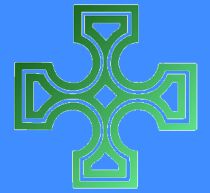


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*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.”*



New Years Morning 2021 at the Forum
Photograph by Cecil Carson

OUR VISION

**Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community
Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love**

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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

This year, Christmas is going to be a busier celebration than last year, but probably not yet back to the normal fuss we usually make each December. The streets will be crowded, but shops may struggle with supplies. Parties will take place, but many people will feel reluctant to join in. Family gatherings are allowed again, but the vulnerable may hesitate. Christmas services will be held, but as yet singers will still have to wear face coverings. A Christmas without many carols!

Many will struggle to hold their 'usual' Christmas. Yet God does not neglect us. This may be the very opportunity to rekindle or deepen our faith in what really matters about Christmas. Away from the crowds, perhaps completely alone this Christmas, we may sit quietly and allow our heavenly Father to draw near to us. We may picture Mary inviting us to gaze with her at her Son, born to save us from our sins. In the silence of our imagination, we may join the chorus of angels announcing His birth to the shepherds:

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests."*

It was that chorus which inspired an American Minister, Rev. Edmund Hamilton Sears, to write the Christmas Hymn, 'It Came Upon a Midnight Clear' (Hymn 164). The Rev Sears, troubled by the world's turbulent history and failure to hear the Christmas message, was himself recovering from a breakdown. Written in 1849, his words have a timeless ring about them:



*Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the words of peace they bring;
Oh, hush the noise of human strife,
to hear the angels sing.*

This year many may feel anything but peace amid the anxiety over our current circumstances. However, trusting in the Prince of Peace for our lives, brings God's peace amid the huge uncertainties we face.

There are many opportunities for you to attend church or watch us online at enniskillencathedral.com 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,

Kenny J. Hare

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.**

Kenny
The Dean

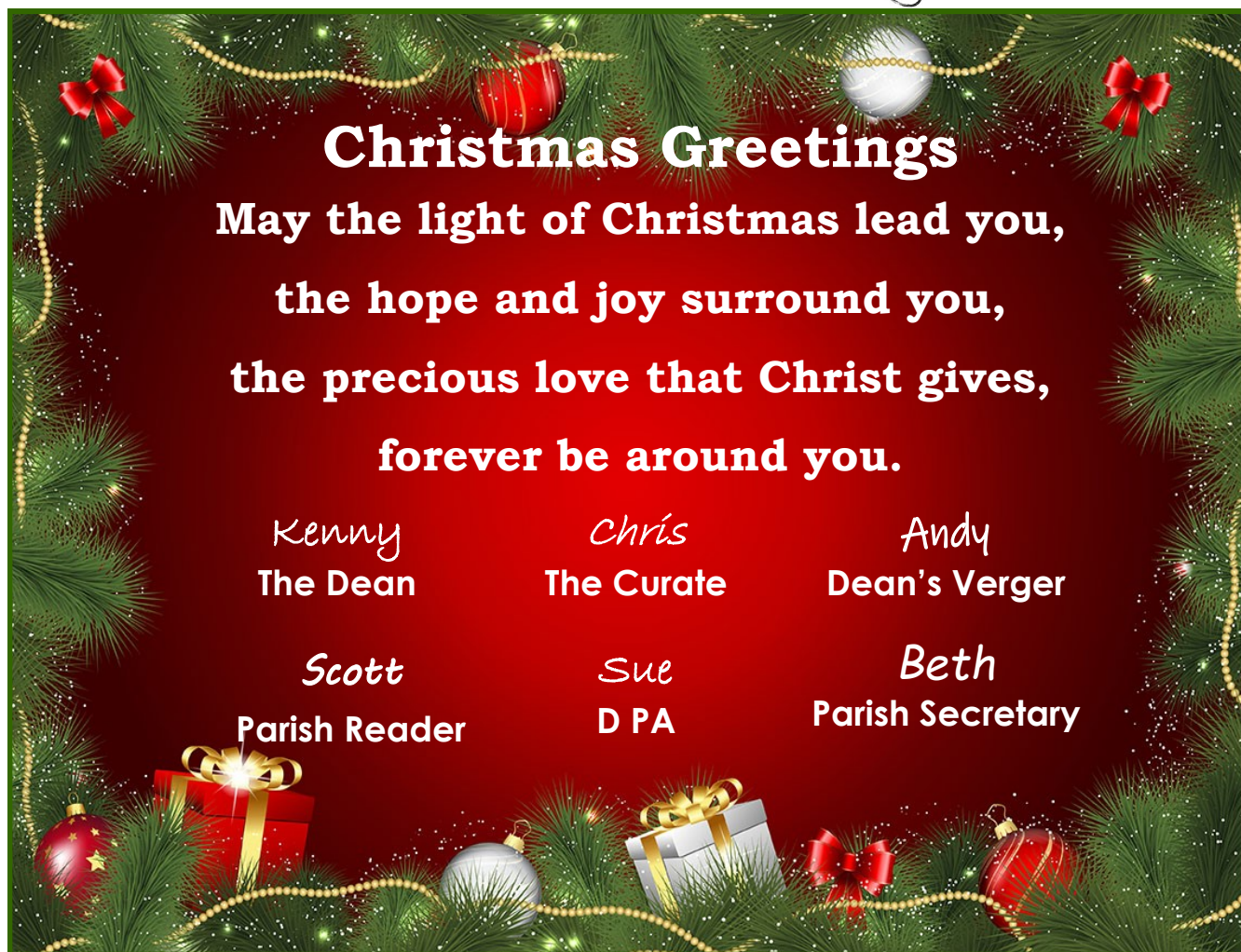
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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

28th November - Abigail Stacey Beattie

"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

2nd November - Eunice Mary Surphlis,
Meadow View Care Home,
formerly 4 Crest Road, Enniskillen.

