



*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and beautiful - Cecil Frances (Fanny) Alexander (1818-1895)*



*Snowdrops and Daffodils by Cecil Carson*

## OUR VISION

**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,

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 somber 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 preceded what is seen as the start of His ministry. It was for Him, a time of preparation. Lent should not be viewed as a 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 to Jesus being 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).



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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 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 all of us whom he created in His image regardless of any difference!

So, this season, I invite you to come to church during Lent, Sundays (3 services to choose from) and Mid-week (two services to choose from), 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 2018, let us celebrate our awesome God, our Cathedral Church Family, and our faith in Christ.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall

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## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

3rd December - Molly Eva Armstrong

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

### Christian Burial

13th January - Iris Winifred Josephine Thompson,  
35 Derrychara Park, Enniskillen.

19th January - Ian Campbell Bailey. MB, BCh, BAO, FRCS  
Boa Island, Co Fermanagh.

23rd January - Eileen Mabel Kennedy  
Drumclay Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

### Burial of Ashes

#### (Cathedral Garden of Remembrance)

27th December - Julie Sharon Jones (nee McBrien)  
formerly Killynure Park, Enniskillen.

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



## Parish Donations

### Minibus Fund

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs S Coulter, 3 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.

£100 Donation in memory of Sammy. From Tommy and Amy Fiddis and family, 5 Hollyhill Crescent, Enniskillen.

### Cathedral Roof Fund

£500 Donation from St Macartin's Cathedral Evening Bowling Club.

£500 Donation from Mrs Ellen Woods and family, Enniskillen and Tempo.

£200 Donation from The Rev Canon and Mrs D Kingston, Enniskillen.

£40 Donation from Mrs Joyce Woods, Ballinamallard.

### Flower Fund

£30 Donation in loving memory of my dear Mum, Mrs Dorothy McCoy. From Daphne and David Major, Drumlin Heights, Enniskillen.

£40 Donation in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Billy. From Mrs Betty Rogers and John, 14 Elliott Place, Enniskillen.

### Fabric Fund

£900 Anonymous donation.

£660 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Mr Ben Hodgins late of 34 Tarmon Brae, Enniskillen.

£150 Donation from St Macartin's Morning Bowling Club

### Organ Fund

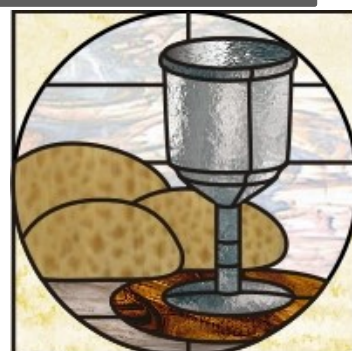
£100 Donation from Mrs Ruth Young, Lisbellaw. In memory of Angel Nawn.

£1,000 Anonymous donation (Choral Scholarships).

£200 Donation from Tempo Parish Church in appreciation of the choir singing in Tempo Church.

## Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes), followed by a cup of tea/coffee. 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!



## Jack Watson to Retire



Mr Jack Watson, Verger and Caretaker in the cathedral, has decided to retire. This will be a very well earned retirement for Jack who has completed 55 years of loving and devoted service to the cathedral. When Jack was appointed in 1962 his duties also included caretaking of the cathedral hall and cutting the grass both at the cathedral and in the area beside the cathedral hall and the curatage. Caretaking of the cathedral included looking after the heating arrangements. The heater unit was fired by 25 tons of coke (a solid fuel like coal) per year

until it was converted to oil in 1993. Keeping the fire supplied with the solid fuel and removal of the ashes was a very regular and physically demanding task.

In 1974, the duties in relation to the caretaking of the cathedral and cathedral hall were split with Jack retaining responsibility for the cathedral. As well as preparing the cathedral for acts of worship, Jack performed other important roles. He was at the door to welcome the visitors and worshippers and on those frequent and special ceremonial occasions in the cathedral Jack performed the role of Verger in a most professional and dignified manner.

