

The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral



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## OUR VISION

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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,

The word that best describes Advent and the approach of Christmas is 'expectation'. I suspect, however, that for many people the feeling that this season causes is anxiety. Life never seems to get simpler. As the festive season comes into focus, the temptation is for some people to sense a new anxiety, which we may describe as the fear of having so much to do and so little time in which to do it. Our society is riddled with anxiety. From the young child at school made anxious by social media-fuelled expectations, to parents anxious not to let down their children as the list of Christmas gifts grows and affordability is out of range. For many people with the rising costs of food, heat and light, luxuries seem a thing of the past. On top of that many senior citizens can feel the anxiety of loneliness.

The above does not create a great atmosphere to wish someone 'A Happy Christmas'. However, Mary and Joseph must have been anxious about how to explain to family, friends and neighbours the mystery of the coming birth of their child, who was the incarnate Son of God. Their anxieties must have intensified when they realised that they would need to be away from home at the time of the birth of their baby. Going through the birth in a stable, away from family and friends must have been worrying, frightening even, for an incredibly young mother and her husband (who was not the child's father). The anxiety of Mary and Joseph was dispelled wonderfully by the birth of Jesus. They witnessed the heavens rejoice. They saw their child worshipped by people of high and low rank. They remembered what the angel had told



them, and they realised with joy and wonder that the arrival of their most holy child changed everything for them and for the entire world.

As we approach Christmas, that same child now the Risen, Ascended Jesus can change our world too. His presence and His peace are the best cure to anxiety. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28)

As we enter the year 2023, I pray that the spirit of Christmas continues to linger in our hearts. The reminder of Christ's coming, His abiding presence with us and the love, joy and hope our Saviour brings are tremendous gifts for our troubled world. The new year provides the opportunities for us to turn a new page in our lives. We remember and give thanks for the blessings of the past year, despite the challenges, adversities and uncertainties that we continue to endure.

Thank God for Christmas, renewing our confidence that God sent his Son, our Saviour to bring new light and life to our world.

The new year gives us the chance to look forward in hope. It also presents us with a fresh start, new perspectives and new opportunities as well. As a Cathedral Parish we look forward to the coming months when we complete our Quadricentennial Celebrations (see page 16).

Plans are underway for us all to journey together to worship, pray, listen, celebrate, enjoy, live out our Christian lives. Let us be bearers of joy and hope during these challenging times and to generously share that joy and hope with others.

There will also be an opportunity to share love, joy and hope with those in need on 22nd December. On that day I will take part in a 'Sit Out' at the front of the Cathedral to raise money (see page 24). Over these past few years we have been 'building focused' - now let us be 'people focused'.

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
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And Heaven and nature sing.*

Wishing you every blessing this Christmas and in 2023.

Yours very sincerely,



### **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.

## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

30th October – Aria McCartney

*"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



### Marriage

26th November – Marie-Claire Holmes and  
Adrian Daniel McCaughey

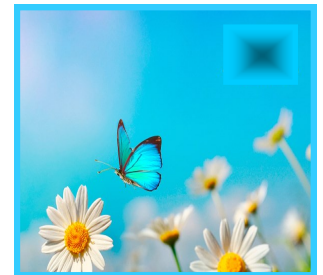
*"Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who labour build in vain"* Psalm 127: 1



### Burial

19th November - Cecil Carson MBE,  
17 Benaughlin Park, Enniskillen.

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



## Remembering Loved Ones

A service to remember loved ones took place on 6th November. This service was very emotional for many but hopefully warm and comforting as the Dean read out the names of 299 funerals he had conducted over twelve years and also another 37 whose relatives had asked to be included. A time of silence was kept to remember other unnamed loved ones. A very large crowd attended. Pictured is the flower arrangement made by Mrs Sabrina McCabe incorporating a candle which was lit in remembrance of all. We thank those who donated to the Graveyard Wall/Garden of Remembrance Fund on the night, totalling £699.20



The service can be viewed on the Cathedral website at [www.enniskillencathedral.com](http://www.enniskillencathedral.com).

