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OUR VISION

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,

As we emerge from the reflective season of Lent, journeying through the moving moments of Holy Week and the solemnity of Good Friday, we arrive at the joyful celebration of Easter—the day we proclaim, “He is Risen!” This declaration is not merely a phrase; it embodies the essence of our faith and the transformative power of the Risen Lord.



Easter is a season that extends far beyond just a single day in our church calendar. It marks a period of renewal lasting until Ascension Day. During these weeks, we are called to express the joy and hope that the Resurrection brings. This is a time for us to reflect on what it means to be ‘Easter people.’ Living as such means sharing the love, grace, and joy we have received through Christ with those around us. As we show this identity, we naturally draw others into our community, inviting them to experience the warmth and fellowship found at St Macartin's Cathedral.

In a world that often feels weighed down by challenges and despair, the message of Easter shines brightly, reminding us of the hope and new beginnings that are available to all. It is a time to celebrate the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and love over fear. Let us carry this hope into our daily lives, expressing the spirit of Easter in our actions, words, and deeds.

For those who may not have attended church recently or find themselves coming infrequently, we warmly invite you to join us during the Easter services. Come and experience the joy and hope that the Resurrection offers. Whether you are a long-time member or someone exploring faith, there is a place for you in our community. Together, we can celebrate the richness of the Easter season and the promise it holds for all.

At St Macartin's Cathedral, we strive to be more than just a house of worship; we are a heart within the community. Our vision is clear: 'Saint Macartin's—At the heart of the Community Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship, and Christian Love.'

As we journey through this Easter season together, let us strengthen these pillars of our faith and reach out to others, sharing the joy that comes from knowing our Lord is truly risen. May your Easter be filled with hope, joy, and a renewed sense of purpose as we celebrate the Risen Christ.

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Yours very sincerely,



Kenneth R J Hall, Rector and Dean

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

2nd March - William George McBrien,
Killynure Park, Enniskillen.

Cremation

14th March - Olivia Jane (Olive) Stevenson,
Burnside Park, Enniskillen.

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



Parish Donations

Fabric Fund

- £240 Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Eric Hodgins.
- £200 Donation in loving memory of Joseph and Margaret Doogan.
From their daughter Renee.
- £100 Anonymous donation in memory of my parents.
- £50 Donation from Mr David and Mrs Gillian McClaughlin.
- £50 Donation from Mrs Mary McClaughlin.
- £2,000 Donation from the Estate of the late Margaret Henderson.

Choral Scholarship Fund

- £500 Donation from Mr Arnold and Mrs Karen Graham in memory of
Arnold's mother Mrs Lily Graham.

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.

Co Fermanagh RAF Association



The old Standard which was laid up

The County Fermanagh RAFA were in attendance at the 11.00am service on Sunday 8th March for the Laying-up of a Standard and Dedication of a new Standard. The service was led by Rev Edwin, the lessons were read by Jane Styles, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Co Fermanagh, and Ray Hall Chairman Co Fermanagh Branch RAFA. The Dean was the



The New Standard is unfurled

Palm Sunday 29th March



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 enter our Cathedral by joining with everyone singing 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Holy Week Services 31st March to 3rd April



Holy Week

Monday at 7.30pm

Tuesday at 7.30pm

Wednesday at 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm

The Last Supper – Holy Communion –
'Do this in remembrance of me'

