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*'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints;
extend hospitality to strangers.'* Romans 12:12,13



OUR VISION

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

Collared Doves
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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is really about denying yourself of something that you enjoy in order to be reminded that it is God that you depend on in life; that it is your heavenly Father that you most need in life - not Facebook or a favourite food! This is the real meaning of Lent. In this way Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. He voluntarily removed himself from the pleasures of life and company of people so that he could draw close to God, hear from Him, and prepare Himself for what was to come - an intense period of public ministry culminating in His death and resurrection.

Like Jesus every baptised person has a public ministry and should also have a vision! Our vision for our Cathedral is to have Saint Macartin's at the heart of the community strengthening commitment, outreach, worship and Christian Love. Reflecting on that vision for our Cathedral we need to become a community of disciples. Discipleship is not just about learning it is also about service and being equipped for God's service in the world. Growing the Church is about making disciples in obedience to Jesus' commission in Saint Matthew Chapter 28. Serving the common good is about equipping every Christian disciple to make a difference in that world, in their workplace, in their family, in their community, so that the Church as a whole is a blessing to God's world and a channel of His grace and love.

We have a vision of a growing, flourishing church in Enniskillen. To help us with that vision we want to equip our parishioners – inwardly and outwardly! Inwardly – See page 13. Pilgrim journeys is a booklet to encourage you on



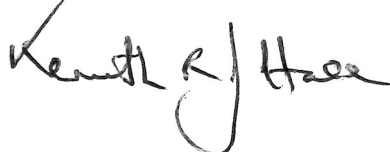
short reflections on a Bible Reading, and invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to live as God intends, both as an individual and a community.

Outwardly – taking the above into consideration then we have the challenge to live out that life in our work and witness. If you are giving up things for Lent, why not put the money you save to good use? Give it away or be a little more generous with what you put in your FWO Envelope. If we are true to Christ's teaching, we should be more generous to His work. Why not support our Lenten appeal? – see page 13. Why not set yourself the target of doing one random act of kindness each day?

Finally, why not make every effort to support all our special events this month? The Renaissance Chamber Choir on Friday 3rd February to raise money for the Organ Fund (see page 16), the Day of Prayer on Saturday 11th February (see page 10 and the Family Service of Sunday 26th February (see page 8) to hear of how we as a Parish are supporting a water project in Kajjado Diocese in Kenya.

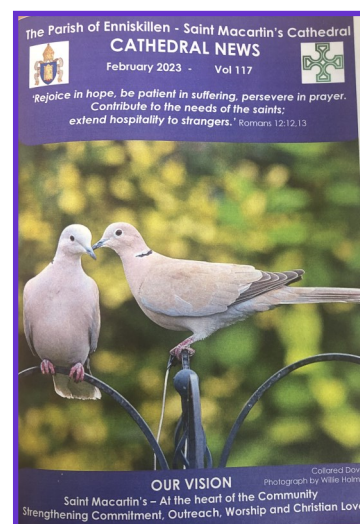
We have a very busy Parish with lots of activities, but nothing is successful without a good attendance so please make every effort to be there! Don't forget the Quadricentennial Service on St Macartin's Day (Friday 24th March) at 7.30pm (invite family and friends - invitations are available in the Cathedral porch), and the Flower Festival is from Friday 26th May – Monday 29th May. The season of Lent is a time for refreshment and renewal. We all need times of refreshing and if we do not care, we will find ourselves growing cold and indifferent in our relationship with God and with others.

May you all experience the joy of worshipping God in a new and refreshed way this Lenten Season!

Yours very sincerely, 

Cathedral News Contributions

If you enjoy reading our monthly publications we would appreciate a donation towards the production costs. Like everything else paper and printing costs have increased greatly and we will appreciate whatever you can afford. Enclosed with this magazine is an envelope which you can use. Return it to the Cathedral Office or put it on the collection plate any Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued support.



Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

- 4th December - Harry Adrian William Allan
17th December - Rose Olivia Edwards
2nd January - Evie Grace Carson-Lindsay

"Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28: 19

Burial

- 6th December - Sharon Fleming,
Main Street Brookeborough.
13th December - Lucy Jane Johnston,
The Tilery Nursing Home,
formerly Ferne Valley, Enniskillen.
18th December - Hazel Marina Lendrum
32 Algeo Drive, Enniskillen.
8th January - Derek Ronald Masterson
32 Friars Way, Enniskillen.
18th January - Norman George McFetridge
Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen

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



Donations in Lieu of Flowers

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

Supper at Six

"Supper at Six" is a monthly meal in the Cathedral Hall, which is open for all. You are welcome to make an anonymous voluntary contribution, but are under no obligation to do so. To book your place for the next meal on **Thursday 23rd February**, please fill in the slip on the information flyer available in this Cathedral News and return it by **16th February**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

An information flyer for 'Supper at Six' at St Macartin's Cathedral. The flyer has a green and white striped border. At the top, it says 'St Macartin's Cathedral' and 'SUPPER AT SIX' in bold. Below that, it says 'Thursday 23rd February 2023 At 6.00pm'. There is a small paragraph of text explaining the meal and the contribution. At the bottom, there are four fields for 'CONTACT NAME:', 'CONTACT NUMBER:', 'NUMBER OF GUESTS:', and 'DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:'. To the right of these fields are icons of a fork, knife, and spoon.

Parish Donations

Graveyard Wall Fund

- £50 Donation from Mr Liam & Mrs Siobhan McCartney.
- £50 Donation in memory of Cecil Carson from Mr Raymond & Mrs Irene Woods.
- £200 Donation from The Morning Bowling Club.
- £120 Donation in memory of his parents, Phyllis and John Johnston and aunt May Johnston from David Johnston

Organ Restoration Fund

- £200 Anonymous donation.
- £100 Donation from Mrs Valerie Breen.
- £1000 Anonymous donation.
- £100 Donation from Mrs Ruth Young.

Fabric Fund

- £60 Anonymous donation in memory of my husband at Christmas.
- £200 Donation from Mrs Margaret A Barton.

Choral Scholarship Fund

- £500 Anonymous donation.

Supper at Six

- £200 Anonymous donation.

Minibus Fund

- £120 Anonymous donation.

Cathedral Bell Fund (to electrify ringing)

- £2,300 All Church Trust Fund.
- £50 Anonymous donation.

Webcam Fund

- £50 Donation from Mrs Violet Vennard, in memory of her husband Gerry, on his birthday.

Dedication of Chapter Room Furniture



On Sunday 6th November a new Chapter Room Table and Chapter Room Chair were dedicated in memory of Claudie and Marina Stinson. We sincerely thank the Stinson Family for this very kind donation. Pictured along with the Dean are Claudie and Marina's three children, Joan, Austen and Jenny and Churchwarden, Alanna Williamson, and acting Churchwarden, Jenifer Johnson.



Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes):
We are encouraging parishioners who may be in Enniskillen shopping on Thursday mornings to drop in for this short service – a mid-week pause and praise with God!

The Dean's Sit Out



The Dean would like to say a sincere thank you to all who supported his pre-Christmas 'Sit Out', especially the members of the Select Vestry, Air Ambulance Volunteers and the choir who sang periodically throughout the day and into the final hour, amidst the cold and mist! Thank to all who carried food and hot drinks (of all strengths) and to all who gave so generously, raising a total of £18,327.90.

Mission Outreach – Dean's Sit Out

**The Water Drops Project -
£6000 (one third of collection)**

**Presentation will be made
on Sunday 26th February 2023
at 11.00am Family Service**



Water Drops Partnership is run by Ronnie and Maggie Briggs. They worked as Mission Partners with CMS Ireland in the Diocese of Kajiado in Kenya. They lived there for more than 25 years and on completion of their contract they returned back to N Ireland and set up this new charity in order to continue some of the work they did while in Kenya.

Water Drops aims to help people living in remote parts of Kajiado Diocese to have access to clean and fresh drinking water. Kajiado is described as a semi-desert area with very little rain in any given year. Last year – 2022 – there has been a very serious drought across the whole area. People raise cattle, sheep and goats as their livelihood and to see them dying in large numbers is not only heart breaking but also brings them to the brink of starvation and famine.

Water Drops works alongside the Bishop of Kajiado – Rt Rev Gaddie Lenini – to identify those communities that are struggling to find access to clean water. Everybody needs water, we can't live without it, and the Maasai people across Kajiado will take any water they can get because very often they have no choice – even though it may not be fresh and almost certainly contaminated.

We use the minimum amount of technology for our water solutions so that on-going maintenance is easier and the project is sustainable into the future.

Fund raising is the key. We assure everybody that 100% of all funds raised for projects goes towards the implementation of the chosen project. Any excess funding from any given project is transferred on to the next project.

