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*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky. Hymn 260*



Happy Easter

**Hallelujah!
Christ is Risen**

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,

Easter Sunday of 2020 was an Easter like no other, with empty pews, online services, and no family gatherings. The coronavirus outbreak had forced Christians to celebrate Easter at home. Now as we approach Easter of 2021, we still are uncertain of what may or may not happen. COVID-19 has spread around the globe. Millions of people are infected, and thousands have died from it. Many countries have imposed stringent measures to contain the outbreak and have set up strict regulations that place severe restrictions on people's daily lives, social interactions, and religious activities. The pandemic has dealt a ruthless blow to the economic system, which people took pride in, and has posed challenges to social security systems, and governments' ability to govern. Countless people now live in dire circumstances because of the damages done to the economy. This must surely be one of the most challenging crisis and the gravest disaster that humanity has ever faced.



Although economic contraction and deteriorating livelihood are the main causes for anxiety, the loss of lives is an even greater cause for sadness and fear. In the face of such suffering and difficulties, people's faith is inevitably challenged, and their trust in God is also shaken. Many may ask 'Where is God in all of this?', 'Why did God watch us suffer without helping us?', and 'When will the pandemic end so that people can return to their normal lives?' These are difficult questions to answer! Perhaps we can learn from Easter about our relationship with God at this time of difficult circumstances, and how to face this unprecedented challenge and disaster.

Jesus faced the darkness of death and waited for his Resurrection with obedience, and God raised him from the dead. Jesus rose from the dead because he was obedient to God and could therefore experience this leap in faith. As Christians, we must also learn to experience this lesson in obedience. Jesus returned in triumph from the darkness of death. He triumphed because he de-

Jesus' Resurrection gives Christians hope. This hope is not merely a superficial and exaggerated optimism that is unconfirmed by facts. This hope is our trust in God. Good Friday is a day of darkness and death filled with suffering and disappointment, but Easter Sunday is a day filled with life and joy, like the dawn that is certain to come after the darkness of the night.

Today, we are living under the shadow of the pandemic and are in the middle of darkness. It is like experiencing Good Friday, a day for pain, sadness, fear, and death. However, Easter gives us the strength and faith to face all difficulties and the hope to triumph over all. This is because we know that every Good Friday is followed by an Easter Sunday, just as the dawn arrives after the darkness of the night. The good news is that we do not have to wait until death to experience resurrection but can experience the resurrected life during these difficult times. Therefore, we need to trust in God, and share our faith with others.

Let us live courageously and face the future with faith and hope, because Jesus, who loves us, had already walked this path before. He comforts and encourages us by saying '*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*' (Matthew 11:28). May that rest, free us from anxiety and worry from this deadly virus as we start to see light at the end of the tunnel; start to see some hope again in community life as we slowly return to some degree of normality!

May the Lord bless every one of you with courage and peace so that you may have an Easter filled with joy and hope even at this stage of the pandemic.

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

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall



Thursdays at 11.00am

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Thursday at 11.00am. Those who usually attend the early Sunday morning and Sunday evening services should consider (if not working) attending the Thursday service, as it is much quieter than the 11.00am Sunday morning service.

The Thursday services hopefully will resume on Thursday 8th April

Parochial Registers

Burial

- 30th January - Etta Loughlin, 41 Tempo Road, Enniskillen.
8th February - Mary Scott, 6 Elliott Place, Enniskillen.
3rd March - James Kerr (Jim), 17 Mullaghmeen Road, Enniskillen.

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



Parish Donations

Outreach Fund

£500 Anonymous donation.

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£17,016 Donation in memory of Mrs Shirley Rowland in lieu of flowers.

£810 Donation in memory of Mr Thomas Hawthorn in lieu of flowers.

£60 Donation in memory of Mrs Betty McRoberts in lieu of flowers.

£660 Donation in memory of Mr Keith Styles in lieu of flowers.

£250 Donation in memory of Mr Bill Eames BEM in lieu of flowers.

£450 Donation from Montgomery Finlay, Estate Agents (no fees charged for the lease of the Curatage).

£300 Donation from Mr & Mrs Ivan Kee to cover the postage of the Slate Tickets.

£100 Donation in memory of her parents Charlie and Gladys Patterson and brother Howard. From Mrs Joan Patterson Carson.

£50 Donation towards the printing of the Slate Tickets. From Mrs Eleanor Lynn.

£50 Donation in memory of Mary Scott. From her sister-in-law Joyce Scott.

£1,000 Donation from Mr & Mrs George Elliott.

£200 Anonymous donation.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Ivan Johnston.

£1,000 Donation from Mr & Mrs David Burton.

£400 Donation in memory of Mr Jim Kerr. From Mr & Mrs Noel Kells and family.

£1,000 Anonymous donation.

Amount received in Yellow Envelopes - to date £12,315

(These names will appear in the Financial Report or remain anonymous if already requested). Thank you to all who are contributing.

Target amount for Yellow Envelopes & Lump Sum Donations £300,000.

Parish Donations

Fabric Fund

£500 Donation in memory of Mrs Florence Graham in lieu of flowers.

£60 Donation in memory of their mum, Mrs Rene Perry from the Perry Family.

£70 Donation in memory of their parents and sister Lilas.
From the Beresford family.

Thank you Will Stevenson DPA

In 2005 the Diocese recruited individuals, and after an appropriate period of training over several months, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants (DPAs) commenced work after being commissioned by the then Bishop Michael Jackson (now Archbishop of Dublin). Will Stevenson was one of that group and started serving in Dromore, Drumkeeran and Devenish and Boho Parishes. He moved here during the vacancy in Enniskillen Cathedral (2008-2010) and then moved to Donacavey and Barr and back to Dromore. The Dean then sought after Will, and he was reassigned to Enniskillen Cathedral in June 2011 and has been here for the past 10 years!

It is with great sadness that we now announce his retirement. Will feels it is time to take things easier and spend time with his family. He has been married to Pat for over 55 years and they have two children and five grandchildren. His son Trevor, daughter-in-law Sylvia and grandchildren Sophie and James are members of our Cathedral.

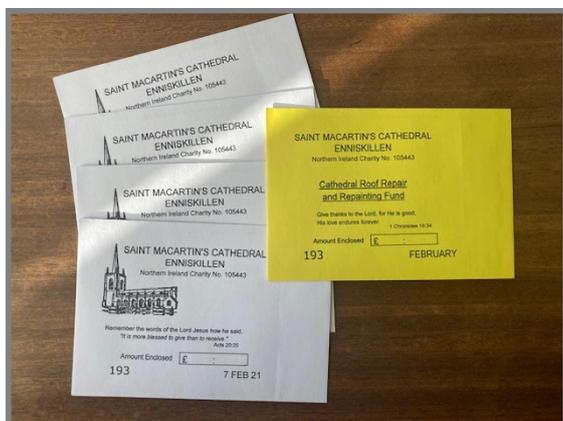
Will was exceptionally well received in all homes in the parish and his presence will be greatly missed. He was an immense help to the Dean and worked quietly in a very supportive role, treating all aspects of his pastoral care with absolute respect and total confidentiality, feeding back all the necessary information to the Dean. His compassion and kindness towards others were an inspiration to all the clergy he served alongside. The Dean would like to take this opportunity to express his thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Thank you so much Will for your labour of love and your willingness to use your gifts and abilities which has strengthened the mission and ministry of St Macartin's. You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving. For all your time, effort, hard work, and prayers, please accept the thanks and appreciation of the The Dean, The Select Vestry, and parishioners of this Cathedral Church. You have truly been a blessing to this Cathedral Parish and may God bless you in the years ahead.