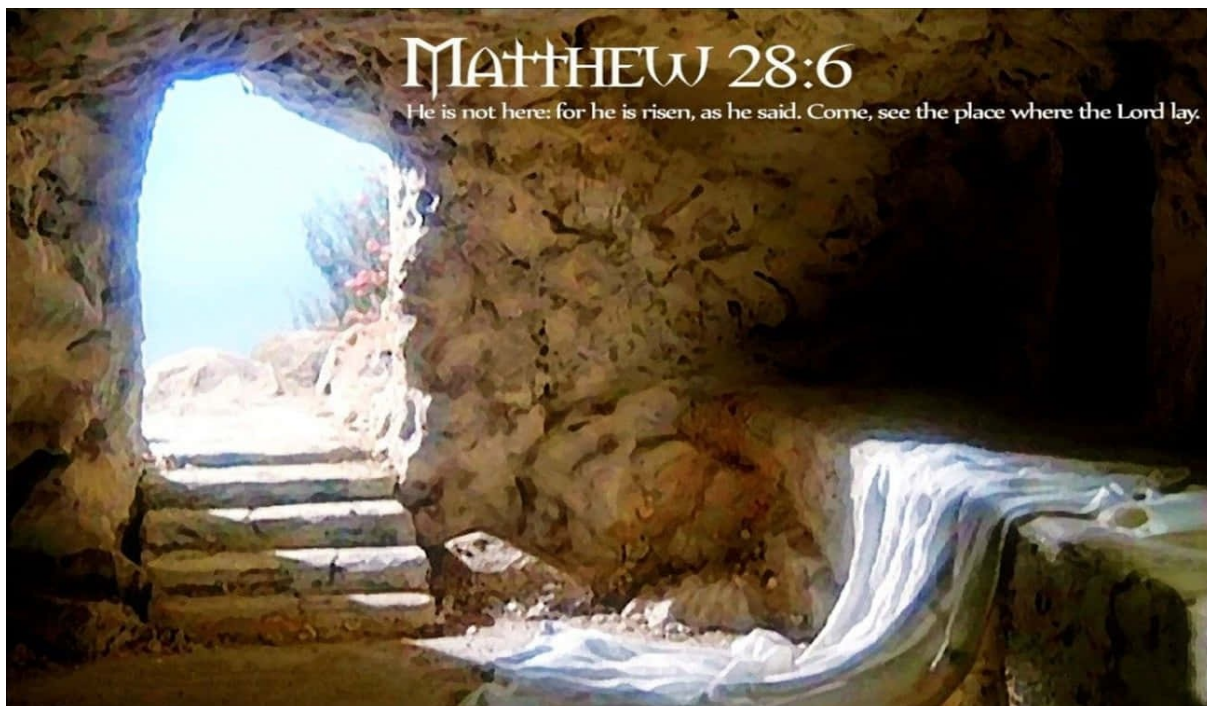
Good Friday at 7.30pm

Service of Meditation and Hymns

These services are designed to be short (30 -40 minutes) with the exception of the Maundy Thursday service which includes a celebration of Holy Communion. This is to encourage people to attend each night.

***Make this week a 'Holy Week' in your lives
as we reflect upon what Christ has achieved for us.***

Easter Day



EASTER DAY SERVICES

Sunday 5th April

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

*'Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.'*

The Easter Collect:

