

# CATHEDRAL NEWS



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*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let Earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and Heaven and nature sing. (Hymn 166)*



## OUR VISION

Johnston Bridge and Fishing Stands  
Photograph by Willie Holmes

Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community

Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love

# The Parish of Enniskillen Saint Macartin's Cathedral

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## The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

We are now beginning the season of Advent. The seasons of the Church's year are important to us and we should value the annual cycle as we start a new Church year on the first Sunday in December - Advent Sunday. Advent is a time of reflective waiting and preparing for Christmas. The Liturgical colour for the Advent Season is purple, the mood more somber and no Gloria sung in our services. Then on Christmas Eve we change to a beautifully decorated church, with joyful carols and white furnishings. This signals the excitement of the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Advent, we are reminded of God's promise to his people that one would come to break into the darkness and bring light and hope to all. We hear the message delivered by the prophets, by John the Baptist, by the angel visiting Mary. This is a two-fold message of expectant waiting –for the birth of a Messiah and for the time when Christ will return to earth. As we wait, we are called to be ready and to prepare ourselves for the celebrations ahead and that time when Jesus returns as our judge. Our Sunday and Thursday services during Advent will help us in this time of preparation.

The seasons in the Church's year also remind us that life is never static, that it is always changing, but that underlying this there is one constant –that our God is never changing, ever faithful and always with us. It is this fact that sustains our church community in our life together through the inevitable changes that we face. As we watch the seasons come and go, as we move through the Advent season into Christmas, as we experience changes in our



own lives, and in our church and community, may we remember that we have a faithful God, who promises never to leave us or forsake us. For this is the hope that truly will sustain us, and it this faith and hope that we need to pass on to the generations to follow. If the Christian message of faith and hope depended only on you and me, would we pass it on? Or would it end abruptly with us? Each one of us has that responsibility to be faithful witnesses in the way we speak and act, not least in showing an example to others to be regular worshippers at church.

There are many opportunities for you to attend church during Advent and Christmas and truly worship our Heavenly King. As you draw close to Him may you experience that true Heavenly joy. Let His grace and forgiveness give you hope. Let His mercy bring you joy.

Wishing you every blessing,



Kenneth R J Hall



**Christmas Greetings**  
May the light of Christmas lead you,  
the hope and joy surround you,  
the precious love that Christ gives,  
forever be around you.

<i>Kenny</i> The Dean	<i>Colin</i> Cathedral Staff
<i>Andy</i> Dean's Verger	<i>Beth</i> Parish Secretary

## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

5<sup>th</sup> November - Cooper Andrew Hoy Clarke

*"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

30<sup>th</sup> October - William Edward Morton,  
Fairfield Care Home, Cookstown,  
formerly Brooke Street, Lisbellaw.

7<sup>th</sup> November - Margaret Brownlee,  
8 Irvine Crescent, Enniskillen.

### Burial of Ashes

7<sup>th</sup> November- Mervyn Samuel Foster,  
7 Diana Road, Bootle, Liverpool.



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

## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Bell Fund (to electrify ringing)

£100 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.

### Webcam Fund

£50 Donation from Mrs Eleanor Lynn.

### Organ Fund

£2,000 Anonymous donation.

### Minibus Fund

£ 100 Donation from The Morning Bowling Club.

## Harvest Services

Thank you to those parishioners and friends who attended the recent Harvest Services. The total Harvest Offerings were £8,359.

## Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Parishioners,

2023 has been a challenging year for all of us in our private lives as we have coped with the escalating cost of living for such essentials as food and fuel. Obviously some people are affected more seriously than others and we pray especially for such groups as young families, the ill and disabled, the frail and elderly and those on low income or without work. Unfortunately, this is a world-wide crisis, caused largely by war and greed, and shows no sign of improvement in the immediate future.

St Macartin's also has had to meet additional financial challenges in 2023 when we undertook expensive and necessary work on the organ and the graveyard wall. Both projects have been successfully completed and are fully paid. As Treasurer, I want to say how much I admire the way in which so many parishioners have risen to these challenges, the result of which is the magnificent premises we now have. Without your support and dedication this work could not have been completed, so please accept my thanks and those of the Dean, and Select Vestry. Sadly, however, there are still too many parishioners who do not share the responsibility of the church. Hopefully you will re-consider – there is still time to contribute whatever you can afford.

Our on-going challenge, which we hope to complete by the end of 2024, is the electrification of the cathedral bells, coupled with work on the cathedral clock. We are immensely proud of our faithful bell-ringers who ring the bells every week. Unfortunately, very few parishioners volunteer to do this work, therefore it has been decided to electrify the bells and we look forward to hearing all ten bells chime again! The cathedral clock has not been working for some time. This work on the bells and the clock will be completed at the same time, but it also raises the question of finance for these new projects. We hope that parishioners will continue to be generous.