## Harvest Services

Thank you to those parishioners and friends who attended the recent Harvest Services. The total Harvest Offerings were £7,560.

## Parish Donations

### Graveyard Wall Fund

- £100 Donation from Mrs Eva Wallace, in memory of her husband William.
- £40 Donation from Mrs Irene Vaughan.
- £700 Donation from The Regimental Association of the Ulster Defence Regiment CGC, Enniskillen Branch.
- £200 Donation from Mr Raymond & Mrs Irene Woods in memory of their parents.

### Organ Restoration Fund

- £40 Donation from Mr John Elliott.
- £30 Donation from Mrs Elizabeth Cochrane.
- £20 Anonymous donation.
- £4,970 Anonymous donation.
- £100 Donation from Miss Irene Knox.
- £100 Donation from the Elliott family (Brackvede).
- £200 Donation from Mr Albert & Mrs Ann Moore (Antrim).
- £50 Donation from Mrs Dorothy Pendry.
- £200 Donation in loving memory of Bertie Elliott.  
from Joan Elliott, Keith and Claire.
- £250 Donation from Mr Noel & Mrs Anna Cochrane (Tempo).

### Flower Fund

- £100 Donation in memory of my parents, Winnie and Basil Rogers.  
From Lyn, Joe and families.

### Fabric Fund

- £835 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of the late Mrs Yodie Morrison.

### Choral Scholarship Fund

- £500 Anonymous donation.
- £630 Anonymous donation.
- £350 Anonymous donation.

### Supper at Six

- £200 Donation from Dr Willie Holmes.
- £20 Donation from Mr George McKenzie.

### Webcam Fund

- £50 Anonymous donation.

## Home Holy Communions for Christmas

During the weeks before Christmas the Clergy 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.



## 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 Friday 15th 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.



## Christmas Services

### Sunday 11th 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 13th December 7.00-pm – Christmas Dinner & Party for 60+ (by special requests entertainment by the Cathedral Choir)

### Sunday 18th December 11.00am – Carol Service

### Tuesday 20th December – Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Carol Service (ticket only – contact the school)

### Saturday 24th December 9.00pm – Christmas Eve Service Celebrant – The Bishop of Clogher

### Sunday 25th December 9.00am Christmas Day Service Celebrant – The Dean (Holy Communion One)

**10.30am Christmas Family Service (Holy Communion Two)**  
Young people are asked to bring a toy with them to church for the Dean's walk around!

## Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Parishioners,

We are nearing the end of 2022 which has been a challenging year for all of us as we have coped with the effects of the pandemic. In St Macartin's we have had the additional financial challenges of our work on the Cathedral, the organ and the grounds. 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, the Curate and Select Vestry.

Unfortunately, we are now faced with a serious world-wide economic crisis which is affecting everyone. The cost of living is escalating and we are having to manage with increased prices for essentials such as food and fuel. The money we paid in the supermarket last week doesn't meet the bill there this week. Obviously some people are more affected than others, and we think especially of the elderly, those who are ill or disabled and those on low incomes.

We have a responsibility to bear each other's burdens – the Bible teaches us to do this - and this Parish has two initiatives which we hope will help. The first is 'Supper at Six' which provides a meal in the Main Hall on the last Thursday of each month. This is absolutely free and we would love to see more people avail of it. There is a generous fund which can meet the costs of the meals. In our second initiative, the Hilliard Room is heated and left open each Tuesday afternoon where we can meet together, read the newspapers provided and enjoy tea or coffee and biscuits. This facility is being under-used so please come along, bring a friend, and save your own heat. If you have other ideas of ways in which the Parish might help, please let us know!

There are other sources of help available from the Church of Ireland through the Clogher Diocesan Social Fund. This Fund provides grants for families and also helps children who are in full-time education and who have lost a parent. The Dean would provide further information.

The present economic situation may impact on Parish income in the future. This is understandable but, as far as possible, we hope that parishioners will prioritise their church offerings. Every family is receiving a new set of yellow 2023 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 2022. 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.

