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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,

Should we stay or should we go?' has been the focus of many news reports and many conversations. Since the Referendum in June 2016, we have seen families, our nation and Parliament divided by different opinions over Europe. But 'at the heart of the Christian message is Jesus' command to love our neighbour. This includes those with whom we agree and disagree: at home, in Europe and further afield.' (C of E Bishops, December 2018).

As we celebrate St Valentine's Day this month, how can we conduct this debate in a loving way? The Apostle Peter reminds us: *'Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.'* (1 Peter 2:17).

Respect everyone: However much we may disagree with another person's perspective, we should respect them as a person. This applies even if they do not respect our views!

Love the church: Among the family of believers there should be an even greater respect for each other! The way we treat each other not only reveals the depth of our love; it will also cause people to glorify God and want to be part of the family of God.

Fear God: We must demonstrate our allegiance to God by putting Him first and following His leading. Of course, this does not stop Christians from having different opinions to each other.

Honour those in authority: We are called to honour those who are in authority over us *'for the Lord's sake'* (verse 13). Even when we disagree with their decisions and actions, we should give them respect and not speak ill of them.

St Peter is calling us to live with the freedom to make up our own minds on



Europe, while listening to what others say (verse 16).

'A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.

A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.' (Martin Luther).

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R.J. Hall

PS Make sure you read updating Parish Records on page 15. It is important that a large Parish like ours has up-to-date and accurate records. It is also important that Parishioners who claim membership of the Cathedral make every effort to attend church (if able) and also make some contribution to the House of the Lord. It is the duty of every Christian to do so! The Clergy and Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are always ready and willing to help so please feel free to contact them at any time.

The Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland



Everyone knows that "Disestablishmentarianism" is the longest word in the English language. Originally it referred to the belief within the United Kingdom that the Church "as by Law established" in Ireland should cease to be so



and should become, like every other Christian denomination in Ireland, a purely voluntary body.

And so it happened, after many debates and struggles, that on the last day of 1869 (one hundred and fifty years ago) the Irish Church Act came into force and the Church of Ireland as we know it today came into legal existence. Those who fought against Disestablishment had to concede defeat and become the architects of the new Church's way of doing things. They were utterly convinced that the Church of Ireland was the direct descendant of the ancient Celtic Church and were determined to emphasise its continuity. Others wished to seize the opportunity to make radical changes to the Church's beliefs and liturgies.

In what have become annual talks hosted by the Dean and Chapter, the Bishop will look at a number of aspects and the process and outcome of Disestablishment which have shaped and still shape the Church of Ireland.

**Tuesday 19th February at 7.30pm
St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen**

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

- 9th December - Lily Regina Funston
24th January - Michael James Toal
27th January - Charlie Thomas Hunter



"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10: 14

Christian Marriage

- 1st December - Nathan Marcus Donaldson and
Louise Emma McFarland
8th December - Gary James Nixon and
Clare Yvonne Coalter
21st December - Gareth William Herbert Lowry and
Emma Louise McLoughlin



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

Christian Burial

- 14th December - Stanley Robert Percival Rogers,
13 Loane Drive, Enniskillen.
18th January - Mary Livingstone,
33 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.



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

Toccata is in Enniskillen

The internationally acclaimed Toccata Musical Productions was founded in 2005, to help the Tsunami victims. Living up to the title of 'Cultural Ambassadors of UK', Toccata has enthralled music lovers with world class production. Performing music from genres like gospel, country, pop, rock and opera, it has touched lives in over 15 countries by raising funds through music concerts. Toccata was awarded the 'Golden Rule Award' by the United Nations, for its services to humanity. Toccata are performing in St Macartin's Cathedral on Thursday 21st February at 7.30pm. Subscription £10.00. Tickets are available from the Cathedral Office. See enclosed Flyer.

Parish Donations

Fabric Fund

£1,000 donation from Mr Paul McKendry in memory of my beloved mother on her birthday, 23rd November.

£100 Donation from Mrs Joyce Woods.

£100 Donation from Millcroft Private Nursing Home.

£100 Anonymous donation in memory of a loved one at Christmas.

£100 Donation from Zoe Pyper in loving memory of my parents, Wilbar and Minnie.

£200 Donation from Canon and Mrs D Kingston.

Organ Fund

£100 Donation from Mr Alan Devers.