Mission Outreach – Dean's Sit Out

Miraka Water Storage Tank

Background Information



Mbirika is a small and remote community situated on the floor of the Rift Valley in southern Kenya. It is about 20km west from the nearest town Magadi and has a very harsh climate that makes survival a yearly challenge.



Local Committee at Mbirika

*Mbirika area – dry and parched –
with the hope of some rain*

Temperatures often exceed 40C and there is very little vegetation or trees to be found. There are two rainy seasons, however they often fail completely or fall intermittently with the maximum rainfall around 300mm per year. There is no surface storage in the area for the rains so when the rains stop or fail families have to consider other options for their water so-

lutions. This usually involves having to travel long distances of up to 20km to the nearest water source and carrying it back in containers on donkeys or bicycles. There are approximately 50 villages (Bomas) in the area with each village containing up to three households. An average of 6 people live in each household meaning there are around 900 people around the area of Mbirika of which around a quarter are children under 10 years old. As the community of Mbirika developed, a church was built along with a Nursery School. Recently the church has also set up a Primary School.

WATER DROPS aims to support this community and its aspirations for its children.

CATHEDRAL DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 11th February from 9am until 9pm

People have been praying on the site of the Cathedral for over 400 years.

Prayers of: *thanks and praise; repentance and forgiveness; petition (for ourselves) and intercession (for others)*

Prayers for: *peace and protection; health and healing; wisdom and truth*

Prayers during times of: *war and famine; prosperity and plenty; despair and conflict*

Prayers of joy and prayers of sadness.

Prayer helped to build this church and the faith filled prayers of tens of thousands of parishioners have helped to sustain this parish and this town for more than four centuries; and now that responsibility has been passed to us.

As we celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the church on this site, we have organised a day of prayer on Saturday 11th February. It is right to give our thanks and praise for all that has taken place, but it is equally important for us to seek God's will and to pray for the present and the future; not just for the parish, but also for ourselves, our family, friends and community.

The renowned theologian Karl Barth said: "*To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.*" Like

CATHEDRAL DAY OF PRAYER

many before us, we are living in challenging times and if we want to correct the many ills of the world, then our starting point should be prayer. When we fail to pray "your Kingdom come your will be done", then man's will is done on earth.

Scripture tells us that our prayers rise like incense to God and Jesus promises: "*If you abide in me, and my words abide in you*" we can ask whatever we wish, and it will be done. God is waiting expectantly to hear our prayers, but if we fail to ask then they will remain unanswered.

So please join us
and add your
prayers to those
already prayed.
We have organ-
ised the day to
reflect the many
different ways
people pray,
and we are sure
you will find
something which

suits you (and your family).

- 9:00 – 9:30** A Service of Morning Prayer
- 9:30 – 13:30** Prayer Spaces for children and parents in the side chapel.
+ private prayer in the main body of the church.
- 13:30 – 17:30** Prayer Spaces in the side chapel for:
the church, our community, Air Ambulance, Water Drops and the world.
+ private prayer in the main body of the church.
- 17:30 – 18:00** A Service of Evening Prayer
- 18:30 – 19:30** Join us for an hour of music and prayer.
- 20:30 – 21:00** A Service of Compline

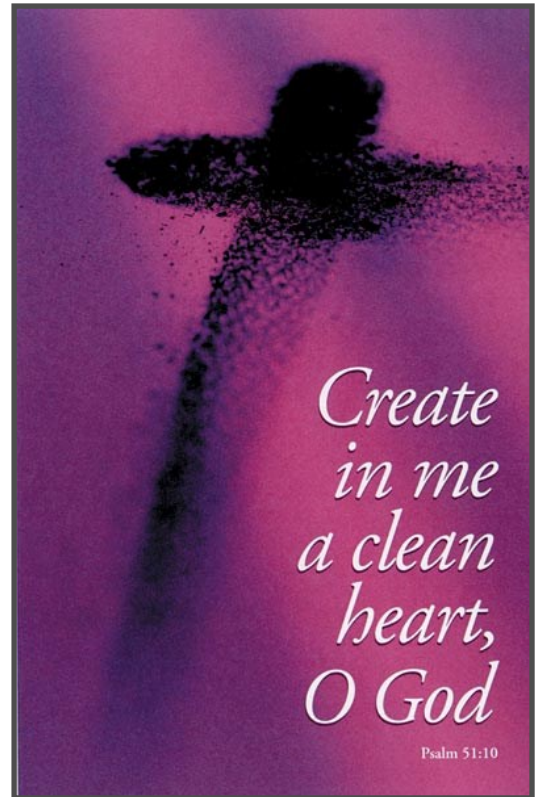
Throughout history God has answered the prayers of His people; imagine what He could do if we fixed our eyes on Jesus, got down on our knees and prayed.

