said were true.

Today, Jesus does not 'gate-crash' into our lives. In a number of ways He gently and persuasively reveals Himself. So, the story of the walk to Emmaus should encourage us each time we feel His absence; at those times when we thought He would step in and immediately solve our problems! On our journey of life, we can have times of sadness and it can seem as though God is far away, but while we are thinking that Jesus has left us alone, He is actually with us. He knows where we are and what we are feeling. He can quietly draw alongside us. Surprisingly, it can sometimes be in situations of sadness and solitude that Jesus 'speaks' to us more clearly.

We do not have to go off in search of some 'religious experience' or to a special 'holy place'. He is present in the here and now. Jesus is the unseen companion on every journey and the unseen guest at every meal. In His way and in His time, our Lord reveals Himself to us in different situations. We may be aware of His presence in surprising circumstances and on unexpected occasions. How important it is that we stay alert. There will be times when we will be like those two men on the Emmaus Road, searching for answers. We will earnestly desire clear and direct answers to our questions and the knowledge, understanding or revelation may be slow to come, but with Jesus, there are many lessons to be learned along our 'Emmaus Road' than would have been discovered any other way. May God bless you and may you experience His presence in your life this coming Holy Week and Easter Season.

Yours very sincerely,

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Kenneth R J Hall



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!

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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

10th March - Harry Keith Brownlee

23rd March - Sadie Evelyn Waters

"Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28: 19

Burial

4th March -

Pearl Margaret Kilfedder, Cavandale Park, Enniskillen.

"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.

Adult Confirmation



A private Adult Confirmation Service will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on the eve of Ascension Day, **Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm**. If you are not Confirmed and would like to be, please contact the Dean or the Curate.

Parish Donations

Fabric Fund

£272.67 Received in lieu of flowers in memory of Mrs Margaret Brownlee.

£500 Received from the estate of Mr Ian Whittaker

Cathedral Clock and Bell Fund (to electrify striking and ringing)

- £200 Donation in memory of Mr Joseph and Mrs Margaret Doogan. From their daughter Renee.
- £50 Donation in memory of her mother Mrs Gertrude Dickson. From Sandra Forde.
- £100 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club

Organ and Cathedral Choir Fund

£10,000 Anonymous donation.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 24th March:

9.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Palm Sunday Procession from Cathedral Hall 11.00am Family Service

Monday 25th March:

7.30pm Service

Tuesday 26th March:

7.30pm Service

Wednesday 27th March: 7.30pm Service

Thursday 28th March:

11.00am Holy Communion6.00pm Supper at Six7.30pm Service

Good Friday: 7.30pm Service

Easter Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion



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Know your Cathedral

Statues in the chancel

The two fine white marble statues in the chancel of the cathedral attract a lot of attention. They were erected as memorials to two brothers who were the great, great, great, great grandsons of Captain William Cole, the founder of the town of Enniskillen and who built the first church on the cathedral site. On the south wall of the chancel, stands the statue of John Willoughby Cole, the 2nd Earl of Enniskillen, who was born in 1768 and died in 1840. The statue of the Earl shows him in his robes, with star and ribbon, as a Knight of St Patrick.

He was a strong supporter of the Orange Order after its foundation in 1795. He served as a member of the Irish Parliament from 1790 to 1801. He



opposed the Act of Union in 1801 which abolished the Irish Parliament and which led to the creation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. In 1793 the Militia Act was passed which, for the first time, entrusted the defence of Ireland to its own people. John Cole led the formation of the Fermanagh Militia and was its Lieutenant Colonel Commandant. From 1803 he served as an Irish Peer in the House of Lords and in 1815 he became a United Kingdom Peer.

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The General



On the opposite side of the chancel is the statue of General Sir Galbraith Lowry Cole (1772-1842), who was a distinguished soldier, politician and colonial governor. As well as the statue in the cathedral, the impressive Cole's monument on Forthill is another tribute to his distinguished military service.