Cathedral Roof

£500 Donation from Old Portora Union.

£500 Anonymous donation.

£300 Anonymous donation given in lieu of Christmas cards.

£100 Donation from Mrs Ruth Young.

£200 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.

Magazine Fund

£20 Donation from Mr & Mrs Bobby Dickson.

£100 Donation from Mr Eric Marshall.

Minibus Fund

£250 Donation from Mr & Mrs Ivan Kee.

St Macartin's Cathedral - Famous Hymn Writers

February - Theme Henry Francis Lyte

Guest Preacher - Rev Canon Desmond Kingston MA

Sunday 17th February at 11.00am

Canon Kingston is the former Chaplain of Portora Royal School where Henry Francis Lyte attended and a former Canon of this Cathedral. (Featuring Hymns: Praise my Soul and Abide with Me).

March - Mrs Alexander Exhibition

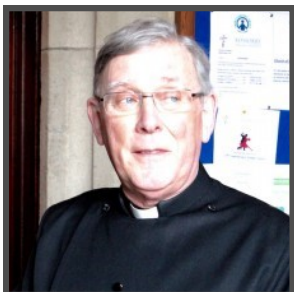
Saturday 9th March from 11.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 10th March from 2.00pm – 8.00pm

Morning Service at 11.00am and Evening Service 7.00pm

Featuring Mrs Alexander's famous hymns - Once in Royal David's City,
There is a Green Hill Far Away, All Things Bright and Beautiful

Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, hymn writer and poet was wife of William Alexander who was Bishop of Derry and who became Archbishop of Armagh.



60+ Christmas Party



On 11th December our 60+ parishioners were treated to a full Christmas dinner. Norman Coalter and his staff served a sumptuous three course meal.



Revellers were then entertained by our choir, who are indeed a very talented bunch. The Choir Master Glenn Moore was Master of Ceremonies. A most enjoyable night was had by all.



Photographs by Willie Holmes

60+ Christmas Party



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St Macartin's Cathedral Choir Dinner



Christmas Come & Sing with John Rutter

Choir members from St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen travelled to St Anne's Cathedral Belfast on 8th December for a special Christmas Come & Sing with John Rutter. The event was organised by the Charles Wood Festival and was attended by 650 singers. The occasion marked the world-renowned choral composer's only appearance in Northern Ireland this year, during which he presented a number of his own compositions along with a varied range of seasonal favourites, mostly from the extraordinarily successful *Carols for Choirs* anthology series which Rutter, as a young man, collaborated in arranging and editing with Sir David Willcocks. The Belfast Cathedral event also featured one of Northern Ireland's leading choirs, Cappella Caeciliana, as special guest choir and St Anne's Cathedral Organist David Stevens.

Pictured at the Christmas Come and Sing are Enniskillen Cathedral choir members, Ruth Young, Mandy Graham and Avril Crawford. Unknown to them as they posed next to the Christmas Tree, John Rutter appeared behind them to join the photo!



Variety Concert

Cathedral Choir Capers!

in

St Macartin's Cathedral Hall

on

Friday 29th March 2019 @7.30pm



Subscription

£10.00

Proceeds for Cathedral Fabric Fund

Footnote from The Dean

Our Cathedral Choir have certainly risen to new standards not only with their excellent performance over the Christmas period but in the entertainment they provided at the Senior Citizens' Dinner and again at the Choir Dinner. It varied from hilarious to mad, from Abba to Elvis, 'Sister Act' to Sonny and Cher! I have 'encouraged' them to go on stage in the Cathedral Hall – for you to see for yourselves and to enjoy! Don't miss what promises to be an evening of great entertainment – anyone who was at the Senior Citizen's Dinner can vouch for that – a parish fun night! Tickets on sale in the Cathedral Office and from Churchwardens and Select Vestry Members.

Guiding and Scouting



1st Inniskilling Beavers and Cubs came together to put on their production of 'Cinderella'. The children had been rehearsing for a number of weeks and carried out an excellent performance on the night, which was enjoyed by family and friends. Ticket sales are being donated to the 'Kindfund' (Orphanage in Kenya) a charity close to the hearts of our Scouting friends in Kesh. Both Beavers and Cubs (and our newly reformed Scouts) are open to new members.

