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CATHEDRAL NEWS

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*"Hark! The herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King."*



Forthill Park, Enniskillen

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**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,

Many people like to sing. No matter what we sound like, there can be a stirring within us on special occasions that prompts us to sing. In the Christmas story, singing is featured on three occasions. When Mary visited her elderly relative, Elizabeth, she was so overwhelmed with happiness at the forthcoming miraculous birth of her Son, that she burst into a flow of praise. Her words are known as The Magnificat which we often sing at Evening Prayer. Her words have been set to music by numerous composers down the years, for example the Hymn 'Tell out my soul'. Mary recalled God's promise that He would rescue His people and, through the Messiah, save the world. So Mary sang of God's mercy and benevolence on the helpless, the humble and the hungry.

The next 'song' came from the angels, on the night of Jesus' birth. They appeared to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem, and were full of the glory of God. 'Peace on earth', 'goodwill toward man'. The final 'song' in the Nativity story came from the shepherds, who hurried to see the new-born baby. They were so overwhelmed by the implications for Israel, that they sang praises to God as they returned to their sheep.

Mary, the angels and the shepherds could not help but sing for joy at the coming of the Messiah. They were the first, but not the last! Since the day of Pentecost, hundreds of millions of people have raised their voices in gratitude, thanks and wonder at God's love and mercy in



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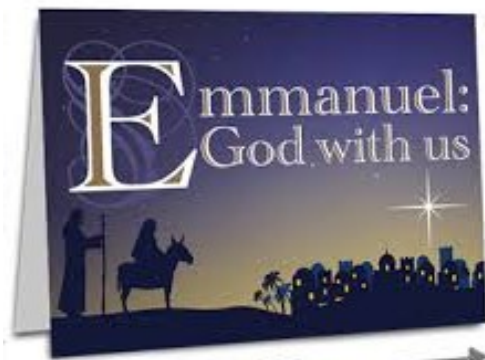
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Wishing you every blessing,

Kenneth R.J Hall

Greetings from The Dean and The Curates



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

***We sincerely thank all those who have supported us in the past year,
however we do not send cards to any
parishioners in order not to cause offence.***

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Parochial Registers

Christian Burial

31st October - Ronald Armstrong Lewers,
12A Killyvilly, Enniskillen.

10th November - Mary Louise Johnston,
2 Westbridge House, Enniskillen.

12th November - Eileen Mary Gibson,
22 Coleshill Park, Enniskillen.

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

Parish Donations

Flower Fund

£40 In memory of our parents
from Mr & Mrs T Whyte, 5 Scaffog Park, Enniskillen.

£50 In loving memory of my dear dad
From Mrs Valerie Watson, Sidaire, Ballinamallard.

£40 In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Billy died 14 December 1986.
From Mrs Betty Rogers and John, 14 Elliott Place, Enniskillen.

Fabric Fund

£100 Donation from Mrs Lorna Meissner, Laragh, Ballycassidy.

£ 255 In lieu of funeral flowers in memory of the late Mr William Morrow.

Clock Repair Fund

£100 Donation in lieu of sending Christmas Cards
from Mrs Valerie Breen, 22 Willowvale, Enniskillen.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Fred Watson, Sidaire, Ballinamallard.

£50 Donation from Mr & Mrs Noel Kells, Drumgay, Enniskillen.

£30 Anonymous donation.

Hall Development Fund

£200 Donation from Mrs Joan Carson, Moy Road, Dungannon.

Minibus Fund

£20 Donation from Mrs Chris Wilson, 175 Tempo Road, Enniskillen.

Cathedral Roof Fund

£100 In memory of their parents from Mr & Mrs Raymond Woods, 15 Killynure Park.

Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Parishioners

The end of the church's financial year is on 31 December 2016, after which date the annual accounts must be prepared and audited. For this reason it is necessary for all parishioners to return all their 2016 envelopes by that date. Any amounts received after December 31, 2016 will be added to the 2017 accounts.



Perhaps some parishioners may have fallen behind in their offerings to the church, so this is an opportunity to make up the shortfall. I urge everyone to do so before the end of December.

Every family is receiving a set of green 2017 envelopes with this magazine. Please do not use these 2017 envelopes until January. A letter also is enclosed with the envelopes stating the amount contributed as Free Will Offering, as Harvest Offering and as contributions to other church funds up to and including 13 November 2016.