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

*E. Hope Kerr*

Mrs Hope Kerr  
Honorary Treasurer

## Visit of Worldwide President to Enniskillen



*Churchwarden, Nathan Clyde; Verger Andrew McCabe; Mrs June Butler; The Dean; Mrs Jenifer Johnston; Mrs Sheran Harper, Mrs Heather Ellis and Churchwarden Mrs Audrey Williamson.*

A unique event took place in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, on Sunday, 6th November during Morning Service. It marked the visits of the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Mrs Sheran Harper, who lives in Gugana and the All-Ireland President, Mrs June Butler, to our Diocese. The service included the Commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis as Clogher Diocesan President and as an All-Ireland Trustee, and Mrs Debbie Davidson as Diocesan President of Armagh and an All-Ireland Trustee. In the absence of the Bishop (due to a family bereavement), the Dean conducted the service and celebrated Holy Communion. A delicious lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall after the service.



*The Commissioning of Mrs Heather Ellis and Mrs Debbie Davidson.*

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*Mrs Sheran Harper*



*Mrs Heather Ellis*



## Mothers' Union



*St Macartin's Mothers' Union members pictured with the Dean, Mrs Sheran Harper, Mrs June Butler and Mrs Iris Suitor.*



*Linda Johnston is pictured with Secretary, Sally Masterson; Branch Leader, Jenifer Johnston and Treasurer Maud Shaw.*

St Macartin's Mothers' Union had their monthly meeting on 14th November with a very good attendance in the Eniskeene Room. The Dean opened the meeting with a warm welcome and prayers. Our guest speaker was Linda Johnston who spoke on decluttering, organising, and recycling, an interesting and informative talk with good interaction from the members. The Branch Leader, Jenifer Johnston, closed the meeting with The Mothers' Union Prayer. The Christmas outing is on Tuesday 6th December to The Horseshoe & Saddlers Restaurant. Our next meeting is a service of Holy Communion and AGM on Monday 9th January 2023. Wishing all our members and friends a happy and peaceful Christmas 2022.

## Cathedral Youth



### Xplore Outing

Our young people enjoyed a n  
a trip to 9th Avenue Bowling Al  
Dean, Andy, and the Churchw  
Alana had great craic too!



## Cathedral Youth



night of fun and food on  
alley and restaurant. The  
wardens, Nathan and



## Remembrance Day



A Remembrance Service took place on Sunday 13th November. Among the dignitaries attending were The Secretary of State, The Rt Hon Chris Heaton Harris MP, An Taoiseach, Mr Micheál Martin TD, Mr Chris Rendo, Pol/Econ Officer, representing the American Government and Mr Jerome Mullen, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland. Mr John Jones, Chairman Royal British Legion, Enniskillen Branch, read the first lesson. The Rt Hon Viscount Brookeborough, KG, KStJ read the second lesson and The Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly PP, VG read the third lesson. The Prayers were led by the representatives from the UK, Irish, American and Polish Governments. The Bishop, Rt Rev Dr Ian W Ellis, was the preacher.



## Remembrance Day



## Cathedral Family

### 60th Anniversary of Canon Peter Wilson's Ordination

I was born in Cork & brought up in County Cork, in the seaside town of Clonakilty – a town now known as a 'Tourist Town' and for the manufacture of Black Pudding!

*Canon Peter Wilson is pictured below with his family, daughter Zelma and her husband, Neville, his granddaughters Sarah, Chloe and Lauren and wife Sheelagh.*



My Father was the Rector of the parish of Clonakilty. I was educated in Clonakilty National School and Middleton College, County Cork and entered Trinity College, Dublin in 1957 where I studied for a degree in general studies and Divinity Testimonium.

## Cathedral Family

I was ordained on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1962 in Killowen Parish Church, Coleraine, in the Diocese of Derry where I served my first curacy, until 1968. My second curacy was in St Columba's, Portadown, Diocese of Armagh, from 1968 until 1970.