In addition to his duties for normal services in the cathedral, Jack was always present for those joyous occasions, like weddings, and for those sad gatherings when funerals services were being held. In addition to his service to the cathedral, Jack also served the Church of Ireland as a Diocesan Reader and, in the past, as an elected member of both the Diocesan and General Synods.

Parishioners will wish to mark Jack's years of outstanding service to the cathedral. It is therefore proposed to make a presentation to Jack at morning service on Sunday 4th March. Those wishing to be associated with the presentation should make their contribution using the envelope enclosed with this magazine. Envelopes should be returned to reach the Cathedral Office (or placed on the collection plate in church) not later than 18th February.



## ASH WEDNESDAY– MOURNING OUR SINS



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. But why 'Ash' Wednesday? The reason has to do with getting things right between you and God, and the tradition goes right back to the Old Testament. In the Old Testament, the Israelites often sinned. When they finally came to their senses, and saw their evil ways as God saw them, they could do nothing but repent in sorrow. They mourned for the damage and evil they had done. As part of this repentance, they covered their heads with ashes. For the Israelites, putting ashes

on your head, and even rending your clothes, was an outward sign of their heart-felt repentance and acknowledgement of sin. (See Genesis 18:27; 2 Samuel 13:19; Job 2:8, 30:19; Isaiah 58:5; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6)

In the very early Christian Church, the yearly 'class' of penitents had ashes sprinkled over them at the beginning of Lent. They were turning to God for the first time, and mourning their sins. But soon many other Christians wanted to take part in the custom, and to do so at the very start of Lent. They heeded Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments' (Joel 2:12-19). Ash Wednesday became known as either the 'beginning of the fast' or 'the day of the ashes'.

The Collect for Ash Wednesday goes back to the Prayer Book, and stresses the penitential character of the day. It encourages us with the reminder of the readiness of God to forgive us and to renew us. The Bible readings for Ash Wednesday are often Joel 2:1-2, 12 – 18, Matthew 6: 1-6, 16 – 21 and St Paul's moving catalogue of suffering, "as having nothing and yet possessing everything." (2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10)

The actual custom of 'ashing' was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Today, throughout the Anglican Church receiving the mark of ashes on one's forehead is optional. Certainly the mark of ashes on the forehead reminds people of their mortality: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return..." (Genesis 3:19)

### **The Collect for Ash Wednesday is:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## ASH WEDNESDAY—TIME TO ADMIT YOU ARE SORRY

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you? Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

*'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance' (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)*

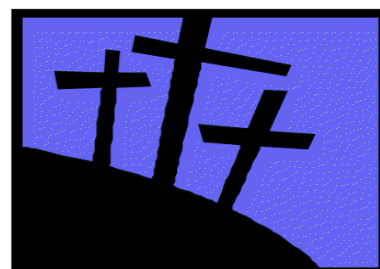
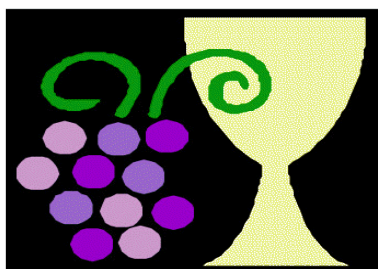
*'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.'* (Isaiah 55.7)

*'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.'* (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer! Make the most of it, and remember how the prodigal son was welcomed back by his compassionate father.

### ASH WEDNESDAY (14th February)

**7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion**



## LENTEN SERVICES

Thursday 15th February 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 22nd February 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 1st March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 7th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 8th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 14th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 15th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 22nd 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 members 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. Grants are sent quickly to equip the local Mothers' Union to respond as fast as possible to meet these needs, using local resources. By equipping our members to respond right at the heart of the affected region, we are often one of the first agencies to deliver effective relief.