World Thinking Day



World Thinking Day is a celebration worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters and brothers all around the world. The 22nd February was chosen as it was the birthday of Scouting and Guiding founder Lord Robert Baden-Powell and of Lady Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and World Chief Guide. In 1999, at the 30th World Conference, held in Ireland, the name was changed from "Thinking Day" to "World Thinking

Day", in order to emphasize the global aspect of this special day. Our Guiding and Scouting organisations will be playing a special part in our Family Service on Sunday 24th February at 11.00am – please come and show your support. Hopefully it will attract more young folk to join and adults to offer to become leaders or helpers!

Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Messy Church

We celebrated Jesus' birthday on 20th December, with a special Christmas Messy Church. We took a break in January, and are back on February 21st from 4.00-6.00 pm.

More dates for Messy Fun:

21st March

April - no Messy Church (Easter Holiday)

16th May



Confirmation

There are two classes this month, on Monday 4th and Monday 11th February, from 6.30 to 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

There is a break on Monday 18th for Half Term.

Remember that Xplore on Monday 25th February is part of your Confirmation preparation!

The Service of Confirmation will be on Sunday 19th May at 7.00pm led by Bishop John McDowell. Confirmation rehearsal is on Sunday 12th May at 7.00.



Xplore

All young people in Years 8-12 are invited to Xplore on Monday 25th February. We meet from 7.00-9.30pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Halls.

Please remember to bring your registration form if you haven't done so already. Confirmation candidates, remember that you agreed as part of your registration to attend Xplore monthly as part of your preparation!

Enniskillen Rural Deanery is holding a Movie Night from 7.00-9.30pm on Friday 22nd February, in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall. All those in Years 8-12 are welcome to come along for pizza and fun with young people from other parishes in the Rural Deanery.

Pilgrim

Pilgrim, our adult formation course, begins again this month. We meet from 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Devenish Room. New members are always welcome!

Dates for the 'Spring Term' are:

Tue 5th February

Tue 19th February – Pilgrim attends the Bishop's talk on Disestablishment

Tue 5th March

Tue 19th March

Tue 2nd April

No meeting during Holy Week but you are encouraged to attend the Holy Week Service at 7.30pm.

Cathedral Family



Scott Elliott

Scott has been a life long member of St Macartin's Cathedral and has become a familiar face to us recently as he assists at all our services. We wish him every blessing to pursue his call to ordination.

What is your background?

I am a twenty-two year old student from outside the village of Lisbellaw, where I grew up on the family farm. My parents are Jim and Linda Elliott, with myself being the second eldest out of six children. I've been a member of St Macartin's Cathedral my entire life, having been baptized, attended Sunday school and confirmed in the parish. Prior to university I also assisted Rev Rob Clements with the Xplore youth group.

What have you studied?

After completing my A Levels I progressed onto studying theology at Queen's University Belfast. Reading theology at university was a very interesting part of my life and has greatly assisted with my journey in faith. Looking back, out of all the modules I undertook I'd have to say that my research of the messianic trajectories in Isaiah was a personal favorite.

What are your ambitions?

During my A Level studies I first began thinking about working towards entering into the ordained ministry, but felt that I needed to gain some more life experience beforehand. I was encouraged to undertake a degree and considered becoming a teacher of religious education. However, the calling of entering the ministry never left my mind, and I knew that I wanted to dedicate my life to serving Christ. Over the last few months I have been very privileged in shadowing both the

Cathedral Family

Dean and Rev Chris during Church services. Assisting in Church is an invaluable learning experience and I'm really enjoying getting to know members of the congregation better. I have been very fortunate to have been accepted onto the Foundation Course, which is a program designed to explore vocation within the Church of Ireland and I will commence studies this February.

What are your hobbies/interests?

I enjoy nothing better than socializing with friends, going to Belfast and taking care of George, my Old English Sheepdog. In the past I also enjoyed volunteering with various charities and I was involved with a number of community and charity schemes during my time at Queen's.

I am also keenly interested in history. In particular Christianity in the medieval era, Irish history and the Great War are subjects I like learning more about.

Do you travel?

In the last two years I have traveled to both Belgium and France. During my time in Belgium I visited many of the country's war memorials, museums and Churches. Throughout the year I like to take regular breaks throughout Ireland, but I'd have to say that I'm quite fond of the North Coast.

