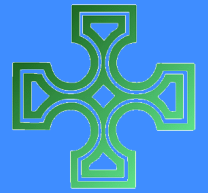


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frankincense and myrrh.'* (Matthew 2: 11).



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,

We have just celebrated the season of Epiphany and later this month we move into the season of Lent. In Epiphany we remember the Magi from the East who followed a star and with great joy found the baby Jesus.

At the start of a New Year, amid the uncertainty of the pandemic, are we asking the same question? The gifts they offered show us how we can find Him in the uncertainty of the coming year: 'they presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.' (Matthew 2: 11).

The gift of gold reflects that the Magi saw in the baby a king, destined to rule over us all. In this coming year we need to remember that Jesus is on the throne, the seat of power and authority in the whole universe. Will we crown Him king of our lives and dedicate all that we are and do to Him?

The gift of frankincense reflects that the visitors saw not just an earthly king, but God in human flesh. Incense symbolises the prayers of God's people and so this gift reminds us that God is worthy of our worship and prayer. Will we offer our praise and prayer, as we seek God to guide us through the uncertainties of this time?

The gift of myrrh reflects that these astrologers saw beyond the baby's birth and life, to His death which would secure life for all. Jesus was offered myrrh on the cross and it was a spice used in His tomb. As we face the sufferings of this New Year, we can be confident that Jesus knows and understands our experience.

The season of Lent is also about finding true and lasting joys. A joy that can be present even in situations of suffering losses. The disciplines of Lent do sound rigorous, but sometimes we need to abstain from the shallow entertainment in life to be able to get to the true happiness. That true happiness can be found in the exciting (even adventurous) purpose God has for our lives, in the loving and caring relationship between God and us and between us and all those he also created in His image regardless of any difference!



So, this season, I invite you to come to church during Lent (in person or join us on-line through our webcam), expecting to find answers you may never have expected to get, to find joy in all - even hard situations, and possibilities for your life you never thought possible!

In this season of Lent 2021, let us celebrate our awesome God, our Cathedral Church Family, and our faith in Christ.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall

Church Envelopes

Our FWO envelopes for 2021 were delivered to every home at the beginning of December. If you have not received any, please contact the Cathedral Office.

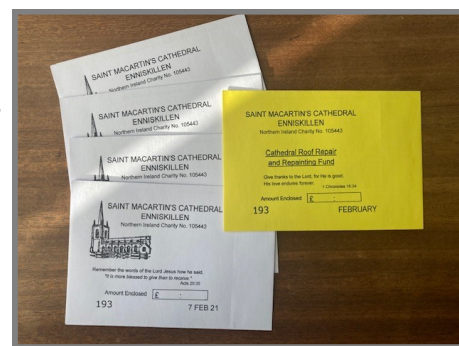
You will be aware that we have the added commitment of restoring the cathedral roof this year. Re-roofing the cathedral is a massive project costing approximately £400,000. If this were to be divided

equally among our contributing families it would be an exorbitant amount each, however we hope that every family will contribute as much as they can afford to see our magnificent building fully restored. I am not asking you to contribute above your means, but what I am asking you to do is to consider what you spent on non-essential items and give accordingly to the church – we know God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). All of us 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.

In each box there are twelve additional yellow envelopes – one for each month. They are placed at the start of each month in the hope that more funds are available then. Please give as generously as you can. The white envelopes are the regular weekly envelopes and we very much depend on your generosity in these to keep our day-to-day expenses covered.

If you wish to pay to either the Roof Fund or the regular weekly contributions by Standing Order that can be arranged by contacting the Cathedral Office. Details of all contributions will be recorded in the end of the year Annual Accounts and you can remain anonymous if you so request.

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



The Dean

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

19th December - Noah Finlay Edwards

"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

27th November – Jane Alice Robinson and Thomas Ian Weir.

4th December - Amy Christina Marshall and Michael Stephen James Hall.

12th December - Karen Anne Margaret Scott and Arnold Richard Graham.

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



Burial

20th November - Florence Graham,
53 Tartaraghan Road, Portadown
formerly Fortlea, Enniskillen.

3rd December - Frances Marina (Rene) Perry,
County Care Home, Enniskillen
Formerly Derrychara Park, Enniskillen.

9th December - Basil Elliott,
Fairview Avenue, Enniskillen.

Cremation

23rd November - Keith Wilson Styles,
Little Derryinch, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes (Cathedral Garden of Remembrance)

12th December - Hannah Marie Blackthorn,
4B Market Street, Enniskillen.

23rd December - Shirley Elizabeth Geraldine 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

£750 Donations in memory of the late Mr Thomas Whyte.

£100 Donation in memory of Joseph and Margaret Doogan.
From their daughter Renee.

