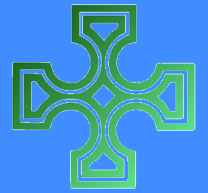


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*'Joy to the world, the Lord has come,
let earth receive her King.'*



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,



Christmas may look different this year, but the story is still the same! That is the message for Christmas in 2020. Coronavirus will make our celebrations this year look very different from usual. How-

ever, the message of the baby born in Bethlehem is still relevant!

The angels announced, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.' (Luke 2: 10,11). The birth of this baby brings great joy and good news for everyone! As the king of the universe, He has come as our Saviour. In an uncertain world, He offers joy and hope, because He holds this pandemic in His hands. This is a real cause for joy! 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favour rests.' (Luke 2:14). We may feel anything but peace amid the anxieties over our current circumstances. How can a Jewish infant born to a peasant family in first century Palestine bring peace to our lives today? Jesus established peace with God through His death on the cross. Trusting the Prince of Peace for our lives brings God's peace amid the huge uncertainties we face. As the carol says, 'Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King.'

Wishing you every blessing.

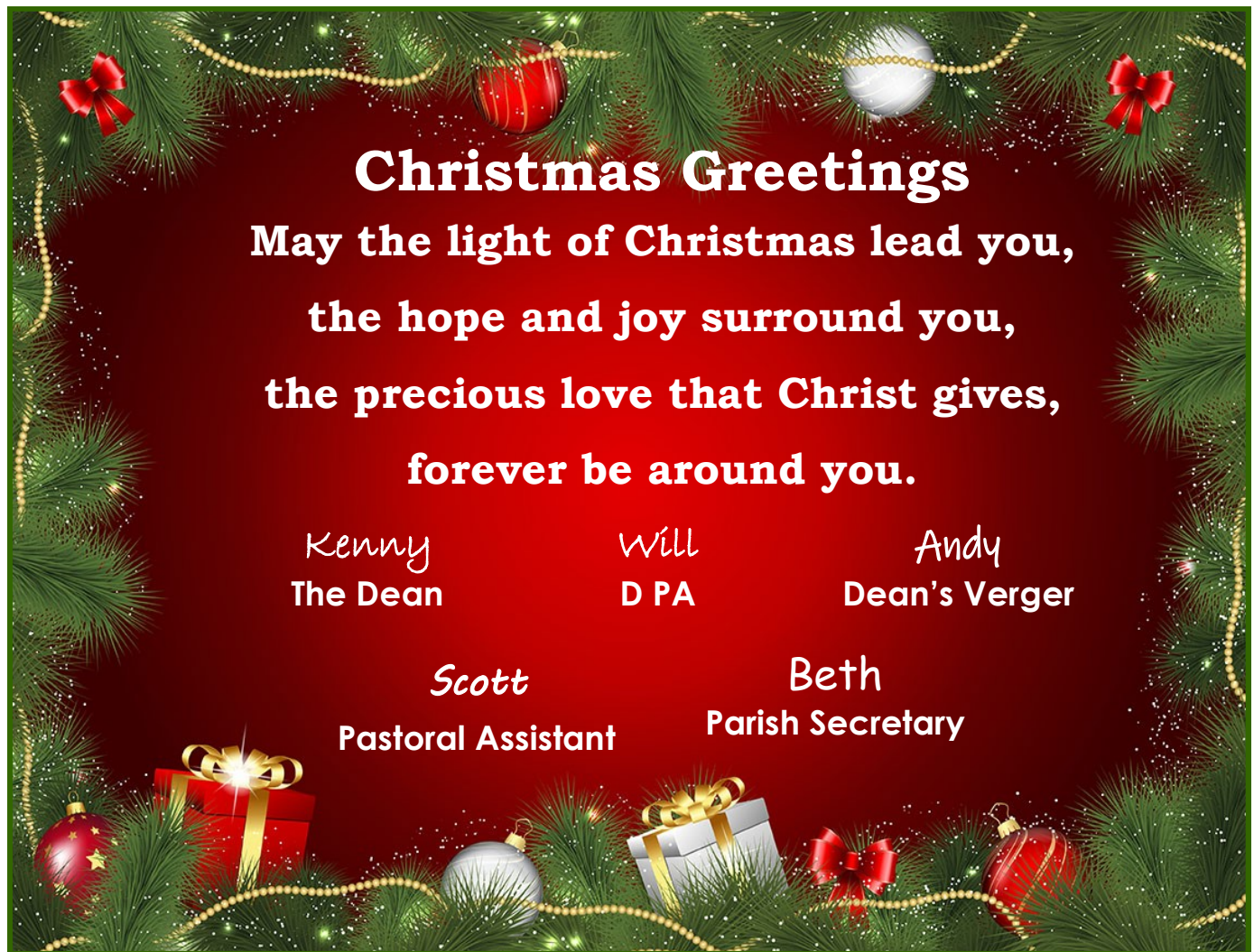
Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall

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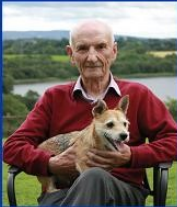
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Christmas Presents - Parish History Book

A good Christmas present for friends or family members would be a copy of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel Morrow. Available from the Parish Office at the launch price of £20.