Each family is receiving a new set of purple 2024 envelopes with this magazine. A letter also is enclosed stating the amount contributed as Free Will Offering, as Harvest Offering and as contributions to other church funds up to, and including, 31 October 2023. I would encourage you to use your FWO envelopes instead of putting cash in the collection baskets. By doing so, the church may be able to claim an additional 25% as Gift Aid and your giving to the church would be increased at no additional expense to yourselves. Your offerings will remain anonymous in the Annual Report if you wish.

I strongly recommend using Standing Orders for your Freewill Offerings. You simply inform your bank of the amount you wish to contribute and whether you wish to pay on an annual or monthly basis. The Cathedral's bank details are available in the cathedral office - give those details to your bank and it will look after the payments for you. Thank you for your co-operation and your continued support for the Parish.

*E. Hope Kerr*

Mrs Hope Kerr, Honorary Treasurer

## Cathedral 100 Years Old

### Cathedral status for Enniskillen Church

It had been felt for some time, in the early years of the twentieth century, that Enniskillen Church merited a higher status than that of St Anne's Parish Church. This was due to the central position of Enniskillen, with regard to the Church of Ireland population in the Diocese of Clogher. This idea was strongly promoted by the Enniskillen rector at the time, Archdeacon James MacManaway, later Bishop of Clogher (Photo right).



In 1920, plans were prepared which would bring the church up to cathedral standard. This involved the extension of the chancel, creation of the present choir stalls, and the enclosing of a robing room. In May 1921, the decision was made in the parish to proceed with upgrading the church and the approval of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland was obtained. Colonel Madden and Mr J. Whiteside Dane had made generous financial contributions

### St. Macartin's Cathedral – Footprint

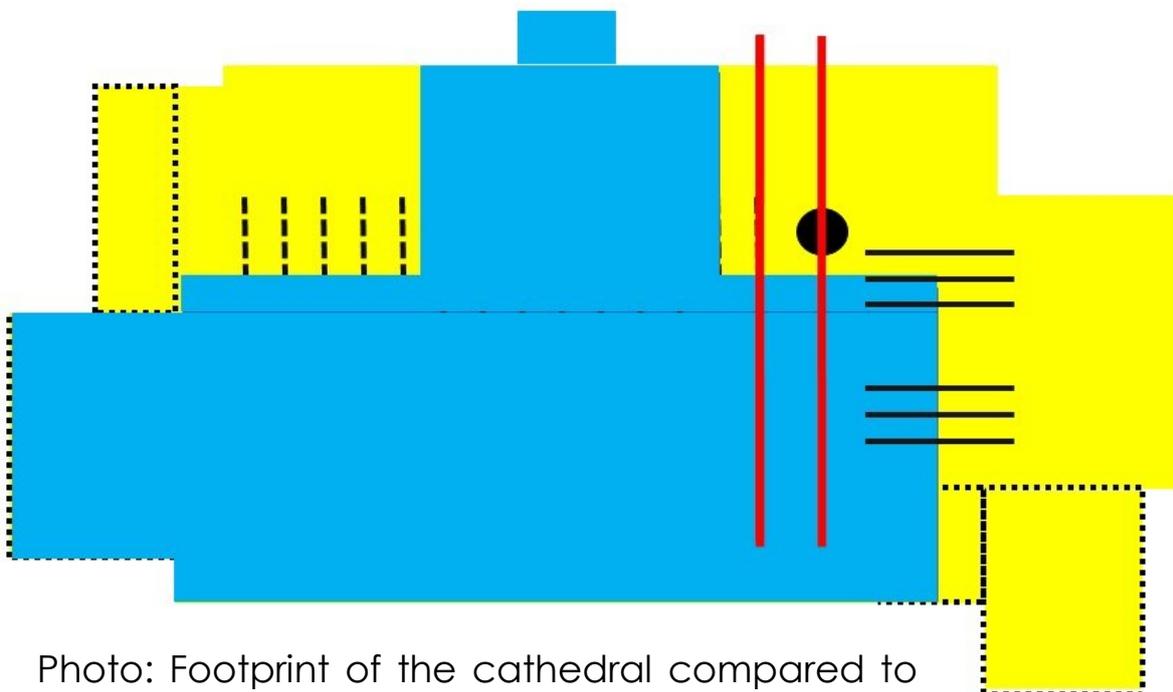


Photo: Footprint of the cathedral compared to first church (shown in blue).