£100 Donation in memory of his parents Phyllis and John and Aunt May.
From David Johnston.

£50 Donation from Mr Ronnie Warren (in memory of Shirley Rowland).

£3,000 Donation from Mrs Una Bourke.

£40 Donation from Mr & Mrs J Patterson.

£1,000 Donation from Dr & Mrs J Graham.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs G Boyd.

£500 Donation from Mr & Mrs N Kells.

£50 Donation from Mrs Hazel Lendrum (in memory of Shirley Rowland).

£2,000 Donation from Mr & Mrs Jonathan Styles.

£1,000 Donation from Mrs Betty Styles.

£123.60 Donation from Mrs Mary McClaughlin (from collecting loose change).

£250 Donation from St Macartin's Cathedral Bowling Club.

£100 Donation from Mrs Margaret Cooper.

£200 Donation from Mr & Mrs Will Stevenson.

£200 Donation from Mr & Mrs Arnold Graham.

£200 Donation from Mrs Denise Rooney.

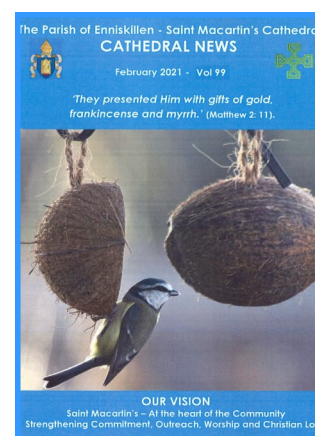
£500 Donation from Mr & Mrs J Nixon (in memory of Shirley Rowland).

Choral Scholarship Fund

£1000 Anonymous donation.

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. Thank you for your continued support.



Parish Donations

Donations in Appreciation of Live Streaming

£50 Donation in memory of his parents Phyllis and John and Aunt May.
From David Johnston.

£50 Anonymous donation.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs A Birrell.

£100 Donation from Miss Marie McCordick and Miss Heather Reid.

£250 Donation from Mr & Mrs Alexander McElmurray.

£200 Donation from Mrs Sylvia McClung.

Fabric Fund

£175 Donations in memory of the late Mr Glenn Fawcett.

£25 Donation from Mrs M Pierce.

£100 Donation from Mrs Betty Dickson.

£25 Donation from Mr & Mrs V Kerr.

£200 Donation from Mr & Mrs Paul Barton.

£300 Donation from Rev Canon Desmond and Mrs Pat Kingston.

£5 Donation from Mr K Beal.

£100 Anonymous donation in memory of my husband at Christmas.

£539 Donations in memory of the late Mr William Gault.

\$100 Donation in memory of Jack Robinson from Mr David Holroyd.

Mini Bus Fund

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Arnold Graham.

Prayer Books

The image shows the front cover of a dark blue prayer book. The title 'THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER' is printed in gold, serif, all-caps font at the top. Below the title, there is a faint, larger-scale pattern, possibly a coat of arms or a religious symbol, also in gold. The cover has a textured appearance.

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

End of Life Care in the Year 2020

Death is never easy to come to terms with, at any stage of life, but this past year has proved to be an exceptionally difficult year in end-of-life ministry, both for the families concerned and myself. In my twenty-two years since ordination, I have witnessed things that I thought would never happen. Praying with the dying by video and seeing someone lying on their death bed surrounded by medical staff all gowned up with masks and visors – how scary that must be for a dying person, and seeing, or maybe only hearing me, not in person, but through some form of technology. How demoralizing that can be for both patient and cleric.

Often, I had to get a member of the medical profession to sign the dying person with the sign of the cross as I prayed the final blessing, committing them into God's eternal care.

We have underestimated, and often taken for granted, the

privilege of being able to be present at bedsides, to touch a person, to hold their hand and to comfort them in their hour of need. Likewise, being able to put one's arms around a grieving family member is now also denied by this deadly virus, that has stripped us of many things that we once took for granted.

Words often fail to express sympathy to grieving family members, and many people do not know what to say. And what do you say to those immediately affected? What we used to do was just to be there to support those greatest affected, to forget about words if necessary and to just offer a shoulder to lean on or to cry on. Very often words do not matter anyway - just being there is what counts – even that is now not possible with social distancing.

This past year has been a year like no other. Even arranging funerals by telephone, not meeting close relatives until they arrive at the grave side and even then, it has to be a 'nod of sympathy' at a distance.

How I, and many other clergy long to return to the role we were ordained to fulfill by being able to offer a caring pastoral and priestly ministry.

The Dean

Cathedral Restoration Project

As pointed out in earlier features, McCollum Construction, led by Mr Chris McCollum, has been appointed to plan and supervise this major project. Progress has been slower than planned due to the firm's staff absences due to Covid-19. However, the detailed drawings required by Building Control have now been completed and submitted. This is an important first step in the approval process required for the work.