I 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. Where appropriate, gifts to the church will also be Gift Aided in order to maximise our income. Although each parishioner now has a number, your offerings will not be published if that is your wish.

A growing number of parishioners contribute by Standing Order. If this method is suitable for you, I strongly recommend it. Simply inform your bank of the amount you wish to give to the church and whether you wish to pay on an annual, monthly or weekly basis. You will need the Cathedral's bank details - these are available in the cathedral office or from me - 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.

Hope Kerr

Honorary Treasurer

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Remembrance Sunday



It was a great pleasure to welcome back An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD to our Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 13th November, accompanied by The First Minister, The Rt Hon Arlene Foster, MLA. This year we were also privileged to have Minister Kris Hopkins MP representing the British Government and The Consul General, Daniel J Lawton representing the American Government. Also present were Her Majesty's Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, The Viscount Brookeborough accompanied by The Countess Brookeborough. The Bishop, The Rt Rev FJ McDowell was the preacher and Glenn Moore the organist. Ballyreagh Silver Band were also in attendance and played during some of the hymn singing. The Last Post and The Reveille were sounded by Warren Kerr from Ballyreagh Silver Band and the Pipers La-

ment played by Pipe Major Gordon McKeown, Derryclavin Pipe Band. Ballyreagh Silver Band accompanied by Pipe Major Gordon McKeown also gave a beautiful and evocative rendition of Highland Cathedral. The Choir conducted by Jayne Haslett sang the Anthem Pie Jesu by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The Prayers were led by the representatives of the British, Northern Ireland, Irish and American Governments. The Lessons were read by William Dixon, Acting Chairman of the Royal British Legion, Enniskillen Branch, The Viscount Brookeborough and the Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly PP, VG.

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Pictured above are Minister Kris Hopkins MP, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD, The Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA and The Consul General Daniel J Lawton with the Dean.

Cub Scout Service



On Sunday 20th November 1st Inniskilling Cub Scouts celebrated the centenary of Cub Scouts with a special service in St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. The service was led by the Dean assisted by Rev Olie Downey and Rev Chris MacBruithin. The lessons were read by George Irvine, Chairman

of the Scouts Association and Cub Scouts, Scott Hood and Kristian Cawley. The prayers were lead by Maurice Lee, President of Fermanagh County Scout Council. At the conclusion of the service the congregation sang 'Happy Birthday' and the Cub Scouts cut a special birthday cake made by Leslie's Bakery and refreshments and cake were enjoyed by all.



Cub Scouts and Leaders pictured right, and above with Beavers and Harry Weir, County Badge Secretary.

Cub Scout Service



Breandrum Court Parish Retirement House

The Parish Retirement House at Breandrum Court is vacant and is available to rent. The property has two bedrooms on the first floor and one room downstairs that could be used as a bedroom. The bathroom has been converted to a wet room and is particularly suitable for elderly persons.

Anyone interested in renting the property should contact the Cathedral Office. Telephone 028 6632 2917 or email stmacartins@btopenworld.com

Rev Chris' Graduation

Graduation Day



On Thursday 10th November, I made the familiar journey to Dublin. However, it wasn't for lectures or dissertation supervision, but at long last to graduate from Trinity College Dublin with a Master's in Theology! The new system of training for ordained ministry has been going for a few years now. It's a long journey, not for the faint-hearted! It all began when I spoke to my rector about a possible vocation to ordained ministry. People had been telling me for years it was something I should consider, but I kept pushing it aside. But God is very persistent and hard to ignore. My rector agreed and sent me to the Diocesan Director of Ordinands, a member of clergy with special responsibility for helping people discern whether they are called to ordained ministry and supporting them through the process. He got me onto the one-year Foundation course, a distance learning course in ministry, Biblical studies and sys-

tematic theology. Anyone with experience of distance learning will know the special challenges involved: self-discipline and time management, and a feeling of isolation among them.

I had a very positive interview with Bishop Ken Good towards the end of the Foundation Course, and he sent me to a Bishops' Selection Conference. That was a nerve-racking few days of interviews with panels of clergy, lay people and academic staff. It seemed a very long wait those two weeks before Bishop Ken called to say I had been recommended for training at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin.