4th November - Margaret (Meta) Lewers,
12A Killyvilly, Enniskillen.

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



Donations in Lieu of Flowers

The Church can benefit greatly from donations made in lieu of flowers at the time of a death or the anniversary of a death. Please keep this in mind, and we acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have contributed in this way in the past.

The Harvest Appeal

We would also like to say a sincere thank you to all who so generously contributed to our Harvest Appeal for the Cathedral Roof Fund. The Harvest Appeal brought in £9,678.08- a truly magnificent figure. Thank you once again.

The Dean & The Treasurer

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 for using the car park responsibly.

Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

Personal Donations:

- £1,000 Donation from Mr John & Mrs Margaret Owens.
- £50 Anonymous donation in memory of Mr Willie Wallace.
- £200 Anonymous donation in memory of our parents.
- £1,000 Donation from Mr Roy & Mrs Joyce Kempton.
- £85 Donation from Mrs Mary McClaughlin.
- £200 Donation in memory of my parents Iris and Mervyn and brothers Denzil and Malcolm. From Harry, Marie and the Breen family.
- £20 Anonymous donation.
- £200 Donation in memory of Elizabeth & Thomas Woods. From their daughter Kathleen Gibson.
- £100 Donation from Mrs Kathleen Sloan
- £100 Donation from Mr & Mrs H Mannix in memory of Shirley Rowland
- £200 Donation from Mr & Mrs R Cochrane in appreciation of services provided on their wedding day.
- £100 Donation in memory of Eunice Surphlis from her family.
- £200 Anonymous donation.

From Parish Organisations:

- £500 Donation from St Macartin's Cathedral Bowling Club.
- £310 Donation from Knitwits Knitting Group.

From Local Organisations:

- £50 Donation from RBP 36.

Organ Restoration Fund

- £500 Donation from Mr Alan Devers.
- £1,000 Anonymous donation.
- £1000 Donation in memory of Mrs Betty McKendry (on her birthday 23rd November) from her son Paul.

Webcam Fund

- £50 Anonymous donation.

Amount received in Yellow Envelopes - to date £72,975.50

(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.

Amount received for Slate Tickets - to date £62,820

Target amount for Slate Tickets £100,000.

Letter from The Curate

Grace and peace to you,

A few words of introduction and thanks, as I begin serving alongside you as your Curate Assistant: thank you to those who have invested so much of themselves into getting the Curatage ready for me – I feel incredibly privileged; to those who made my transition to St Macartin's Cathedral possible, especially Bishop Ian – I will be forever grateful; to the Dean, the members of the Select Vestry, and their families for their kindness and generosity – I look forward to serving alongside you; and to all those I have already encountered – the warmth of your welcome has been greatly appreciated. It is good to be with you, and I look forward to getting to know you all better – however that might be possible – in the coming days.



There are moments of crisis, such as those we have all been experiencing over the past year, when sometimes a part of the Scriptures, of a hymn, of the liturgy, or of someone's writings, seems to sit within our hearts and our minds more powerfully than we have ever known it to in the past. The writings of Julian of Norwich have always appealed to me at times of struggle. She wrote out of times of great challenge – times too when there was disease spreading throughout the land.

Yet, her most famous line is this: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." There is nothing trite or trivial in her conviction that all manner of things shall be well. I am sure she said that through gritted teeth. Julian knew that, in the end, all would be well; but she also knew, all too well, the harsh realities of life – that letting go is a painful experience for anyone. Letting go is painful; but sometimes it is necessary.

We, like Julian of Norwich, have been challenged in recent times to let go. We have had to let go of the immediacy of many of our relationships. Many of us have been starved of the beauty of touch, of being able to embrace loved ones. This has been painful. Some have known Good Friday in ways no one should. But perhaps, like Julian, we have also learned something about the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love; we have seen extraordinary acts of love come from unexpected places, and unexpected people too.

Although writing during such difficult – and out of such challenging personal – circumstances, she draws all her writings to a close by saying that there really are only three things we must always hold onto: God made us; God loves us; God sustains us. These three things are at the centre of this season in the

Letter from The Curate

Church's calendar: Advent draw us from the concerns and distractions of the world around us to the mystery which unfolded in Bethlehem – a mystery of love. The opening verse of one of my favourite carols (*Church Hymnal*, 170) puts it better than I ever could: "Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign."

The pandemic has made us all re-evaluate the things we hold dear; but we would do well to hold onto these three things, like Julian of Norwich, even as we must let go of other things, as she did. Those words have brought me, and many others, a great deal of comfort in these difficult times. May they also bring you comfort, in whatever circumstances you find yourself. I look forward to growing deeper in our knowledge of God's love with you all in the coming days.

God made you; God loves you; God sustains you.

With all good wishes for a meaningful Advent, joyful Christmas, and peaceful New Year,

Chris



The Rev Chris West is presented with his license by the Bishop of Clogher after reading the declarations confirming his transfer from the Diocese of Dublin to the Diocese of Clogher on obtaining the position of Curate Assistant in the Parish of Enniskillen. Witnessing the reading of the declarations are the Diocesan Registrar, Rev John McClenaghan, the Dean, Churchwardens Mrs Linda Kingston & Mrs Audrey Williamson and the Dean's Verger, Mr Andy McCabe.