It is hoped that invitations to tender, together with detailed specifications of the work involved, will be issued to selected contractors during February. Work will therefore not start until March at the very earliest. It will be most important that a contractor with the right skills is appointed for this important work.

Complex scaffolding arrangements will be required for the cathedral's complex roof structure. This will be arranged in such a way that it will not interfere with access to the cathedral which will be available for worship



Access will be maintained during the work.

Cathedral Restoration Project



A complex roof structure.

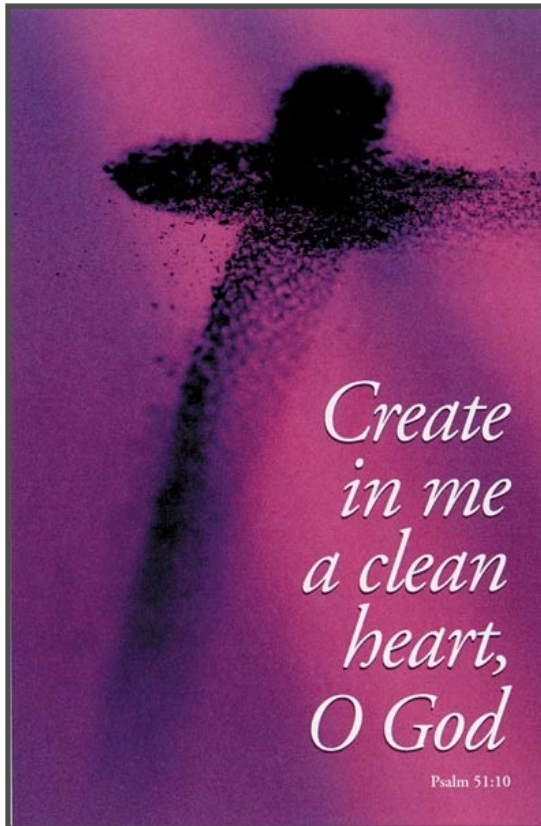
Health and Safety aspects will be major considerations for Mr McCollum and the contractor. The Cathedral's insurance company will be informed in advance of commencement of the work.

Despite the initial delay, it is still the intention to have the external work and the internal redecoration completed in time for major celebrations of the cathedral's 400 year history during 2022.



The Chapter Room roof is in bad condition.

Ash Wednesday and Lent



Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always forty six days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a forty day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The forty day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday 24th February

7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 3rd March

7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 10th March

7.30pm – Compline

Wednesday 17th March

7.30pm – Compline

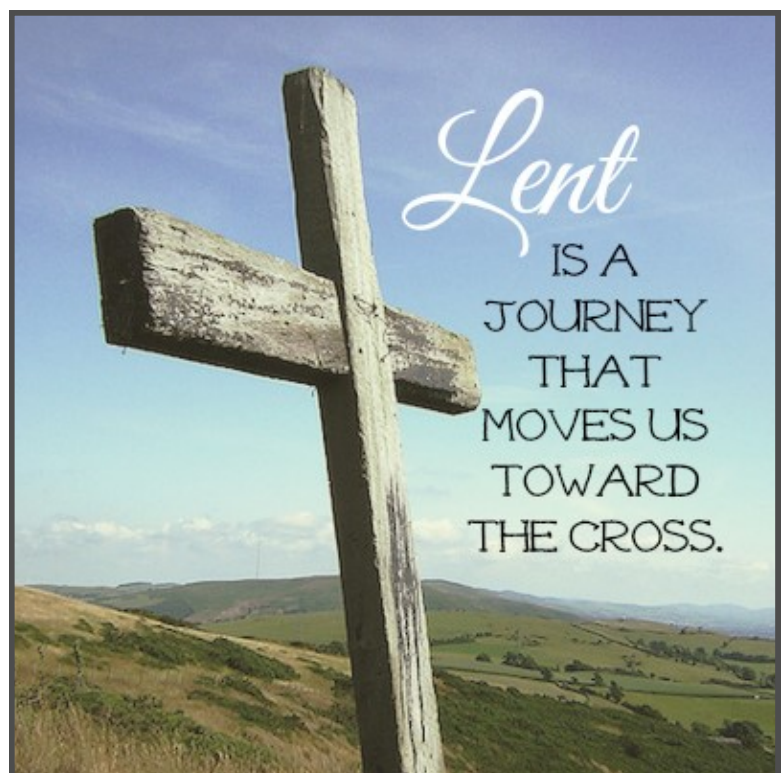
Wednesday 24th March

7.30pm – Compline

These services were planned but are cancelled due to Corona Virus restrictions.