Rev Chris' Graduation

The Master's in Theology programme lasts three years in full-time residential mode. It was very hard to say goodbye to Sarah every Sunday evening and get the bus to Dublin until Thursday or Friday. College life was a mix of spiritual formation, with chapel services twice or three times a day, lectures and seminars, and all the fun and frustrations of communal living.

After the first two years, I was ordained deacon to serve in St Augustine's Church, Londonderry. Part of the week I spent leading services, visiting people in hospital and in their homes, helping to prepare confirmation candidates, and helping with the administrative side of parish life. The rest of the week was devoted to a dissertation. I wrote mine on how to preach on difficult texts about judgment in a pastorally responsible, biblically faithful way.

All that before I was ordained priest here in St Macartin's last September. I feel very grateful for all the Church of Ireland has invested in my training. You might wonder if

Master's level study is really necessary. I've heard both sides of the argument. Personally, I'm glad I got the training I did, because society today tends to ask more questions and not just accept uncritically what the Church says, and I think clergy need to be able to give a credible account of why we believe what we do. Academic study is one way of developing that skill.

I tell you all of this, I suppose, hoping that something I say might encourage someone reading this who is wondering if they might be called to ordained ministry too. I tried to ignore it for a long time, and often doubted that ordination and graduation day would come. But I can say, from experience, that God has a habit of getting His way in the end.



Cathedral Halls

Cathedral Hall work well advanced

The major work of renovating and extending St Macartin's Cathedral Hall is progressing towards completion. The extensive improvement scheme, which will bring great benefits to the parish and wider community, is being funded under the Executive Office's Social Investment Fund. Following a competitive process, Tracey Architects of Londonderry were appointed architects for the scheme, the original plans having been prepared by Robert Brown, Architectural Solutions Ltd, Lisbellaw. R. J. McKelvey Ltd, Castlederg, succeeded in obtaining the contract to carry out the construction work. Work on the site, supervised by Mr Darren McKelvey, director of the company, commenced in May.

The external work involved an extension and reroofing of flat roofed area with pitched roofs. The main entrance area has been redesigned to provide for disability and user friendly access to the hall facilities. An attractive reception area has been included in the design. The minor hall has been improved to increase natural lighting and improved insulation and will incorporate new seating arrangements. The main and minor halls will be served by a new stainless steel fully equipped kitchen which will meet the needs of a wide range of catering requirements. The stage area in the main hall is being converted into storage areas with a first floor room on top which will accommodate youth group activities.

The cathedral office will have a separate photocopying room attached. An additional meeting room has been provided to supplement the facilities previously provided by the Hilliard Room. This part of the building will have its own kitchen. The main meeting rooms will have in-built data projection facilities. New toilet facilities have been provided to serve the building.

In the lower car park area, a fine suite of offices, including a meeting room, kitchen and toilet facilities, has been provided for use by the Church of Ireland Diocese of Clogher. The newly renovated and extended building will be complemented by an extended car park, providing an additional thirty car parking spaces. This will be an extremely valuable asset in the island town of Enniskillen. A wide range of

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organisations are eagerly awaiting the reopening of these high quality facilities uniquely situated in the centre of the town.

Furnishings

When the contractor leaves the site, the building will need to be furnished appropriately. The intention is that the Minor Hall will be fitted out with suitable seating and tables to serve a range of purposes. The reception area will require soft seating and a literature display stand. The Hilliard Room will need new chairs. The office will need to be properly fitted out with desks and storage facilities. The 'Quiet Room or Prayer Room', located near the Hilliard Room, will need a nice table and suitable seating. All of this will cost a substantial amount of money (approximately £30,000). Financial contributions from parishioners towards this important aspect of the project will be most welcome. It is important that the hall is properly furnished and that it will be a credit to the Parish of St Macartin's. Donations can be earmarked for Cathedral Hall Furnishings.

Nearing Completion!



Thanks and Praise Hymn Books



The books purchased in memory of loved ones were dedicated for use on Advent Sunday, 27th November at 11.00am.

Books were presented by

Eleanor Lynn in memory of her husband Victor.

Willie and Claire Holmes in memory of Claire's parents Samuel and Muriel Hutchison and Willie's parents

William and Margaret Holmes.

Dorothy Foster in memory of her husband Sam Foster, CBE.

Mervyn, Helen and David in memory of their father Sam Foster, CBE.