I continued to serve in Parochial and Pastoral Ministry during incumbencies in the Diocese of Raphoe; Castletown, Isle Of Man; Kilmacolm, Diocese Of Glasgow; and back in Derry Diocese in Macosquin Parish in 1985, until July 1992; when I began my final incumbency which was in the Diocese of Clogher in the Grouped Parishes of Maguiresbridge & Derrybrusk until retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005. For 9 of those 13 years I was rural Dean of the Enniskillen Deanery which was also an enjoyable time of being involved, and getting to know people and church members of other Parishes.

I was honoured by being installed as a Canon of the Diocese in 2000. After Retirement I enjoyed a spell of Pastoral Ministry in Agherton Parish, Portstewart, Diocese Of Connor.

I returned to Clogher Diocese in 2009 with my wife, Sheelagh and set up home in Fivemiletown, living right beside my daughter Zelma and husband Neville, and now their daughters, Chloe, Sarah and Lauren, while doing some duties in the Diocese up to the present.

It was special for me to celebrate Holy Communion on the Eve of the Anniversary of my 60 year Ordination in Enniskillen Cathedral with my Family present at the service and my Granddaughter Chloe reading the epistle. Thanks to the Dean for kindly making it possible.

I am very grateful to my parents for their guidance; to the Bishop of Cork, Bishop Simms who helped to bring the idea of ordination before me to consider seriously; and to my wife, Sheelagh for so much support.

Above all I am so thankful to the Lord for all his Love and Blessings over the years; not forgetting all the people with whom I lived and served in ministry; special thanks to all, in all the Parishes, who gave voluntarily of their time and dedication and energies to the strengthening and building up of the church in the service of our Lord and Master; who gave his all, for, and to us all.

### Quadricentennial Celebrations/Events

9th December	Fermanagh Choral Society & Murley Silver Band Christmas Concert (8.00pm)
13th December	Christmas Dinner for Over 60s (6.00pm)
15th December	Messy Church: Christmas Party (4.00-6.00pm) SANDS Carol Service (7.00pm) (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity)
18th December	Parish Carol Service (11.00am)
20th December	Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Carol Service (7.30pm) (Ticket only - please contact the School)
22nd December	Dean's 'Sit Out' for Charity 9.00am - 9.00pm

### FUTURE DATES

18th January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service (7.30pm) <i>with special guest preacher, the Rt Rev'd Trevor Williams (former Bishop of Limerick &amp; Killaloe)</i>
3rd February	Renaissance Chamber Choir
24th March	Quadricentennial Anniversary Service (7.30pm)
2nd – 9th April	Holy Week Services
26th-29th May	"Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel": Flower Festival





## St Macartin's 60+ Christmas Dinner



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

Please do come along to the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. For catering purposes please give you name to the Cathedral Office or return the enclosed slip by 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## 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 you 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 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm. See the flyer inserted in this Cathedral News, and if you would like to attend return it nearer the time.