*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.*

Adult Confirmation

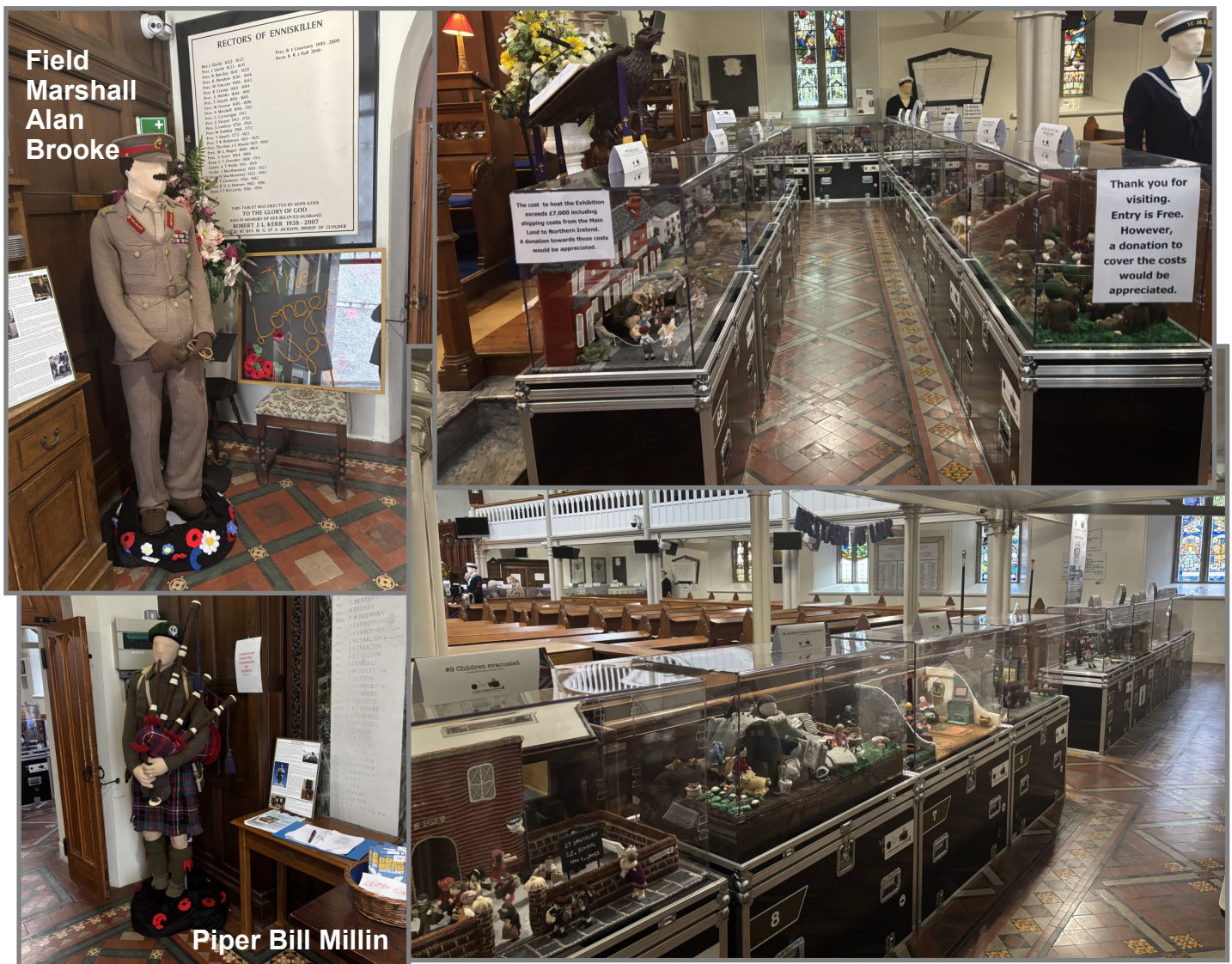
Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you. A service to confirm adults will take place in the St Macartin's Cathedral on Ascension Thursday (14th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact your Rector for details.

The Longest Yarn 2

The Longest Yarn Exhibition 2 has proved to be very popular. At the time of going to print approximately 6,000 visitors have been through St Macartin's Cathedral to view the display. Out of those, seventy five percent have travelled more than fifty miles, with fifty percent travelling more than one hundred miles to St Macartin's, the only place in Ireland to host the Exhibition. On 22nd March the display will leave for Rheged, Penrith.

We want to thank everyone who helped, in any way. Those who were there to unload and set up on 9th February and to pack up on 1st March, before the Illuminated Orchestra Concert on 2nd, and reinstating that evening. To the stewards who manned the exhibition throughout the six weeks it was here. Also those who supplied provisions, home baked goods and catered on the weekends when refreshments were offered in the Cathedral Hall.

This was all a momentous undertaking but thanks to all involved the exhibition has been a great success.