Daphne and David Major in memory of Daphne's mother, Dorothy McCoy, brother Jim McCoy and cousin Peggy McAuley.

Anna Watson in memory of her mother, Dorothy McCoy,

brother Jim McCoy and cousin Peggy McAuley.

Jack and Susan Spratt in memory of family members Isabella Armstrong, David Armstrong, Ronald Spratt and William Spratt.

Steven and Kathryn in memory of their grandfather Sam Foster, CBE.

Betty McRoberts in memory of her husband Roy.

Maud Shaw in memory of her mother Kathleen Lucy.

Books were also dedicated for use in the Cathedral as gifts by

Jim and Dorothy Kerr,

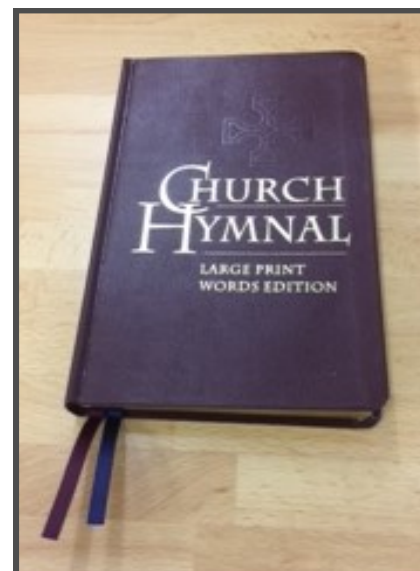
Tommy and Amy Fiddis,

St Macartin's Cathedral Mothers' Union.

Thank you to all who responded to this appeal.

Presentation Hymnals

Presentation editions of the Church Hymnal are an ideal gift for confirmations or for special seasons in the Church calendar, including Christmas. Bound in soft burgundy leather cover and with gilded pages, it contains over 700 hymns – but the light pages ensure that the book itself is not overly bulky. The edition is now on sale for the reduced price of £10 until next Easter. It is an offer not to be missed!



Xplore

Xplore @ St Macartin's Cathedral started again in November with a Movie Night, at which we watched 'Remembering the Titans'. Xplore is a peer-led youth group for young people in Year 8 and over. We particularly welcomed our new confirmation candidates who came along.

The next Xplore event is a **Christmas Movie Night** on 11th December, at 7.30 pm, in Hall's Shop, the temporary premises on Darling Street.

In the New Year, our regular schedule will resume. Every second Friday each month, we'll have a Movie Night from 8.30-10 pm, a relaxed format with popcorn and followed by discussion about what the movie means to us. Then every fourth Sunday of the month, at 8-9 pm, we chat about issues arising from the movie that are relevant to young people's lives today. So, the next dates are Movie Night on Friday 13th January, and Xplore Sunday on 22nd January.

Rev Chris and Laura would rather hear from our young people what films and topics they would like to see on the programme for 2017, so please let us know what you think.

Messy Church

The poster features a light blue background with white snowflake patterns. At the top center is the 'Messy Church' logo, which consists of the word 'Messy' in white with a red outline, and 'CHURCH' in yellow below it, all set against a red splatter background. Below the logo is a red rectangular stamp with the words 'CHRISTMAS SPECIAL' in white, distressed capital letters. The text at the bottom of the poster is in black and white, providing details about the Christmas celebration event.

Messy Church celebrates Christmas with all the fun, creativity, hospitality, celebration and yes – MESS that you can fit into an afternoon!

For pre-school and primary school age children this is a time to meet new people, have some fun while learning the true reason for the season!

Come along to the Model School on Thursday 8th December at 4pm!

Please note new venue while Cathedral Halls is under renovation.

For further info chat to Rev Olie

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Bellringers



On Saturday 15th October Alan Regin and the members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (pictured left) visited the Cathedral to ring a peal of bells. They rang a new method and named it Trasna in honour of our Bellringer Stewart Scott to mark his fifty years of Bellringing.

They also brought a gift and card for Stewart to mark the occasion.



Unfortunately Stewart was unwell on the day. His wife Joyce is pictured left receiving the gift from Alan on his behalf. We all wish Stewart a very speedy recovery and hope to see him back at the Cathedral very soon.

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Mothers' Union

The November meeting commenced with a bible passage, read by Margaret Owen, the Curate, Rev Chris MacBruithin continued with prayer for all mothers and families.