The General served during the Peninsular War as one of the Duke of Wellington's senior commanders. He commanded a Division in seven major battles, and was wounded twice when a musket ball penetrated his upper chest. He missed the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 as he was on his honeymoon. From 1823 to 1828, Lowry Cole was governor of Mauritius and then served as governor of the Cape of Good Hope until 1833. He subsequently died in Eng-

land, aged 70.

Like his brother, he was laid to rest in the family vault

under the cathedral. When his cortege arrived at Enniskillen church, his body was preceded into the church by The Hon and Rev J.C. Maude, rector, and the Rev R.R. Cleary, curate, where the funeral took place. After the service the cortege proceeded to the entrance of the family vault where three vollies were fired. It was claimed that he ranked among the bravest in military annals.



This is an extract from the Cathedral History Book by Sam Morrow. Books are available in the Cathedral Office or from the Churchwardens at £20.

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Presentation to Alanna Williamson



The Dean made a presentation to Alanna Williamson, on behalf of the Select Vestry, after the monthly meeting on Monday night 4th March. Alanna is getting married to James West in the near future. We wish them every blessing as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Presentation to Sam and Marie Morrow



A presentation was made at the Easter General Vestry on behalf of the parish to Sam and Marie Morrow to mark their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 20th March. Sam has been a member of the Select Vestry for 56 years and Secretary of the Select Vestry for 35 years. We wish Sam and Marie every blessing in the years ahead. Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Hope Kerr is also in the photograph.

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Psalm 12

It was about 30 years ago, perhaps a little more; it was a fine summer's day: dry and bright, but cool. I don't remember the date, but I'll never forget the events of that day. Suddenly, with no warning, and in a way that I could do nothing about, my life was plunged into crisis. In an unpleasantly immediate way every earthly certainty, but one, slipped from me.



I had fallen over the side of a boat, far out into the Irish Sea. Even in June the deep Irish Sea is bone chilling and, as a child who couldn't swim very well, I was overcome with panic. As I fell from boat to water time slowed down for me; my short life didn't flash before me, but I did have time to wonder why I wasn't screaming as I was sure someone in a movie would do in those circumstances. By the time I hit the water I had somersaulted to fall head first, and I still remember the solid utter blackness that enveloped me.

As I rose again to the surface I looked up and saw the boat I had just left, sailing, impossibly high above me, and moving onwards, at an alarming pace. I was unable to catch up with the boat. I was stuck if you like, between the horror of the situation around me, and my imagined wonder at getting onto the boat.

Maybe the church lives in a similar situation: like me, wanting to be on the boat, but stuck in the water, we all have a strong sense that something is wrong in this world. The world just isn't fair. We hear about it all the time, we experience it in our own lives: the bad do well for themselves, the good suffer and perish. That's how the world so often is, and it hurts. It offends our sense of justice, of what is right, and our feelings about how things should be. We're in the water, but we want to be on the boat. We're stuck in a place we don't want to be.

Given the apparent unfairness of life and the way that this makes people hurt, we can all sympathize, and indeed empathize, with someone who's at the sharp end of an injustice: someone whose suffering becomes particularly acute, someone who calls out for help.

"Help!" That most basic and pained of human cries gets different responses, but it's always heard. If you're feeling the injustice of life right now, if your disappointed, angry, impatient with God, then Psalm 12 gives you permission to be in that place.

Yes in Psalm 12 things are a bit overplayed, but we all recognize the picture. Life just isn't as we hope it might be. And yet Psalm 12 is part of what reminds us that life will not always be like this. Now we wait, struggling in the water, for the boat to pick us up again, but we know that that boat is coming back. And that's what Psalm 12 points to: "'I will rise up now', says the Lord, 'and set them in the safety that they long for.'" (v. 5). We can indeed feel the pain of injustice, the emptiness and loneliness, but we can look forward to the eventual safety of a new heaven and a new earth. Rev Edwin Aiken

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Province of All Ireland





Pictures from the Mothers' Union Big Hymn Sing which was held on Sunday 25th February. This event was held as part of a series to raise funds for Mothers' Union projects which are funded by the Mums in May Fund.