Christmas Services

This year again, we are going to miss out big time on many activities – the senior citizens' dinner, the children's nativity service, the Christmas morning family service with it's moments of madness with sweets and gifts! There can be no Home Holy Communion due to the fact that those who are house bound are more vulnerable to infection. Those senior citizens, who are more mobile and who are already out and about may wish to attend any of the Thursday Holy Communion Services at 11.00am. The numbers at these services are less and people feel very safe with good social distancing. Here is what we plan to do although a change in restrictions may dictate otherwise!

Carol Service

Sunday 19th December 11.00am

Christmas Services

Thursday 23rd December - NO SERVICE

Friday 24th December

11.00am - (Christmas Communion on Christmas Eve)

9.00pm - (Christmas Communion on Christmas Eve)

Please note the change of time to two hours earlier to allow time for a deep clean.

Saturday 25th December

9.00am - Christmas Holy Communion Service in the Side Chapel

10.30am - Christmas Holy Communion Service

No gifts or sweets given out due to restrictions.

Sunday 26th December

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Short Form of Morning Prayer

Thursday 30th December - NO SERVICE

Sunday 2nd January

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion

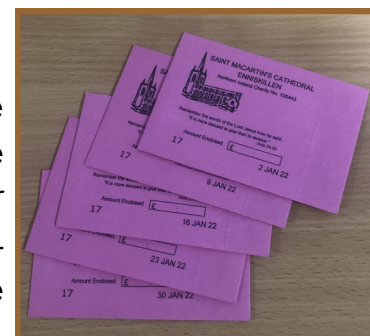
The Carol Service, the Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Services will be streamed - enniskillencathedral.com.

Thursday 6th January (The Epiphany) - 11.00am - Holy Communion

Letter From The Treasurer

Dear Parishioners

2021 has been a challenging year for all of us. We have had to cope with the effects of Covid 19, many have not been well, and we have had less contact with our friends and family. Funding the re-roofing of the Cathedral and restoration of some of the stonework have been major challenges for us as parishioners. As Treasurer,



I want to say how much I admire those of you who have faithfully contributed donations, regularly used your yellow envelopes, and sold slate tickets. Without you the roof project could not be completed so please accept my thanks and those of the Dean and Select Vestry. Sadly, there are still some parishioners who have not shared the responsibility of the roof project. Hopefully you will re-consider – there is still time to contribute whatever you can afford. The end of the church's financial year is 31 December 2021, after which date the annual accounts are prepared and audited. For this reason, I am asking all parishioners to return all their white and yellow 2021 envelopes as well as their slate tickets by that date. Any amounts received after December 31, 2021 will be added to the 2022 accounts.

Perhaps some parishioners may have fallen behind in their Freewill Offerings, so this letter should serve as a reminder, and an opportunity to make up the shortfall. I urge everyone to do so before the end of December.

Every family is receiving a new set of pink 2022 envelopes with this magazine. A letter also is enclosed stating the amount contributed by each family as Free Will Offering, as Harvest Offering, as donations to the roof project, and as contributions to other church funds up to, and including, 31 October 2021.

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 that is your 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.