Church Envelopes

Re-roofing the cathedral is a massive project costing approximately £400,000. The project of selling slates for the roof (see pages 8 and 9), if every parishioner plays their part, should bring in £100,000 from outside sources and not from parishioner's own income. That leaves us with a further £300,000 to raise.

If this were to be divided equally among our contributing families it would be an exorbitant amount each, however we hope that every family will contribute as much as they can afford to see our magnificent building fully restored. I am not asking you to contribute above your means, but what I am asking you to do is to consider what you spent on non-essential items and give accordingly to the church – we know God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7). We are all well aware of the real financial struggles and hardship that many are facing with the on-going crisis of COVID-19; the result of this is that giving can often be squeezed and church giving sometimes falls victim to this. Therefore, we really appreciate parishioners' on-going commitment to the work of Almighty God here in Enniskillen.



In each box of FWO Envelopes there are twelve additional yellow envelopes – one for each month. They are placed at the start of each month in hope that more funds are available at that stage of the month. Please give as generously as you can. The white envelopes are the regular weekly envelope and we very much depend on your generosity in these to keep our day-to-day expenses covered.

If you wish to pay to either the Roof Fund or the regular weekly contributions by Standing Order that can be arranged by contacting the Cathedral Office. Details of all contributions will be recorded in the end of the year Report and you can remain anonymous if you so request.

Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support for the parish.

The Dean

Renewal of Car Park Fobs

We wish to remind parishioners who use the car park that their fobs need to be renewed now. Fobs cost £25 per year. Thank you to all those who have already renewed and for using the car park responsibly.



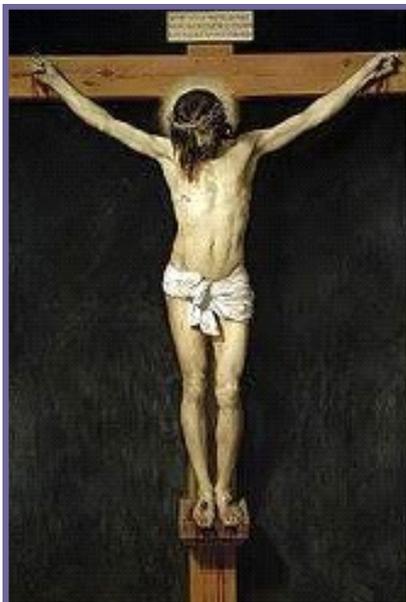
Holy Week and Easter Services

Holy Week Services

These were planned but had to be cancelled due to restrictions.

Announcement

The Church of Ireland have agreed to further assess the situation immediately after the next NI Executive review of current lockdown provisions on Tuesday 16th March 2021, in the cautious anticipation that, from Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) onwards, our parishioners in Northern Ireland could return to in-person gatherings for worship, with all necessary precautions and mitigations in place. This recognises the importance of Easter, the significance of which was acknowledged by the Minister for Health and the Chief Medical Officer at their most recent meeting with Church representatives. A similar approach is also being taken by the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church and, in a slightly different form, by the Roman Catholic Church.



Good Friday

(Depending on the announcement on 16th March)

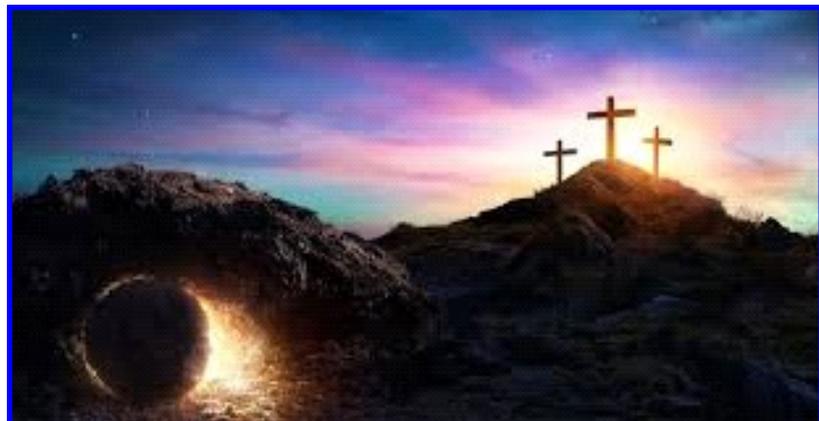
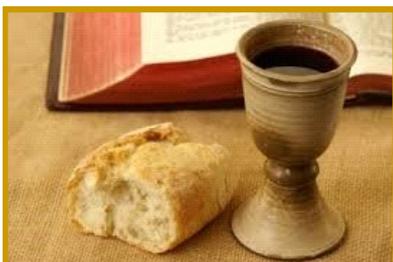
11.00am Good Friday Service

7.30pm Good Friday Service

(Immediately after the first service the Cathedral will be 'fogged' in order to allow the second service to take place in the evening)

Easter Sunday

11.00 Holy Communion



**Celebration of the 'Joyful Resurrection'
Hallelujah!**

Cathedral Restoration Project

Dear Parishioner/s

Very soon the scaffolding will be erected around our Cathedral building which commences the major task of reroofing our historic building dedicated to St Macartin, which has stood the test of time for 400 years and is now a well-known landmark in Enniskillen town, as well as a witness to the Christian Faith handed on to us from generations past!

This is an ambitious and mighty task to gather in over £400,000 during a pandemic. Had circumstances been different we would have been able to hold many fund-raising activities – concerts, coffee mornings, sales etc, but all of that is not now possible. Coupled with that, many families are struggling to make ends meet after a very difficult period with finance not plentiful at present, and we do appreciate what you can affordably give the church in your Free Will Offering. This year we have also asked each family to contribute what they can afford in twelve yellow monthly envelopes at the start of each month towards the Cathedral Roof Fund. Thank you to those who are using these, and we are grateful to those who have already very generously contributed single donations to the Cathedral

Roof Fund.

Rather than try to raise all the money from parishioners, we are asking parishioners to help to raise some money from non parishioners by selling slates. In doing so you could provide us with twenty slates for the roof!

There are 10,000 slates on the roof and if we ask each family to provide twenty slates, we could raise £100,000 in this venture alone and this will bring in about 25% of the overall cost.



This is an opportunity for you to do something in Christian service and provide something extra for God's House by selling some slates at £10 each to family members, friends, acquaintances, or neighbours who are not parishioners – just twenty slates to sell. When doing so please fill in the stubs with name, address, and postcode of the buyer, and tick the box if a taxpayer so that we can reclaim tax at no extra cost to the buyer of the slate.