The Longest Yarn 2



Birmingham Blitz,
use of canals



VE Street Party

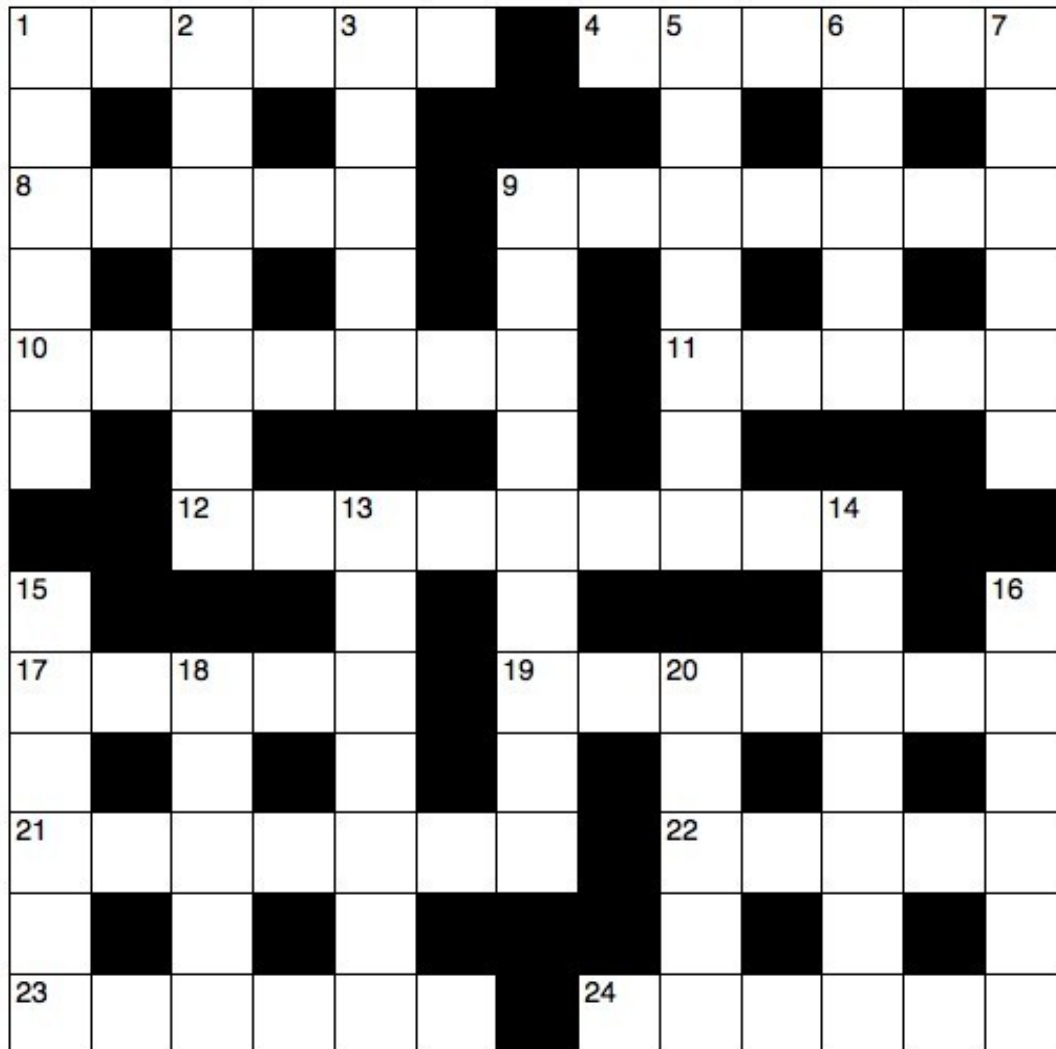


Buckingham
Palace on
VE Day



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Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Crossword

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

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 be-

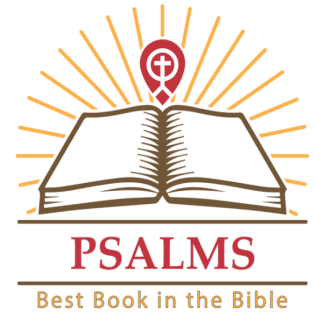


reaved, please let us know by contacting the Cathedral Office and someone will call with you. No contact may well result in no visit through no fault of the clergy! If you or a member of your family is in hospital please inform us otherwise we may not know. Help us to help you!