Hape Kerr

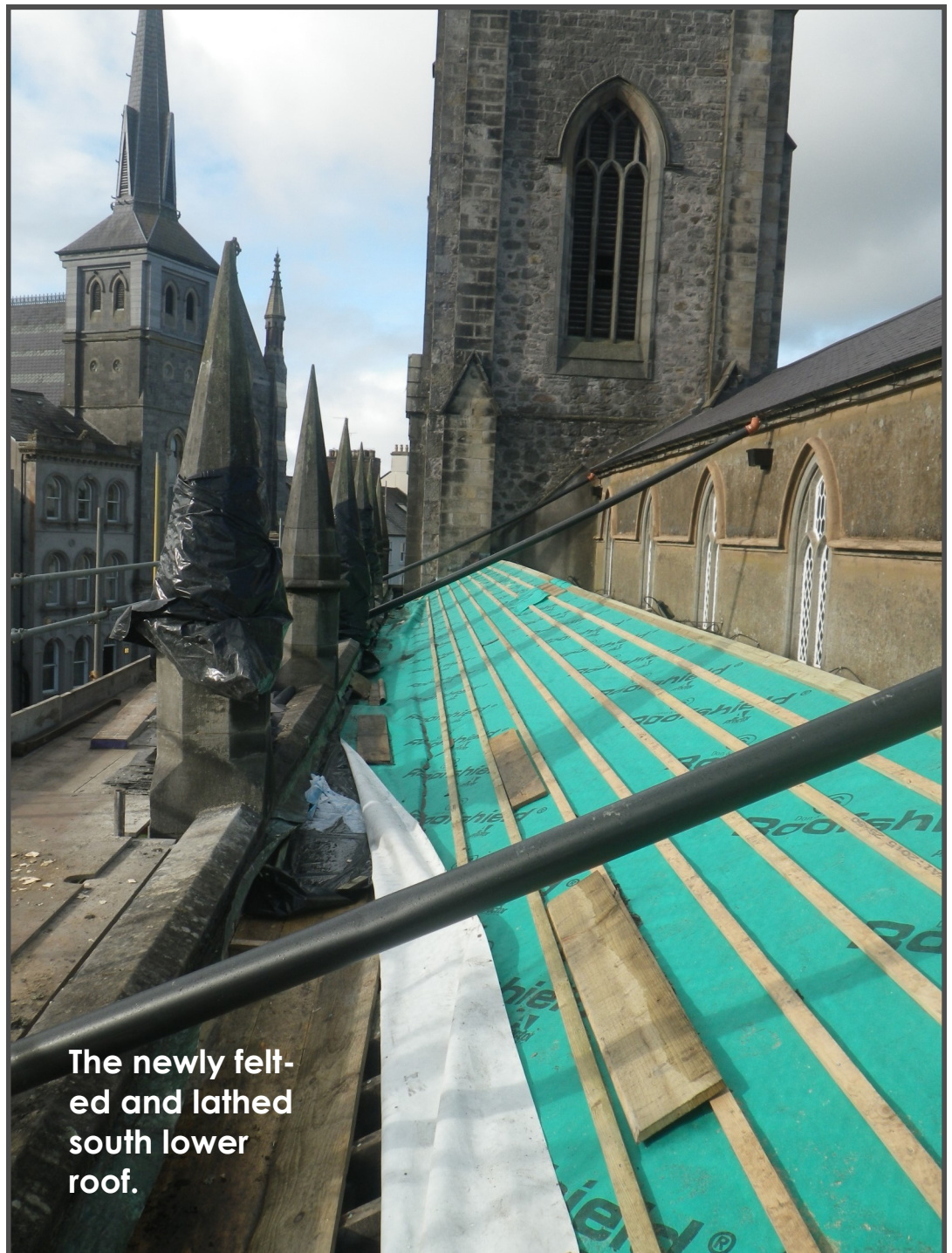
Honorary Treasurer

Cathedral Restoration Project

Work progresses steadily with the restoration. The high roof is complete. Work is also complete on the lower roof on the south side. The work had to be progressed in stages. First of all the roof was stripped of slates and these had to be carefully lowered to the ground and then transported for storage. The old laths and felt were then removed. Decayed timber was replaced and then new felt and laths were fitted. The next stage was the replacement of the copper tapered gutter between the lower roof and the wall supporting the high roof.

The copper gutter between the south facing roof surface and the parapet was also replaced using lead.

In order to cope with the possibility of increasing intensity of rainfall, the new lead gutters were laid so that there would be three outfalls rather than two, as previously. This involved the fabrication of lead sumps in the gutters from which the rainwater is discharged through the roof space to the downpipes on the outside wall of the cathedral.



The newly felted and lathed south lower roof.

Cathedral Restoration Project



Lead sump being fabricated by Mr Gerald Wilson in the Deanery garage.

Previously, rainwater was discharged from the internal gutter by way of an open channel through the roof space to the outside and this provided easy access for jackdaws. The use of a pipe, rather than an open channel, should prevent access for these birds.

The completed lead sump (pictured below) with the outflow pipe. Note the small diameter overflow pipe which will give prior warning of any build-up of debris in the sumps.



The North Roof

Work is well advanced on the lower roof to the north side. The rafters, where they were in contact with the north wall, had decayed and required replacement. The intention was that the lower roofs would be re-slatted with the best of the salvage slates taken from all the roofs. However, it has been found that there are not enough good quality slates to cover both low level roofs. Therefore, a substantial number of new slates will be required to enable the re-roofing to be completed to a high standard.

Cathedral Restoration Project

One of many slates
that can't be reused.



Pictured after one of many site meetings are Noel Johnston, Glebewarden, The Dean, Harold Graham, Contractor, and Chris McCollum, Conservation Specialist.

The rafters on the north side of roof showed signs of decay, especially those end pieces in contact with the wall.

Cathedral Restoration Project

The new rafters being cut to shape by Mark McMahon, Craig Thompson looks on.



Work on the east window has been completed. The weather damaged stonework has been repaired, the stained glass has been cleaned and new secondary glazing has been fitted. When secondary glazing was being fitted on the south face of the cathedral, it was discovered that some of the stonework was loose. The central stone mullion of this window was secured in position.



Dermot Ferris pointing out the loose mullion.



A restored and freshly painted high level window. Plaster work on the high level windows required repair, due to age and weather damage.

Cathedral Roof Fund Raising

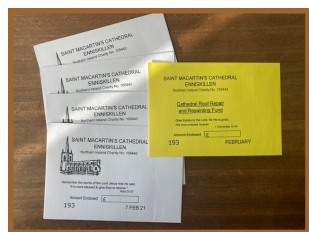
Slate Tickets

The book of Slate Tickets that was issued to each Family in March provided you with an opportunity to sell slates for the Cathedral Roof to non-parishioners - eg family, friends or neighbours. If every family helped out this fund raiser could raise £100,000, but if some do not help we will fall short in our target to do so.

We need to gather in all the stubs or unsold tickets. Please make your returns as soon as possible.



Yellow Envelopes



It is also vitally important that parishioners use the Yellow Envelopes for their own personal giving to the roof fund. The restoration project started the 2nd of June and will end this month, therefore most of the expenditure will come in this Financial Year 2021.

Total Costs

The full cost of reroofing is in the region of £450,000, and unfortunately over this past year we were unable to run any fund-raising activities so we are depending on each family playing their part and helping out.

Additional Projects

Repainting

Now that the roof repairs are almost finished, we are due to embark on the complete repainting of the interior of the Cathedral. It has been over 20 years since it was painted and long overdue redecoration. Tenders are being sought at present. The scaffolding will be the biggest expenditure.

Estimated cost £40,000

Pews

Some rearranging of pews will take place to allow greater access for funerals and around the Baptismal font. Some adjustments will also be made to the choir stalls with extra lighting.

Estimated cost £10,000

Outside

Pathways around the Cathedral will be enhanced with one leading to the Garden of Remembrance. Some safety measures will be added to prevent any accidents occurring in the Cathedral grounds.