Mothers' Union works with communities that are vulnerable to either conflict or climate change to prepare for potential disasters. In South Sudan, prior to the outbreak of conflict in 2013, the Mothers' Union and the Church were trained in disaster preparedness. When the conflict broke out, many congregations on the Ethiopian border mobilised their members and together, they walked to Ethiopia to safety. In Tanzania, the Mothers' Union in 2015 in the Diocese of Tarime helped families create kitchen gardens to ensure that families can survive through drought periods. In the Dioceses in the Central belt of Tanzania are exploring how to compensate for the lack of rainfall that leads to poor crop growth and famine.

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 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.'* (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:7)



## Cathedral Roof

Parishioners will be aware that the roof of the cathedral, which is a Grade A listed building, has been giving rise to problems in recent years. There is the very obvious damage to the plasterwork in the south west corner of the nave beside the Pokrich stone, which has been caused by ingress of rain water. Slates are constantly falling off which may allow rain water to enter the roof space. Falling slates also give rise to serious health and safety risks which may cause personal injury. In stormy conditions, the slates can be observed moving on the roof. A preliminary survey has been carried out which has confirmed the worst fears. Major expenditure will be required on the roof. A recent investigation has indicated a woodworm infestation which may require the replacement of some of the roof timbers.



The last major expenditure on the cathedral roof was in 1960 when a re-roofing project was undertaken. It is not surprising therefore that, after a period of 57 years, major works are once again required. This will be an expensive project which will involve elaborate scaffolding. Slates will have to be removed and stored carefully, damaged timber will need replacement, other timbers will require treatment, and insulation will need to be upgraded. Slates will then have to be replaced using durable nails. The opportunity will also be taken to replace damaged stonework and faulty gutters, downpipes and lead

valleys. It is most likely that internal redecoration of the cathedral will be required when the roof project is complete.

It is difficult to estimate the cost of the work at this stage other than to say that it will be substantial. Professionals will need to be employed to carry out detailed surveys and prepare specifications for the work to be undertaken. Only then will it be possible to estimate costs accurately.

The possibility of obtaining grant aid or other financial support will be explored fully. If grant aid is obtainable, then the procedures laid down by the funding bodies will have to be followed rigidly. In the meantime, we can be sure that substantial financial support from parishioners will be needed to enable the essential work on the cathedral roof to be carried out. A major effort will be required to raise the necessary funds for this vital work.

## Trinity University Chapel Choir



The Trinity University Chapel Choir pictured with St Macartin's Cathedral Choir who sang at the morning service on Sunday 14th January in St Macartin's Cathedral. Pictured with the choir are Dr Kerry Houston the Director of Music for Trinity, the conductor of the choir Mr Andrew Burrows and the Church of Ireland Chaplain of Trinity the Rev Steve Brunn who was the preacher. Also included are the Cathedral Director of Music and Organist Mr Glenn Moore, the Dean, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall, the curate The Rev Chris MacBruithin and the Director of Music for St Michael's Roman Catholic Church Mr Paul Flynn where the choir sang at the Saturday evening Mass. The Trinity University Chapel Choir chose Enniskillen this year for their annual outing.

## Day of Prayer

A day of prayer to seek God's peace and healing will be held on Saturday 10th February 2018 –

Enniskillen Presbyterian Church 1.00-2.00pm

St Michael's Roman Catholic Church 2.15-3.15pm

St Macartin's Cathedral 3.20-4.20pm

Enniskillen Methodist Church 4.30-5.30pm

- ✦ Are you carrying burdens and issues from the past?
- ✦ Have you been hurt by the words or actions of others?
- ✦ Are there things for which you need to say sorry and put to rest?
- ✦ An opportunity to pray for the future of our community and our land.

You are welcome to join our journey of prayer at any point on Saturday 10th February. Beginning at 1.00pm it will include an hour in each of the town churches, as detailed above. If your peace has been disturbed for whatever reason, maybe from experiences in the past, please come and spend time with God in an atmosphere of godly calm. Quietly, between you and Him, you can lay down any of the things that disturb you, forgive those who have hurt you, say sorry where you may have hurt others and make a commitment to help build a better future for our community and our land. The focal point will be a large plain wooden cross at the front of each worship space. All the prayer will be in silence.