Psalm

Psalm 134

Psalm 134 is the final psalm in a collection of fifteen psalms known as the “Psalms of Ascent” and to fully appreciate the psalm it is useful to know its context. The Psalms of Ascent comprise psalms 120 through to 134 and they are associated with pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem and themes exploring God’s protection, community, trust, hope, forgiveness and repentance.



Psalm 134 manages to be the culmination of this in three short verses, the end point of a pilgrimage of ascent; of physical journeying but also spiritual growth. The psalm forms part of the Anglican service of Compline and our evening Lenten services at the cathedral were enriched by this psalm of double blessing. Verse one “come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!” speaks of the people encouraging the priests of the temple worshipping at night to bless God. This blessing is then

doubled as the priests of the temple in turn bless the people; “may the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion.” Psalm 134 teaches us that in the midst of adversity and a hectic world it is good to reflect, rest and praise God in the knowledge that we are held in his grace.




The Dean Meets the Prime Minister




The Dean was invited to a St Patrick's Day reception in the Merchant Hotel, Belfast, hosted by the Joint Secretaries of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Secretariat. During the reception he met the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer.

400th Anniversary - Cathedral History Book



The author
Samuel Boyce Morrow OBE BAgrad graduated from Queen's University in 1959. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as chairman, organist, glebe steward and has been honorary secretary of the select vestry since 1989. He has written four other books, two on agricultural matters and two on church history. Those dealing with church affairs are titled: *The Church of Ireland Parishes of Tempo and Clabby - a Shared Heritage*, and, *Clabby on the Map - The Church of Ireland Parishes of Clabby and its People*.


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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1622 to seal the consecration of the Cathedral by St Macartin's Cathedral. The chalice is kept in the vestry, adjacent to the altar in the Cathedral. (Edward Davis, 1622)

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St Macartin's Cathedral
at the Heart of the Community



Over 400 years of Parish History
by Samuel B. Morrow



St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow

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, the Deanery or from the Churchwardens.

Parish Organisations

Mothers' Union Visitors' Night

The March meeting of the Mothers' Union was Visitors' night, held on the 9th at 7.30pm in the main hall with 116 in attendance. Jenifer, branch leader, opened the meeting by giving everyone a very warm welcome and gave a special welcome to our speaker for the evening, Donna Armstrong. The Dean said very fitting prayers focusing on St Patrick.

Donna talked to us about her journey to new career heights within Vascular Medicine. It was a most interesting and inspiring story. Margaret Owens thanked Donna for sharing her story with us.

A delicious supper was served by our own members and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Jenifer read a poem entitled "Mother's love." Alison Annan, High Sheriff, proposed a vote of thanks.

On Monday 30th March we will meet in church for the Holy week service at 7.30pm. Our May outing is on Monday 11th at 6.30pm to the Killyhevlin for a meal.



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Tuesday Club



The Tuesday Club was opened on February 24th by The Rev Edwin with a reading.

Leader Valerie welcomed all present. A letter of thanks was read from Diane Donaldson.

Claire Holmes was guest speaker. Claire and husband, William, were honoured to receive an invitation to the Buckingham Palace garden party last summer, Claire spoke of her experiences and showed photos of the occasion. Valerie

Thompson thanked Claire for the interesting presentation.

This was followed by a 'guess the Royal baby quiz', congratulations to William Holmes and Ernie Vance with full marks.

The next meeting is on Tuesday March 31st at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room with a Service of Holy Communion celebrated by The Dean and Rev Edwin. All are welcome.