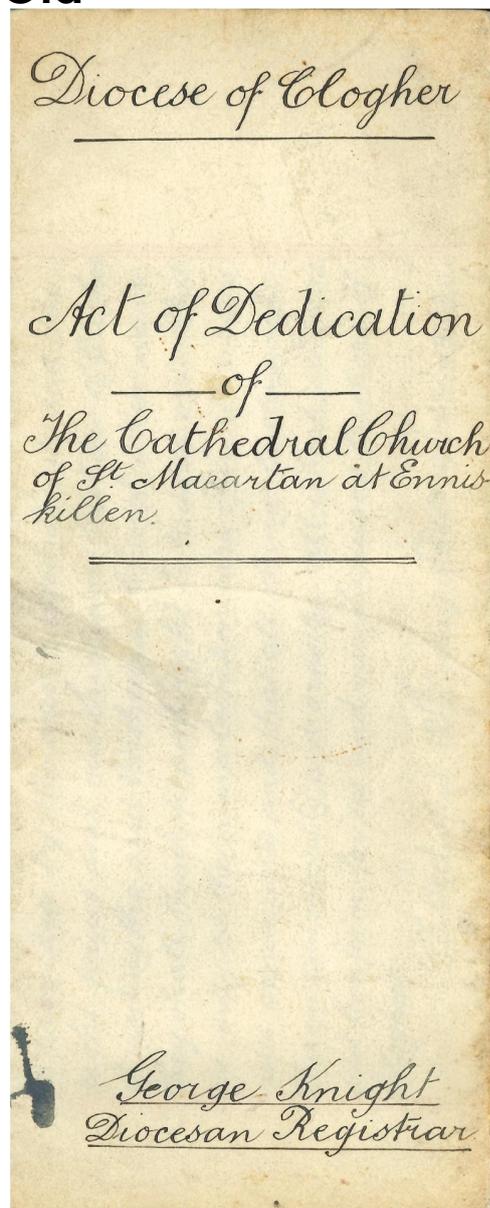
## Cathedral 100 Years Old

towards the upgrading of the church. Colonel and Mrs Madden of Hilton Park, Clones, donated the bishop's throne. The marble lining of the chancel walls and the Communion rail and step were placed in the cathedral by Bishop MacManaway in memory of his son, Lancelot, and his dear wife. The upgrading of the porch and staircase, including the First World War memorial, were part of the work undertaken at that time. The memorial has inscribed upon it the names of 238 men who served in the war, 50 of whom gave up their lives. The memorial was unveiled by Sir Charles F. Falls on the day of consecration of the cathedral. The cathedral was consecrated and reopened on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1923 by The Most Reverend Charles D'Arcy, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

The cathedral was consecrated as *The Cathedral Church of St Macartan at Enniskillen*. The name was subsequently changed to St MacCartin and later to the present usage, St Macartin.

The church's elevation to the status of a cathedral will be celebrated at the concert in the cathedral on the evening of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Photo Right: Dedication document



## Free Will Offering Envelopes for 2024

Every family is receiving a set of lilac 2024 envelopes with this magazine. Please do not use these 2024 envelopes until January.

We would encourage you to use the FWO envelopes instead of putting cash on the collection plate. By doing so, the church may be able to claim an additional 25% as Gift Aid and your giving to the church would be increased at no additional expense to yourselves.

A growing number of parishioners contribute by Standing Order and they also receive envelopes. Your envelope number is unique to you, therefore these envelopes cannot be used by anyone else. If you wish to make other contributions eg at Harvest this is the number you use. Your offerings can be listed anonymously on the Parochial Report if that is your wish.

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

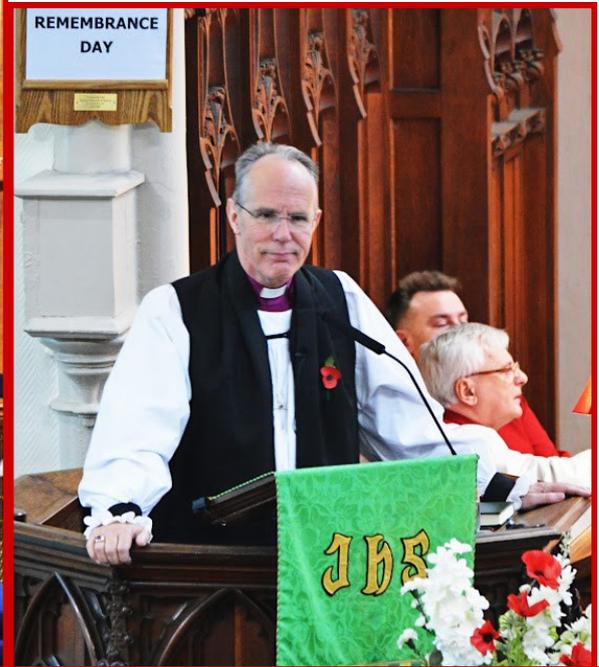
## Remembrance Sunday



Oliver Allen and Charlie Webb who laid the wreath at the Cenotaph for 1st Inniskilling Scouts.



## Remembrance Sunday



## Messy Church



Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It meets at a time that suits people who don't already belong to church.