THE BOOK OF
COMMON PRAYER

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 22nd February

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd February 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 1st March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 2nd March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 9th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 16th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 22nd March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 25th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 30th March 11.00am – Holy Communion



Lenten Project – Mission Focus Mothers' Union Overseas Fund

One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union mem-

bers to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world. When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities.

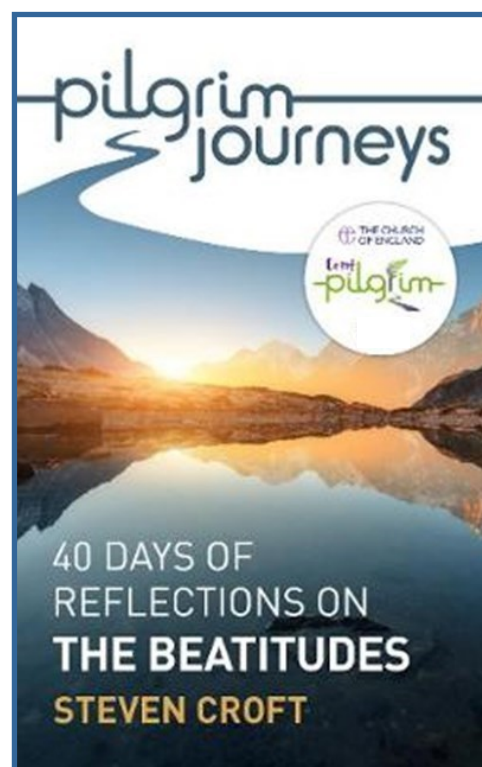
In many areas the Mothers' Union act as the health service, the social service and as the education service have trained project workers in many spheres! This Lenten Season we as the Parish of Enniskillen are going to support this vital work.

Please take a Lenten Box or a Gift Aid Envelope and return it during Holy Week. 'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' 2nd Corinthians 9:7)

Daily Reading for Lent

Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes invites you to explore the unexpected and often challenging vision Jesus sets out in this crucial part of his teachings. Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Beatitudes' challenge to live as God intends, both as an individual and in community. The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal daily companions for anyone seeking to grow in the Christian faith but can be used by anyone at any stage of their Christian journey.

These booklets are available for £3.00 at the back of the Cathedral or the Cathedral Office.



The Cathedral Bells

Bells can play an important part in the life of a church. Their primary purpose is to summon people to worship. They have also been rung over the years to indicate deaths, funerals, important events, weddings and other celebrations. They can also be used to welcome important visitors to the town or as a warning of some impending danger.



The current bell ringers: left to right Jim Lucy, Sandra Richmond, Emma Semple and Stephen Richmond. Missing from the photo is Derek Allen.

Emma travels from Omagh every Sunday to assist with the bell ringing.

Limited Use

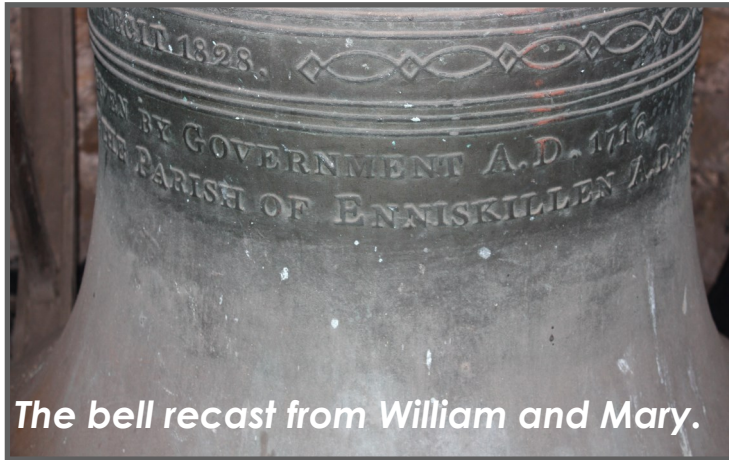
The use of the bells in the Cathedral is currently limited to the number of volunteer bell ringers who are available when required. Currently, there are five very loyal bell ringers who make themselves available when at all possible, but the numbers are not sufficient for the bells to be used to their full potential.