The author
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAg graduated from Queen's University in 1949. 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 Portlough 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 history 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 Davis in 1455 to mark the coronation of King Constantine in St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: 'Poculum Argentaceum donatum a domino Edwardo Davis anno 1455'. The cup is the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Davis, circa 1455.


This book, in 344 chapters, marks the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan of the Plantation of Ulster (1610) - but its establishment lies in the ancient Celtic Church. The church's origins date from the early 1400s and since then its story and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Enniskillen has played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. The conflict led to the establishment of two Enniskillen's places bearing the names of the war, Enniskilling. The cathedral is home for many of the hall of records and monuments of these events and within its hallowed walls is the Enniskilling Chapel. In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community relations and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom and Ireland at acts of worship, maintenance 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



Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

15th November – Alfie Rodney Wilson

"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

Christian Marriage

7th November – Emma Josephine Foster and
Jonathan William Coalter

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



Burial

16th October - William James Gault,
17 Killyvilly, Enniskillen.

10th November - Thomas William Alexander (Tommy) Hawthorne,
Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

16th November - Elizabeth Lewis (Betty) McRoberts,
Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen,
formerly Crest Road, Enniskillen.

19th November - William Joseph (Bill) Eames,
29 Pond Park Road Lisburn,
(formerly Enniskillen).

Cremation

4th November – Shirley Geraldine Elizabeth Rowland,
20 Castlewood, Enniskillen.

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



Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair & Repainting Inside Fund

£1,000 Anonymous donation.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Leslie Irwin.

£1,000 Donation in memory of my husband Austen from Jean Stinson.

£200 Donation in memory of our parents from Mr & Mrs Raymond Woods.

£1000 Anonymous donation.

£100 Donation from Dr & Mrs W Holmes (in memory of Shirley Rowland).

£50 Donation from Mr & Mrs Trevor Woods.

£2,000 Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Gerry Vennard.

£620 Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Jim Robinson.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs David Young.

£250 Donation from Mr & Mrs Denzil Glenn. (£50 in memory of Shirley Rowland).

Donations Towards Live Streaming

£100 Donation from the Vennard family.

Fabric Fund

£100 Donation from Steven, Therese and Alfie Wilson.

400th Anniversary Fund

£400 Donation from Mr & Mrs Roy Palmer.

Organ Fund

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Stephen Richmond in memory of Sandra's parents, Mervyn and Iris Breen and brothers Denzil and Malcolm and Stephen's parents Leslie and Betty Richmond.

Donations in Lieu of Flowers for Cathedral Roof Fund

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.



Christmas Services

This year 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 the moments of madness with sweets and gifts! There can be no Home Holy Communions due to the fact that those who are house bound are more vulnerable to infection. However, 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 20th December 11.00am

Christmas Services

Thursday 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.

Friday 25th December 10.30am - Christmas Holy Communion Service

Please note there can only be one service on Christmas morning

No gifts or sweets given out due to restrictions.

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

New Year's Eve Service

Thursday 31st December 11.00am - Holy Communion

*Christmas
Carol Service*



*Sacrament of
Holy Communion*



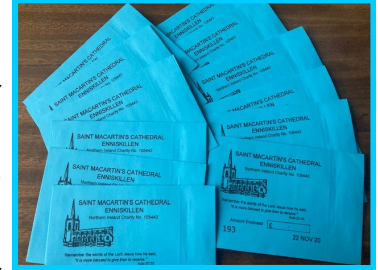
Thursdays at 11.00am

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

Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Parishioners,

The end of the church's financial year is 31 December 2020, after which date the annual accounts must be prepared and audited. For this reason it is necessary for all parishioners to return all their 2020 envelopes by that date. Any amounts received after December 31, 2020 will be added to the 2021 accounts.



Perhaps some parishioners may have fallen behind in their offerings to the church, 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. There is also a number of families who feel no responsibility for the church and do not contribute – hopefully you will re-consider.

Every family is receiving a set of white 2021 envelopes with this magazine. A letter also is enclosed stating the amount contributed by each family as Free Will Offering, as Harvest Offering and as contributions to other church funds up to, and including, 31 October 2020.

You will be aware that we have the added commitment of restoring the cathedral roof this year. Re-roofing the cathedral is a massive project costing approximately £400,000. As part of our fund-raising for the roof we have included twelve additional yellow envelopes in each box – one for each month. I would ask you to use these monthly envelopes as a contribution to the new roof.

I would encourage you to use your 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 be Gift Aided in order to maximise our income. Your offerings will not be published in the Annual Report 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

The Revd Canon Dr Ian W Ellis has been elected Bishop of Clogher

He was elected by the Episcopal Electoral College for the Diocese of Clogher which met via Zoom on Monday, 9th November. Canon Ellis succeeds the Most Revd John McDowell who was elected Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland by the House of Bishops earlier this year.