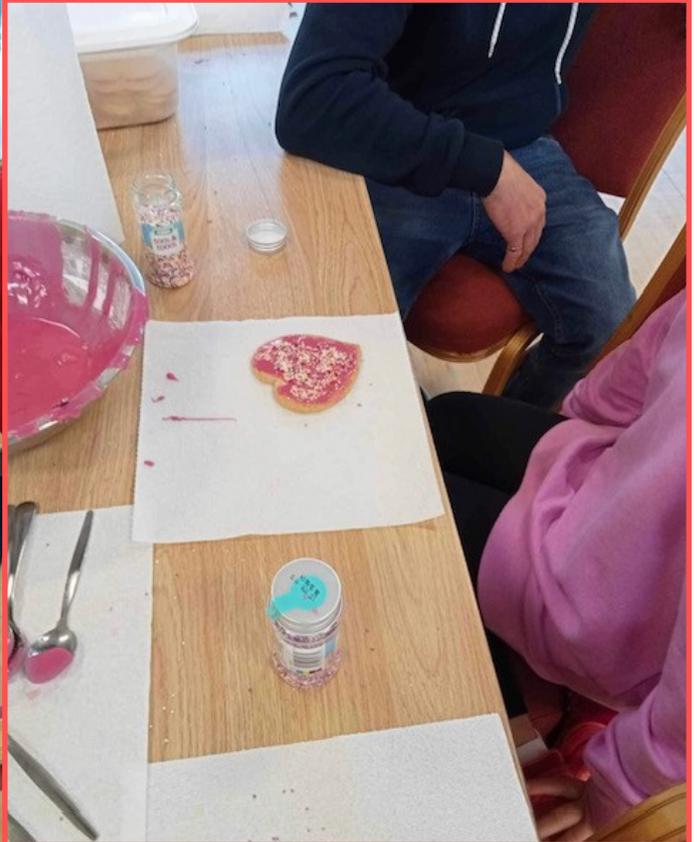
It typically includes a welcome, then a long creative time to explore a biblical theme through getting messy. It also involves a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar. It concludes with a sit-down meal together at tables. It is a programme that caters for adults and of primary school age.

It's fun. It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age. It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family. Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.



Messy Church is a church, but not as most people know it. Children of primary school age come together to discover Jesus, including those who have never been to church before. A warm welcome awaits you. The next Messy Church is a Family Fun Day in the Cathedral Hall from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. All welcome.

Messy Church



## Enniskillen Workhouse



The Workhouse was open for inmates on 15 March 1844. The Workhouse in Enniskillen was built for 1,000 people. The first inmates were admitted on 1 December 1845. During this time (The Great Famine) over 10,000 people were admitted to Enniskillen Workhouse. 2,040 of them did not survive. In 1845 the potato crop was hit by a fungus, commonly called 'potato blight' or *Phytophthora Infestans*. The potato disappeared from the Workhouse menu, replaced with buttermilk and 'stirabout' (maize with water and milk). In May 1847, the worst

time during the famine, 156 inmates died, 107 orphans were sent from The Workhouse to Australia on the Earl Grey Emigration Scheme (The third highest number of girls to leave from a single Workhouse, outnumbered only by Dublin and Skibbereen). The Board of Governors of the Union held its last meeting and was abolished in 1948 to be replaced by the new NHS – The National Health Service. The 30 remaining inmates were transferred to the Workhouse in Armagh. The Workhouse which later had served as a General Hospital was largely demolished to make way for the 'Erne Hospital'. After a 2 year restoration programme the Administration Block, as the only remaining original Workhouse building, was reopened as a Heritage and Business Incubation Hub in 2023. The Tuesday Club visited the hub on 24th October.



## Tuesday Club



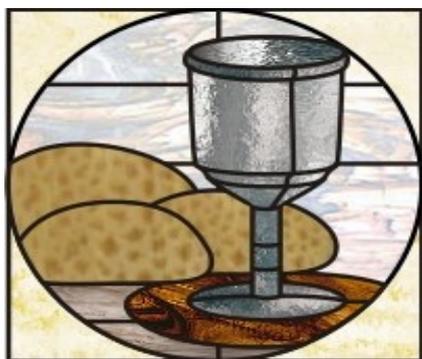
There was a good attendance at the October meeting when we had a very interesting tour at the 'Enniskillen Workhouse

Museum' with Catherine Scott. Myrtle Irvine opened the meeting with prayer and the tour concluded with welcome refreshments.

The next meeting is on 28th November at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room with Adele Moore sharing her cooking skills. Everybody welcome.

The Annual Christmas dinner is on 12th December in the Cathedral Hall, please phone the office if you wish to attend.

A Happy and peaceful Christmas to all and look forward to the first meeting of 2024 on 30th January. This will be an informal meeting when we will share knitting and crocheting ideas.



## 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!

## Cathedral Family

### Adele Moore

We welcome Mrs Adele Moore to our Parish Ministry Team as she now takes up the roles of our new DPA and also as a Parish Reader from January 2024.

A DPA ( Diocesan Pastoral Assistant) is a lay person trained and authorised by the Diocese to provide pastoral work in a parish to help ordained clergy.