Estimated cost £10,000

Remembrance Sunday 2021



Pictured on Remembrance Sunday are (top picture) Churchwarden Mrs Audrey Williamson, An Taoiseach Mr Micheál Martin TD, Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, The Minister of State, Mr Conor Burns MP, Bishop Ian Ellis (behind), Ms Louise Haigh MP Shadow Secretary of State NI, The Dean and Churchwarden Linda Kingston. Left are the Churchwardens and clergy with the former First Minister Mrs Arlene Foster, Mr Jerome Mullen Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, Mr Chris Rendo US Consulate General Representative and Ms Michelle McIlveen MLA Minister of Education. Bottom left Mr Mark Scott lays a wreath and turns a page in The Book of Remembrance. Mr Scott also led the exhortation.

Organ Restoration

On 12th December 1923, a new Conacher organ was dedicated in the Cathedral, replacing the old John Smith organ in the west gallery, of which the case remains in situ. The Conacher Organ is a three-manual and pedal instrument originally built by Peter Conacher & Co., Huddersfield. It was rebuilt in 1991 by Abbey Organs, Belfast, and restored by the Irish Organ Company, Antrim following smoke damage in 1998. In 2018 a Vox Angelica 8 rank, in memory of the late Angel Nawn, was installed on the Swell division by Wells-Kennedy Partnership, Lisburn.



Currently the organ specification comprises of 9 speaking stops on the Pedal division, 8 on the Great, 11 on the Swell, and 5 on the Choir division. A total of 33 speaking stops utilizing approximately 1,279 pipes.

The Select Vestry recently sought to engage the services of a suitable organ builder to undertake work to the organ, seeking tenders from several organ builders across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The contract, totaling **£21,400**, was awarded to the Pipe Organ Preservation Company, Belfast, and work commenced at the beginning of October and is due to complete in February.

Organ Restoration

There are 8 components to the work being undertaken:

Solid state – Supply and installation of a new processor-based switching system to replace the existing diode system which is outdated and intermittingly presents maintenance problems. The new system will enable much more flexibility in terms of any specification changes to the organ and result in significantly less electric cabling within the workings of the organ.

Wind System – The existing feeder bellows which have been out of use for several decades and are leaking air will be collapsed to a closed position and securely sealed against any future leakage. The existing blowing plant will be repositioned, and a new smaller box made to house the blower to improve access for maintenance. A wind silencer box and non-return valve will be supplied and fitted to reduce wind turbulence and the existing guillotine main control valve will be replaced with a roller blind. Both will contribute to a reduced level of background noise from the organ wind system.

Great Trumpet – The existing Great Trumpet pipes will be removed from the Great soundboard and placed on a new chest in addition to being made available independently on each of the Great, Choir and Pedal divisions with additional stop keys to match.



Organ Restoration



Great Mixture – The Great Mixture 22.26.29 will be recast with additional pipes supplied and moved to the vacated Trumpet slide on the Great soundboard. The existing Mixture chests which were added to the organ in 1991 are now infested with woodworm and will be removed.

Great Double Dulciana – The Double Dulciana 16ft, an original stop on the organ when first installed, was removed in 1991. 43 pipes from tenor

F#19 will be supplied and fitted to the original Double Dulciana slide (presently vacant) on the main soundboard, 18 bass notes bottom C¹ - tenor F¹⁸ will be derived from Pedal pipes.

Pedal Harmonic 32ft – A second harmonic 32ft stop on the Pedal will be derived from the Bourdon rank.

Pedal Trombone – A Pedal Trombone 16ft will be installed, this will involve the supply and installation of 12 pipes on a new electro-pneumatic windchest as an extension to the Great Trumpet.

Display pipes – The display pipes will be painted gold to match the organ pipes on the old John Smith Organ in the west gallery, and to compliment the new colour scheme planned for the Cathedral following completion of the re-roofing.

These measures will increase the number of speaking stops on the organ from 33 to 38 and add an additional 67 pipes to the organ. A further stop may be added, funds permitting, - a Zimbelstern (meaning "Cymbal Star" in German), which is an organ stop consisting of a wooden wheel on which several small bells are mounted. When engaged, the wheel rotates, producing a continuous tinkling sound. It was common in northern Europe, Germany in particular, throughout the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.



400th Anniversary

The year 2022 will mark a very significant event in the history of St Macartin's Cathedral. It will be the 400th anniversary of the appointment of the Rev James Slacke as its first rector in 1622. It is therefore important that this very significant milestone in the history of this Plantation church is marked appropriately. When William Cole was granted land by King James I to build the town of Enniskillen, in 1612, one of the requirements was to build a church. As well as providing a church it was also necessary for Cole to introduce the Protestant religion which, in practice, meant the Reformed Catholic faith or Anglicanism. The cathedral we know today, formerly St Anne's Church, is that church which dates from the 1620s. Part of the tower and other structures exist from that time. The Reformed Catholic faith stipulated by King James is what we now know as the Church of Ireland.

The special anniversary in 2022 will be celebrated in many ways in the cathedral – all centred on the worship of Almighty God.