Favorite Bible verses

"The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my Father's God, and I will exalt Him" (Exodus.15:2).

"Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Favorite Hymn

What a friend I have in Jesus is one of my favorite hymns. I appreciate that the hymn presents Christ as a faithful friend who encourages mankind to seek Him and experience the transforming gifts of prayer.

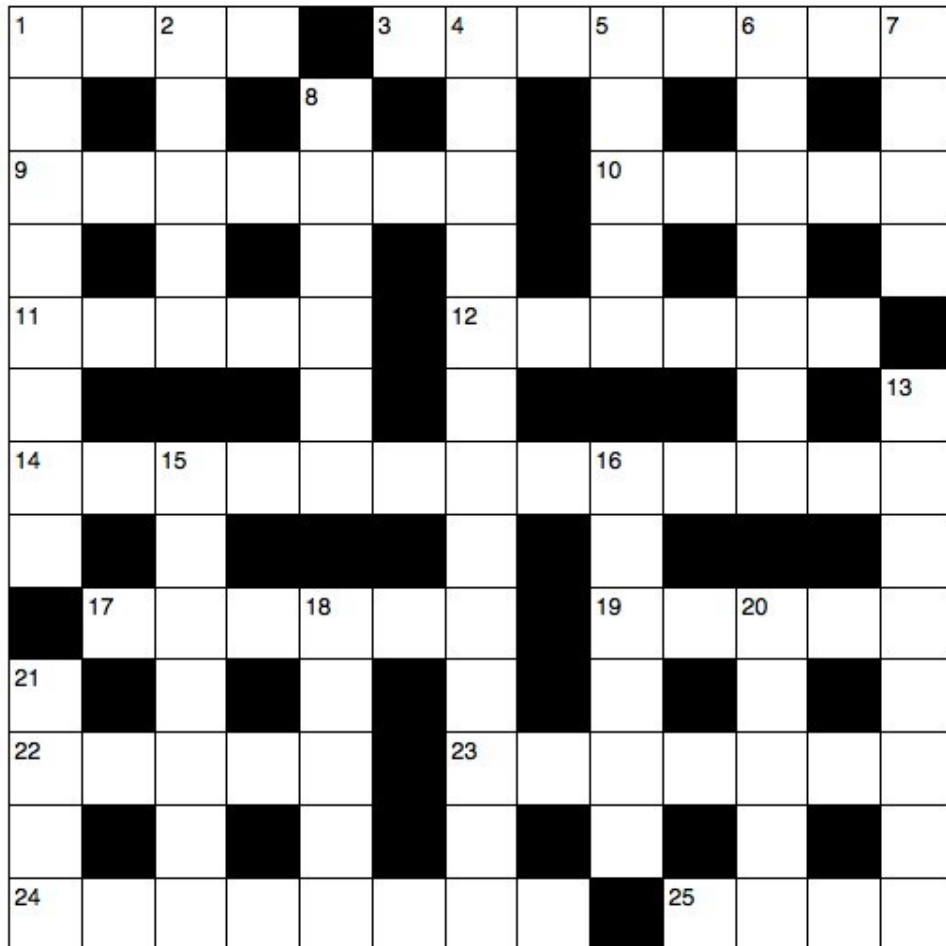
Bible Reading Notes

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



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

Crossword



Across

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten —?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Down

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
 - 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
 - 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
 - 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
 - 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
 - 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
 - 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
 - 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
 - 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
 - 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
 - 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
 - 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
 - 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)
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Updating Parish Records

At the beginning of this new year we are in the process of registering, re-registering or de-registering those who are not contributing and not attending church for a considerable period. We are constantly updating parish records and only know about changes when we are informed. Families move to new addresses and it requires investigative work to find out where they have moved to! Many family members have moved away to work elsewhere and may have left home. They may have joined a church wherever they are now living and no longer regard themselves as St Macartin's parishioners, yet they are still on our records. Please inform the Cathedral Office of any changes. We would be delighted if children of parishioners who are now earning money through employment would ask for FWO envelopes and help support their church!

If you do not receive the March Cathedral News or any subsequent ones, please contact the Cathedral Office (02866322917 or email: stmacartins@btopenworld.com) to make sure you are re-registered as a parishioner.