#### **Tell us about your early stage of life and family background?**

I grew up in Lisbellaw with my parents, Jimmy and Jean McElroy, my older sister Linda and younger brother Ian. I attended Lisbellaw Primary School and Enniskillen High School. I worked in various schools helping with special needs. I remained in Lisbellaw until I got married and moved to Kesh. I am married to Glenn, who is the Cathedral Organist, and we have two daughters Victoria and Joanna, both sing in the Cathedral Choir.

#### **Your interests?**

I admired my mother's involvement in parish and community life, and I followed in her footsteps by greatly enjoying baking and cooking. I also followed in her footsteps by recently joining the Mothers' Union.

I have had a long association with Guiding, having been a Girl Guide in Lisbellaw, going on to become a Young Leader and a Leader there. I am currently Chairperson of Fermanagh Trefoil Guild.

My interest in young people, especially those in Primary School has resulted in me serving as a Governor of our local Primary School, and I have just concluded my 6 year term of office as Chairperson of the Parent Support Group.

#### **You are a trained Parish Reader and DPA?**

I always had an interest in Church life, underpinned by a strong pragmatic faith. In Lisbellaw Parish I served as a Sunday School teacher and led the

## Cathedral Family

Junior Choir. I later trained to be a Parish Reader and was admitted to the role by Bishop Brian Hannon in 1997.

In 2006 I was commissioned as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant by Bishop Michael Jackson along with five others, together we were the first cohort of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants trained in the Church of Ireland. I have previously served as Diocesan Pastoral Assistant in the parishes of Rossorry and Aghavea, and provided cover during the Rector's sabbatical in Magheraculmoney.

### **Favourites in life—food/film?**

Food -I love all food except spicy food and cucumbers!

Film - Sister Act

### **What is your best day?**

Wedding day and the births of our daughters.

### **Have you a favourites bible verse?**

Bible verse - Psalm 139 and the Nunc Dimittis (St Luke 2: 29-32)

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## Parenting Wellness Group



Thank you so much to Linda and all in St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen Parent Well-being Group for having me and Lily-Anne this afternoon for a fun Family Session! With around 30 children of all ages and 18-19 parents it was a busy time.

## Home Holy Communion for Christmas

During the weeks before Christmas the Dean will be celebrating Holy Communion with those who are unable to attend the Cathedral. If you, or someone known to you, would like to receive such a visit then please contact the Cathedral Office.



## Christmas Services

### Sunday 10th December 11.00am – Nativity Service

Bring a gift unwrapped or wrapped and labelled boy or girl with age group.  
A special visitor may appear at the end of the service – I wonder who?

### Tuesday 12th December 6.00-pm – Christmas 60+ Dinner

followed by Choir Concert in the Cathedral

### Sunday 17th December 11.00am – Carol Service

### Tuesday 19th December – Enniskillen Royal Grammar School

#### Carol Service

(ticket only – contact the school)

#### Sunday 24th December

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

9.00pm – Christmas Eve Service

Celebrant – The Bishop of Clogher

#### Monday 25th December

9.00am - Holy Communion

#### 10.30am Christmas Day Family Service (Holy Communion Two)

Celebrant – The Dean

Young people are asked to bring a toy with them to church  
for the Dean's walk around!

#### Sunday 31st December

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Morning Prayer

## Carolfest 2023 comes to Enniskillen



### THE ST. ANNE TRUST

Enriching lives through education, arts, culture and heritage

in which they can share with one another their mutual love of singing, thus creating a shared appreciation, enriching cultural diversity, and in which they can find the satisfaction of belonging to a 'performance team'. It is to be hoped that these musical events can be the means of transport to realms of personal well-being, calm and above all, enjoyment.

The St Anne Trust are more than pleased to accept an invitation from Very Rev Dean Kenneth Hall and Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly to hold a Carolfest in St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michael's Church.

The service will start in St Macartin's Cathedral at 11.00am on Wednesday 13th December and then proceed to St Michael's Church.

#### ONE SERVICE OF UNITY IN TWO LOCATIONS

The Carolfest is a truncated form of the traditional Christmas service of nine lessons and carols, and is designed specially for primary school children.

Children from Enniskillen Integrated, Enniskillen Model and Holy Trinity will take part this year.

The Trust's primary Object is to enhance and promote good community relations amongst young people and their families, and they pursue this Object through the medium of choral singing.

It has been established that singing, particularly as part of a choir, teaches children skills of self-discipline, to work as a team, good time keeping, attention to detail, and concentration. Skills which will be learnt for life. Whilst music provides opportunities for shared experiences, mutual appreciation, and cultural diversity.

May this service of carols, readings and harmony of experience speak to us powerfully of the greater hope which Christ's birth promises our world.

All are welcome, a cup of tea and a biscuit will be available after the service, courtesy of St Michael's. We hope you will be able to stay with us for a short time, and we look forward to seeing you then.

*Joe Watson*, Chairman, The St Anne Trust

The St. Anne Trust (Belfast) provides stimulating and challenging opportunities for young people to make choral music in a nonthreatening venue. Such occasions create a context

## St Macartin's 60+ Christmas Dinner



This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are eligible for a bus pass to enjoy good food, fun and camaraderie in comfortable surroundings.