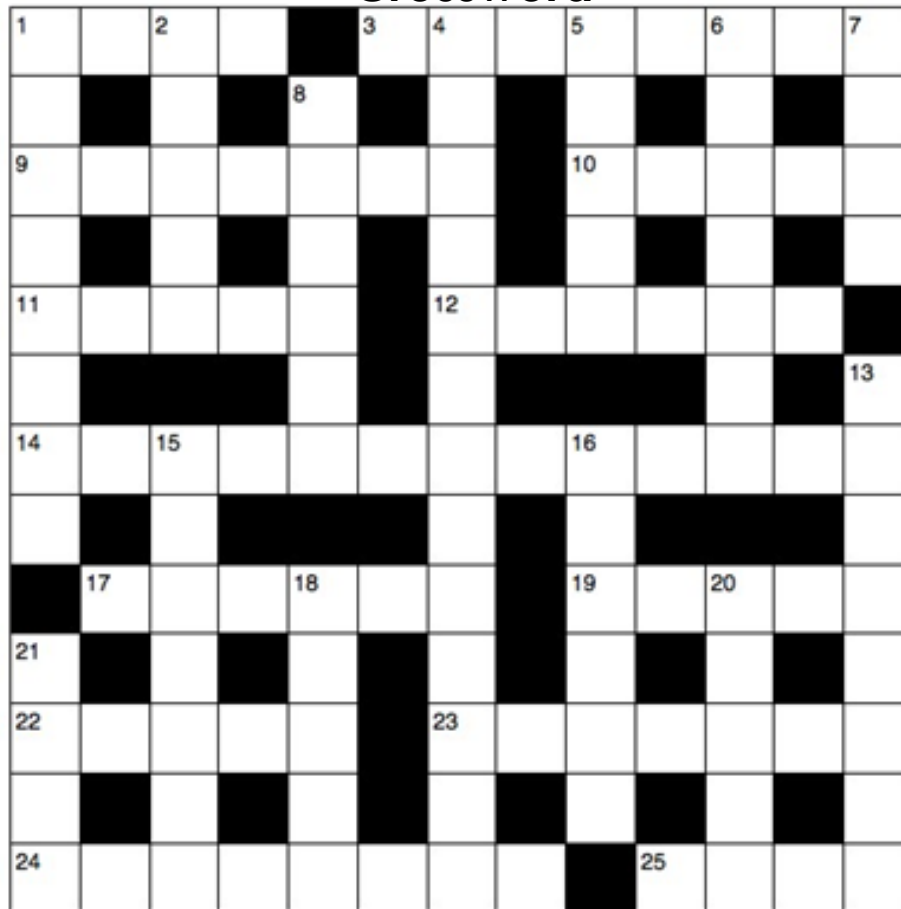
## The Pilgrim Course



Our Pilgrim Course that explores the Christian faith in greater depth through the creeds, which is inclusive and open to all, whether you are exploring the Christian faith for the first time or simply want to grow in your understanding of what you believe continues in the Cathedral Hall. Sessions are held on the second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month, with the next sessions being held on **6<sup>th</sup> December, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January** at **7.30pm**. A warm welcome awaits you, and refreshments will be served at each session. We look forward to journeying with you.

**Crossword**



**Across**

- 1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Shady sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)
- 25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

**Down**

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)

### Crossword

- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

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### Tuesday Club

At our meeting on Tuesday 25th October, John Graham was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting talk about his love of music and time spent in Westminster Abbey and now being back in Fermanagh. This was followed by tea and biscuits. Our November get together is on Tuesday 29th when we will limber up with chair exercises. All members are invited to the 60+ Christmas Party on Tuesday 13th December at 6.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Please fill in and return the enclosed slip or contact Eleanor Lynn (6632 4603) or the Cathedral Office (6632 2917) if you plan to attend. Transport can be arranged. The January meeting will be on Tuesday 31st January.

### Tuesday drop in

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 to 6.00pm, the Hilliard Room in the Cathedral Hall will be open, where people can chat, study, read the newspaper, knit, and drink tea and coffee, saving money by reducing energy usage in our homes. You are welcome to make use of the tea and coffee making facilities in the adjacent kitchen. On the last Tuesday of each month, the Tuesday Club will meet in the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm, and you would be welcome to join them.



## Cathedral Organ



2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the Cathedral's Conacher Pipe Organ. The Conacher Organ is a three-manual and pedal instrument. It was rebuilt in 1991 by Abbey Organs, Belfast, and restored following smoke damage in 1998 by the Irish Organ Company, Antrim. In 2018 a Vox Angelica 8 rank, in memory of the late Angel Nawn, was installed on the Swell division by one of the country's most renowned organ builders, the late David McElderry of Wells-Kennedy Partnership, Lisburn.

In 2021 the Select Vestry 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, totalling £21,400, was awarded to Alastair McCartney of the Pipe Organ Preservation Company, Belfast, and work commenced in October 2021. There are eight compo-

nents to the work being undertaken, the following five have been completed:

**Solid state** – A new processor-based switching system

**Wind System** – The existing feeder bellows have been securely sealed against any future leakage. The existing blowing plant has been repositioned to improve access for maintenance. A wind silencer box, roller blind and non-return valve have been supplied and fitted to reduce wind turbulence

**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 have been supplied and fitted to the original Double Dulciana slide on the main soundboard, 18 bass notes bottom C<sup>1</sup> - tenor F<sup>18</sup> will be derived from Pedal pipes.