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Cathedral Family - Select Vestry 2024/2025

Rector's Churchwarden: Dwayne Nixon

Peoples' Churchwarden: Ann Little



Rector's Glebewarden: George Irvine

Peoples' Glebewarden: Noel Johnston

Hon Secretary: Sam Morrow

Hon Treasurer: Hope Kerr

Ass Hon Secretary: Stephen Richmond

Ass Hon Treasurer: David Graham













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Cathedral Family - Select Vestry 2024/2025



Select Vestry Members: Linda Corrigan, Ivan Kee, Karl Saunders, Johnny Woods, Audrey Williamson, David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane, Arnold Graham and Vanessa Elliott.

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Mothers' Union Visitors' Night



The Dean opened the Visitors' night on Monday March

11th with a warm welcome and prayer. Jenifer, Branch Leader, introduced Noelle McAlinden, Guest Speaker, to a great turnout of members and

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visitors'. Noelle spoke on celebrating life at every turn, her words reflected on the importance of enjoying and embracing what life brings. She spoke on her role as County High Sheriff, the opportunities it brought and the people she met. Although not a native, Noelle is a

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Mothers' Union Visitors'

great ambassador and champions our County at every opportunity. After a delicious supper served by the committee, Jenifer closed the meeting with a poem entitled 'Love is Magic' and the Mothers' Union prayer.

For the next meeting members are asked to attend the Church Service on Monday during Holy Week.



The Pilgrim Course (What is the Bible and how should we read it)

Our Lenten Pilgrim course has now run for two sessions. Rev Edwin leads the course as we get to grips with one of the most important foundations of our faith: the Bible.

Each week we discuss a little about what the Bible is, and how we can best read it to apply its message to our lives. So far we have thought about the different types of literature we find in the Bible and just what we might mean when we say that the Bible is 'inspired.'

We approach the Bible with an open minded perspective and everyone's opinions and views are welcome.

Our course is suited to people from any background. No prior knowledge is assumed and everyone is free to contribute and ask questions, though there is no pressure to do so.

Tea and coffee are available!

We meet in the Hilliard Room at 7.30 pm on every other Tuesday, and you would be very welcome to attend! Next meeting will be on 16th April.





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Across

8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — '

9 (Isaiah 53:12) (13)

9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)

10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)

11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)

13 Muslim holy month (7)

16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)

19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)

22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)

24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)

25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

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Crossword

Down

- 1 My for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 l, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Tuesday Club

The Club met on 27th February. Eleanor invited the Rev Edwin to open with prayer. An afternoon of fun & fellowship was enjoyed, with Norma from 'chest, heart & stroke' at the helm. Beginning with chair exercises and continued with a very competitive game of 'Bocce' (chair bowls). Many thanks to Norma who has now become an annual guest visitor. Tea was then served and the Rev Edwin closed with The Grace.

As the last Tuesday in March falls in Holy Week (26th), the Dean will celebrate Holy Communion for all the members, and in particular for those who are unable to attend church. The mini bus will collect those who do not have transport. Please phone the Cathedral Office in advance of the day. The Rev Edwin has been invited to speak at the meeting on April 30th. New members are most welcome.

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Children in Church!

Bring them to church.

Saturate their lives with the Word of God. Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet. Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it is hard. Even when your pew looks like a small hurricane just came through. Bring them to church. Let them see you worship. Let them see you pray. Let them see you running toward the Saviour ... because if they do not see and learn these things from you, who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it is not a priority. The world will teach them it is okay to lay out, not to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them, and misinform them that just being "good" is enough. The world will not teach them about Jesus. That is our job.

Bring them to church.

Matthew 18:5 'And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me.'

Teaching children is a huge responsibility. We must take it seriously and do it well. Prepare well, speak truth, and remember they are God's children first.

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Confirmation





A Service of Confirmation with Holy Communion took place on Sunday 3rd March at 11.00am. Ten young people were confirmed by our Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis.