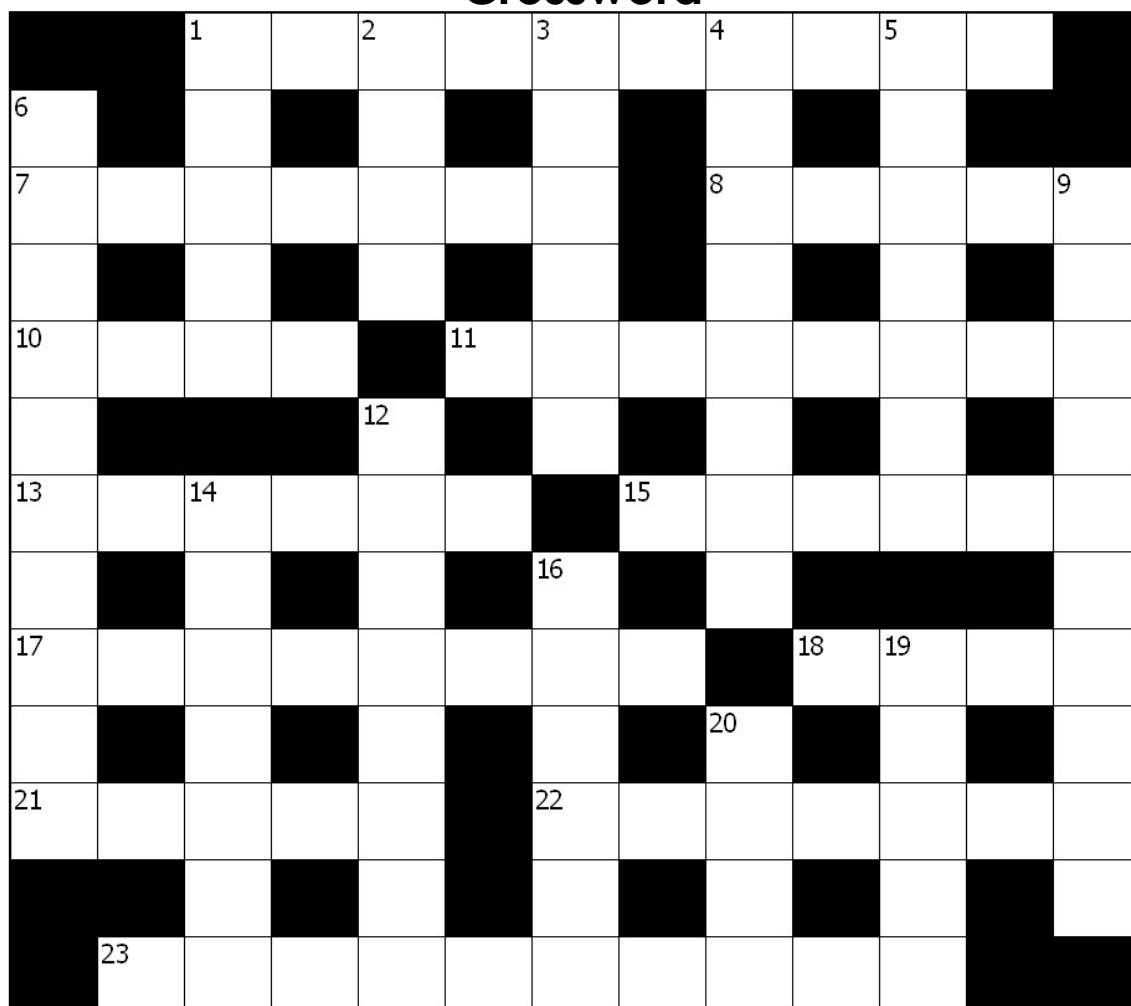
Anniversary Events

A number of events were planned for our anniversary year, but nothing can be announced or actioned at present for two reasons. The first is that the repainting of the interior of the Cathedral may now not take place until February 2022, during which time the Cathedral will have to be closed. Services will be held in the Cathedral Hall during this period of closure. The second reason is that no one knows what restrictions will be in place in 2022. Events may have to be planned and announced at short notice.

The Cathedral

The present cathedral is a credit to past generations for the fine building which we love. It is now the responsibility of the present generation to ensure that it is passed on in good condition so that its future is safeguarded. Furthermore, the cathedral will need to be looking at its very best for the celebrations in 2022.

Crossword



Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14ñ15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith ____ (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone 'unclean' (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Crossword

Down

- 1 '_____ and see that the Lord is good' (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 'The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as _____ as a lion' (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19-20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 'Offer your bodies as living _____, holy and pleasing to God' (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 'You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will _____ his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21) (4)

Bible Reading Notes

Each Sunday all three readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are printed on a Parish Bulletin. The Psalm and Collect are also listed. Make sure you get this sheet each week (If for some reason you are not out – get someone to take one for you). Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm each day throughout the week with your private prayers.

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 and have them sent directly by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and relevant to every day life.

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path'
Psalm 119 verse 105



Mothers' Union



The November meeting was held on Monday 8th in the Eniskeene Room with a good attendance. Our Guest speaker was Mr David Bolton who spoke on trauma and dealing with the aftermath. He stressed the importance of seeking help regardless of time lapse. It was an interesting and moving talk. Jenifer, branch leader closed the meeting with a reading and the Mothers' Union prayer.

Our next meeting is a service of a Holy Communion and AGM on 10th January 2022.

Wishing all our members a happy and peaceful Christmas.



Mothers' Union



Youth

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

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, from all denominations, held on the third Thursday of each month.

In October, our theme was 'A Thankful Harvest' and we had lots of fun making handprint wreaths, scarecrow shakers, kindness plates and bird feeders. In November we celebrated all things 'Frozen'

to remind us that God made us all unique and to use the gifts He gave us.

We are thrilled to say that December's Messy Church is in person on Thursday 16th December from 4-6pm in the Cathedral Hall. Families will be required to pre-book, but spaces will be limited so don't leave it till the last minute! All details for how to get involved will be posted to our social media pages. Don't forget to send in your registration forms to join in the fun!

There is no Messy Church in January so our next session will be in February 2022. We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas!