Branch Leader Stephanie welcomed guest speaker Mr Tim Richmond from Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, who gave an informative and lively talk on the importance of fire safety reminding us to check our smoke alarms weekly and replace the battery annually. We look forward to Tim returning at a future date with his working springer spaniel. Marie Morrow (pictured below) passed a vote of thanks to our guest.

Date to remember:

Tuesday 29th November at 8.00pm, Aghavea Parish Church, 16 days of Activism Prayer Vigil. If members are unable to attend, we ask you to pray for all victims of abuse. The evening concluded with the Mothers' Union prayer. On 6th December the outing is to Ardhoven Theatre to see the musical 'The Wizard of Oz'. Please meet at the Theatre at 7.30 pm.

A very Happy Christmas to all our members.

The New Year meeting is a Service of Holy Communion celebrated by Dean Hall on Monday 9th January at 8.00 pm.



Tuesday Club

A warm welcome was accorded to the males who joined the Tuesday Club members outing to the Museum. All enjoyed a most interesting and informative afternoon. Refreshments brought the outing to a close.

The next meeting is on 29th November and is "Music with Dori." There will be no meeting in December and all members are wished a happy healthy Christmas and New Year before we meet again on 31st January for "Ivan's Anecdotes" with Ivan Kee. New members will be warmly welcomed.

Christmas Concert in Aid of the Hospice

The First Minister, the Rt Hon Arlene has asked St Macartin's Cathedral to put on a concert in the Cathedral this Christmas in aid of the Hospice on Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm. It will have a number of excerpts/highlights from The Messiah, along with a few 'lighter' pieces of music. Mr Jonathan Ireland will be the Director of Concentio – a multi award-winning chamber choir that he founded 12 years ago now whilst studying Music at Queen's University. Most of the original members (all Music graduates) are still in the choir, but they have grown in number over the years and they now have around 25 young singers, all aged between 18 and 30 years. Jonathan grew up in the choir at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast and, following graduation, was appointed as Director of Music at Stormont Church in Belfast, where he has been for the past 10 years or so. He also directs the choir of the Bar of Northern Ireland & Law Society of Northern Ireland, and sings with a number of local groups - including Priory Singers and Voices of Ireland and a number of other groups in Cambridge and France. It is a Christmas Concert not to be missed and at the same time supporting a very worthy cause!



Pictured from left are Heather Gott, Community Fundraising Fermanagh & Tyrone, Northern Ireland Hospice, Jonathan Ireland, The First Minister Arlene Foster, Heather Weir Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Hospice and the Dean.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

There are fifty million Christians in Germany who, traditionally, have mostly belonged to the Roman Catholic Church or one of the Protestant State Churches. Recent developments, particularly

the reception of refugees and asylum seekers, have begun to change this balance and other Christian traditions are finding expression. Whilst that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides, there are still areas of difference in which the churches remain self-absorbed or construct new walls. The text from 2 Corinthians announces that God has, in Christ, reconciled the world to himself. The love of Christ compels us to be ambassadors of this reconciliation, which is enacted by dismantling the walls. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, Germany experienced how a seemingly insurmountable wall could be brought down. The fall of this wall is a symbol of hope that, with the love of God, nothing is impossible.

The Bishop of Clogher, The Rt Rev John McDowell says " 'Familiarity breeds contempt' and although it would be unfair to link the proverb with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, there is no doubt that ecumenical engagement could do with some renewed enthusiasm. Perhaps some of that enthusiasm can be generated by looking back and simply being thankful for all that has been achieved so far- in official commissions and documents, in great symbolic events of mutual respect and recognition, but most of all in local collaboration, which is the true heart beat of ecumenism. Collaborative events are a demonstration to ourselves as much as to the world that wherever Christians meet for worship or any other activity they meet as a family. It is a family which has had its quarrels and reconciliations; a family separated by great distance and by the habits and temperaments of its many members. As in all families there can even be the suspicion that one member is doing something deliberately to annoy another. However, as with all families, its vigour and interest are generated both by what we have in common and by what distinguishes us from one another. Such is family life and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is that fixed point of family reunion which perhaps we don't always look forward to but are always glad afterwards that we made the effort."