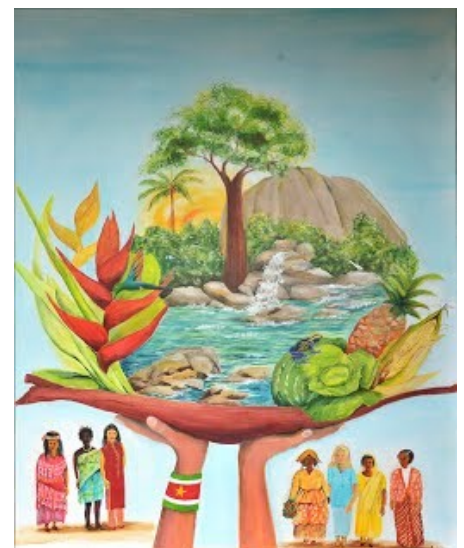


Divine Healing Ministries  
[divinehealingministries.org](http://divinehealingministries.org)

This time is for people to come as individuals before God, and through that encounter, however long or short, to find His peace.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the service is themed  
"All God's Creation Is Very Good"  
and will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm, conducted by Rev Olie Downey.  
All women are welcome to attend!





## The Bible Comes To Life - Exhibition

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission are hosting "The Bible Comes to Life" - Exhibition in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from Thursday 8th March to Sunday 11th March 2018. This unique exhibition returns again after 25 years to Enniskillen! It was highly popular and very well attended when held in September 1993.



Biblical Dress

The exhibition introduces an understanding of Biblical Jewish life, culture and religion and helps in understanding the roots of Christianity. A significant collection of historic artefacts is used as part of this educational work. By working closely with local churches, schools, children's workers and youth leaders the team can bring a taste of the Biblical Middle East within the framework of local teaching programmes or curriculum. The emphasis can either be on exploring Judaism—referencing Biblical Festivals, worship ritual, and the Bible narrative of the Jewish people—or on talking about early Christianity and its links to Judaism. On

the basis that an audio-visual experience helps people to remember teaching more effectively than just talking about a subject, the exhibition provides effective illustration,



The Sabbath

especially through a spectacular 3m x 2m model of the Jewish Temple in the time of Jesus; LED lighting helps to explain the various sections and a smoking altar adds to the effect.



Biblical Dress

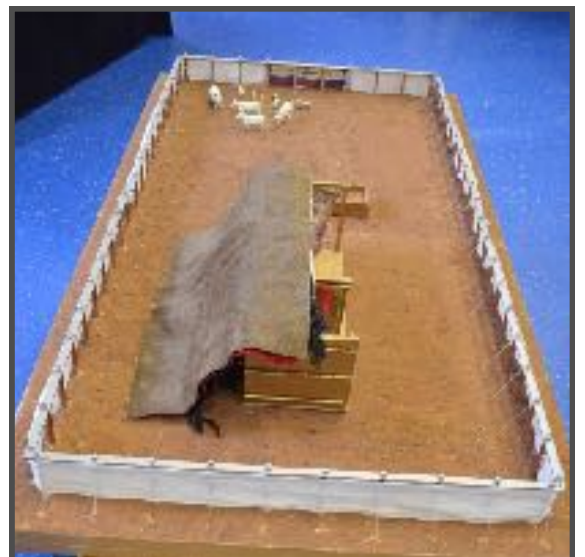
## The Bible Comes To Life - Exhibition

The Temple Model is a 2m x 1m scale model of the Desert Tabernacle with illustrative coverings, ritual furniture and animals. They also have "Jewish life" artefacts such as Sabbath candlesticks and bread, Jewish prayer shawls, phylacteries, a Passover plate, mezuzah (door post blessings), illustrating Jewish Life and a unique Middle



Eastern clothing collection with some garments dating back 150 years. Some of the clothing is used in giving character or costume themed Bible talks (eg The Shepherd, The Tribal Leader, The Middle Eastern Bride). Where practical, children are encouraged to try on the costumes. All the artefacts have a fact sheet of explanatory notes by using a multisensory approach they aim to give our exhibition visitors an insight into the Biblical world. All talks and materials can be adapted to suit either school curriculum requirements or the church's educational needs. The exhibition is staffed by The Church's Ministry Among Jewish People—CMJ, an Anglican Church mission society that has been active since 1809. The team is led by Paul and Janey Hames who have lived in Jerusalem for five years and have considerable experience in working with churches, and prayer groups, as well as students and young people.