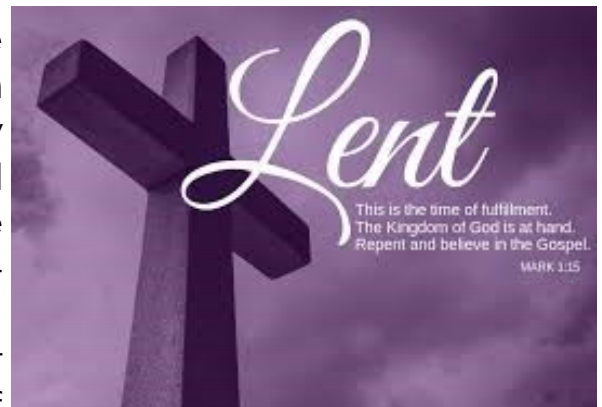
Please use the service of Compline on pages 12 and 13 for your private devotions at home.

A page of prayers are also printed on page 20.



Lent

Lent serves as a time of preparation in the run-up to Easter and is observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. In many churches the bright colours which followed Christmas will be replaced by the more sombre colour of purple, and it is the custom to remove flowers (during Holy Week) and to choose hymns which also reflect the season. On Easter day the brightness of the flowers, the hymns and alleluia will be re-instated, thus adding to the joy and celebration of the day.



Lasting forty days, many Christians draw inspiration from the account of Jesus being tempted in the desert, where for forty days Jesus, 'full of the Holy Spirit', was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing and at the end of the time 'was hungry'. For Jesus, this time in the desert immediately pre-fixed what is seen as the start of His ministry. It was for Him, a time of preparation. Lent should not be viewed as a legalistic or compulsory act, rather as a fantastic opportunity to set time apart for spiritual cleansing, renewal, and preparation. Christians believe that because it was the sin of man that led Jesus to be crucified, Lent should be used as a time to reflect on the significance of Christ's death, both for humanity as a whole and for their own lives. Furthermore, the season should serve as a time of self-examination and confession of sins, of overcoming faults through penance, self-denial from certain items (fasting), of prayer and repentance, and of giving (both financially and in time).

Prayer

Almighty God, You promise to hear us when we come to you in prayer. We so need Your listening ear at this time as the pandemic continues. When we are afraid, or lonely, or grieving, or in despair, help us to trust You and to know that You are with us in the middle of it all, sustaining us. You are not social-distancing, You are very, very close, full of love and compassion. We pray for our NHS and ask for Your special strength and protection for all staff. Thank you for the hope which the vaccines bring. Most of all thank You for the hope which Jesus brings. This earthly life is a whisper in the light of eternity and Jesus is the key to that eternal life. Thank You, Father, for meeting all our needs in Jesus. Amen.

An Order for Compline to be used during Lent

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Brethren, be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist, steadfast in the faith. *1 Peter 5: 8, 9.*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. **Thanks be to God.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Psalm 31: 1-6

1 In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net, that they have laid privily for me, for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit, for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

READING

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11: 28-30*

or

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. *Hebrews 13: 20, 21*

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2: 29-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended

An Order for Compline to be used during Lent

into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us. **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our fathers, **to be praised and glorified above all for ever;**

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven

to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, That we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, Through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, Forgive us all our sins, Deliver us from all evil, Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, And bring us to life everlasting; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us **that thy people may rejoice in thee?**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us **and grant us thy salvation.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin. **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.** O Lord, hear our prayer **and let our cry come unto thee.**

THE COLLECTS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest.

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us this night and for evermore. **Amen.**

Cathedral Family - Youth Workers

Tell us about your early days.

I was born in County Down, but Fermanagh has been home since I was four. I had a very happy childhood with a great family around me. I went to the Moat Primary school in Lisnaskea, followed by the Collegiate Grammar School in Enniskillen. I always knew I wanted to teach and I graduated from Stranmillis University College with a degree in Post-Primary Education and have been working in schools around Fermanagh ever since.

What are your hobbies/interests?

I spend a lot of time volunteering and working with young people within various youth and community organisations. When I'm not working, I just love spending time with friends and family. I also love to travel - although there wasn't much of that in 2020! Last year saw me try lots of new hobbies including painting, gardening, DIY and playing guitar...some were more successful than others!

Do you travel/hope to travel?

When I was a child, my family spent our holidays around Ireland; West Cork is probably my favourite place in the world. I have done a bit of travelling around America; both as a volunteer with the Ulster Project and as a tourist. I embarked on an epic trip around California with a couple of my friends after university - looking back we had no idea what we were undertaking, but we came back with lots of great stories. I've travelled around parts of Europe- including France, Poland and Slovakia, where I took part in an Erasmus youth training workshop. I spent a lot of time during lockdown compiling a Bucket List of places I want to visit when we're all able to travel again. I love the sun, so Australia is quite near the top!