**Pedal Harmonic 32ft** – A second harmonic 32ft stop on the Pedal derived from the Bourdon rank has been added to the organ.

**Display pipes** – The display pipes on the organ have been painted gold to match the organ pipes on the old John Smith Organ in the west gallery, which has also been repainted gold, complementing the new interior colour scheme of the Cathedral.

Three of the eight components being undertaken, remain in progress:

**Great Trumpet** – The existing Great Trumpet pipes will be 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 having already been installed.

**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 were infested with woodworm and have been removed.



## Cathedral Organ

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

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, bringing the total to 1346 pipes

In addition a Zimbelstern (meaning "Cymbal Star" in German), has been added.

### Financial Update

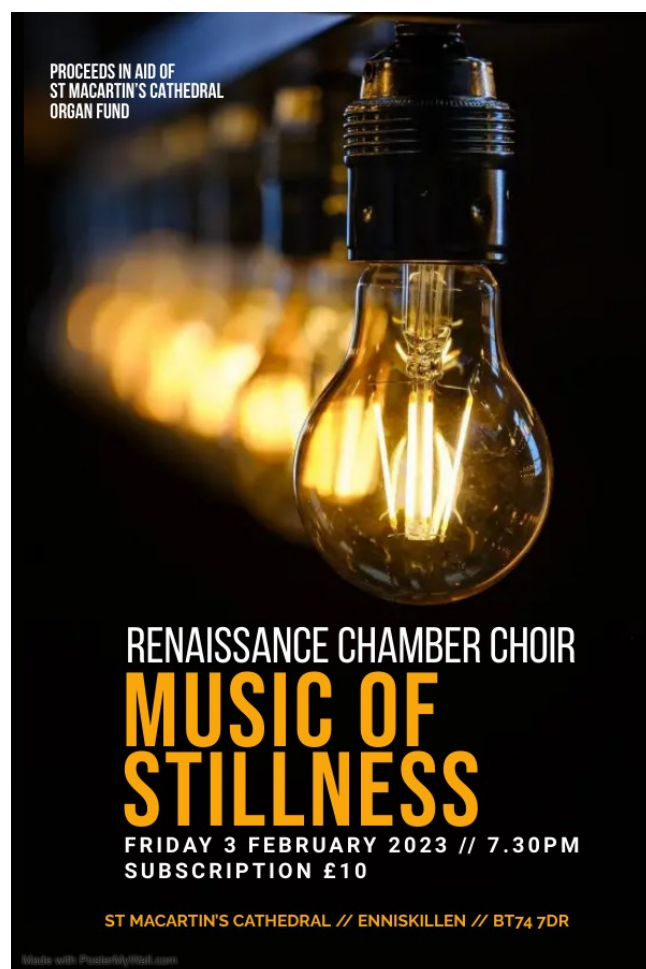
Please support the concerts advertised below running in support of the Organ Fund. Personal donations will also be gratefully received.

Installation of a mobile console is currently under consideration, this would cost an additional £9,000 and is subject to funding availability.