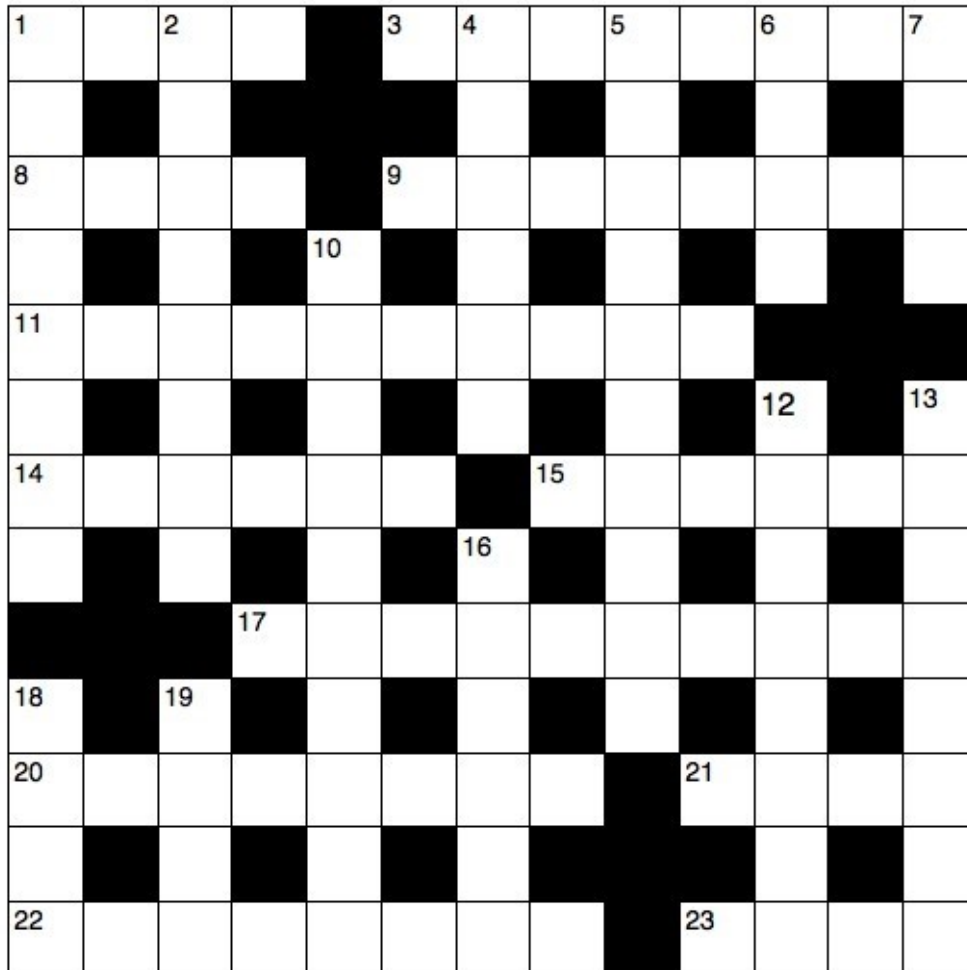
The Enniskillen Service this year will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th January.

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Crossword



Across

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the — walk' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 3 Got (Philippians 3:12) (8)
- 8 Leave out (Jeremiah 26:2) (4)
- 9 Castigated for using dishonest scales (Hosea 12:7) (8)
- 11 Weighty (1 John 5:3) (10)
- 14 'Now the serpent was more — than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made' (Genesis 3:1) (6)
- 15 'Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot — God' (Romans 8:8) (6)
- 17 Because Israel lacked one of these, tools had to be sharpened by the Philistines (1 Samuel 13:19) (10)
- 20 In his vision of the two eagles and the vine, this is how Ezekiel described the latter (Ezekiel 17:8) (8)
- 21 Rite (anag.) (4)
- 22 Nine gigs (anag.) (8)
- 23 'The eye cannot say to the — , "I don't need you"' (1 Corinthians 12:21) (4)

Down

- 1 'Flee for your lives! Don't — — , and don't stop anywhere in the plain!' (Genesis 19:17) (4,4)
- 2 Principal thoroughfare (Numbers 20:19) (4,4)
- 4 'The tax collector... beat his — and said, "God have mercy on me, a sinner"' (Luke 18:13) (6)
- 5 'The zeal of the Lord Almighty will — this' (2 Kings 19:31) (10)
- 6 'The day of the Lord is — for all nations' (Obadiah 15) (4)
- 7 Specified day (Acts 21:26) (4)
- 10 Deadly epidemic (Deuteronomy 32:24) (10)
- 12 Roman Catholic church which has special ceremonial rights (8)
- 13 Tied up (2 Kings 7:10) (8)
- 16 In his speech to the Sanhedrin, Stephen described Moses as 'powerful in speech and — ' (Acts 7:22) (6)
- 18 'Although he did not remove the high places, — heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life' (1 Kings 15:14) (4)
- 19 Tribe (Deuteronomy 29:18) (4)

Hospital Visiting



If you, or a family member, would like a pastoral visit whilst in hospital, please contact the clergy.