Favourites in life—food/film/books?

I love to cook and come up with new recipes, but it's hard to beat my Mum's cooking or when my Dad decides to BBQ!

I enjoy all kind of films - from scary movies to musicals.

One of the silver linings to 2020 was that I spent more time reading. It is hard to pick a favourite book, but I enjoy thrillers with twists and turns. I also love to read old Agatha Christie novels as well as classics such as 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and 'The Catcher in the Rye'- some books just resonate with you long after you read them.

What is your ideal day?

I am much too indecisive to choose just one...but any day spent relaxing in the sunshine with good company, good food and good craic is a day well spent.

Have you a favourite bible verse/hymn?

Growing up, I always loved the hymns in church, especially the familiar ones like 'Be thou

Laura Richmond



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my vision'. Rend Collective's contemporary version is great too.

My favourite verse is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." It has always provided me with a sense of comfort even when I feel out of my depth. It reminds me to have faith that things will work out exactly as they are meant to.

Tell us about your early days.

I was born in Enniskillen and have lived in Fermanagh my whole life. I grew up in Lisnaskea with my mum, dad, brother and sister. I went to the Moat Primary School and then onto the Collegiate. I graduated from Ulster University in 2018 with a degree in Human Nutrition.

Sophie Richmond



What are your hobbies/interests?

Before lockdown, most of my time was spent volunteering and travelling with Enniskillen Ulster Project. I also love to bake, read, explore coffee shops and go for the occasional run!

Do you travel/hope to travel?

I love travelling! My family and I have visited every county in Ireland. I studied abroad in Tulsa, Oklahoma (USA) for a year during university and have also visited 13 other states. Next on my list is Australia and New Zealand.

Favourites in life—food/film/books?

Favourite meal: My mum's roast chicken dinner- her mushroom stuffing is delicious!

Favourite film: The Parent Trap (1998 version). It's a childhood favourite and my dad still uses the line "get into these arms you little punk" when he wants a hug.

Favourite book: I'm a big fan of the Harry Potter series and reread all of the books during lockdown. Although I'm a sucker for all things romance and a recent favourite was The Switch by Beth O'Leary.

What is your best day?

On our last family holiday we stayed in Clonakilty, Cork and visited Mizen Head lighthouse. I loved getting to experience it with my family. If it's not on your bucket list, it should be!

Have you a favourite bible verse/hymn?

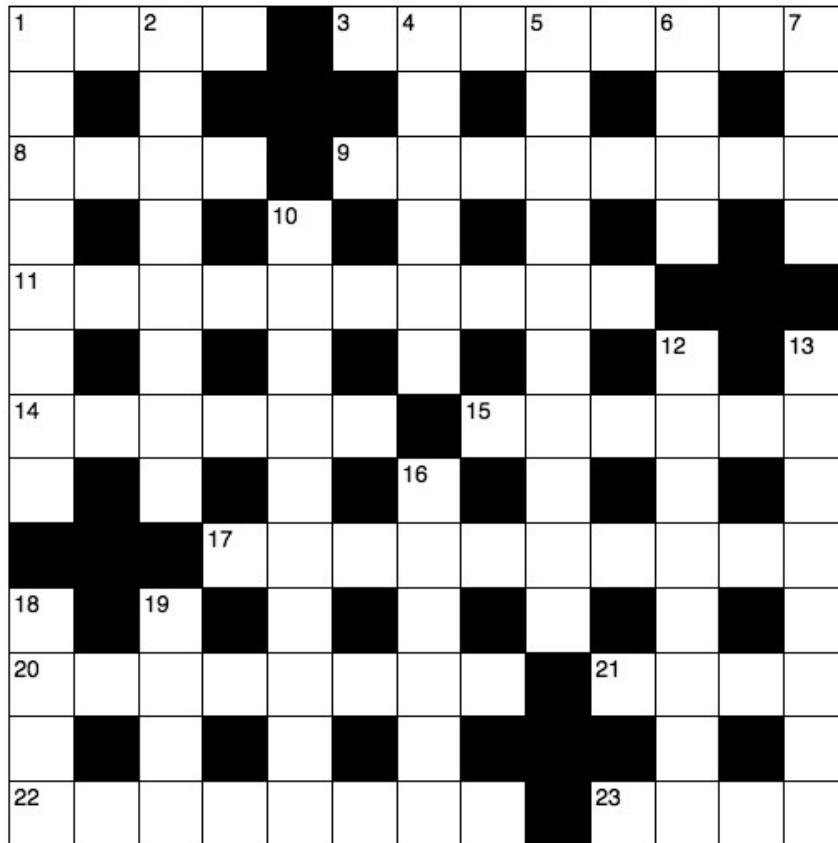
My favourite verse is Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

My favourite hymn is King of Kings, Majesty.