The possibility of having the bells automated so that they would ring at the press of a button is being explored. It may be possible that a variety of ringing programmes could be available to suit different occasions. Preliminary discussions have taken place with John Taylor and Company about the possibility of automating the chiming of the bells and the tower clock. They have indicated that this is possible and that this would not preclude the ability to ring the bells manually as at present. Messrs Taylors have been invited to visit the cathedral, prepare a specification for an automatic chiming system and give the cost of carrying out the work. A way forward will then be decided by the Select Vestry.

History of the Cathedral Bells

There has been a bell in the church tower from the time the church was first built. There are now ten bells in the cathedral tower, some of them of particular historical significance. In 1716, two bells were cast from cannons taken at the Battle of the Boyne. These were given to the Enniskilleners by

The Cathedral Bells



The bell recast from William and Mary.

given the names, 'William' and 'Mary'. These bells were recast in 1828 into one large bell which bears the inscription: *This bell was given by Government AD 1716 and recast at the expense of the Parish of Enniskillen. The large bell on which the hours are struck was Presented by William Willoughby, Earl of Enniskillen to his friends, the Inniskilling men, 1841.*

Other bells were given by the Earl of Enniskillen, the Earl of Belmore, and Miss Hall of Inishmore Hall. In 1935, Mrs A. F. Maude, Belgard Castle, County Dublin, presented a bell in memory of her husband, the late Captain A. F. Maude (a grandson of a former rector of Enniskillen). Mr John S. Dane of Kildare Terrace, London, also presented a bell in 1935 in memory of the late Mr James Whiteside Dane, who took a prominent part in advancing the parish church to the status of a cathedral.



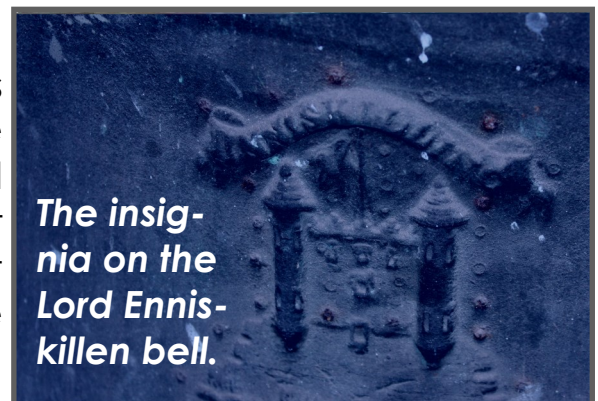
The bell donated by Lord Enniskillen.

Major Works Required

In 1934 a report indicated that major work was required on the bells when the oak bell frame had deteriorated. The firm of Messrs Taylor and Company was engaged, at a cost of £566, to fit a cast iron bell frame, to provide and recast two extra bells and also to fit an Ellacombe chime. This brought the number of bells to ten.

Possibilities

It is therefore appropriate that John Taylor and Company should be invited to explore the possibility of automating the bells so that they can ring out across the town to bring people to worship or to celebrate happy events like weddings or, perhaps, to indicate a person's final journey to their place of worship. The cost of automating the bells is not yet known but an early estimate is in the region of £18,000. A fund has been opened and some donations have already been made.



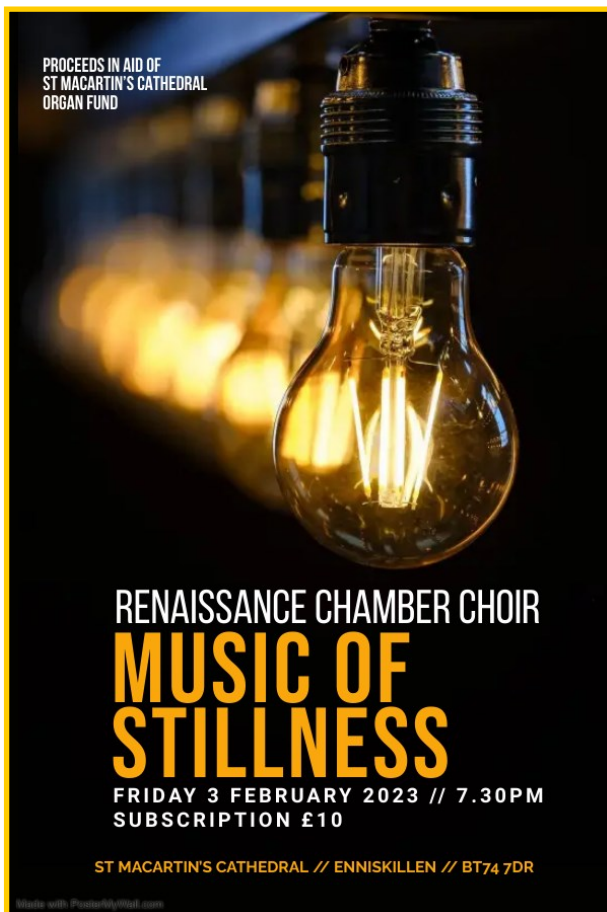
The insignia on the Lord Enniskillen bell.