The new Bishop-elect is currently rector of Rossorry Parish in the Diocese of Clogher, where he has served since 2015.

Canon Ellis is married to Heather, a HR consultant and they have three grown-up children, Mark, Timothy and Naomi.

After graduating from Queen's University,

Canon Ellis taught Physics in Antrim Grammar School until he entered the ordained ministry, being ordained in 1989 for St Mark's Parish, Armagh, serving as Curate Assistant. From 1991 Canon Ellis served as Rector of Loughgall and Grange for 11 years in the Diocese of Armagh, during this time he was Editor of the Armagh Diocesan Magazine for eight years, a member of Armagh Diocesan Ordinands' Committee, General Synod, Standing Committee, Armagh Diocesan Board of Education and Armagh Diocesan Council.

Canon Ellis is well known for his subsequent role as Secretary to the Church's Board of Education where he served for 13 years, bringing together his experience as a schoolteacher and his time in parochial ministry. He also served as the Church of Ireland's representative on the Transferors' Representative Council and as secretary of that body, and in 2013 he achieved a Doctorate in Education from Queen's University Belfast.

Since moving to Rossorry, Canon Ellis has served as clerk of the Cathedral Chapter, a member of Diocesan Council and is currently one of its Clerical Honorary Secretaries. He is a member of the Diocesan Board of Education, a Diocesan Nominator and a member of General Synod. He is a clerical representative on the General Synod Safeguarding Board and the Clogher representative Canon on the chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin since 2015. He is a member of the Board of Governors of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School where he is vice-chairman of the Board of Governors and chairman of the Education Committee, in addition to being a governor of Jones Memorial Primary School.



Archbishop John McDowell said: 'I am delighted to announce the election of Canon Ian Ellis as my successor as Bishop of Clogher. Everyone who knows Canon Ellis will have been impressed by the dedication, pastoral care and intelligence which he has brought to his vocation in the Church and in education. I look forward to welcoming him into the House of Bishops and to arranging for his consecration as soon as is practicable.'

The bishop-elect said: 'I am deeply humbled to be elected today by the Electoral College as Bishop-elect of Clogher and intensely conscious of the honour and responsibility bestowed upon me. I pray that I may fulfil the trust that has been placed in me and I look forward to working with the great team of diocesan clergy and laity. This is a wonderful diocese and Heather and I have been so happy serving here during my ministry as Rector of Ros-sorry, and I look forward to getting to know the people of the wider diocese in the near future. I pray that God may guide us all to serve him in this part of the Kingdom of God.'

Following the ratification of his election by the House of Bishops, Canon Ellis will be consecrated as a bishop on a date to be determined.

Congratulations!

The Dean offers his personal congratulations to Bishop Ian and wishes him every Blessing in the years ahead. This is not only a great appointment for the Diocese of Clogher but for the whole of the Church of Ireland. He also looks forward to enthroning him in the cathedra (the bishop's throne in the cathedral) very soon. Bishop Ian and the Dean have known each other for over 30 years.

The parishioners of St Macartin's Cathedral also send their good wishes to Bishop Ian and look forward to seeing him on many occasions.