When you have completed the sale of the twenty slates, please return the stubs and money to the Cathedral Office, The Churchwardens, The Treasurer or myself as Dean of the Cathedral. Please do not give any money or stubs to anyone not personally known to you. We really appreciate your

Cathedral Restoration Project

effort in helping us in these very difficult times and we hope to have all returned before the end of June. The Select Vestry will have the responsibility of seeing that all the Slate Tickets/stubs are returned to protect those that have contributed.

Thank you once again and may God Bless you in the days ahead.

Yours very sincerely,

Very Rev Kenneth Hall (The Dean)

Mrs Linda Kingston (Rector's Churchwarden)

Mrs Audrey Williamson (Peoples' Churchwarden)

Mrs Hope Kerr (Honorary Treasurer)



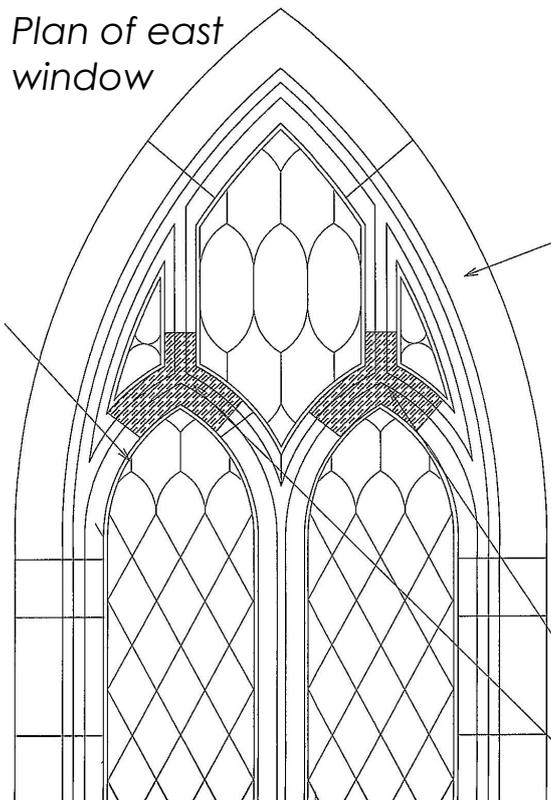
Please note

If for some reason you have not received a book of 'Slate tickets' and would like to assist with providing 20 slates for the Cathedral Roof please contact the Cathedral Office. Your help and assistance would be very much appreciated.

Cathedral Restoration Project

Plans for the work to be undertaken in restoring the cathedral roof and stonework are progressing satisfactorily. Specifications for the work to be undertaken have been prepared and tender documents have been issued to six contractors who had expressed interest in the work. Contractors have been asked to submit their tenders by 3rd March. These will be received by McCollum Conservation who, within one week, should make a recommendation regarding the appointment of a contractor

Plan of east window

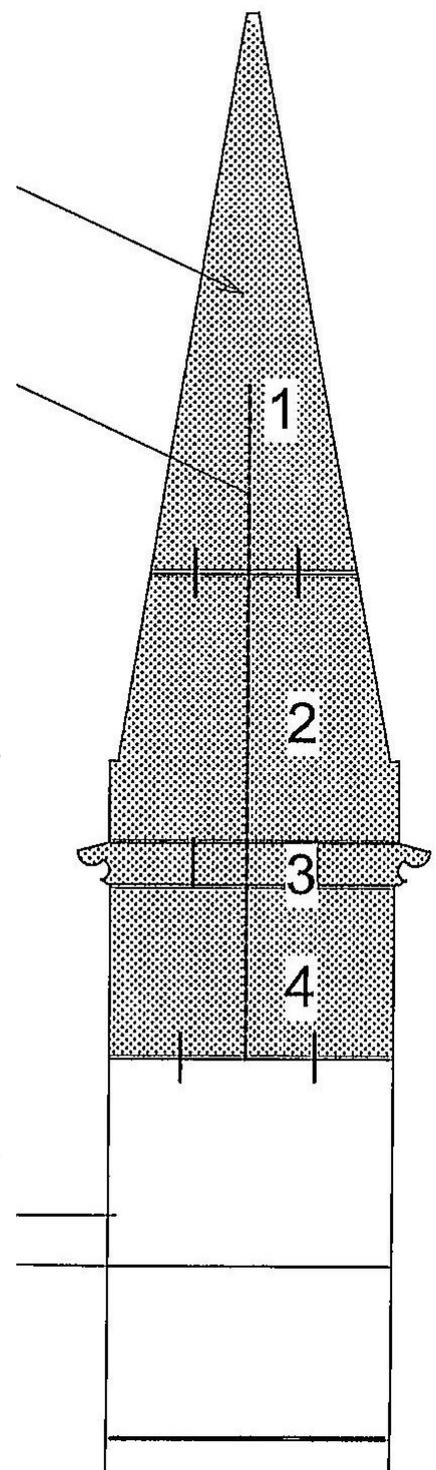


to the Select Vestry. If what has been recommended to the select Vestry is acceptable the contractor will be appointed and should then be in a position to undertake the work. Whilst the contractor appointed will undertake most of the work the firm will be required to employ specialists for the lead work and stone restoration.

Stone restoration will involve work on the east window where two sections of the stone work surrounding the stained glass window will need to be replaced. The attached diagram shows where the work is required.

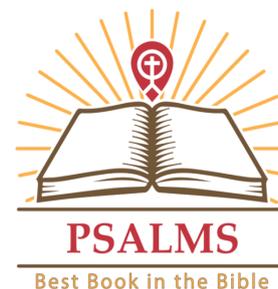
Some of the stone pinnacles require total or partial rebuilding. Originally the stonework was secured using iron pins or dowels. When the iron rusts it swells and impacts adversely on the stone structure. When the stones are being rebuilt stainless steel dowels will be used which will protect the stonework.

Plan (on right) of a rebuilt pinnacle showing the location of the stainless steel dowels.



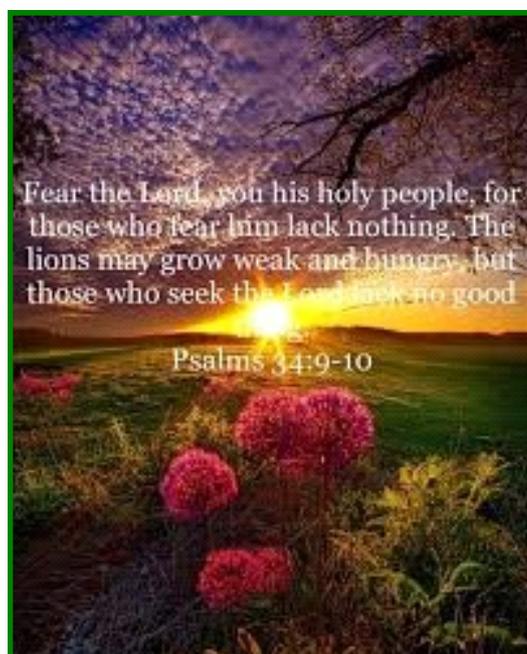
Psalm 34

Amid the current coronavirus pandemic, we all live with fear and uncertainty. How do we deal with fear? *'I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.'* (Ps 34:4). In this psalm, David expresses real fears. He was on the run from Saul, who was trying to murder him! Yet David points to three simple habits that help overcome fear.