Cathedral News Contributions

If you enjoy this monthly publication we would appreciate a small donation towards the production costs. Enclosed with this magazine is an envelope which you can use. Simply return to the parish office or put on the collection plate any Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued support.

Canticles in Worship by Rev Chris Mac Bruithin

A new series of reflections on the Canticles in the Book of Common Prayer - Nunc Dimittis

If you attend our 7.00 pm Service of Evening Prayer, you will know that we almost always sing the canticle *Nunc Dimittis*. This is another of the canticles from Luke's Gospel (the others are *Benedictus* and *Magnificat*).

On 2nd February, the Church celebrates 'The Presentation of Christ', still known to many as Candlemas. This festival marks the event of Mary and Joseph taking their infant Jesus to the Jerusalem Temple to be presented to God, as was the custom. When they entered, the devout Simeon and Anna approached and prophesized concerning Jesus (Luke 2: 29-32). Simeon's song is what we call *Nunc Dimittis*, Latin for 'Now O Lord, you let' [your servant depart in peace].

While many had given up waiting for the Messiah, Simeon kept on hoping. Imagine how he must have felt when at last he recognizes the Christ Child and takes him in his arms. Old Simeon has been holding out. Now that he has seen God's salvation in the form of Jesus, he exclaims that he is ready to die peacefully.

Candlemas marks the end of Epiphany, shortly before the start of Lent. Epiphany is about light and revelation, especially to the nations of the earth, whether Jew like Simeon or Gentile like the Wise Men who followed the star. The canticle also points to Lent, with its challenge to be ready to face our death like the godly Simeon.

As the last canticle at Evening Prayer rounding off the day's scripture readings, we are challenged to respond like Simeon to God's Word and its fulfilment in our own lives.

Perhaps you associate *Nunc Dimittis* not with Evening Prayer but funerals. It is said or sung in the Prayer Book service for the receiving of a body into the church on the eve of a funeral. Commonly, clergy recite it as the coffin is carried out for burial following the funeral service. When we are bereaved, during the darkest and most troubled days of our lives, still we sing with Simeon about the light and the peace that can be ours when we recognize Jesus' presence with us.

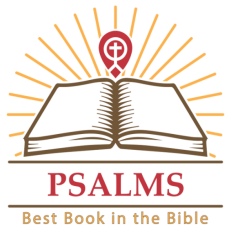
If you would like to sit quietly and meditate on the powerful words of Simeon's Song, then a simple Google search will bring up many recordings for you to enjoy on YouTube. There are many, many settings, so have a look and find your own favourite – try Mendelssohn, Stanford and Rutter. Or, you might like the metrical setting 'Faithful Vigil Ended' which is no 691 in the *Church Hymnal*.



Psalm

Psalm 95's wise words on worship

(Also see article on the Collects – The Venite in October Cathedral News)



Psalm 95 invites us to worship God and to engage with His presence and power.

Rejoicing in God (1-5): *'Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.'* (v1).

In worship we are called to praise God through *'singing, shouting and extolling'*, because He is our king (3), creator (4) and rock (1). He truly has the whole world in His hands, including you and me! Whatever our circumstances, worship enables us to acknowledge his sovereignty over our lives.

Reverence before God (6,7): *'Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.'* (v6).

Worship brings us into the place of submission before God. The NT word for worship means *'to prostrate'* ourselves before Him. It challenges the counterfeit *'gods'* in our lives eg. power, money, etc., as well as calling us to trust Him in whatever we are facing, as He is a loving shepherd who cares for us.



Responding to God (8-11): *'Today, if only you would hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as you did...in the wilderness,'* (v8,9).

Our worship enables us to listen and hear God's voice. He has a fresh word to speak into our lives on a daily basis. Unlike the people of Israel in

the wilderness, we are warned not to harden our hearts, but to embrace God's new life. The test of genuine worship is not whether it feels good or fits our taste, but does it lead to greater obedience in our lives.



St Brigid

Brigid, you could say, was the female Patrick of Ireland.

Historical facts about this first abbess of Kildare (d.c.525) may be scarce, but her 'Lives', written from the 7th century, tell many anecdotes and miracles which over the centuries have become deeply rooted in Irish folklore. Brigid came from a village near Kildare, of parents of humble origin, and is said to have been baptised by Patrick and became a nun at an early age. She is credited with founding the monastery of Kildare, a powerful influence for Christianity in Ireland. St Brigid features on our new stained glass window in the northwest porch of St Macartin's Cathedral. Brigid's cross is a small **cross** usually woven from rushes. Typically it has four arms tied at the ends and a woven square in the middle. The Feast Day is celebrated on 1st February each year.