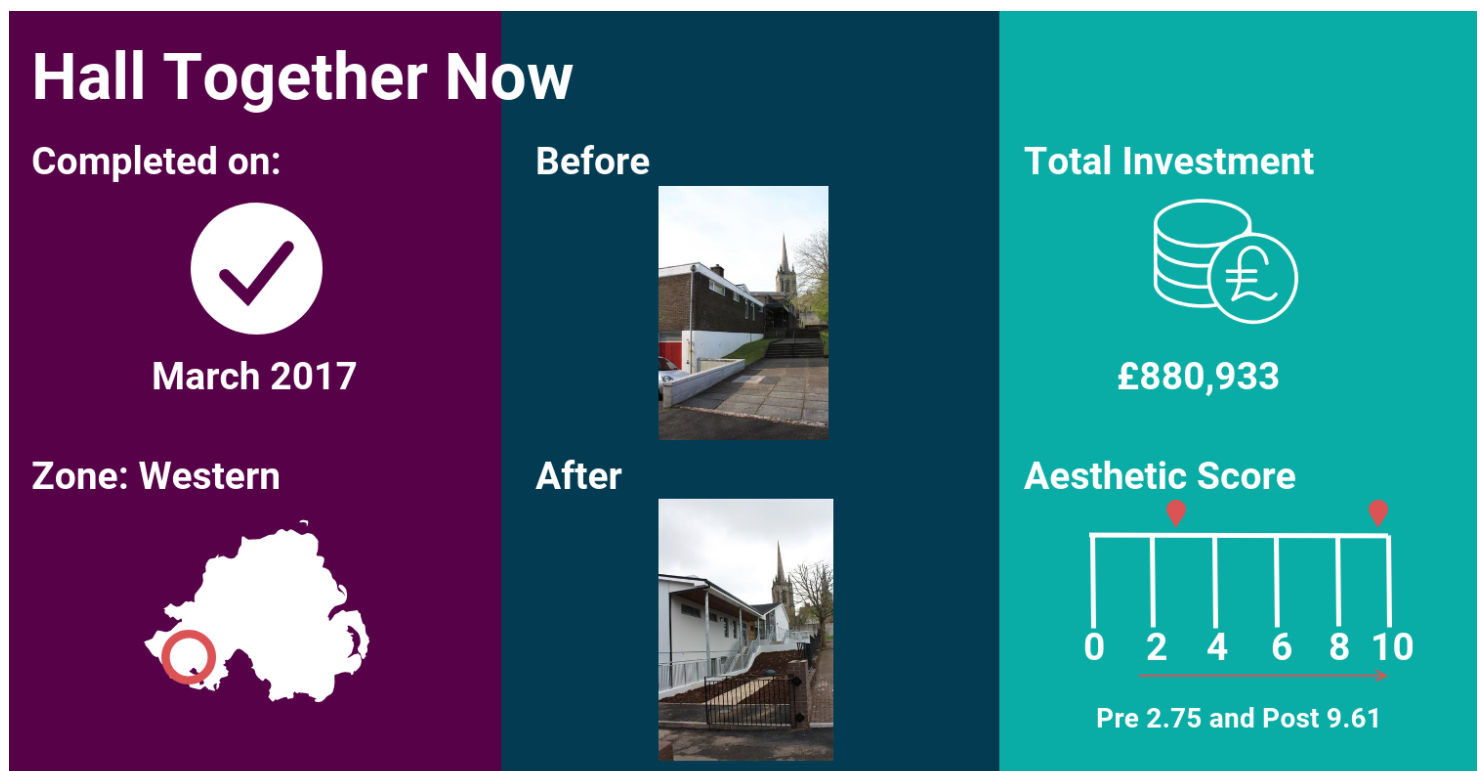
Prayer Books

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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

'Hall Together Now' project

When an application was made, under the Office of the First and Deputy First Ministers' Social Investment Fund, for grant aid on the renovation of the cathedral hall, the project was given the title 'Hall Together Now'. This was a catchy title that obviously impressed the funders as the name has stuck. The grant application was successful and attracted generous funding. One of the conditions associated with the offer of grant aid was that a three year post construction evaluation would be carried out to check if the objects of the Social Investment Fund had been met.



Made with infogram

The evaluation involved detailed record keeping by the Parish Secretary, Mrs Beth Rennick, and by the Diocesan Office staff. Details of all the events held in the hall were kept over the three year period. The names of the organisations, the attendance, and the number of volunteers involved in organising each event, were recorded. In addition, random surveys were carried out during each quarter asking those in attendance at

'Hall Together Now' project

functions in the hall to express their satisfaction with the facilities and the reception they received. Respondents were asked to indicate their level of satisfaction with the facilities, how they were treated in the hall, and whether their visit helped them. Throughout the three year survey period not one person surveyed indicated anything other than satisfaction. At the end of each quarter, during the three year period, the information collected was submitted to the Office of the First and Deputy First Minister. Now that the period of evaluation has come to an end the Office has produced the attached summary of the 'Hall Together Now' project. The comparisons given are with the pre scheme usage of the hall. The outcome is most satisfying.



South West Hospital Chaplains



The South West Acute Hospital Chaplains meet again for a hospital blessing. The Very Rev Kenny Hall (Church of Ireland), The Rev Lorna Dreading (Methodist), The Rev David Cupples (Presbyterian) and Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly (Roman Catholic) prayed at the entrance to the hospital for all staff, patients, those bereaved and the community at this time of crisis due to the increase of the Corona Virus, Covid-19.

Parish and Hospital Visiting

Since parish and hospital visiting will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if you 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.

Cathedral Roof Repair & Repainting Fund

As we embark upon this major undertaking of a £400,000 project to re-roof our beautiful historic cathedral, we are faced with a major problem with the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the present restrictions, and other restrictions that may arise it will be highly unlikely we will be able to do any fund raising events in the first half of 2021 that would cause people to gather together. That alone will severely affect our cash flow and reduce the ability to reach the certain funding levels at certain stages throughout the year that are necessary in a building project.

To postpone the re-roofing would only cause increased problems and result in increased costs therefore we have no other option but to proceed and trust that the Lord will provide through his people – that is us, the parishioners! We the present generation of worshippers have inherited the most wonderful historic building on a site with 400 years of history, and it falls upon us as our duty to hand it on the generations to come as a beacon of light and witness to the Christian Faith in this town.

We thank all those who have already contributed with lump sums so generously to this fund and would really appreciate it if many more parishioners would help us out by donating to the fund. There are two ways of doing it.

- A lump sum donation
- 12 monthly payments (the envelopes are included with your yearly FWO envelopes)

We are well aware of the real financial struggles and hardship that many are facing with the on-going crisis of Covid 19; the result of this is that giving can often be squeezed and church giving sometimes falls victim to this. Therefore, we really appreciate parishioners' on-going commitment to the work of Almighty God here in Enniskillen.