**Fermanagh Choral Society  
& Murley Silver Band  
Christmas Concert -  
9th December at 8.00pm**

**Renaissance Chamber  
Choir - 3rd February 2023**



## Renaissance Chamber Choir

Renaissance is a Belfast-based Chamber Choir, formed in 1976 by the late Ronnie Lee MBE. The Choir spent its early years building up a notable local reputation and, in 1984, it entered and won the inaugural BBC Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition. This culminated in a concert in London's Barbican with Sir Charles Groves and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, alongside concerts and recitals in Edinburgh and Dublin. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Renaissance was involved in a number of concerts and recordings with the Ulster Orchestra, working closely with then principal conductor, Yan Pascal Tortelier. Competition success was again achieved in 1991 at the Sligo International Choral Festival, with two major prizes. In recognition of its performances in the 1991-92 season, the choir won the Belfast Telegraph EMA award for classical ensemble. The choir enjoyed continued success in taking the top awards at the Sligo Festivals of 1995 and 1999, in addition to the 1996 Bangor Choral Festival. By 2016 the Choir was celebrating its 40th Birthday. Like many organisations, the Choir suffered during the COVID pandemic. This was magnified as we lost our conductor to a new position in England. However, in 2021, the Choir was thrilled to appoint Simon Neill BEM as their new Artistic Director and Conductor. Simon has long been Director of Music of St Polycarp's Choir, Belfast during which time he has transformed it into one of the largest Parish Choirs in Ireland. They regularly host concerts, participate in broadcasts, create recordings, and tour throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland in such historic surroundings as Westminster Abbey and Cambridge Colleges. Simon is a full-time teacher in Belfast and much sought-after as an accompanist. For services to the City of Belfast and the community, Simon was honoured with a Medal of the Order of the British Empire at the age of twenty-nine. The Choir is based in South Belfast and rehearses and performs across Northern Ireland and beyond. This concert entitled Music of Stillness features of a vast array of choral music spanning almost 500 years with an underlying theme of remembrance and promises to be an evening to be remembered. Proceeds will continue to support the on-going Cathedral Organ restoration.



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

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

**INTERNATIONAL**



To help people living in Kajiado Diocese, Kenya to have access to clean and fresh drinking water. This year there has been a serious drought, animals are dying and they are on the brink of starvation and famine.

**NATIONAL**



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 22nd DECEMBER 2022**

**9.00am-9.00pm**

**All donations can be gift aided**

**NI Charity No 105443**



## The Dean's Sit Out for Charity

**Water Drops** is a charity run by Ronnie and Maggie Briggs who have forty years experience of living and working amongst the Maasai community in the Kajiado Diocese of Kenya. They worked as Mission Partners with CMS Ireland and lived in that Diocese for 25 years. They will use their experience to work with local people developing solutions that will make clean water available to families in areas that need it most. Kajiado Diocese is described as a semi-desert area with very little rain in any given year. This year – 2022- there has been a very serious drought across the whole area. People raise cattle, sheep and goats as their livelihood and to see them dying in large numbers is not only heart breaking but also brings them to the brink of starvation and famine. The Dean visited Kajiado Diocese a few years ago and saw at first hand the devastating effects of a previous drought. The people of that area call themselves 'forgotten people' because they don't have a strong voice. Water Drops seeks to help provide that voice and even though there are many urgent situations across the world all demanding attention, this is one we feel needs to be kept in our hearts, minds and prayers.



**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.



## Youth and Children's Ministry

### Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. A warm welcome awaits you! Participants must complete a registration form, which is available from the Cathedral Office.



The Messy Church Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 17th December from 10.00am to 12.00 noon as part of the Family Fun Day.

### Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8. We use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, songs, discussion, games, and crafts). We are grateful to the leaders who make Sunday Lights and Café not only possible, but so enjoyable for our children! The children leave during the 11.00am service after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities, and attend and take part in monthly Family Services. Each Sunday parents or guardians attend church with their children at 11.00am. The children will leave church at 11.20am for approximately 30/40 minutes. A parent or guardian needs to remain in church during this time.

### The next dates for Sunday Lights and Café are as follows:

#### DECEMBER

4th December: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

11th December: Nativity Play - children attend the 11.00am service with their families.

#### JANUARY

8th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

15th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

22nd January: Family Service

29th January: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

## Confirmation



This year's confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2023. We marked the start of their preparation at a special all-age service on 27th November, and we meet as a class for the first time on Monday 5th December from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall, then again on Monday 12th December. In the new year, we resume weekly classes on Monday 9th January at the normal time of 6.30pm. There's still time to join the confirmation class – Rev Chris can get you caught up with anything you missed.

### Parenting Wellness Group



The next meeting of the group,  
for parents and children is on  
Saturday 17th December at 3.30pm  
in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall  
with Arty Parties.

Please send a message to Linda Kingston on 07342045474 to confirm your attendance. She can also answer any questions or queries you may have.