Organ restoration - Renaissance Chamber Choir 3rd February 2023 at 7.30pm

Renaissance is a Belfast-based Chamber Choir, formed in 1976 by the late Ronnie Lee MBE. The Choir spent its early years building up a notable local reputation and, in 1984, it entered and won the inaugural BBC Sainsbury's Choir of the Year Competition. This culminated in a concert in London's Barbi-

can with Sir Charles Groves and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, alongside concerts and recitals in Edinburgh and Dublin. In 2021, the Choir was thrilled to appoint Simon Neill BEM as their new Artistic Director and Con-

ductor. Simon has long been Director of Music of St Polycarp's Choir, Belfast, during which time he has transformed it in to one of the largest Parish Choirs in Ireland. Simon is a full-time teacher in Belfast and much sought-after as an accompanist. For services to the City of Belfast and the community, Simon was honoured with a Medal of the Order of the British Empire at the age of twenty-nine. The Choir is based in South Belfast and rehearses and performs across Northern Ireland and beyond. This concert entitled Music of Stillness features of a vast array of choral music spanning almost 500 years with an underlying theme of remembrance and promises to be an evening to be remembered. Proceeds will continue to support the on-going Cathedral Organ restoration.



Quadricentennial Service



The past year was a landmark year in the history of the Parish of Enniskillen when we celebrated our quadricentennial year. The journey of life takes many twists and turns for all of us and at times we all need something of stability upon which we can rely. The parish of Enniskillen was formed in 1622 and St Macartin's Cathedral (formerly St Anne's Church) has stood for 400 years at one of the highest spots in

Enniskillen and has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians. Today St Macartin's is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

We want to acknowledge and give thanks for these 400 years at a special thanksgiving service to mark the formation of this Parish on St Macartin's Day, Friday 24th March at 7.30pm. Please make a note of this date and invite family, friends, neighbours and

more especially anyone who has had previous connections with the Parish.

Due to Covid restrictions at the time of our reopening (after our major renovations in 2021) we were greatly restricted in numbers able to attend. Now everyone has the opportunity to come along, give thanks and see our newly renovated magnificent building!

**The Dean and Chapter together with the Churchwardens and
Select Vestry of Saint Macartin's Cathedral,
Enniskillen**

invite you to join them for the

**400th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
of the formation of
The Parish of Enniskillen
SAINT MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL ENNISKILLEN
(formerly Saint Anne's Parish Church)
ST MACARTIN'S DAY, 24th MARCH 2023 at 7.30pm**