The Dean

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 and supplied food and donations to Enniskillen Food Bank. The Harvest Appeal brought in £10,835 - a truly magnificent figure and the Food Bank had abundant supplies as well. Thank you once again.

The Dean, The Treasurer & Willie

Holmes



The Cathedral Roof Repairs (update)

Cathedral restoration project

Work is progressing in preparation for the major works on the cathedral roof and stonework. Chris McCollum and staff have spent time at the cathedral preparing plans and specifications for the work to be undertaken. When the plans and specifications are finalised they will be submitted to Building Control for approval. Tenders will then be invited from competent contractors to undertake the specified work within given timescales. Chris McCollum and the select vestry will have to be satisfied that the appointed contractor has the nec-



essary skills and resources to undertake the work. If all goes to plan it should be possible to award the contract for the work during January 2021. Work on site should start around early February and progress during the spring and summer months. However, it is difficult, especially during the present pandemic, to be precise about timing of the various operations but it is hoped that the work including internal redecoration, should be completed in time for the 400 year celebrations by Easter 2022.

Special skill will be required when replacing the copper gutters with lead.

The Cathedral Roof Repairs (update)



Roof hatch (top of tower and base of steeple) requires replacement.

vacating the cathedral for the duration of the painting operation which will take about one month. During that period acts of worship will take place in the cathedral hall. All of these operations will have to be carried out under strict health and safety regulations and comply with whatever Covid-19 restrictions are in force at any particular time.

A lot of scaffolding will be required for the roof and stonework but it will all be external. Hopefully, the cathedral will be weatherproof throughout the period when the work is being carried out and that acts of worship within the cathedral will continue as normal. However, internal redecoration, which will be the final operation to be carried out, will involve



Corroding window. De-rusting and repainting is required.

Cathedral Family

Jane is a very active and talented member of the Cathedral Choir.
She was the soloist for all the weeks through lockdown.
Thank you Jane!



Tell us about your early days.

I'm originally from Ballygawley in County Tyrone. The church I belonged to in my youth was Ballyreagh Presbyterian Church. I went to Innishmogh Primary School and then later to Royal School Dungannon. After that I went to Belfast and got a degree in Mathematics from Queens University Belfast.

What brought you to Enniskillen?

After University, I was entering the world of work and found employment in Enniskillen at the Killyhevlin Hotel. Later I joined the work force at Elite Electronic Systems. Over the years I got to know some of the lovely people in Fermanagh and eventually moved here after working in the area for six years. I just thought the County of Fermanagh is a lovely place and the people are so friendly.

What are your hobbies/interests?

Music is something I have always enjoyed, particularly singing. When I moved to Enniskillen there was quite a lot of music making in the area and I very quickly became involved in four choirs, which are St Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Fermanagh Choral Society, Fermanagh Touring Choir and Chamber Choir West. Each group has given me the opportunity to sing some beautiful music with some great musicians in some fantastic venues and make some wonderful friends.

Cathedral Family

I also enjoy walking and nearly every Sunday afternoon, I have a picnic packed and head off somewhere for a walk in the beautiful scenery of Fermanagh with my good friend Rosemary Magowan. We have been to Cladagh Glen, Necarne Estate, Ely Lodge Forest Park, Castle Archdale, Lough Navar View Point, Monea Castle and many more. It's been a great way to get to know the County and get plenty of exercise.

Speaking of exercise, I also enjoy the exercise classes with Harry Anderson. If you want fitness that's fun, Harry's your man. I've really enjoyed doing Mountain Climbers, Donkey Kicks, Star Jumps, Squat and Crunches, which hopefully have helped me to be as physically fit as I can be.

Do you travel/hope to travel?

Indeed I have travelled and hope to travel again some day. Last year I went to Florida and being the big child that I am, I spent a week in Disney World. The weather was glorious and there is so much to see and do.

I also enjoy cruises. P&O Cruises are my favourite. I have been to many places in the Mediterranean, Scandinavia & Caribbean.

One last favourite place I like to travel to is Interlaken in Switzerland. I have had some wonderful family holidays there. The towering Alps, the quaint chalets and tranquil lakes make it the ideal holiday destination for me.

Favourites in life—food/film/books?

Favourite Food - Sweet Tennessee Pizza from Apache Pizza

Favourite Film - Disney's Sleeping Beauty

Favourite Book - The Scarlet Pimpernel by Baroness Orczy

What is your best day?

The best day for me was the 26th September 1996 when my baby sister Lorna was born. I always wanted a little sister and was so excited when she finally arrived. She has been the best little sister anyone could hope for and I am so proud of the woman she has become.

Have you a favourite bible verse/hymn?

Favourite Bible Verse - Proverbs Chapter 3 Verse 5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Favourite Hymn - How Great Thou Art.

Any challenges?

Everyone has challenges but knowing how to deal with those challenges can be the difficult bit. I think what is important, is to not let a challenge be too overwhelming and remembering the Lord is with you every step of the way.