Praising God always: 'I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. (1). It was David's pattern of life to praise God daily, whatever his circumstances. He was acknowledging God's lordship over his life. Praise affirms that my circumstances are in His hands and He is with me in all that I am going through.

Seeking God continually: 'This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.' (6). David looked to God, who released him from all his fears. It's easy for our fears to overwhelm us and rob us of the assurance that God loves us and wants the best for us. When we seek God, He hears us and responds, as He is not powerless to act.



Finding refuge in God: 'Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.' (8). David's personal invitation is to taste and see that God is good. Our fears often tell us that the opposite is true for us. Fear tells us that God cannot be trusted and that He will abandon us. We can make God our secure refuge and not be afraid.

This psalm helps us to see fear from a totally different perspective: *'Fear the Lord, you His holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing.'* (9).

Bishop Ellinah of Diocese of Swaziland



The Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall records his shock and sadness at the news of the death of the Right Rev Ellinah Wamukoya, the Bishop of the Diocese of Swaziland. He extends his deepest and heartfelt sympathy to her husband Okwaro, her children, grandchildren, and to the Diocese of Swaziland. Bishop Ellinah was the first woman in the Anglican Church of South Africa to be elected Bishop, and the first female Bishop to preach in the Diocese of Clogher on her visit to St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in January 2015.

Bishop Ellinah sadly died due to Covid-19 on 19th January.



We were delighted to have had the Bishop of Swaziland, visit and preach in St Macartin's on the last Sunday in January 2015. The Bishop is pictured below with Jim Elliott, Peoples Churchwarden, Rev Olie Downey, Dean Hall, Rev Rob Clements and Maud Shaw.

Spring – a time of hope and joy!

'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.' Song of Songs 2:11-12

March and April are the months that I associate with the coming of Spring, my favourite time of the year, and such a relief after the darkness and gloom of Winter. This verse beautifully describes the joy that most of us feel as the days begin to brighten, and Nature starts to awaken once again. These words also speak to us about a new season in life, one that is filled with hope and expectation. Sometimes we experience the darkness of winter in our lives – maybe in the form of depression, bereavement, chronic illness, family difficulties, financial problems and so on. These long winter months of the soul may seem to last forever. Our joy disappears, our energy dissipates, our mood is low. A thick black cloud hangs over us and it seems as if the sun will never shine again.

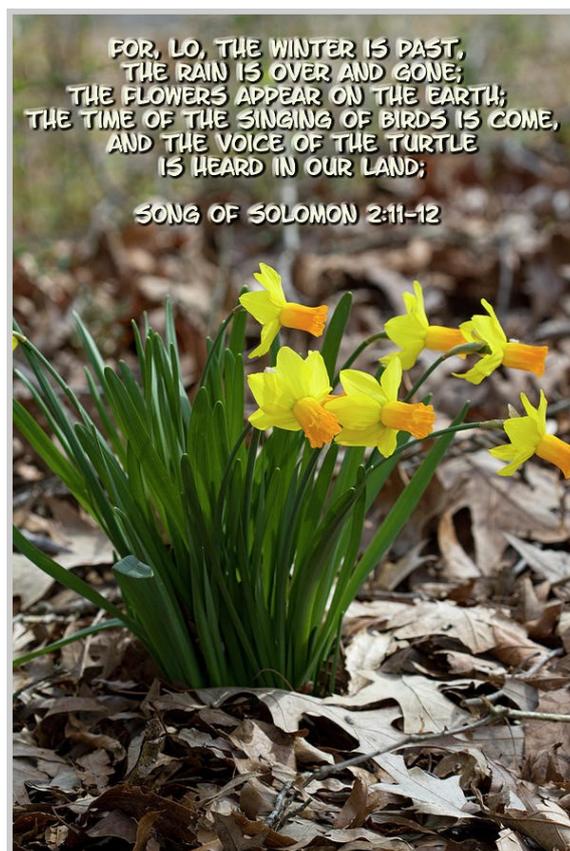


Then we have this reminder that no season lasts for ever. The cold grip of Winter gradually thaws and gives way to warmer days. The sun does shine again, and the temperature rises. Birds sing and flowers blossom.

The sap rises. Love is in the air.

And in the spiritual realm the same hap-

pens. Eventually we will enter a new season of the soul. Joy returns and life gets back to something like normality. No darkness lasts for ever. We experience our own awakening, a kind of mini resurrection. We start to feel alive again, to see possibilities and to dream again. In the depths of Winter, we can look ahead to the certainty of Spring. Faith enables us to believe that the winter of the soul will soon be past as well. In the darkness we choose to hope in God.



Cathedral Family

June Crowe has been involved with St Macartin's Cathedral Youth Organisation's for many years. She is currently a Brownie Leader and has helped with the Youth Club in the past. We are very grateful to her for her dedication.



Tell us about your early days?

I was born and raised in Enniskillen and I am the second youngest of five siblings. My primary school education took place in Jones Memorial Primary School and from there I attended Enniskillen High School as it was known then. I am married to Kenny and we have two wonderful daughters Emma and Susanne.

What are your hobbies/interests?

My hobbies include going to the gym and walking. I particularly enjoy spin classes and boot camps which definitely keep me focused on doing some form of exercise, but I have to say I am really missing them at the moment. Girlguiding keeps me occupied in other ways, I started by helping out and I'm still with Enniskillen Brownies twenty two years later. I have had the honour of being Enniskillen District Commissioner, which I held for five years and I am currently into my sixth year as County Secretary. I have made wonderful friendships and I am delighted that I can give of my time to help out in a brilliant organisation.

Do you travel/hope to travel?

I love to travel, I particularly enjoy Florida which I have visited five times and I love Spain, I was hoping to visit Portugal last year and hoping to go this year too, but we will have to wait and see what happens.

Favourites in life—food/film/books?

I love the book 'PS I Love You' by Cecelia Ahern, one minute I'm laughing

Cathedral Family

and the next minute I am crying. My favourite film would have to be Pride and Prejudice and I have to confess I really enjoy the new Star Trek films. As for food if it looks good I'll eat it.

Have you a favourite bible verse/hymn?

My favourite hymns are King of Kings and Amazing Grace (My chains are gone). As for my bible verse it would be from John chapter 14 verse 27 – "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." My mother would have quoted this verse and I guess it stayed with me.

Any challenges?

Getting to grips with new technology, I don't care if my phone isn't charged and really don't care if I don't know how to post things on Facebook but I realise that these days especially, everything is centred on knowing how to do this and being able to do this on so many devices. I will have to pay more attention when my daughters are showing me how to do these things instead of saying just do it for me please and I will try my best to look interested even though I may not be, well here's hoping!