Please do come along to the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday 12th December at 6.00pm. For catering purposes please give your name to the Cathedral Office or return the enclosed slip by 8th December.

Following the meal, you are invited to the Cathedral to join others for the St Macartin's Cathedral Choir Concert at 8.00pm, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral to St Macartin. All are welcome.

## Supper at Six

'Supper at Six' has proved to be a very successful event and has been exceptionally well attended during the months of September, October and November. We now plan running it again in January, February and March, on the last Thursday of each month.

'Supper at Six' is a monthly meal in the Cathedral Hall which is open for all. Parishioners are welcome to make an anonymous voluntary contribution but are under no obligation to do so. Our hope is that the generosity of those who can afford to make a contribution will cover those who cannot at this time.

'Supper at Six' has also proved to be an ideal outing for those who live alone and by coming along can enjoy a meal in the company of others in a similar situation.

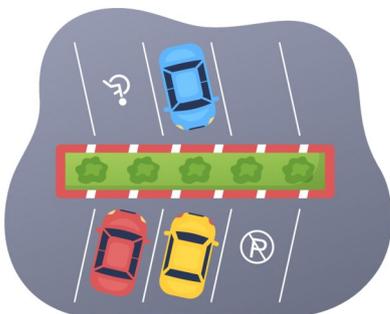
We would like to thank those who have made financial contributions to cover costs and ensure it continues. We also thank Saddlers Restaurant for catering for each event. If anyone would like to make a donation it will be most gratefully received.

The next 'Supper at Six' is on Thursday 25th January at 6.00pm. See the flyer inserted in this Cathedral News, and if you would like to attend return it nearer the time.



## 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 those who have already renewed and for using the car park responsibly.



## Christmas Gifts

### Cathedral History Books



The author Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAgr 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 1988. He has served periods as churchwarden, glebewarden 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 Parish of Tempo and Clabby - a Shared Heritage* and *Clabby on the Map - The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People*.

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The cup presented by Edward Bruce in 1320 to the use of the Corporation of King's Corporation in St. Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: *Donatus Edwardo Principi de Ulster anno 1320 Edwardi Secundi Regis anno 10th. Translated this means: The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Bruce, King, in the year 1320.*



## 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

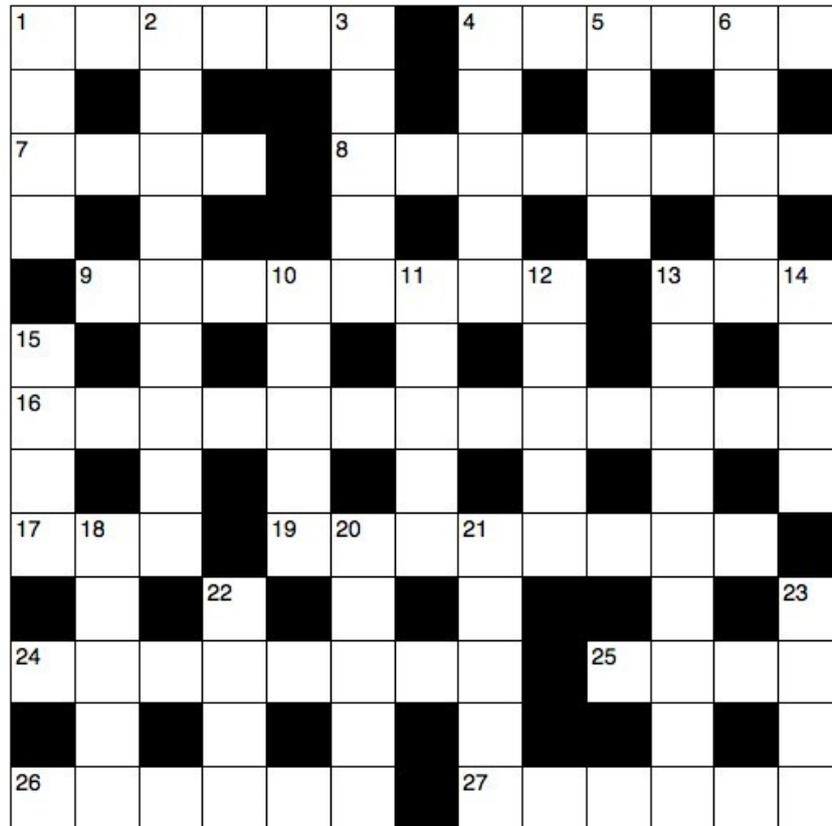
A number of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts or Christmas presents for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have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

## 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!

**Crossword**



**Across**

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 'He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in' (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah's ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah's last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 'They all — and were satisfied' (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year's Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar's best-known 'Variations' (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

**Down**

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)

## Crossword

- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)  
4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)  
5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)  
6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)  
10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)  
11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)  
12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)  
13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)  
14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)  
15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)  
18 Narnia's Lion (5)  
20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)  
21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)  
22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)  
23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)
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## Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held in the spring of 2024 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. Application forms for Confirmation are available in the Parish Office for those who wish to be confirmed. Please collect and return them as soon as possible. Details of Confirmation Classes will be released in due course.