***This is the only venue for the exhibition to be held in Ireland in 2018. Entrance is free!***



## Collect of the Month by Rev. Chris Mac Bruithin

**Our series exploring some of the Church's most beloved prayers continues with the collect appointed for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.**

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent.  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we may be truly sorry for our sins  
and obtain from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We will soon be very familiar with the Collect of Ash Wednesday, if we aren't already, because it is prayed not only at the outset of Lent but throughout the season. Remember that a key component of a collect, immediately after we call on God, is a statement about God's character or actions. Of course, it is not so much that God needs reminding of these, but ourselves. Sometimes, Christians get terrible 'salvation anxiety'. They think they may have gratefully offended God in some way, or that we were somehow born predestined for damnation rather than as part of God's elect. The second line of this collect is one of my favourite sentences in the whole of the Book of Common Prayer. God creates out of love, and he is faithful to all his creatures.

What about difficult passages of scripture, like God loving Jacob and hating Esau? The Old Testament is written mostly in Hebrew, and the Hebrew often translated 'hate' differently to our English word. In Hebrew, if you say you 'love coffee and hate tea' it means simply that you prefer coffee over tea. It doesn't mean you never enjoy the latter. Read through Genesis and in fact you'll see that God looks after Esau very well, even if it's Jacob whose family line will lead to the birth of Christ.

The collect echoes John 3: 16, 'For God so loved the world'. The Greek for 'world' is 'cosmos', meaning everything and everybody that God has ever created – not only us humans, but also the stars, the daffodils, the spring lambs – everything.

But it is we humans who have sinned. The second reminder of God's character is His willingness to forgive us when we are penitent. Penitence means acknowledging that we have done wrong, that we need forgiveness, and intending to live aright in future.

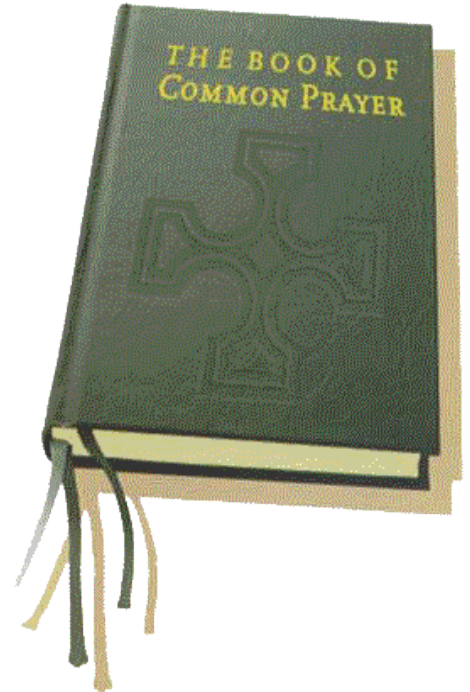




The petition is very telling. If it were up to our emotion (sorrow) or our efforts to do better, we would never really be able to stop worrying whether we were really in a right relationship with God. Martin Luther experienced this constant fear, doubting the sufficiency of the penances he carried out and worrying that God might in the end reject him.

But we pray for God to turn our hearts. It is His work, and all we can do is invite Him and let Him do His work of 'perfect remission and forgiveness' in us. Remission means full payment of a debt, while forgiveness is a more relationship-based expression of reconciliation with God. All this is, of course, 'through Jesus Christ our Lord' in whose way we walk this Lent, in the way of the cross, towards Easter.