Please note that all hospitals in the area have changed their procedures and no longer provide clergy with any lists, therefore they need to be told if anyone is admitted and would like to be visited.

Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes) ,followed by a cup of tea/coffee – now 30-40 attending each week.

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!



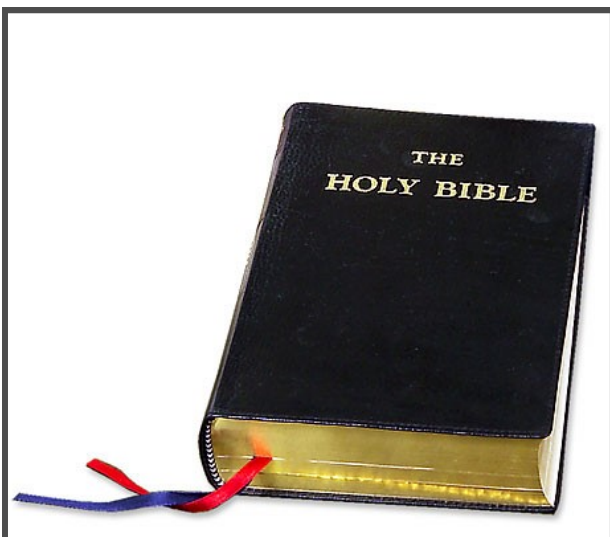
Visit to Hillsborough Castle



The Bishop and the Dean pictured with Mr John Irvine and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly attending a Religious Leaders Day at Hillsborough Castle hosted by the Senior Chaplain, Headquarters 38 (Irish) Brigade.

The presentation focused on the work of the Armed Forces here in Northern Ireland, from the work of military Chaplains, their current training and deployments around the world, to dealing with the legacy of the past. The presentation was followed by a Royal Gun Salute for Prince Charles' birthday and lunch.

Bible Reading Notes



Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of the church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them direct by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and even relevant to every day life.

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

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

Sunday 20th November brought to conclusion a week of special events in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin to celebrate the Feast of Dublin's patron saint, St Laurence O'Toole, and the 800th anniversary of the unification of the Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough.

Over twenty choir members travelled



from St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen along with Dean Kenny Hall to participate in a Festival Choral Evensong in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

The service was preceded with a singing masterclass and rehearsal for participating choirs, joining together with Christ Church Cathedral Choir and Christ Church Brass Ensemble. The combined choirs were directed by Ian Keatley, Director of Music at Christ Church, and accompanied by Dr David Bremner, Assistant Organist at the Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Dean of Christ Church, the Very Revd Dermot Dunne, and the preacher was the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson.

Cathedral Choral Evensong is essentially a service of reflection - of leaving ourselves open that God may speak to us through the psalms, readings and canticles, which are the core of the service. Worship has been offered at Christ Church for nearly a thousand years. Cathedrals with a great choral tradition draw upon a rich inheritance of music, much of it sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the office of Evensong, a combination of the medieval offices of Vespers and Compline. Here beauty in language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way. The processional hymn was *Praise to the Lord*, and the *Preces and Responses* were a setting by Richard Ayleward (1626-69). The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were settings by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), and the anthem was, *I was glad when they said unto me* by Hubert Parry (1848-1918). The final hymn was *O praise ye the Lord*.

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Christmas Services

NATIVITY SERVICE

Sunday 11th December at 11.00am

Children from each of our Sunday School classes will be taking part and rumour is that Santa Claus may well be coming along as well.

We encourage parents and grandparents to join us

CAROL SERVICES

Wednesday 7th December at 6.00pm – Community Carol Service with Willow-bridge School (begins in St Macartin's Cathedral and ends in

Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church)

All are welcome to this community event.