Future dates for your diary:

14th January at 2pm:  
Little Mess Fermanagh  
(Messy play trays, paints, playdoh,  
water area, bubbles and crafts.)



11<sup>th</sup> February: Healthy Eating  
for Parents and Children

Answers to Crossword on page 18

ACROSS: 1, Hide, 3, Disgrace, 9, Sonship, 10, Oaths, 11, Tutti, 12, Ignore, 14, Fore-  
knowledge, 17, Ashram, 19, Men or, 22, Aroma, 23, Nineveh, 24, Amethyst, 25,  
Tro. DOWN: 1, His staff, 2, Do not, 4, Imprisonments, 5, Groan, 6, Altered, 7,  
Easy, 8, Shrink, 13, Searched, 15, Restore, 16, Lament, 18, Reach, 20, Never, 21,  
Jada.

Children's Page



**Mouse Makes**  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!  
Read the Christmas story in Luke 2:1-21.  
Answer the questions, colour the picture and colour one star each day until Christmas.

Where was Mary's baby born?  
Why were Joseph and Mary there?

Where did Mary lay her baby and why?

What did Mary dress her baby in?

Why were the shepherds afraid?

What good news did the angel tell?

Who appeared praising God, what did they say?

What did the shepherds do after they had seen the baby?

GLORY  
MUSIC  
SONG  
SAY  
GOOD NEWS  
TOLD  
SHEPHERDS  
WENT  
TO  
PRAISE  
GOD

GBABYNGOODABLFB  
VOSHEPHERDSAVIOUR  
DAYTMARYNENFRRO  
SCHRISTEPGLTD  
ALAI DRWHEOH  
EPRAISELC  
HEIVALLSK  
EENIGHTOLD  
SMCNDCEEB  
EAEI SIGN  
ET DE



ALL • DECREE • JOSEPH • DAVID • BETHLEHEM • MARY • BIRTH • SON • LAID • MANGER  
INN • SHEPHERDS • FLOCK • NIGHT • LORD • GLORY • GOOD NEWS • JOY • DAY  
SAVIOUR • CHRIST • SIGN • BABY • GOD • PEACE • ANGELS • GO • SEE • TOLD • PRAISE

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are guided by the churches of Minneapolis as we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone. The service this year will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm The preacher will be the Former Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe, the Rt Rev Trevor Williams.

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### Free Will Offering Envelopes for 2023

Every family is receiving a set of yellow 2023 envelopes with this magazine. Please do not use these 2023 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. This also applies to other gifts to the church.

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 will 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.

## December Lessons and Readers

### The Second Sunday of Advent - 4th December

The First Reading - Isaiah 11: 1-10 - Brendan McCann

The Psalm - Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

The Second Reading - Romans 15: 4-13 - Heather Leonard

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

Carol Service

### Christmas Day - 25th December

The First Reading - Isaiah 9: 2-7

The Psalm - Psalm 96

The Second Reading - Titus 2: 11-14

The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 1-14



**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

*Chris*  
The Curate

*Andy*  
Dean's Verger

*Beth*  
Parish Secretary

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer), Linda Kingston, Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders, Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

## January Lessons and Readers

### **The First Sunday after Christmas - 1st January**

The First Reading - Isaiah 63: 7-9 - Raymond Campbell

The Psalm - Psalm 148

The Second Reading - Hebrew 2: 10-18 - Gwen Saunders

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

### **The First Sunday after the Epiphany - 8th January**

The First Reading - Isaiah 42: 1-9 - Willie Holmes

The Psalm - Psalm 29

The Second Reading - Acts 10: 34-43 - Claire Holmes

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

### **The Second Sunday after the Epiphany - 15th January**

The First Reading - Isaiah 49: 1-7 - Jonathan McBride

The Psalm - Psalm 40: 1-12

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 - Selena Fawcett

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

### **The Third Sunday after the Epiphany - 22nd January**

Family Service

### **The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - 29th January**

The First Reading - Isaiah 49: 1-7 - Brian Rutledge

The Psalm - Psalm 40: 1-12

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 - Helen Bur-

ton



## 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 - 6.30pm - 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 - 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

### 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)

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)