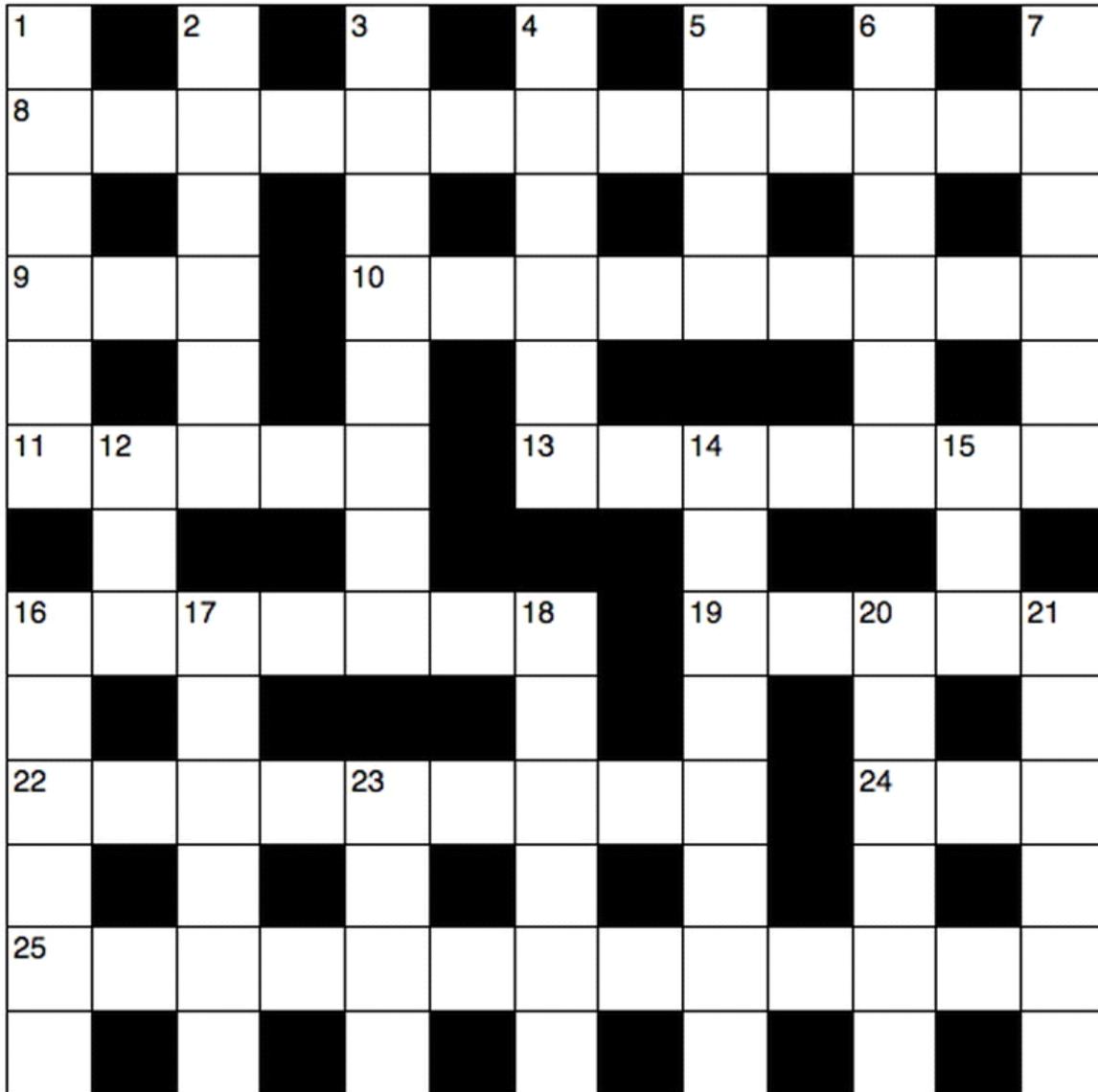
As a Cathedral Family we sometimes know very little about each other. Unfortunately at the moment it is not possible to run the Cathedral organisations, stay behind for coffee/tea and a chat after a Family Service or Thursday morning Holy Communion or even speak to someone in Church on a Sunday morning. This article is one way to stay in touch and find out more. If you know someone who would be willing to tell us about themselves please let us know. We want St Macartin's to be a warm and welcome place.

"A friend is someone who reaches out for your hand...and touches your heart." –

Unknown



Crossword



Across

8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)

9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)

10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)

11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)

13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)

16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)

19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)

22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)

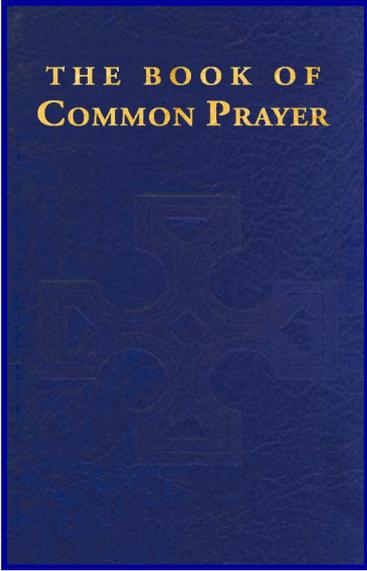
24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Crossword

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1)(4)

Prayer Books



THE BOOK OF
COMMON PRAYER

Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have! We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00 and would make an ideal gift!

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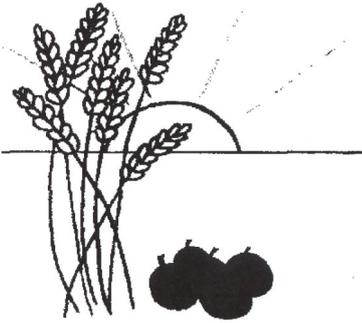
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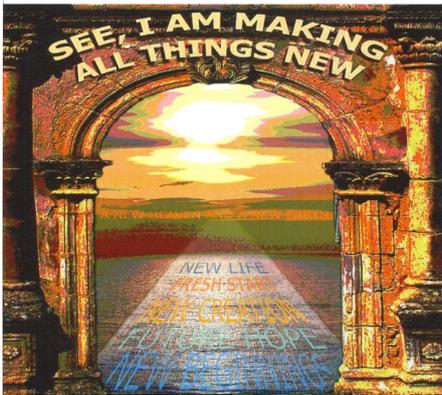


For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God!
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God!