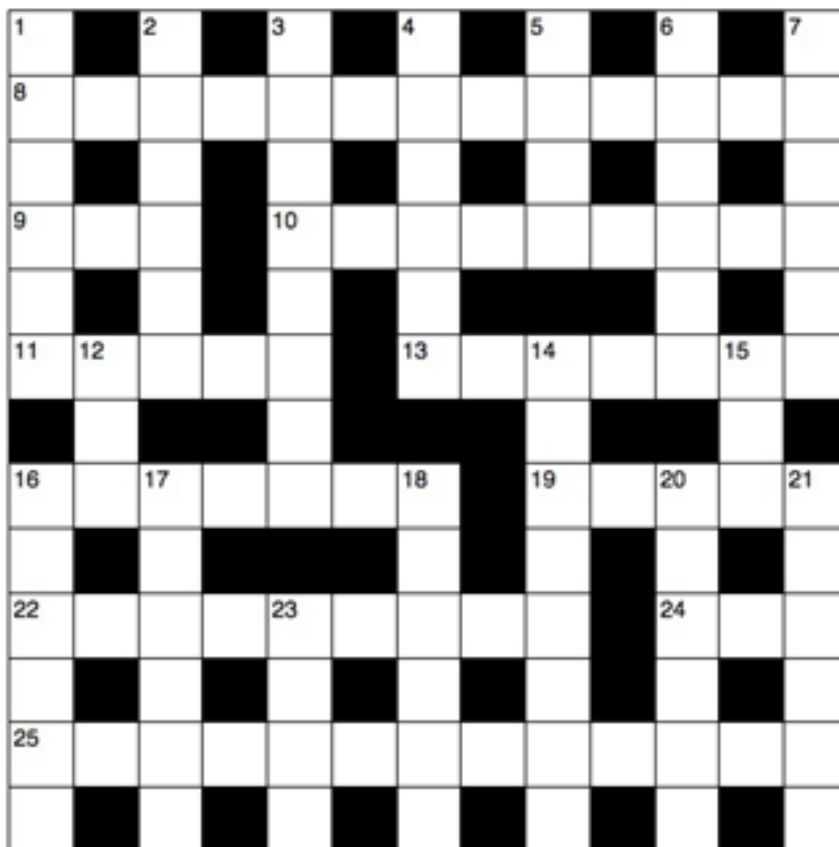
RSVP: The Dean, Saint Macartin's Cathedral Office, Cathedral Halls, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen, BT74 7DR
Telephone 028 66322917 or email stmcartins@btopenworld.com
All Clergy, Diocesan and Parish Readers are invited to robe.

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Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come. May we as a 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.

Crossword



Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1) 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father' (1 Timothy 5:1) (6)

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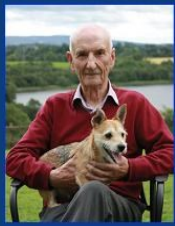
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Crossword

- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)


400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book



The author
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAgr graduated from Queen's University in 1959. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St. Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as churchwarden, globe-warden and has been honorary secretary of the select vestry since 1989.

He has written four other books, two on agricultural matters and two on church history. Those dealing with church affairs are titled: *The Church of Ireland Parishes of Tempo and Clabby – a Shared Heritage*; and *Clabby on the Map – The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People*.

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The book, in its 114 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St. Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster which also has an influence from the surrounding church.

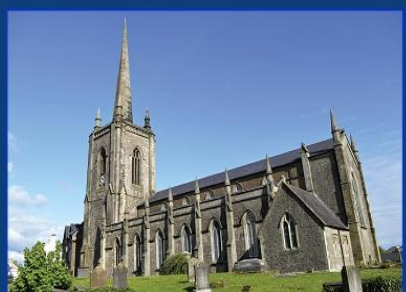
The church building dates from the early 1600s and since then it's clergy and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Enniskillen was played an important role in supporting King William against the army of James II. The conflict led to the arrival of two British Army regiments leaving the remains of the town, including the cathedral, burnt for many of the buildings and many of those in prison and within its historic walls is the lone killing by gunshot chapel.

In more recent times, St. Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community projects and has been at the forefront in supporting the Victim Experiences and in the local areas of weekly, monthly, seasonal and daily prayer. 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



A number of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried from the cathedral. Copies are available from the Parish Office the Deanery or from the Churchwardens. We want to sell as many a possible during this coming year.

Christmas 2022 - 60+ Christmas Party

Before Christmas, approximately 70, 60+ parishioners, enjoyed a full Christmas dinner with the Dean. The food, which was superb, was supplied by Norman Coalter, Saddlers Restaurant. After the meal all were entertained by our very talented choir.



The Cathedral and Hall were beautifully decorated by the Caretaker, his wife Sabrina and their willing helpers. Messy Church was incorporated with a Family Fun Day on Saturday 17th December. Fun, games, face painting, bouncy castles and food, served by our Caretaker, Andy, were enjoyed by all.



Christmas 2022 - Decorations and Family Fun Day



Tuesday Club



Tuesday Club met on 29th November for an afternoon with Norma Ferguson from The Chest Heart and Stroke Association. Norma gave a talk on nutrition and the group played fruit and veg fun bingo before the meeting closed with a cuppa. The next meetings are on 31st January, when Mrs Olive Brownsmith is the guest speaker, and 28th February. Both meetings are in the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm.