## Sunday School

### December 2023

3rd December: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

10th December: Nativity Service - 11.00am Family Service.

### January 2024

7th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service

14th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service

21st January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service

28th January: Family Service

**The Dean's Sit Out for Charity**

**THREE WAY SPLIT - INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL & LOCAL  
PEOPLE FOCUSED**

**INTERNATIONAL**



**Bishops'  
Appeal**

Bishops' Appeal is the Church of Ireland's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up by the Bishops of the Church in 1972 in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering.

**NATIONAL**



**AIR AMBULANCE  
NORTHERN IRELAND  
— CHARTER —**

To provide helicopter emergency medical services in serious or life threatening situations throughout Northern Ireland.

**LOCAL**



St Macartin's Outreach Fund - 'people focused not 'building focused' provides assistance for those in need and to assist with projects that reach out to people in the locality.

**AT THE GATES OF  
ST MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL,  
ENNISKILLEN**

**THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER 2023**

**9.00am-9.00pm**

**All donations can be gift aided**

**NI Charity No 105443**

**Gift Aid Envelopes are available in the Cathedral porch.**

## The Dean's Sit Out for Charity

Bishops' Appeal contributes to relief of suffering in time of emergencies whether natural or man-made.

### *Aims:*

- To educate the Church at home about the needs and concerns of people in the less developed world and the causes of poverty;
- To encourage Church members to examine the reasons for the problems facing the less fortunate in the world and to consider what we can do to change conditions;
- To reach out in God's name to those who need our help;
- To encourage informed prayer and prayerful action aimed at strengthening the poor; and
- To raise the funds needed to allow Bishops' Appeal to support development projects and alleviate the suffering caused by disasters, both natural and man-made. The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has released €10,000 (equivalent to £8,650) in emergency funds to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese includes 7,000 Anglicans worshipping within 28 congregations in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan. It is responsible for more than 30 institutions, including hospitals, schools, clinics, rehabilitation centres, guest-houses, and retirement homes. The Diocese runs Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza which provides medical care and support to all people, regardless of their faith or ethnicity.

We urge the people of the Church of Ireland to pray for peace in the Land of the Holy One and pray for wisdom for those in positions of authority to work towards an end to all violence. We uphold to God in prayer all who are affected by the current conflict. All human life is the gift of God. The Church of Ireland, in its daily prayers, prays for people suffering in conflict, those who seek to bring care and relief, and the peace of the world.

**Air Ambulance NI** is a charity in Northern Ireland. They work in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, to provide the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for the region. Serious or life-threatening situations can happen to anyone at any time and on average, every single day in Northern Ireland, two individuals find themselves in critical need of an Air Ambulance.

The charity's operational helicopter carries a crew comprising pilot, doctor, and paramedic, 365 days of the year operating for twelve hours every day. They attend some of the most traumatic medical incidents across the province and are dedicated to delivering the very best possible pre-hospital critical care, both at the scene and whilst transferring the patient to the most appropriate hospital for their specific injuries.

**St Macartin's Cathedral Outreach Fund** is specifically designed to be 'people focused' and not building focused'. It helps fund groups like Parenting and Wellbeing, Messy Church, Xplore, Supper at Six and Senior Citizens. It also provides assistance for those in need and to assist with projects that reach out to people in the locality.

**St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group**

The Parenting Wellness Group  
will meet in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall on  
**Saturday 9th December at 2.00pm.**

Parents and children will enjoy Christmas Art and Craft  
activities! For more information or to reserve a place,  
please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

**The January meeting will be on Saturday 13th.**

**St Macartin's Cathedral Choir Concert**

**Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 8.00pm**

**to mark the**

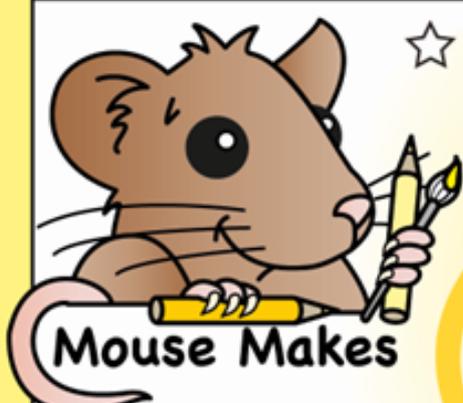
**100th Anniversary of the Dedication  
of the Cathedral to St Macartin  
to which you are warmly invited.**



Answers to Crossword on page 20

ACROSS: 1, Depend. 4, Canopy. 7, Beck. 8, Irritate. 9, Zedekiah. 13, Ate.  
16, Job's comforter. 17, NAE. 19, Lang Syne. 24, Blockade. 25, Five. 26,  
Enigma. 27, Drench.  
DOWN: 1, Debt. 2, Peaceable. 3, Drink. 4, Curia. 5, Nuts. 6, Put it. 10, Ex-  
cel. 11, Is man. 12, Hoots. 13, Attention. 14, Ezra. 15, Ijon. 18, Aston. 20,  
Abana. 21, Greed. 22, GCMG. 23, Leah.