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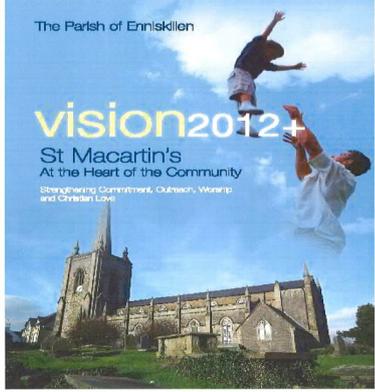


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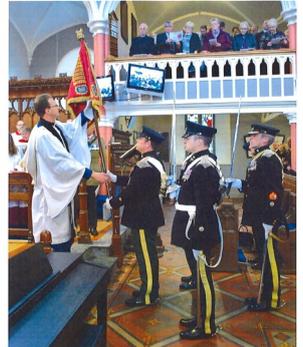


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THE LAST STANDARD OF THE 5th ROYAL INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS



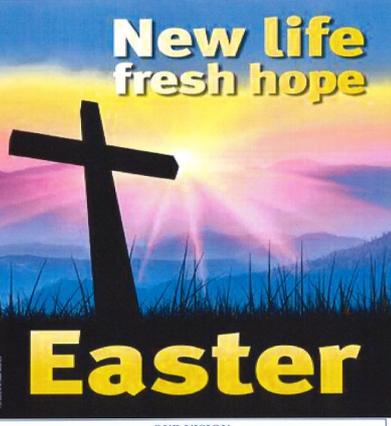
The Dean receiving the last Standard of The 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards to be laid up in Saint Macartin's Regimental Chapel.

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Swan and Cygnet on Lough Erne, Enniskillen
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Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.' (Isaiah 40:31)

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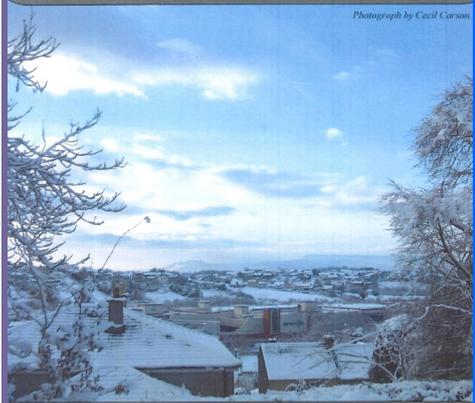
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'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.' (Luke 2: 11)



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'...but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13)



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'So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.' (Romans 12:5)



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"The Lord can do mighty things through a people unwilling to settle for less!"



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Each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:4-5



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"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty saviour, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love." Zephaniah 3:17



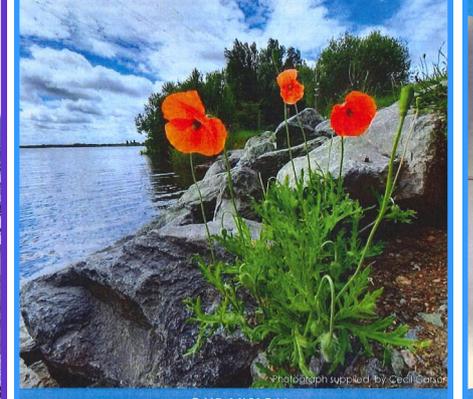
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"One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah', He brought Simon to Jesus." (John 1: 40-42)



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he saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him, if we endure, we will also reign with him.' (2 Timothy 2:11,12)



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'They presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.' (Matthew 2: 11).



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The Cathedral News



The Cathedral News has been a feature of St Macartin's Cathedral for over 50 years! During Dean Thomas Clement's time a News Sheet would have been produced periodically, originally on an A4 page, run off on a duplicator.

This later developed into a folded sheet on plain white paper until October 1996, and it was then produced in black ink on coloured paper. From October 2010 the format was changed, and extra pages were added. A colour front page was introduced in February 2011 and increased to 20 pages with coloured photographs. In September 2015 the Cathedral

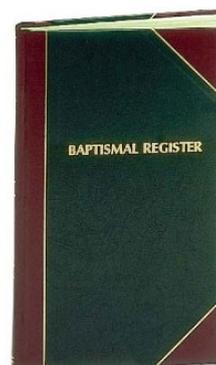
News became full colour with 24 pages. The number of pages now reflect the number of articles and photographs – for example the combined editions of December and January had 32 pages! Sadly, we missed productions from April until September 2020 due to lockdown and again due to lockdown we did not produce in March 2021, and this is a joint April/May edition. It is hoped by June we will be back to producing our regular monthly editions.

Articles in the Cathedral News



The Dean Writes – A message of encouragement

Parochial Registers – A record of the baptisms, marriages and burials.

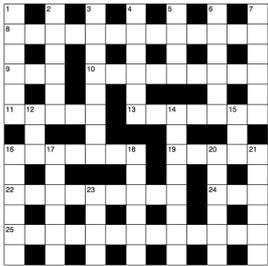
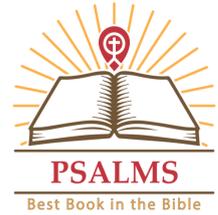


Parish Donations – These are donations received in addition to the Free Will Offering (FWO) envelopes all of which are recoded in our Annual Financial Report.

Cathedral Family – This new feature was added in September 2012 and the first person to appear was Adam Shaw. He was head boy at Portora Royal School and met Her Majesty the Queen on her visit to Enniskillen. Over the following 8 years many have featured in this article. Watch out in the coming months for different parishioners. As a Cathedral Family we sometimes know very little about each other so this is one way to find out more!

The Cathedral News

Psalm – this new feature first appeared in September 2018 and we have covered some 23 Psalms since – a long way to go to cover all 150.



Crossword – This feature is really a bible study, If you don't know the answer there is a reference to the biblical passage for you to look it up. Off course you could also cheat and look at the answers on one of the back pages!

Children's Page – something for our younger members to either colour in or join the dots with a biblical message.

Youth Pages – giving details and photographs of past, present and future activities!

Organisations – details and photographs of activities. A list of all the organisations appears on the back page each month.

Table of Lessons – all the readings from the Lectionary for each Sunday of the month (see Book of Common Prayer pages 24- 70). Hopefully we soon will be allowed to return to having our full rota of lesson readers every Sunday!

Special Articles we have covered

The Books of the Old Testament

The Books of the New Testament

Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion

The Church of Ireland – Know your church – know your faith

Holy Days & Saints Days

The Book of Common Prayer – a series on the aspects of Liturgy by the Rev Chris MacBruithin including the Canticles and Collects