The candidates, Roger Allen, Solenn Beeson, Teddy Beeson, Hannah Gault, Mya Gault, Eli Irvine, Poppy Schofield Weir, Holly Shaw, Alice Thompson and Ethan Woods, are pictured above with The Bishop, The Dean, Rev Dr Edwin Aiken and the Churchwardens, Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham. (Alfie Jones and Lily Crawford will be Confirmed at a later date).

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Youth and Children's Ministry

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. To ensure there are enough resources, and food for participants, you must contact Gwyneth Blair by email at



gwyneth.blair@gmail.com or 07753522324 as soon as possible. Participants must complete a registration form. The next Messy Church will be held on Thursday 25th April from 4.00-6.00pm.

Sunday Lights and Café

Our Sunday Lights/Sunday Lights Café (Sunday School) will end on Sunday 28th April. This will take the form of a Family Service and gifts will be distributed to all who attended throughout the year. Thank you to all involved and to the parents for bringing their children to Church. It would be nice if we had a higher percentage turn out each Sunday! A special thank you, to all the teachers and helpers. We, as a church, appreciate the time and effort of those who prepare and teach. The new season will begin again on Sunday 22nd September, but in the meantime please continue to attend Church.

The next dates for Sunday Lights and Café are as follows: APRIL

7th April: Holiday.

14th April: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

21st April: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

28th April: Family Service and Gift Day - children attend Church with their families at 11.00am.

Answers to Crossword on page 16

arat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ar-

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Mearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.

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The Parenting Wellness Group will meet on Saturday 20th April in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm. Glenn Heasley from 'Go Fly Your Kite' will join us for a fun workshop. Parents and children will design and fly a kite if weather permits. Refreshments provided after-



wards. Children aged 5 upwards and their parents are welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve a place, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

Parish Visitations

The Clergy and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are continually making visits around the parish, but these are often prioritised by sickness and bereavement calls. As we have now well over 600 families emergency calls are quite numerous. Sometimes we are not in the right place at the right time and that is where you can help. If for some reason you are ill, have

> been ill or bereaved, please let us know by contacting the Cathedral Office and someone will call with you. No contact may well result in no visit through no fault of the clergy! If you or a member of your family is in hospital please inform us otherwise we may not know. Help us to help you!

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Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Dwayne Nixon and Ann Little

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Hon Secretary - Sam Morrow, Assistant Hon Secretary - Stephen Richmond

Hon Treasurer - Hope Kerr, Assistant Hon Treasurer - David Graham

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, Vanessa Elliott, Arnold Graham, Ivan Kee, Karl Saunders,

Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

April Lessons and Readers

Sunday 07 April: The Second Sunday of Easter

The First Reading - Isaiah 26: 2-9, 19 - Robin Hogg The Psalm - Psalm 133 The Second Reading - 1 John 1: 5- 2: 2 - Helen Burton The Gospel Reading - John 20: 19-31 - Fred Watson

Sunday 14 April: The Third Sunday of Easter

The First Reading - Micah 4: 1-5 - Agnes Schofield The Psalm - Psalm 4 The Second Reading - 1 John 3: 1-7 - Trevor Stevenson The Gospel Reading - Luke 24: 36b-48 - Robert Northridge

Sunday 21 April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter The First Reading - Ezekiel 34: 1-10 - Agnes Schofield The Psalm - Psalm 23 The Second Reading - 1 John 3: 16-24 - Raymond Hall The Gospel Reading - John 10: 11-18 - The Curate

Sunday 28 April: The Fifth Sunday of Easter Family Service

WELCOME TEAM April 2024 07 Caroline and Trevor Shaw

14 Hildry and Baymond Campbe

- 14 Hilary and Raymond Campbell
- 21 Sylvia and Trevor Stevenson
- 28 Avril and Ivan Kee



SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

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

MONDAY

Beavers - 6.45pm - 8.00pm Cubs - 6.45pm - 8.00pm Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (as arranged) 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 Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged) Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

SATURDAY

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged) KnitWits - 2.00-5.00pm (Autumn to Easter)

New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!