The Collect of St Brigid's Day:

Father, by the leadership of your blessed servant Brigid you strengthened the Church in this land: As we give you thanks for her life of devoted service, inspire us with new life and light, and give us perseverance to serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Collect on page 305 of The Book of Common Prayer).



Mothers' Union

The January meeting on 14th January, held in the Hilliard Room, was a service of Holy Communion celebrated by Dean Hall.

The AGM followed with Dean Hall presiding. The annual reports were presented by Hon Secretary Sally Masterson, Hon Treasurer Eleanor Lynn and overseas representative Jenifer Johnston. All offices were declared vacant, the elections made were Branch Leader/Enrolling member Stephaine Hamilton, Hon Secretary Sally Masterson with Valerie Thompson assisting. Congratulations were extended to Jenifer Johnston as newly elected Hon Treasurer with Eleanor Lynn assisting. Congratulations were also extended to Valerie Watson as newly elected Overseas Representative. Committee - Stephanle Hall, Christine Halpin, Hazel Hunter, Avril Kee, Estelle Latimer, Margaret Owens, Maud Shaw, Susan Spratt & Jeanette Wilson. The Dean & Branch Leader paid a warm tribute to outgoing Treasurer Eleanor Lynn for her valuable contribution to the Mother's Union. The meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer.

The next meeting on 11th February is an evening with Rev Paul Thompson on his work as Prison Chaplain.

Womens World Day of Prayer

Takes place on Friday 1st March at 8.00pm in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church.

Parochial Organisations

Tuesday Club

Dean Hall opened the November meeting with prayer and a bible reading. Group Leader Eleanor extended a warm welcome to all in attendance. Guest speaker was Mrs Ann Rowley. Ann shared her craft talents with us and we all produced a little Christmas tree decoration under guidance. Much fun was had in the process. The meeting concluded with afternoon tea. The January meeting was a game of 'bocce' organised by Jack Spratt. The next meeting will be held on 26th February at 2.00pm and is a talk on 'Living with Dementia.'



Photographs by Maud Shaw

Tuesday Club members with
Ann Rowley (middle left).

Parochial Organisations

Bowling Club



On Wednesday 5th December a Round Robin bowls tournament was held in the Cathedral Hall in aid of the Air Ambulance. When play was completed and refreshments had been served a cheque for £225-00 was presented to Mrs Myrtle Irvine, a representative for Air Ambulance, by Violet & Gerry Venard on behalf of the club. Myrtle then thanked the club members for their kind donation and informed the assembled players about the work carried out by the Air Ambulance in Northern Ireland and how important their contribution is to the emergency services in the Province.

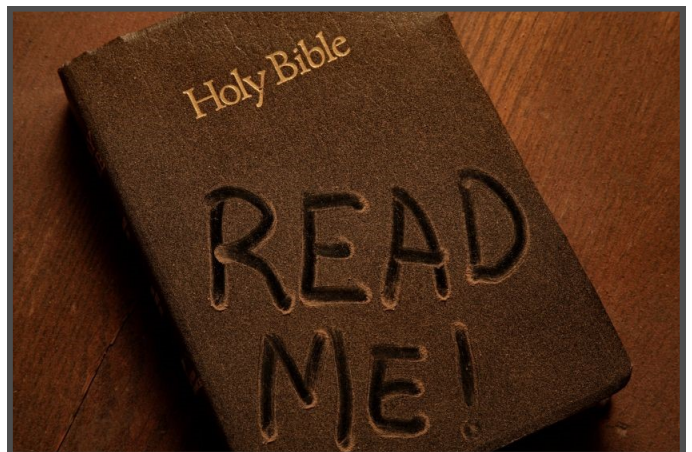
Footnote from The Dean

The Bowling Club meets twice on Wednesdays. Firstly between 10.30am – 12.00noon for fun bowls and then between 7.30pm – 10.00pm. Bowling offers fun and fellowship and it a great way to meet and socialise with others! Why not come along and see for yourself? You will be made most welcome.