Any challenges?

I hope to become a Home Economics teacher and am currently applying to undertake a PGCE. Hoping I make it past the interview stage!

Crossword



Across

- 1 'Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a — began to crow' (John 18:27) (4)
- 3 Fetters (Job 33:11) (8)
- 8 Perform on a musical instrument (1 Samuel 16:23) (4)
- 9 Paul describes it as 'the third heaven' (2 Corinthians 12:2-4) (8)
- 11 Loyally (Deuteronomy 11:13) (10)
- 14 Hens? Me? (anag.) (6)
- 15 Not visible (Matthew 6:6) (6)
- 17 Predicted site of the final great battle (Revelation 16:16) (10)
- 20 Jacob's youngest son (Genesis 35:18) (8)
- 21 One of Zophar's eleven sons (1 Chronicles 7:36) (4)
- 22 For example, London, Paris, Rome (8)
- 23 United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (1,1,1,1)

Down

- 1 Favourite church activity: Fellowship round a — — — (3,2,3)
- 2 Divinely bestowed powers or talents (8)
- 4 Pile together (1 Thessalonians 2:16) (4,2)
- 5 Commanded to justify (John 8:13) (10)
- 6 Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5) (4)
- 7 Killed (Psalm 78:34) (4)

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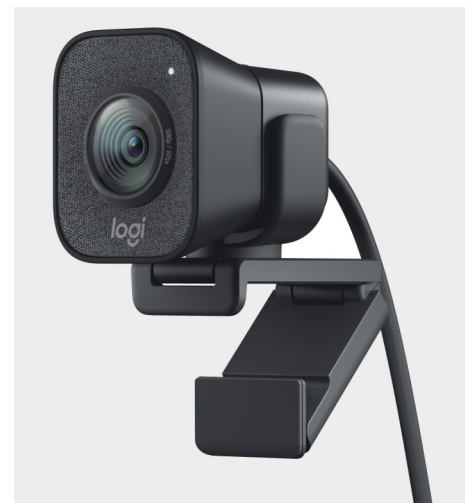
- 10 One of Graham Kendrick's best-known songs, — — King (3,7)
 - 12 Indecency (Mark 7:22) (8)
 - 13 Unceasing (Jeremiah 15:18) (8)
 - 16 He prophesied 'the abomination that causes desolation' (Matthew 24:15) (6)
 - 18 British Board of Film Classification (1,1,1,1)
 - 19 Pans (anag.) (4)
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Viewing Online

Website visits in 2020 from 1st January till 31st December: Approximately 61,000. (Between 3rd December 2020 and 3rd January 2021 there were approximately 5,900 visits) On YouTube, there were 56,591 views in 2020, (9400 hours) though that only dates from Easter. Easter Sunday, where only the Dean and Jane were present had 1702 views. The most popular video of the year was the funeral of Shirley Rowland in November (6405). Remembrance Sunday has 5150 despite technical difficulties on the day. In December the most popular video was the wedding of Amy Marshall and Michael Hall (2708) followed by the Carol Service (916). Christmas Eve evening was 396 and Christmas morning was 391. The number of live viewers each week is currently between 100 and 150 but during severe lockdown restrictions there were around 300. Interestingly, views of recordings afterwards far outweigh the live ones. Most range between 400 and 800 for normal services but occasionally go well over 1200. Viewers watched 502,912 minutes in 2020.

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 to those who have already renewed and for using the car park responsibly.

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While 2020 has been a year like no other, we still have lots of things to be thankful for. The Cathedral was transformed for Christmas with 12 Christmas trees by Sabrina McCabe, pictured left with the main tree at the front of the Cathedral. Maureen Farrelly who has been doing floral displays in the Cathedral for many years, made the Advent Wreath.

A candle is lit each Sunday during Advent and the fifth one on Christmas Day. Willie Holmes, our webmaster and projectionist, is a man of many talents. He has been baking a Christmas cake each year which he puts on Facebook asking his followers to guess how much there is of a certain ingredient to win it. This year it was won by the Parish Secretary Beth Renick. Willie and Beth are pictured right when he delivered the cake which looked beautiful and tasted delicious.



Prayers for Private Use

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. Amen

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. May we as congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise: bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin, that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth

Everyone in the Children and Youth team looks forward to the day when 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.

From the Children and Youth team

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8. 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 below.