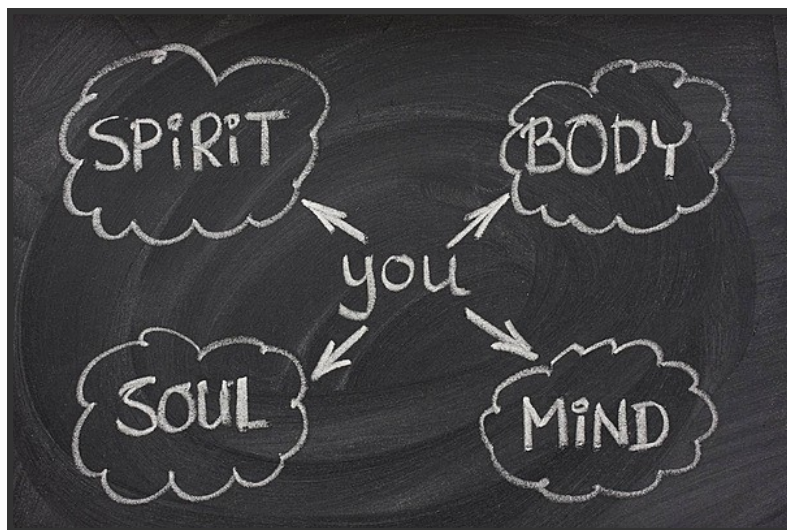
Answers to Crossword on page 10

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Deliah. 10, Falwell.
 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur.
 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison.
 DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist.
 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Dea-
 cons. 15, Psyche.

Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Spirit and Soul

All are welcome to join Revd Edwin on selected Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm in the Hilliard Room as together we explore different expressions of Anglican Spirituality and prayer. Our sessions will range from topics as diverse as gardens, art history, mysticism and darkness. The dates in



April are Tuesday 21st when the subject is Prayer and 28th, when Mysticism will be explained. Each meeting will start with a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. All contributions are welcome, but you don't need to say anything unless you want to! Meetings normally finish by 9.00pm.

Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 19th April 2026 for young people of Year 9 and above. Those who expect to be confirmed should regularly attend services with their families, as Confirmation



is about taking your place within the life and mission of the Church.

Confirmation Classes will finish on 13th April with a rehearsal in the Cathedral. Please meet in the Cathedral at 6.30pm.

Sunday School

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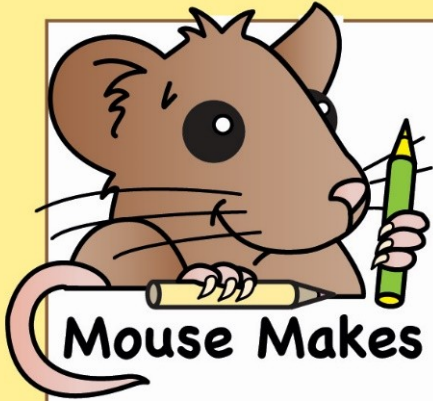
5th April: Easter Day Service

12th April: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the service

19th April: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the service

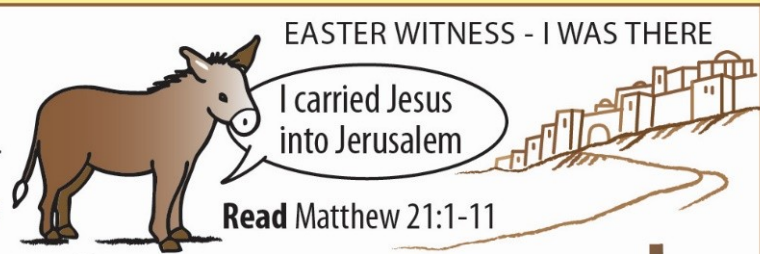
26th April: Family Service and Distribution of Sunday School Gifts

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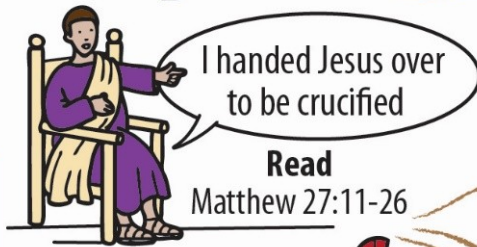
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EASTER WITNESS - I WAS THERE