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Remembrance Sunday 2020



A Remembrance Service took place on Sunday 8th November. Among the dignitaries attending were The Minister of State at the N Ireland Office Mr Robin Walker MP, The First Minister The Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA, An Taoiseach Mr Micheál Martin TD, Mr Bryan Wockley, Deputy US Consul General, Mr Jerome Mullen, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland and Clr John Coyle, Vice Chair of Fermanagh & Omagh District Council. The Rt Hon Viscount Brookeborough, KG, KStJ.

Read the first lesson and Scott Elliott BTh read the second lesson. The Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly PP, VG led the Prayers and the preacher was The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Rev F John McDowell BA Hons, B Th, Dip BS.

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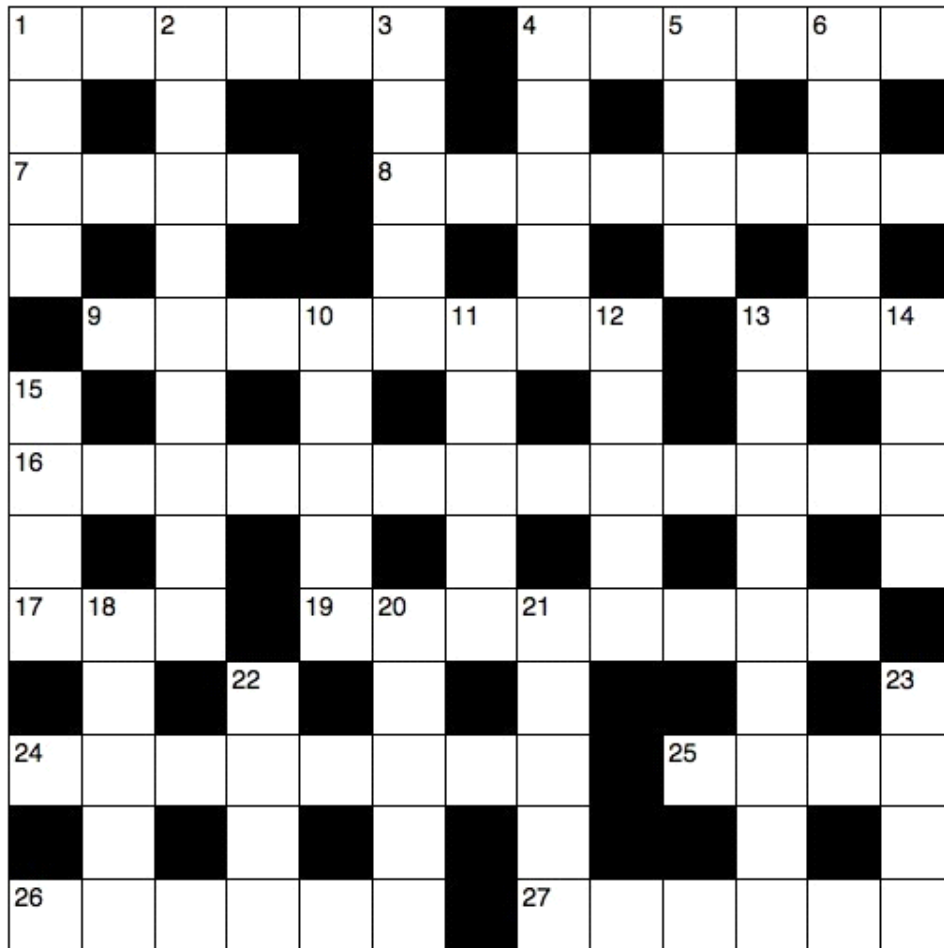
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Crossword



Across

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

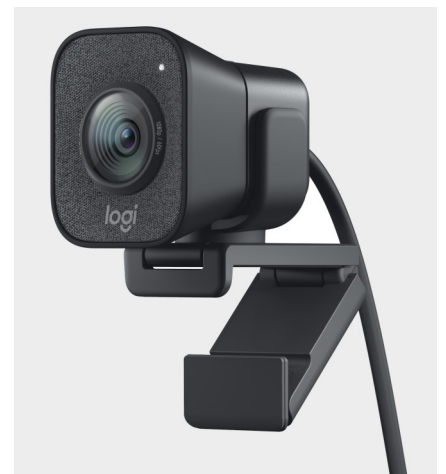
Crossword

Down

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

Streaming

With the introduction of our webcam to stream our services we want to make parishioners aware that at some stage you may be on camera during the service. This could be either in the pew or in the line-up to receive Holy Communion. If anyone has any issues with this please speak to the Dean as there are 'blind spots' in the cathedral that the camera does not see and Holy Communion can be taken down to you in your seat.



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.

Youth

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

This term we have been learning about lots of different characters in the New Testament. We enjoyed learning about how Jesus met His disciples, the lives of other key characters like John the Baptist, Paul and Timothy, and the stories of people who never got the chance to meet Jesus but followed Him and shared His good news. We look forward to continuing our journey in the New Testament in the New Year.