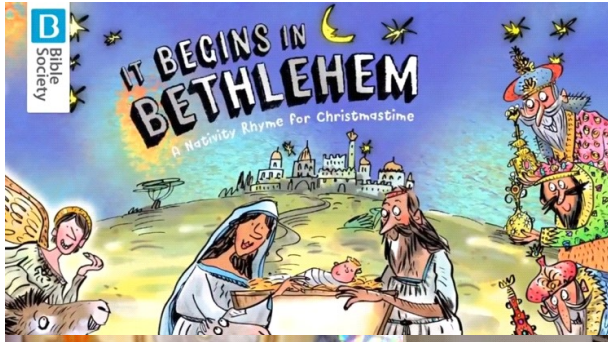
SUNDAY LIGHTS + CAFE 2021 DATES

Jan	Feb	Mar	April
2021	2021	2021	2021
10 th	7 th	7 th	18 th
17 th	21 st	21 st	25 th
24 th	28 th	28 th	
31 st			



Youth

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral



Pictures from
December's
Messy Church.



Youth

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We love Messy Church @ Home! In December we learnt about Jesus' birth and the story of the first Christmas. This month we created our own nativity scenes, made some stars and angels to add to our Christmas trees and decorated gingerbread houses. Dean Hall delivered a Christmas message and we even had an early visit from Santa!

There was no Messy Church in January.

This month Messy Church is on Thursday 18th February (craft pick up on Monday 15th February). 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!**

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 2021 is included below.

Messy Church Dates 2020/21

18th February

18th March

15th April

Pack Pick-Up Date (4-5pm)

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

Overcoming Disappointment

'We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.' (Martin Luther King, Jr).

During this current pandemic, one of the dominant emotions is disappointment. It comes out of our expectations of life, even as people of faith. The life story that we adopt for ourselves is that life should be long and healthy; we can be-



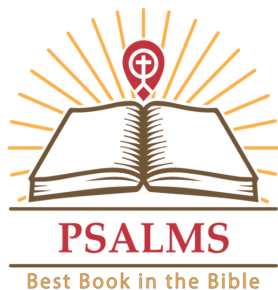
come anything we want, and we have perfect families, homes, holidays and retirement! No wonder we are disappointed when things do not work out like this, especially during the pandemic.

Jesus tells the story of a wealthy farmer, living the good life (Luke: 12:13-21), when God says: 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' It is a very modern story, as this farmer's expectations of the future took no account of death or God. Like death, there are unexpected moments that interrupt our life story, including illness, redundancy, divorce, or the pandemic.

If we pay more attention to how Covid upsets us, we can discern where we have set our hearts. What life story are we really living for? What are our expectations for work, family and friends, health, God or church? At the end of His parable, Jesus offers this challenge: '*This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.*' (Verse 21). At the beginning of a New Year, are we ready to align our story more to God's story for us? Reflect on Jesus' parable, asking how God can be at the heart of our life story.

What words would we like to see written on our gravestone when we die, describing the way that we have lived our life? With God's help, those words can reflect our life today!

Psalm



'I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.' (Psalm 40:1).

'Dear God, I pray for patience, and I want it now!' Most of us can identify with this prayer, especially as we face an uncertain future. Psalm 40:1-3 describes how David waited *patiently* on God (*'I waited, waited for the Lord.'*). Do we also intensively wait on

God?

David speaks of falling into a deep, dark well and sinking deep into the sludge: *'a slimy pit of mud and mire'*. This expresses his desperate helplessness that threatened to take his life. We do not know what David was going through, but in our current situation we can easily identify with him.

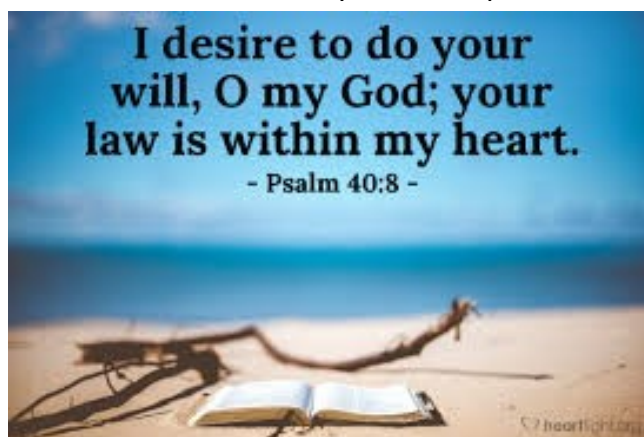
David cried out to God, who answered his prayer: *'He lifted me out of the slimy pit, he*

set my feet on a rock'. There is a world of difference between quicksand and rock, as God lifts us from desperation to security. Waiting on God is not inactivity, but it means engaging in service to God and others, as we discern His will and accept His wisdom and timing.