Sunday Lights + Café @ 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.

Sunday Lights + Café sessions will remain online via our Google Drive until the new year. There will be one session posted each week, with activities suitable for both Sunday Lights and Sunday Café participants. The link to our Google Drive can be found on our social media pages as well as in the weekly Cathedral emails. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram for January dates and arrangements. We can't wait to see you all again in the New Year!

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Our youth group, Xplore usually meet on the last Monday of each month and is open to all young people who have been confirmed as well as those in our current confirmation class. We are looking forward to holding Xplore meetings again once regulations permit.



Youth

Confirmation

This year's confirmation candidates are beginning preparation for their big step forward in their Christian journey in 2022. They will meet as a class for the first time on **Monday 6th December** and then again before Christmas on **Monday 13th** from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the **Upper Room of the Cathedral Hall** (which is above the Main Hall). If you are in Years 9, 10 or above it is not too late to register for Confirmation – just get a form from the Cathedral Office or speak to the Dean. In the New Year, classes start back on Monday 10th January.



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 under the 'Children' tab
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office

All children and young people **MUST** be registered to participate in any Children and Youth organisation. All organisations are separate and require their own registration form.



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Answers to Crossword on page 20

ACROSS: 1, Tabernacle, 7, Absalom, 8, Incas, 10, Roes, 11, Captured, 13, Fright, 15, Cavell, 17, Cyclonic, 18, Herb, 21, Sonar, 22, Amazing, 23, Settlement.
DOWN: 1, Taste, 2, Bold, 3, Ramiah, 4, Abiathar, 5, Lucerne, 6, Sacrifices, 9, Saddlebags, 12, Theocrat, 14, Incense, 16, Pilate, 19, Exist, 20, Save.

Choral Scholarships

If you have the talent and interest, you can help to form an integral part of St Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Enniskillen, and benefit from our new choral scholarships.

The Cathedral Choir sings at the weekly Sunday morning service at 11.00am, and occasionally at additional services throughout the year. Once or twice a year the choir visits churches and cathedrals further afield, to sing.

Each year, commencing in September, St Macartin's offers up to eight Choral Scholarships; ideally two of each voice part (Soprano, Alto,

Tenor, Bass). It is useful, but not essential, for potential Choral Scholars to have relevant experience of singing in a choir, for example a church, school or community choir. For all Scholars, good sight-reading skills are desirable. All Scholars are obliged to take lessons from an approved professional vocal tutor of their own

choice, or from the Cathedral's designated vocal tutor, Mr David Robertson. Application forms can be requested from the Cathedral Office by telephoning 02866322917 or emailing enniskillen@clogher.anglican.org.

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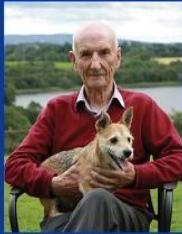
Parish Visiting

Since parish visiting will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if they are unwell or know someone who is unwell. We can arrange some form of contact to be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.




Christmas Gifts

Cathedral History Books




The author
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE FEAgr graduated from Queen's University in 1959. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St. Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as 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 Parishes 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 North in 1515 is still in use at the celebration of Holy Communion in St. Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription in Latin is: *Franciscus Cardinalis Praedilectus in Christo et deo Edwardus Northus Episcopus 1515*. Translated this means: *The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward North, 1515*.

This book, in 217 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St. Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Diocese of Down and Connor, the establishment of the ancient Catholic Church. The church building dates from the early 1400s and since then it clergy and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Enniskillen played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. This conflict led to the establishment of two Enniskillen regiments bearing the surnames of the town, Enniskilling. The cathedral is home to many of the holy objects and memorials of these regiments and within its walls is the Enniskilling Regimental Chapel. In more recent times, St. Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community initiatives and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom and in Ireland at times of war, peace, triumph and thanksgiving. Today, St. Macartin's is committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.



St Macartin's Cathedral
at the Heart of the Community

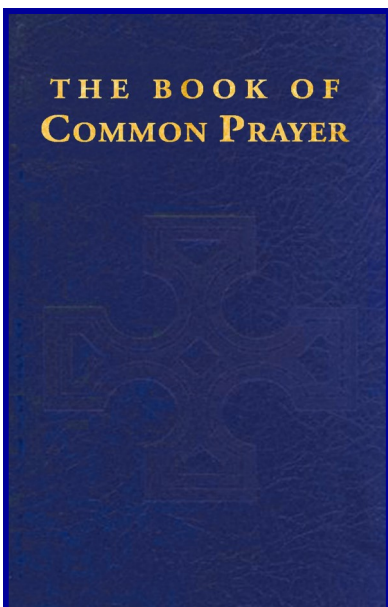
Over 400 years of Parish History
by Samuel B. Morrow



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 or the Deanery.

Prayer Books



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!

Psalm

Psalm 126

We Will Be Glad

Verse 1, "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream." Usually in the Old Testament to restore the fortunes of Zion means that Israel has been released from captivity. Israel was in exile and the Lord re-

stored their fortunes by bringing them back to the land of promise. The most remarkable thing about this verse is the response. When Israel returned from captivity, they were like those who dream. Apparently they didn't expect to come back, and so when they returned home they had to pinch themselves to believe it was true. They were truly delirious with joy because it was a dream come true.



PSALMS

Best Book in the Bible



When the Lord brought back
his exiles to Jerusalem,
it was like a dream!

We were filled with laughter,
and we sang for joy.
Psalm 126:1-2

Surprised by Joy

Verses 2 and 3 also focus on the gladness of God's people who are liberated from exile. We read in verse 2, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" This is one of the most remarkable expressions of joy we see in the Bible. Most of Israel did not expect to get out of Babylon, and when they did they were filled with laughter and ringing shouts of joy.