Brain Teaser Solution (from Dec 18/Jan 19 Magazine)

Can you find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage?

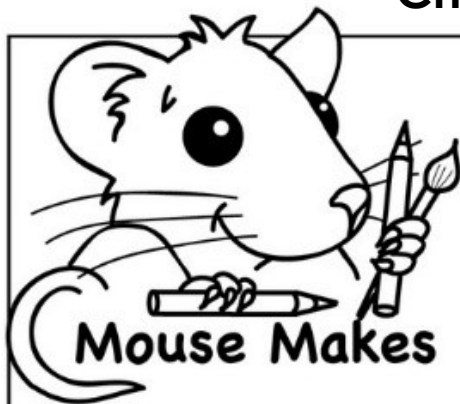
This is **a most** remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, **keeping** him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his **John**-boat. Another friend studied it while playing his **banjo**. **Elaine** Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it, she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend **judges** the **job** of solving this puzzle so involving that **she brews** a cup of tea to help her nerves. **There** will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a **fact**. **Some** people, however, will soon find themselves in a **jam**, **especially** since the books are not necessarily capitalised. **Truthfully** **from** answers we get, we are forced to admit **it** **usually** takes a minister or scholar to see some of them **at the worst**. Research has shown that something in our **genes** **is** responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event, which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta **Phil-Lemonade** booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the **Chronicle**, surveyed over 50 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As **Daniel** Humana **humbly** puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight". **Those** **able** to find all of them will hear great **lamentations** from those who have to be shown. One **revelation** that may help is that books **Timothy** and **Samuel** appear without their **numbers**. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. **A** chipper attitude will help you **compete** really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mass **exodus**, there really are 30 books of the Bible **lurking** somewhere in these paragraphs waiting to be found.



Answers to Crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.
DOWN: 1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.

Children's Page



WHAT IS LOVE?

Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP
CGHUADPBTFEKRA
FJOMUORD
VWEURDSKEV
TOEGNP

God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp
uibu fwfszpof xip cfmjfwft
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."
Kpio 3:16

How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

God showed His love for us
by sending his only son into
the world, so that we
might have life
through him
1 John 4:9

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!

xxGxixvxexxtxhxaxnxkxsxxtxoxxtxhx
exxLxoxrxdx,xfxoxrxxHxexxiixxsxg
xoxxoxdx,xxHxixsxsxxtxeaxxdx
fxaxsxtxxlxoxvxeexnxdxu
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.
xpxsxaxxlmx
1x3x6:1

"The steadfast love of
the Lord never ceases"
Lamentations 3:22

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore
Assistant Director of Music - Jayne Malcolmson
Churchwardens - Sandra Richmond and Karen Clyde
Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston
Select Vestry - Raymond Campbell, David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,
Linda Corrigan, Jenifer Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),
Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J Nixon, Stephen Richmond,
Brian Rutledge and Jonathan Woods
Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson
Verger - Andrew McCabe Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

February Lessons and Readers

Sunday 3rd Februaury: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The First Reading - Ezekiel 43: 27 - 44: 4 - Harold Hunter
The Psalm - Psalm 48
The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 - Avril Kee
The Gospel Reading - Luke 2: 22-40 - The Dean

Sunday 10th February The Fourth Sunday before Lent

The First Reading - Isaiah 6: 1-8 - David J Nixon
The Psalm - Psalm 138
The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 - Linda Kingston
The Gospel Reading - Luke 5: 1-11 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 17th February The Third Sunday before Lent

The First Reading - Jeremiah 17: 5-10 - Jim Nixon
The Psalm - Psalm 1
The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 - Margaret Owens
The Gospel Reading - Luke 6: 17-26 - The Curate

Sunday 24th February The Second Sunday before Lent

Family Service with Scouts and Guides -
World Thinking Day



Welcome Team February 2019

03 Doris and Gordon Jackson
10 Adele and Andrew Kerr
17 Jenifer and Noel Johnston
24 Marie and Sam Morrow

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

11.00am - Sunday School - Begins in church and children leave for classes.

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

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

Holy Communion (fourth Sundays)

A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing (fifth Sundays)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

1.05pm - Healing Service (fourth Thursday)

4.00pm - Messy Church (Thursday once per month as arranged)

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

MONDAY

Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

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

Pilgrim - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged)

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

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

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