Sunday Lights + Cafe will continue until Sunday 20th December. We will resume again in the New Year on Sunday 10th January 2021. 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. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!

Both Sunday Lights + Cafe are currently online. Weekly sessions are uploaded to our Children and Youth Google Drive every Friday ahead of service on Sunday. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional resources. All children must register to participate in Sunday Lights + Café. Details of this can be found be-

SUNDAY LIGHTS + CAFE 2021 DATES

Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	April 2021
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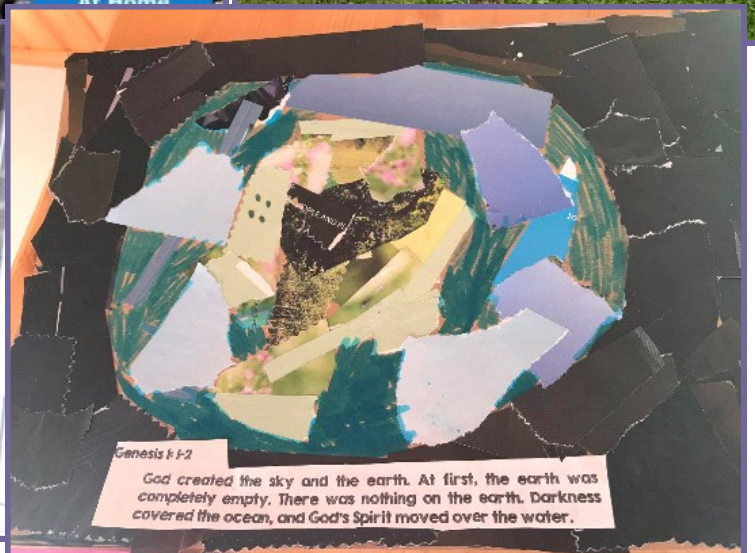
Youth

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We love Messy Church @ Home! The theme for November was 'Count Your Blessings' and featured some very special guests all the way from Castlerock. This month we painted sunflowers of hope, made prayer bracelets, decorated blessing jars and made Rice Krispie Buns to share with our loved ones. We were delighted to welcome Chris, Sarah, Noah and Fergal back to our Messy Church family as they delivered a talk reminding us to focus on all of the positive things in our lives. Thank you Chris and Sarah - we miss you!



He's got the whole world in His hands (x4)



December's Messy Church is on Thursday 17th December (craft pick up on Monday 14th December). This month we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with lots of crafts, games and songs. It's never too late to join- just make sure you register (details below). Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children of all denominations. **This year Messy Church is all online!**

Youth

We have created a private Facebook group to share video messages, worship videos, craft instructions, pictures and updates and packs containing craft supplies are available to pick up from the Cathedral Hall every month. New families are always welcome- please get in touch for more information on how you can get involved!

Messy Church @ Home is held on the third Thursday of each month. A full list of dates for 2020/21 is included below. **There will be no Messy Church in January 2021. Our next session will be Thursday 18th February 2021.**

Messy Church Dates 2020/21

17th December
18th February
18th March
15th April

Pack Pick-Up Date (4-5pm)

14th December
15th February
15th March
12th April

All children must register to participate in Messy Church. Details of this can be found below.

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We are looking forward to holding Xplore and Confirmation classes again once regulations permit. Until then, **please make sure all candidates and participants are registered** so that we can begin meeting as soon as possible. Details of this can be found below.

How can I get involved?

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

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

Everyone in the Children and Youth team looks forward to the day that we can all meet in person again. Until then we hope you are enjoying our online sessions. Please stay in touch via social media- we love to see what you are getting up to.

We pray that everyone has a safe Christmas and New Year filled with lots of blessings from heaven above. May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Holy season, and throughout the year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and may this year bring abundant joy and happiness in your life.

From the Children and Youth team

Children's Page



Covid-19 Disinfectant Fogger



We thank all who contributed so generously to the purchase of a disinfectant fogging machine. This machine is perfect to efficiently disinfect and control outbreaks like the COVID-19 pandemic. This system reduces the number of infectious pathogens by dispersing ultra small droplets of our disinfectant solution into the area. These droplets then float in the surrounding air for around 10-20 minutes, for a simple, fast and super effective deep clean.

The surplus money we received was used to buy free standing automatic sanitizers, and will be used to purchase the necessary disinfectant as required.

Answers to Crossword on page 18/19

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

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2021

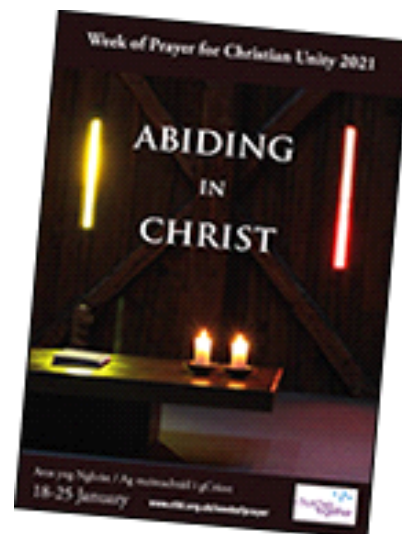
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th – 25th January and has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”, is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community’s vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

The Grandchamp Community has its origins in Europe in the 1930s, when a group of women of the Reformed tradition sought to rediscover the importance of silence and listening to the Word of God. Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents.