Sunday 18th December at 7.00pm – Parish Carol Service

The loose collection at the Carol Service at 7.00pm on Sunday 18th December will be given towards the Dean of Belfast's Black Santa Charities. Please give generously.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11.00pm Christmas Eve – Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Bishop, Rt Rev John Mc Dowell

Preacher: Rev Darren Thompson (Methodist Church)

9.00am Christmas Day – Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Dean, Very Rev K R J Hall

10.30am Christmas Day – Holy Communion & Family Service

Celebrant: The Dean, Very Rev K R J Hall

You are welcome to attend the most suitable service. It is hoped that as many families as possible will attend the 10.30am service. All ages are welcome and children are asked to bring with them something that Santa brought (adults can do this too!). The Dean and Curates will take a walk about to view the toys!

Answers to Crossword
on page 20

ACROSS: 1, Lame. 3, Obtained. 8, Omit. 9, Merchant. 11, Burdensome. 14, Crafty. 15, Please.
17, Blacksmith. 20, Splendid. 21, Tier. 22, Singeing. 23, Hand.
DOWN: 1, Look back. 2, Main road. 4, Breast. 5, Accomplish. 6, Near. 7, Date. 10, Pestilence.
12, Basilica. 13, Tethered. 16, Action. 18, Asa's. 19, Clan.

Children's Page



Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:1 - 2:21

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January Lessons and Readers

The First Sunday of Christmas - 1st January

The First Reading - Isaiah 63: 7-9 - Trevor Stevenson

The Psalm - Psalm 148

The Second Reading - Hebrew 2: 10-18 - Lucy Elliott

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 2: 13-23 - The Dean

The First Sunday after the Epiphany - 8th January

The First Reading - Isaiah 42: 1-9 - Pam Greene

The Psalm - Psalm 29

The Second Reading - Acts 10: 34-43 - Sophie Coalter

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 3: 13-17- George Irvine

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany - 15th January

The First Reading - Isaiah 49: 1-7 - Linda Corrigan

The Psalm - Psalm 40:1-12

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 - Aaron Elliott

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 29-42 - The Curate

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany - 22nd January

Family Service

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - 29th January

The First Reading - Malachi 3: 1-5 - Claire Holmes

The Psalm - Psalm 84

The Second Reading - Hebrews 2: 14-18 - Sophie McNutt

The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 22-40 - The Dean

WELCOME TEAM DECEMBER 2016

04 Avril and Ivan Kee
11 Julie and David Nixon
18 Stephanie and Scott Hamilton
25 Jeanette Wilson and
Richard Cochrane

WELCOME TEAM JANUARY 2017

01 Gwen and Karl Saunders
08 Hazel and Harold Hunter
15 Myrtle and George Irvine
22 Doris and Gordon Jackson
29 Adele and Andrew Kerr

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Assistant Director of Music - Jayne Haslett

Churchwardens - Jonathan Woods and Noel Johnston

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Jim Nixon

Select Vestry - Raymond Campbell (Assistant Hon Secretary), Linda Corrigan,
Jenifer Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer), Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J
Nixon, Ewan Richmond, Stephen Richmond, Brian Rutledge, Karl Saunders and Jack Spratt

Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Jack Watson

Hall Caretakers - Sabrina and Andrew McCabe

December Lessons and Readers

The Second Sunday of Advent - 4th December

The First Reading - Isaiah 11: 1-10 - Richard Cochrane

The Psalm - Psalm 72: 1-7

The Second Reading - Romans 15: 4-13 - Aaron Elliott

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 3: 1-12 - The Dean

The Third Sunday of Advent - 11th December

Family Nativity Service

The Fourth Sunday of Advent - 18th December

The First Reading - Isaiah 7: 10-16 - Sam Morrow

The Psalm - Psalm 80: 1-7

The Second Reading - Romans 1: 1-7 - Sophie McNutt

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 1: 18-25 - The Curate

Christmas Day - 25th December



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.

7.00pm - Evening Prayer (first, second and third Sundays)

Holy Communion (fourth Sundays)

A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing (fifth Sundays)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

1.05pm - Healing Service (fourth 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 - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Scouts - 7.30pm - 9.00pm

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

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

Pilgrim - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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)

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Badminton Club - 8.00pm - 10.30pm

FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY

Xplore - 7.00pm - 8.30pm (as arranged)

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