Bowling Club



On Wednesday 14 December the morning bowls club held a 'Round Robin Tournament' in the Cathedral Hall in aid of Leukemia. A very enjoyable morning of bowls was had by all and the amount raised was £125 which was donated to Leukemia.

When play finished, we all enjoyed some refreshments and prizes were distributed to the winners.

The Evening bowls continue each Wednesday Evening and we have played some league matches at home and away.

Bowling Club continue to meet on Wednesday's Morning 10.30 am and Evenings 7.30 pm.

New members are always welcome for fun and friendship.

Youth and Children's Ministry

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. A warm welcome awaits you! Participants must complete a registration form, which is available from the Cathedral Office. The next Messy Church will be held on Thursday 16th February from 4.00-6.00pm.



Sunday Lights and Café

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

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

FEBRUARY

5th February: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

12th February: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities;

19th February: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service for their own activities.

26th February: Family Service

11.00am Special preacher Ronnie Briggs from Water Drops Project, working with families in Kadiajo Diocese, Kenya.



This year twenty four confirmation candidates have begun their preparation to take a big step forward in their Christian journey in 2023. We meet as a class on Monday's from 6.30 – 7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Hall.

Youth and Children's Ministry

Parenting Wellness Group



**11th February: Healthy Eating
for Parents and Children**

**The next meeting of the group,
for parents and children is on
Saturday 11th February at 2.00pm
in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall**

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

Mothers' Union

Theme for 2023 ~

Transformation - Now!

Our January meeting was a service of Holy Communion followed by our AGM. There were no changes to our existing positions. We extend sincere

sympathy to our Secretary, Sally, on the death of her husband, Derek. Thoughts and prayers are with Sally at this very sad time.

The Lenten project this year will go towards MU Worldwide Fund please see page 13 for more details.

Our next meeting is 13th February when our Diocesan President, Mrs Heather Ellis will be speaking. Everyone is most welcome.



Answers to Crossword on page 18

ACROSS:
8, Cross-examined. 9, Ash. 10, Apocrypha. 11, Sci-fi. 13, Typical. 16, Visited. 19, Offer. 22, No account. 24, RAC. 25, Sovereign Lord.
DOWN:
1, Oceans. 2, Hophni. 3, Islamist. 4, Exhort. 5, Omar. 6, On spec. 7, Add all. 12, CBI. 14, Plotting. 15, Awe. 16, Vanish. 17, Starve. 18, Doubt. 20, Furrow. 21, Re-cede. 23, Cure.

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

What did Jesus give thanks for and share?

Matthew 26:27

What did Jesus say this represented?

His _____
Matthew 26:27-28

What was the special meal Jesus was preparing to eat?

Matthew 26:18



What did Jesus take, bless and break?

Matthew 26:26

What did Jesus say this represented?

His _____
Matthew 26:26



Jesus instructed his disciples to continue to break bread and share the cup "in

_____ of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24-25



- SUPPER
- LAMB • LORD
- DISCIPLES
- TOGETHER
- EVENING
- ROOM • JAR
- WATER • TWELVE
- JESUS • CHRIST
- NIGHT • TOOK
- THANKS
- BLESSING
- BROKE • GIVEN
- COVENANT
- DRINK • EAT
- FORGIVENESS
- SINS • HOLY
- COMMUNION
- ECHARIST

O R F B R O K E J H O L Y C
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B S T O G E T H E R W N A
T H A N K S K L A M B G

Find the words from the questions too!



Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,

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

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

February Lessons and Readers

The Third Sunday before Lent - 5th February

The First Reading - Isaiah 58: 1-9a - Jim Nixon

The Psalm - Psalm 112: 1-9

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 - John Graham

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 5: 13-20 - The Dean

The Second Sunday before Lent - 12th February

The First Reading - Genesis 1: 1-2: 3 - Liz Robertson

The Psalm - Psalm 136: 1-9

The Second Reading - Romans 8: 18-25 - Fred Watson

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 6: 25-34 - The Dean

The Sunday before Lent - 19th February

The First Reading - Exodus 24: 12-18 - Blane Bailey

The Psalm - Psalm 2

The Second Reading - 2 Peter 1: 16-21 - Linda Corrigan

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 17: 1-9 - The Dean

The First Sunday in Lent - 26th February

Family Service and Presentation to Water Drops



SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

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

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

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

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

MONDAY

Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)

Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)

Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)

Mothers' Union - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

Tuesday Club - 2.00pm - 4.00pm (last Tuesdays)

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY

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

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)