As we prepare for Easter, may this collect of the Church remind us that God loves each of us, despite the sin we have done, and He loves us enough to save us from it.



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## Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or ring the Parish Office and a member of the clergy will contact you. A service to confirm adults will take place in the Portora Chapel, Enniskillen Royal Grammar School on Monday 14th May (St Matthias' Day) at 7.00pm.

## Choir Practice



Choir Practice takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. New choir members would be most welcome. Currently tenor or bass singers would be particularly encouraged to consider joining. Please contact Glenn or Jayne.

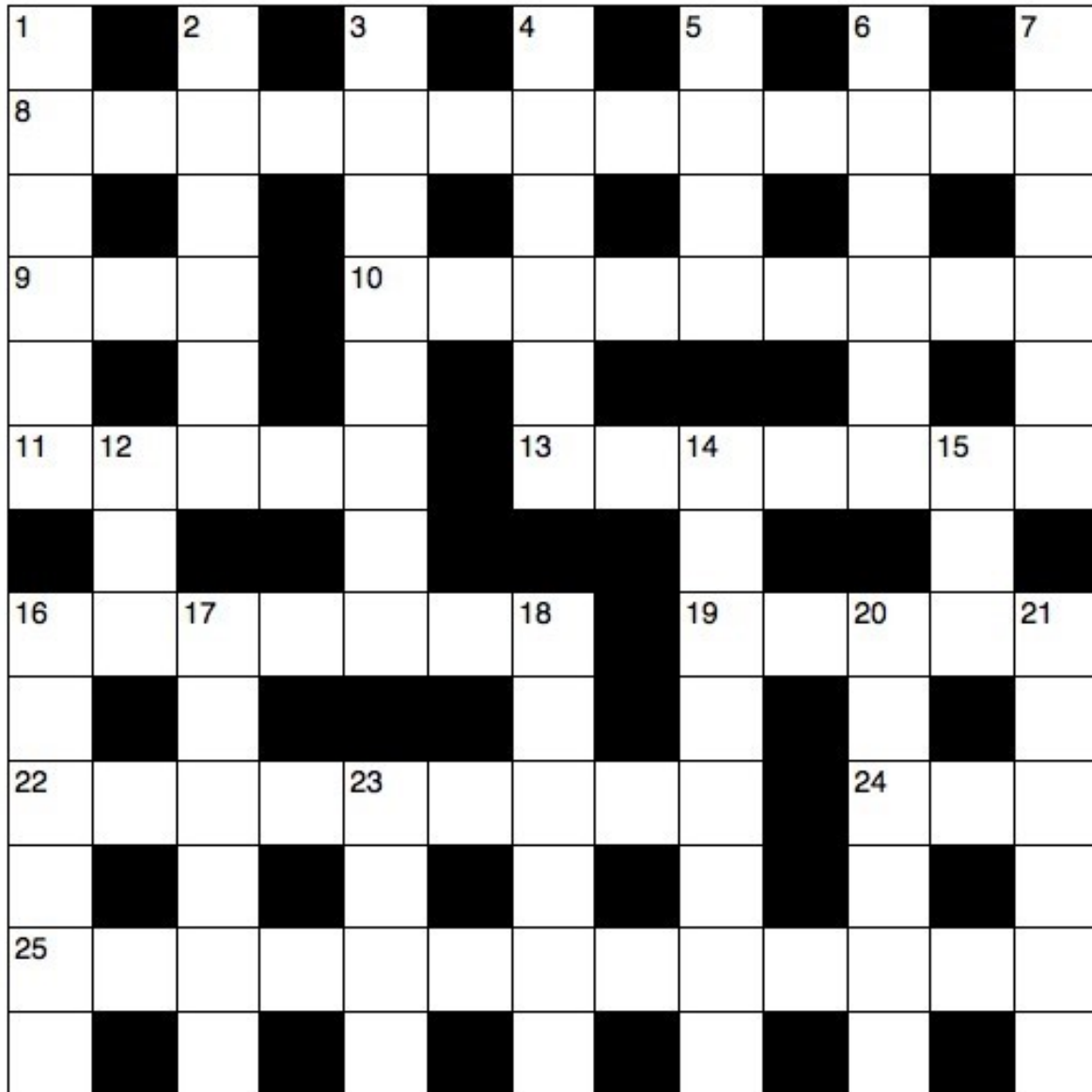
## Home Holy Communions

Any housebound parishioners wishing to receive Holy Communion should contact the parish office.