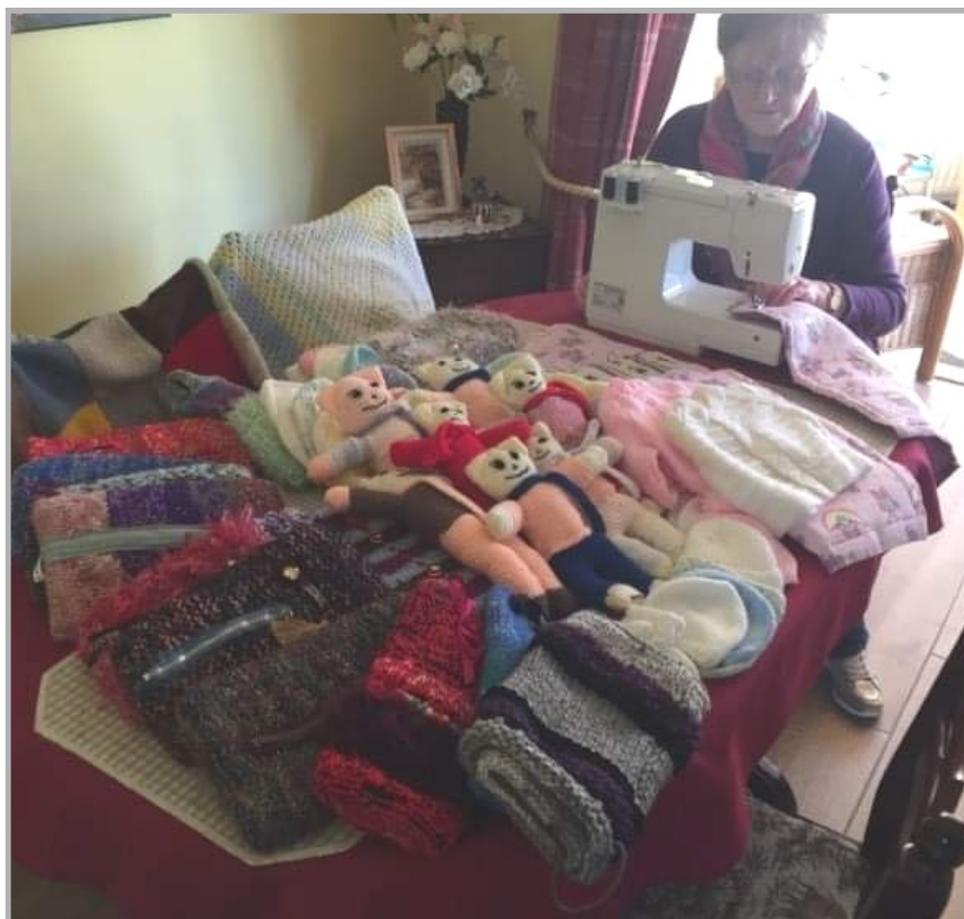
The Beatitudes

Cathedral News Contributions

The Cathedral News is delivered free of charge to every home in the parish, however we appreciate donations towards the production costs. In the February edition we enclosed an envelope for donations and if you enjoy getting the Cathedral News maybe you would be so kind as to respond to our request. Thank you for your continued support.

Mothers' Union

In January our Diocesan Secretary, Liane, advised us of grants that were available from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council for COVID-19 aid. The funding had to focus on one of three areas; we focused on 'Connectivity Need'. The application was based on members of our MU branch who undertake knitting and sewing for our Hospital and local Nursing Homes. Every month our members knit hats, cardigans, blankets, trauma teddies and

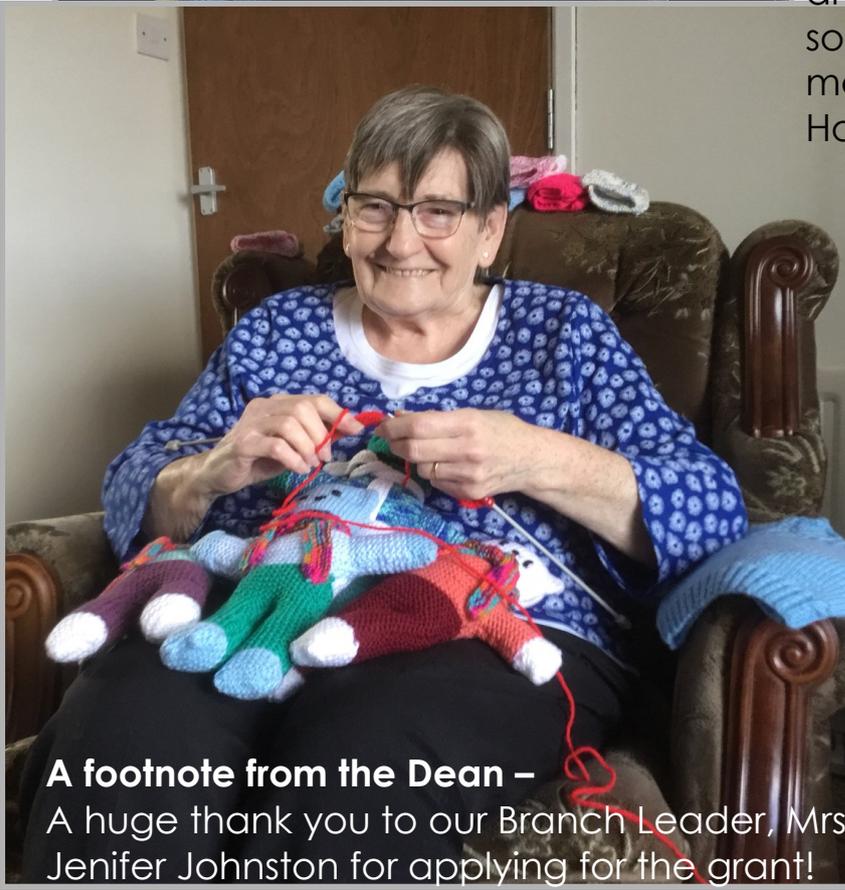


make incubator mattresses, which all go to The Neo-Natal and Maternity Wards in SWAH. In addition to this, they knit twiddle muffs and knee blankets for our local Nursing Homes. We were delighted to receive £1,000.00 which will now enable us to purchase all the necessary supplies to keep these activities going and to continue to provide support for our Hospital and local Nursing Homes. A huge thank you to all those talented ladies involved in this community project.

Mothers' Union

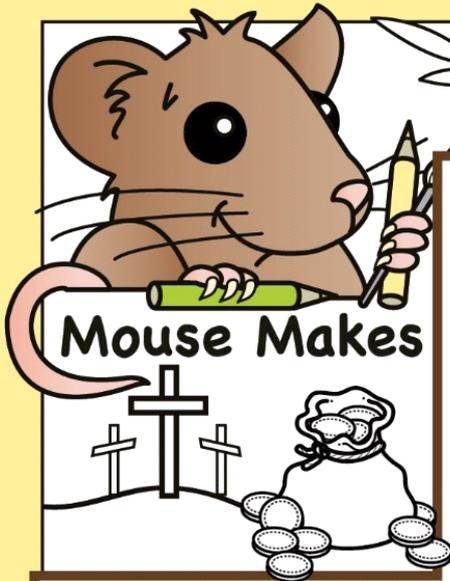


Libby Elliott, Valerie Thompson, Maud Shaw, Valerie Watson, Joyce Scott and Christine Halpin are pictured with some of the items they and other MU members have produced for the local Hospital and Nursing Homes.

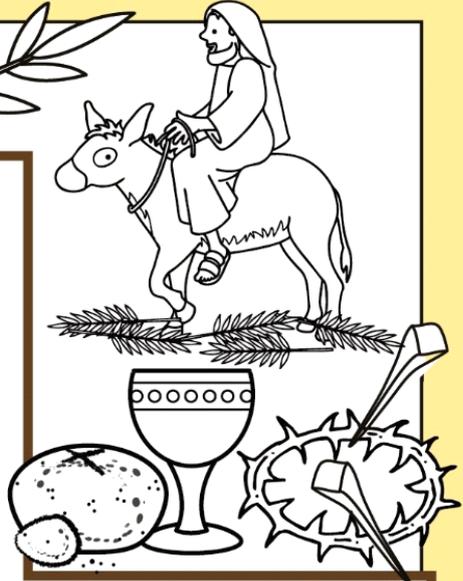


A footnote from the Dean –
A huge thank you to our Branch Leader, Mrs Jenifer Johnston for applying for the grant!