I carried Jesus into Jerusalem

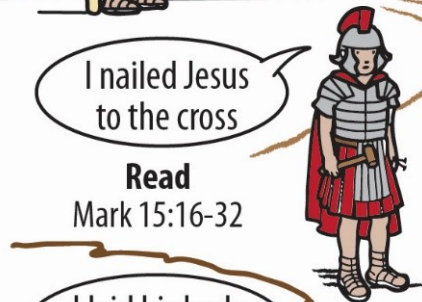
Read Matthew 21:1-11



I handed Jesus over to be crucified

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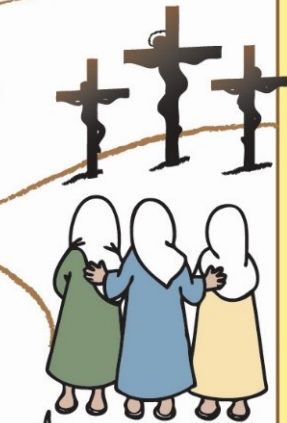
Matthew 27:11-26



I nailed Jesus to the cross

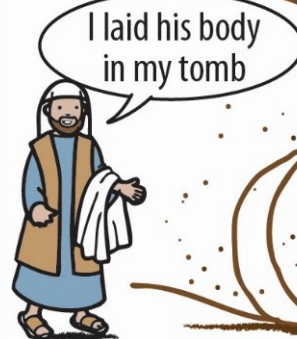
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Mark 15:16-32



We watched Jesus die

Read Mark 15:33-41



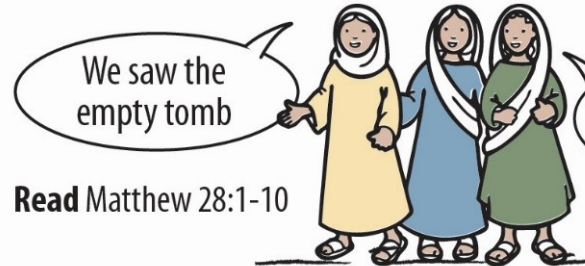
I laid his body in my tomb

Read Mark 15:42-47



I guarded the tomb

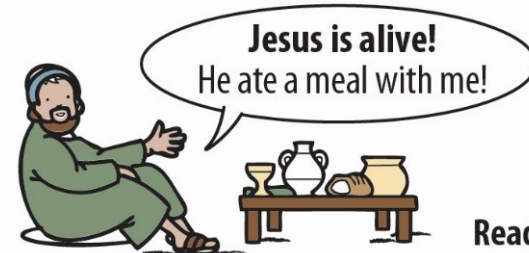
Read Matthew 27:62-66



We saw the empty tomb

Read Matthew 28:1-10

and spoke to the angel



Jesus is alive!
He ate a meal with me!

Read Luke 24:13-35

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Graham Irvine and Audrey Hopkins

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

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

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

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane, Linda Corrigan, Vanessa Elliott, Arnold Graham, Ivan Kee, Ann Little, Dwayne Nixon, Jonathan Woods.

Assistant Hon Secretary - Karl Saunders

Assistant Hon Treasurer - Audrey Williamson

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders

April Lessons and Readers

Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter - 5th April

The First Reading - Acts 10: 34-43 - Naomi Beeson

The Psalm - 118: 14-24

The Second Reading - Colossians 3: 1-4 - Joshua Martin

The Gospel Reading - John 20: 1-18 - Adele Moore

The Second Sunday of Easter - 12th April

The First Reading - Acts 2: 22-32 - Selena Fawcett

The Psalm - Psalm - 16

The Second Reading - 1 Peter 1: 3-9 - Jim Lucy

The Gospel Reading - John 20: 19-31 - Joshua Martin

The Third Sunday of Easter - 19th April

Confirmation Service.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter - 26th April

Family Service & Distribution of Sunday School Gifts.

WELCOME TEAM April
05 Sally Masterson and Gladys Fisher
12 Jenifer and Noel Johnston
19 Tanya and Gary Martin
26 Eileen and Jim Nixon



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

Rangers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Spirit & Soul - 7.30 - 9.00pm (selected weeks)

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

Supper at Six - 6.00pm - 7.30pm (fourth Thursday, September to March)

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!**