Jesus said to the disciples, “abide in my love” (Jn 15:9). He abides in the love of the Father (Jn 15:10) and desires nothing other than to share this love with us: “I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father” (Jn 15:15b). Grafted into the vine, which is Jesus himself, the Father becomes our vinedresser who prunes us to make us grow. This describes what happens in prayer. The Father is the centre of our lives, who centres our lives. He prunes us and makes us whole, and whole human beings give glory to the Father. Abiding in Christ is an inner attitude that takes root in us over time. It demands space to grow. It can be overtaken by the struggle for the necessities of life and it is threatened by the distractions, noise, activity and the challenges of life.

We live in a time that is both troubling and magnificent, an often dangerous time where we are challenged by pandemics, wars, violence, poverty, racism and climate change. Yet as Christians seeking reconciliation, justice and peace, we also know the full value of a spiritual life, have an immense responsibility and must realize it, unite and help each other create forces of calmness, refuges of peace, vital centres where the silence of people calls on the creative word of God. Spirituality and solidarity are inseparably linked. Abiding in Christ, we receive the strength and wisdom to act against structures of injustice and oppression, to fully recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters in humanity, and to be creators of a new way of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

On going to print we do not have any details of the service in Enniskillen which will depend very much on the circumstances and restrictions in place at the time.



The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Matthew 5:10).

Somebody once described a Christian as one who is *'completely fearless, continually cheerful and constantly in trouble.'* Living the life that Jesus presents in the Beatitudes



will not necessarily make us

universally popular. We must be prepared for opposition, insults and ridicule or even worse. Of course, persecution is the daily experience for Christians in many parts of our world today.

Jesus did not tell us to seek persecution, but He did say that when it comes, we should regard it as a blessing:

Firstly, because we are identifying with Jesus: If we identify as fully as we can with Jesus, then we will experience suffering like

Him. It is 'because of me' (v11) we are opposed or criticised.

Secondly, it shows our faith is genuine: To suffer for our faith is typical of God people, *'for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'* (v12).

Thirdly, because of our reward in

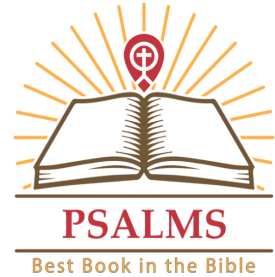


heaven: we will not lose out in the future, as Jesus reminds us that *'great is your reward in heaven'* (v12).

Psalm

Psalm 46

To say that we are living in uncertain times is an understatement! Psalm 46 speaks into our anxiety and fear, just as it did to Israel originally. At this time, we must focus on God, who alone can deliver us in such times.



He is our refuge: *'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.'* (1). In the midst of our difficulties, God promises Himself to be our refuge, strength and help. A 'refuge' is a place of trust, where God promises to protect us. When the whole world is turned upside

down, we can come to Him without fear.

He is our resource: *'There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.'* (4,5). Jerusalem was able to withstand enemy attack, because of the water that resourced it. For us, this is a picture of the presence of God's Spirit, who resources us when we are under pressure. This psalm promises that God's is with us in all our troubles on a daily basis: *'The Lord Almighty is with us...'* (7,11).

He is our ruler: *'He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'* (10). When we consider all that God has done in the past, we can see the way in which He has worked among us to provide, protect, and deliver us. We are called to 'cease fighting' God and surrender our lives to God.

Let us worship Him, as we let go fear and as we depend on Him in this current time of crisis.



December Lessons

6th December The Second Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - Isaiah 40: 1-11

The Psalm - Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

The Second Reading - 2 Peter 3: 8-15

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 1-8



13th December The Third Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

The Psalm - Psalm 126

The Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 6-8, 19-28



20th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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

The Second Reading - Romans 16: 25-27

The Gospel Reading - Luke 1: 26-38



27th December The First Sunday of Christmas

The First Reading - Isaiah 63: 7-9

The Psalm - Psalm 148

The Second Reading - Hebrews 2: 10-18

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 2: 13-23

Due to the present restrictions we are not allowed to use our regular team of readers. We will resume with the rota as soon as possible.



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 - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

January Lessons and Readers

Sunday 3rd January The Second Sunday of Christmas

The First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 7-14

The Psalm - Psalm 147: 12-20

The Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 3-14

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 10-18

Sunday 10th January The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Genesis 1: 1-5

The Psalm - Psalm 29

The Second Reading - Acts 19: 1-7

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 4-11

Sunday 17th January The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

The Second Reading - Revelation 5: 1-10

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 43-51

Sunday 24th January The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

The Psalm - Psalm 62: 5-12

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 14-20

Sunday 31st January The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The Psalm - Psalm 111

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 21-28



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!**