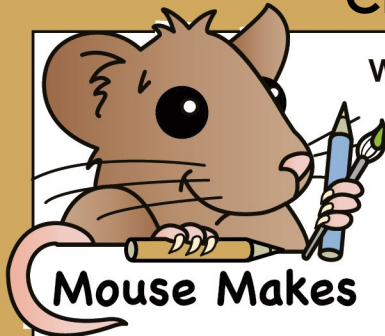
In response, David offers praise to God: *'He put a new song in my mouth. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.'* His song is an expression of

gratitude and trust in God, who can deliver us from every sort of pit and mire. People of praise never take their life for granted and they are credible witnesses to others, with a personal story of faith to tell.

'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not look to the proud.' Whatever our current circumstances, we can confidently turn to God alone for help, as our loving heavenly Father.



Children's Page



What happened after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem?

READ Matthew 2:1-12

Who came from the East? ☆

Why had they come? ☆

What were they following? ☆

Who was alarmed by their arrival?

Who had the prophet written about?

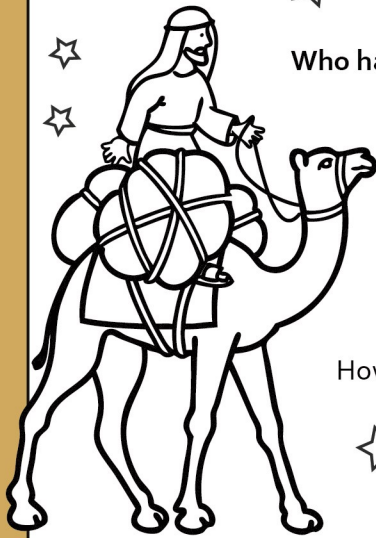
Where were they then sent?

What were they to look for?
..... and why?

Where did the star lead them?

Who did they see? What did they do?

How were they warned to go home another way?



READ Matthew 2:13-23

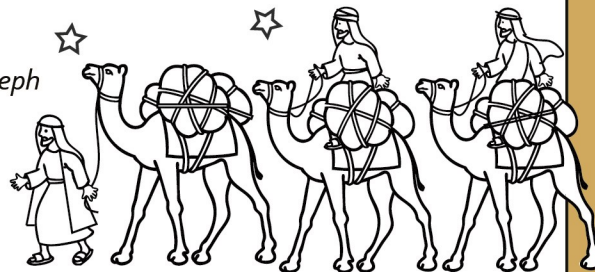
Who appeared to Joseph?

What was he told? Why? What did he do?

Who then became angry? and why? What horrible thing did he then do?

When Herod died where was Joseph told to take his family?

Where did Jesus finally grow up?



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Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Cock, 3, Shackles, 8, Play, 9, Paradise, 11, Faithfully, 14, Emmesh, 15, Unseen, 17, Armageddon, 20, Benjamin, 21, Ber, 22, Capitals, 23, USFG.
DOWN: 1, Cup of tea, 2, Charisma, 4, Heap up, 5, Challenged, 6, Lois, 7, Slew, 10, The Servant, 12, Lewdness, 13, Unending, 16, Daniel, 18, BBFC, 19, Snap.

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

February Lessons and Readers

Sunday 7th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

The First Reading - Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

The Psalm - Psalm 104: 26-37

The Second Reading - Colossians 1: 15-20

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 1-14

Sunday 14th February: The Sunday before Lent

The First Reading - 2 Kings 2: 1-12

The Psalm - Psalm 50: 1-6

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

The Gospel Reading - Mark 9: 2-9

Sunday 21st February: The First Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Genesis 9: 8-17

The Psalm - Psalm 25: 1-9

The Second Reading - 1 Peter 3: 18-22

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 9-15

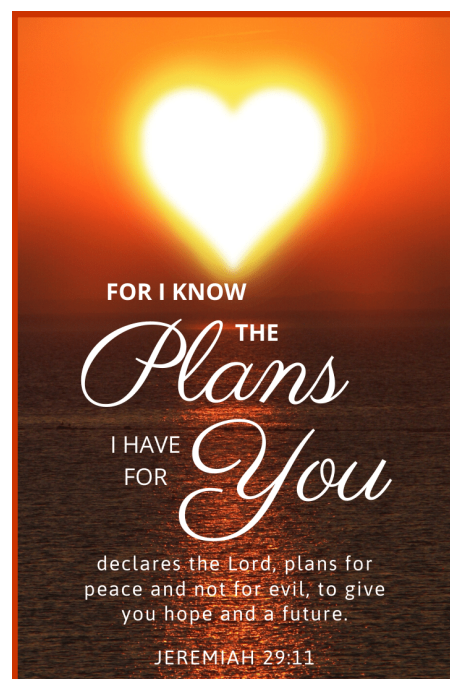
Sunday 28th February: The Second Sunday before Lent

The First Reading - Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

The Psalm - Psalm 22: 23-31

The Second Reading - Romans 4: 13-25

The Gospel Reading - Mark 9: 2-9



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!**