## Children's Page



**Mouse Makes**



**GOD'S PROMISE**

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

CHILD • BORN • SON  
GIVEN • WONDERFUL  
COUNCELLOR  
MIGHTY • GOD  
EVERLASTING  
FATHER • PRINCE  
PEACE • LORD



**AN ANGEL MESSENGER**

*Luke 1:26-38*

ANGEL • GABRIEL  
JOSEPH • MARY  
FAVOUR • SON  
JESUS • GREAT  
THRONE • REIGN  
FOREVER • HOLY  
SERVANT • WORD

**ADVENT**  
comes from  
the Latin  
'AD VENTO'  
which means  
**ARRIVAL**

In Advent we  
celebrate Jesus' birth  
and look forward to  
the time when Jesus  
will come again.



**A LONG JOURNEY**

*Luke 2:1-20*

BETHLEHEM  
REGISTER • BIRTH  
MANGER • INN  
SHEPHERDS • FLOCK  
ANGELS • JOY  
GOOD NEWS • PRAISE  
SAVIOUR • CHRIST



**THE BEST GIFT OF ALL**

*John 3:16*

GOD • SO • LOVED  
WORLD • HE • GAVE  
ONLY • SON  
WHOEVER • BELIEVES  
ETERNAL • LIFE

V R P R I N C E L R O D  
W O R D C F A T H E R E  
J A G M A N G E R G E B  
O W H O E V E R W I I J  
S J O Y B O R N O S G E  
E S L S E R V A N T N S  
P P Y J C H I L D E P U  
H R O S H E P H E R D S  
F A V O U R E F R W S O  
B I R T H S W O F O D L  
I S A V I O U R U R L O  
F E C O U N C E L L O R  
A N G E L B J V K D V D  
B E T H L E H E M G E S  
L A N G E L S R G O D V  
I G A B R I E L T D S M  
F P G I V E N A H U O A  
E E H G A V E S R W N R  
S A E G R E A T O N L Y  
O C H R I S T I N N J O  
N E O G O O D N E W S N  
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## DECEMBER Lessons and Readers

### 3rd December The First Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - Isaiah 64: 1-9 - Selena Fawcett

The Psalm - Psalm 80: 1- 8

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 - Fred Watson

The Gospel Reading - Mark 13: 24-37 - The Dean

### 10th December The Second Sunday of Advent

Family Nativity Service

### 17th December The Third Sunday of Advent

Carol Service

### 24th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 - Alan Devers

The Psalm - Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

The Second Reading - Romans 16: 25-27 - Linda Corrigan

The Gospel Reading - Luke 1: 26-38 - Rev Colin Brownsmith

### 31st December The First Sunday of Christmas

The First Reading - Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3 - Margaret Owens

The Psalm - Psalm 148

The Second Reading - Galatians 4: 4-7 - Raymond Campbell

The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 15-21 - The Dean



## SANDS NI Carol Service

SANDS NI support people who experience the tragedy of stillbirth or the death of an infant in the first weeks of life. SANDS is organising an ecumenical Christmas Carol Service for those who have been affected by the loss of a baby, in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm. This will be a gentle, hope-filled service of carols, readings and prayers. Those attending are asked to bring a gift-wrapped toy appropriate to the age that the child they lost would be today. These gifts will be placed under the Christmas tree and donated to local charities. Tea and light refreshments will be served after the service.



### WELCOME TEAM December 2023

03 Jenifer and Noel Johnston

10 Marie and Sam Morrow

17 Eileen and Jim Nixon

24 Caroline and Trevor Shaw

31 Helen and Norman Coalter

### WELCOME TEAM January 2024

07 Stephanie and Scott Hamilton

14 Hilary and Raymond Campbell

21 Sylvia and Trevor Stevenson

28 Avril and Ivan Kee

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham

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, Ivan Kee, Linda Kingston, Karl Saunders, Alanna Williamson,  
Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## JANUARY Lessons and Readers

### Sunday 7th January The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Genesis 1: 1-5 - Jeanette Cochrane

The Psalm - Psalm 29

The Second Reading - Acts 19: 1-7 - Richard Cochrane

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 4-11 - The Dean

### Sunday 14th January The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 11-20 - Wendy Graham

The Psalm - Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18

The Second Reading - Revelation 5: 1-10 - Bryan Graham

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 43-51 - Rev Colin Brownsmith

### Sunday 21st January The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 - Claire Holmes

The Psalm - Psalm 62: 5-12

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 - Willie Holmes

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 14-20 - The Dean

### Sunday 28th January The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



## 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!**