Children's Page



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Youth

Hi Everyone,



Just a quick note to say that we hope you all have a lovely Easter! We look forward to the day that we can all meet in person again, but until then we hope you are enjoying our online sessions. Please stay in touch via social media- we love to see what you are getting up to.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

From the Children and Youth team

Youth

Messy Church @ Home

Our first Messy Church of 2021 took inspiration from Psalm 46 v.10:

“Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’

In February, we entered the period of Lent - a period intended for preparation before Easter. Lent can also be a time to reflect, contemplate and pray, and this month we wanted to encourage our young people to stop and ‘Be Still’ with God. Our activities this month focused on ‘looking around’ with nature bingo encouraging us to be still in God’s creation, ‘looking in’ and making paper chains to celebrate our loved ones, and ‘looking out’ to create prayer collages for our communities and neighbours.



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 of all denominations held on the third Thursday of each month. It’s never too late to join, just make sure you register (see our ‘How Can I Get Involved?’ section).

Our Messy Church @ Home dates are:

Messy Church Dates 2021
15th April
20th May

Pack Pick-Up Date (4-5pm)
12th April
17th May

Youth



An extra crunchy leaf 	A strong gust of wind 	A vibrant, green leaf 
A drop of rain 	A colourful Butterfly 	The sound of passing traffic 
A strong smell 	The warmth of the sun 	A brightly coloured flower 
The buzz of a bee 	Make a shape from the clouds 	The sound of your own breathing as you walk 



Pictures are from February's Messy Church.

Youth

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8.

Since the New Year, we have been learning about Jesus' life on Earth. We have enjoyed learning about the different miracles Jesus performed and the parables He told. All of our sessions are currently online and can be found on our Google Drive to complete at your own pace. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional resources.

Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces! All children must register to participate in Sunday Lights + Café (see our 'How Can I Get Involved?' section).

SUNDAY LIGHTS + CAFE 2021 DATES

March

Sunday 7th

Sunday 21st

Sunday 28th

April

Sunday 18th

Sunday 25th

May

Sunday 9th

Sunday 16th

Sunday 23rd



Youth

Our Google Drive can be found at the following link (this can also be found on our social media pages): <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nDxZoBQus757nWwnLT0g5aNtLLpw5fXC?usp=sharing>.

For more information, or updates on all things Children and Youth @ Enniskillen Cathedral, please visit our social media pages or email us at: childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com.

Screen shots from our Google Drive - give it a try, we guarantee it will be fun!

Topic: Jesus Heals the Paralysed Man

You will find included:

A Bible Passage

A YouTube video link

An interactive activity idea and short lesson

Some additional resources- all resources can be found online (Pinterest and YouTube are particularly useful)

Optional Warm-Up Activity

Songs: This is Amazing Grace originally by Phil Wickham.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zriMlxQaeU>

Introduction

Jesus performed many miracles during His time on Earth. Today, we are going to learn how He healed a man who was paralysed. Explain what it means to be paralysed. This story demonstrates the power of Jesus as He healed a man when doctors could not.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mcpSjGUXU>

Sunday Lights - Café - Luke 5:17-26 (ESV)

Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man

¹⁷ One day Jesus was teaching the people. The Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there too. They had come from every town in Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. The Lord was giving Jesus the power to heal people. ¹⁸ There was a man who was paralysed, and some other men were carrying him on a mat. They tried to bring him and put him down before Jesus. ¹⁹ But there were so many people that they could not find a way to Jesus. So, they went up on the roof and lowered the paralysed man down through a hole in the ceiling. They lowered the mat into the room so that the paralysed man was lying before Jesus. ²⁰ Jesus saw how much faith they had and said to the sick man, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The Jewish teachers of the law and the Pharisees thought to themselves, "Who is this man who dares to say such things? What an insult to God! No one but God can forgive sins."

Interactive Activity

We are going to make a Place Mat. This place mat is a perfect reminder of the story! The paralysed man was brought in lying on it and left with it rolled up in his hands.

Resources:

- scissors,
- glue,
- ruler
- pencil,
- coloured paper- at least A4 size as this piece will become the background colour for the placemat
- 16 strips of coloured paper (either one or multiple colours but choose a different colour than the background). These strips should be about 2.5 cm (1 inch) wide by about 30 cm (12 inches) long

Instructions:

1. Take the large piece of coloured paper and fold it in half across the width.
2. Use your ruler to mark inch wide spaces all along the folded edge.
3. Do the same along the open edge but the marks should be 1 inch from the edge of the paper.
4. Draw a line connecting the marks.
5. With the paper still folded and starting at the fold cut along the lines being careful to stop one inch from the open edge.
6. Unfold the paper to reveal the loom that you have created.
7. Weave the one-inch strips through the loom. If you are using multiple colours be sure to alternate them for the most colourful effect.
8. Glue the ends of the strips to the edges of the loom to hold them in place.
9. If you have a laminate, you could use this to strengthen your placemat.



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Children and Youth at Enniskillen Cathedral



Xplore and Confirmation

We are looking forward to holding Xplore and Confirmation classes again once regulations permit. Until then, please make sure all candidates and participants are registered so that we can begin meeting as soon as possible. See our 'How Can I Get Involved?' section for details on how to register.

How Can I Get Involved?

Don't be a stranger; if you have any questions please get in touch! We always love to hear from you. Registration forms and details on how to register for all Children and Youth organisations can be found:

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office

May Lessons

Sunday 2nd May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 4: 32-40 - Sam Morrow

The Psalm - Psalm 22: 25-31

The Second Reading - 1 John 4: 7-21 - Marie Morrow

The Gospel Reading - John 15: 1-8 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 9th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

The First Reading - Isaiah 45: 11-13, 18-19 - Trevor Stevenson

The Psalm - Psalm 98

The Second Reading - 1 John 5: 1-6 - Sophie Stevenson

The Gospel Reading - John 15: 9-17 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 16th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

The First Reading - Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 - Jeanette Wilson

The Psalm - Psalm 1

The Second Reading - 1 John 5: 9-13 - Richard Cochrane

The Gospel Reading - Luke 24: 17: 44-53 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 23rd May: The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

The First Reading - Ezekiel 37: 1-14 - Raymond Campbell

The Psalm - Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b

The Second Reading - Acts 2: 1-21 - Mark Campbell

The Gospel Reading - John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 30th May: Trinity Sunday

The First Reading - Isaiah 6: 1-8 - Brian ~Rutledge

The Psalm - Psalm 29

The Second Reading - Romans 8: 12-17 - Helen Rutledge

The Gospel Reading - John 3: 1-17 - Scott Elliott

Answers to Crossword on page 16

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19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.
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21, Recede. 23, Cure.

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 - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (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)

**New members are
always welcome
at any of our
organisations!**