Waiting in Hope for Fuller Joy

In verses 4-6 the joy we have now will give way to a fuller joy. "Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!" The restoration from exile wasn't all they anticipated it would be. The fullness of God's blessing the Lord promised Israel still was not realized. So, the psalmist prays that the Lord would restore them just as the dry stream beds in Israel are filled with water during the rainy season.

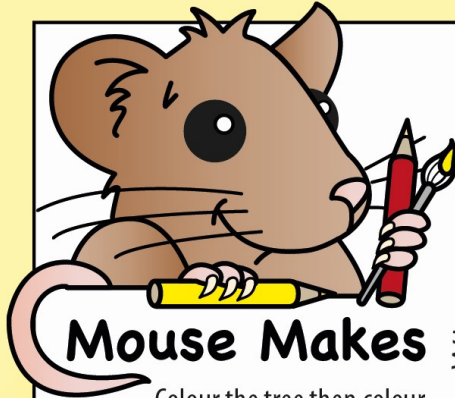
Surely, there are days when we have a heavy heart, but the heavy heart will not last forever. The Lord will bring joy, and he is accomplishing his work. As we look to him we need to pin our joy, not on our labours or our fruitfulness, but his power. Therefore, this Christmas, as we remember the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, may we remember that the final word is not sorrow but joy.



The Lord has done
great things for us,
and we are filled
with joy.

Psalm 126:3

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Colour the tree then colour in one star each day until Christmas. Leave the large star at the top of the tree to colour in on Christmas day!

What's on the Christmas Tree?



A STAR
shows the way
to Jesus
Read
Matthew 2:1-12



ANGELS
bring messages from God

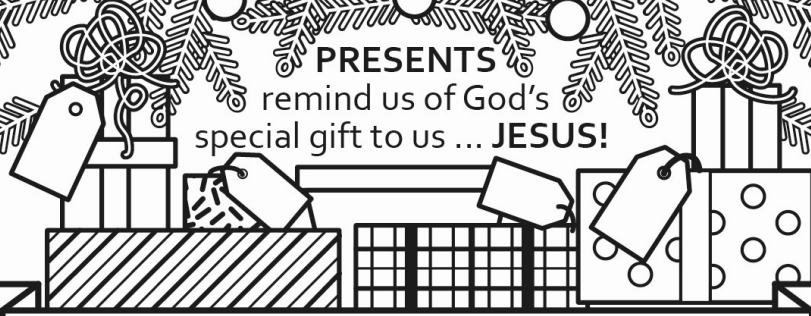
Read about
Gabriel's message in
Luke 1:26-38

Read the
shepherd's story in
Luke 1:26-38

**LIGHTS
AND CANDLES**
remind us that Jesus
lights our way to God
Read Luke 2:29-32



PRESENTS
remind us of God's
special gift to us ... **JESUS!**



Presents at Christmas
under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking
waiting for me,
But what really is Christmas,
What is it about?
Just look and the Bible
and you will find out!

It's about **JESUS**
- the best present of all,
JESUS our **Saviour**,
God's gift to us all!

"For God loved the world so much that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16

December Lessons

Sunday 5th December: The Second Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - Malachi 3: 1-4 - Trevor Stevenson

The Psalm - Benedictus

The Second Reading - Philippians 1: 3-11 - Gwen Saunders

The Gospel Reading - Luke 3: 1-6 - The Curate

Sunday 12th December: The Third Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - Zephaniah 3: 14-20 - Richard Cochrane

The Psalm - Psalm 146: 4-10

The Second Reading - Philippians 4: 4-7 - Jeanette Cochrane

The Gospel Reading - Luke 3: 7-18 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 19th December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Carol Service

Sunday 26th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

The First Reading - 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 - Wendy Graham

The Psalm - Psalm 148

The Second Reading - Colossians 3: 12-17 - Raymond Campbell

The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 1-52 - The Curate



Week of Prayer for Christian unity – 18th -25th January 2022

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches. More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ. "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him."— Matthew 2:2

The Middle East Council of Churches, based in Beirut, Lebanon, has been the convener for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022. The reflections explore how Christians are called to be a sign to the world of God bringing about unity. Drawn from different cultures,

racess and languages, Christians share in a common search for Christ and a common desire to worship him.

Details of the united service for the Enniskillen Churches will be announced in January.

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Linda Kingston and Audrey Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - Raymond Campbell, David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,
Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),
Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders,
Jonathan Woods and Rosemary Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

January Lessons

Sunday 2nd January: The Second Sunday of Christmas

The First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 7-14 - Gillian Glass

The Psalm - Psalm 147: 12-20

The Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 3-14 - John Graham

The Gospel Reading - John 1: [1-9], 10-18 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 9th January: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Isaiah 43: 1-7 - Agnes Schofield

The Psalm - Psalm 29

The Second Reading - Acts 8: 14-17 - David J Nixon

The Gospel Reading - Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 - The Curate

Sunday 16th January: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Isaiah 62:1-5 - Selena Fawcett

The Psalm - Psalm 36: 5-10

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 - Jim Lucy

The Gospel Reading - John 2: 1-11 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 23rd January: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - Claire Holmes

The Psalm - Psalm 19

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31 - Willie Holmes

The Gospel Reading - Luke 4: 14-21 - The Curate

Sunday 30th January: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44: 4 - Myrtle Irvine

The Psalm - Psalm 48

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 - George Irvine

The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 22-40 - Scott Elliott



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!**