## Lesson Readers

If you would like to be added to the list of lesson readers please contact the parish office.

## Crossword



### Across

- 8 How the Abyss (NIV) is described in the Authorized Version (Revelation 9:1) (10,3)
- 9 Frozen water (Ezekiel 1:22) (3)
- 10 The Ten Commandments (9)
- 11 In Roman Catholic theology, neither heaven nor hell (5)
- 13 Des cons (anag.) (7)
- 16 'Though [your sins] are red as — , they shall be like wool' (Isaiah 1:18) (7)
- 19 Keen (Romans 1:15) (5)
- 22 Repugnant, loathsome (Jeremiah 24:9) (9)
- 24 Drink like an animal (Judges 7:5) (3)
- 25 First and last (Revelation 22:13) (5,3,5)

## Crossword

### Down

- 1 Father of Ahi, a Gadite (1 Chronicles 5:15) (6)
- 2 Where David found the stone with which he killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (6)
- 3 'Hour by hour fresh lips are making thy — doings heard on high' (8)
- 4 'And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their — at night' (Luke 2:8) (6)
- 5 United Society for Christian Literature (1,1,1,1)
- 6 'If he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would — — or a tax collector' (Matthew 18:17) (1,5)
- 7 Where Paul was taken when things became difficult for him in Berea (Acts 17:15) (6)
- 12 Istituto per le Opere di Religione (Vatican Bank) (1,1,1)
- 14 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new — ; the old has gone, the new has come!' (2 Corinthians 5:17) (8)
- 15 Used to colour ram skins red for use in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:5) (3)
- 16 Vat car (anag.) (6)
- 17 'Be joyful — — , patient in affliction, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (6)
- 18 'The parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts — — special treatment' (1 Corinthians 12:23) (4,2)
- 20 Ancient rowing boat (Isaiah 33:21) (6)
- 21 Say again (2 Corinthians 11:16) (6)
- 23 What Jesus did in the synagogue in Nazareth after he stood up (Luke 4:16) (4)

## Parish Visiting



Can you help us? The Clergy and Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are always around the Parish making visits but they might not be in the right place at the right time. If you are unwell, feeling neglected or just lonely please ring the Cathedral Office and one of the clergy will be delighted to call. If you know someone who would value a clerical visit or if a parishioner has had a close bereavement please also inform the office. It is not recommended that you tell one of the clergy at the Cathedral door on a Sunday morning as there is every chance they could forget in the midst of shaking hands with 300 people! A written note handed to them is a safer option.



## Organisations

### Mothers' Union

Members attended the first meeting of 2018 on Monday 8th January 2018.



A service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Dean Hall.

The AGM followed with Dean Hall presiding. The annual reports were presented by the Hon Secretary Sally Masterson, Hon Treasurer Eleanor Lynn and Overseas Representative Jenifer Johnston. All officers were re-elected as follows - Stephanie Hamilton Branch Leader/Enrolling member, Sally Masterson Hon Secretary, Valerie Thompson Assistant Secretary, Eleanor Lynn Hon Treasurer, and Jenifer Johnston Overseas Representative.

Committee - Avril Kee, Estelle Latimer, Hazel Hunter, Margaret Owens, Myrtle Irvine, Joyce Stewart and Stephanie Hall.



The Dean and Branch Leader Stephanie Hamilton spoke on mental health and advised everyone to communicate and support each other. The meeting closed with the Mother's Union prayer.

The next meeting is on Monday 12th February at 8.00pm with "All Sorts" of Activity.

### Tuesday Club

Dean Hall opened the November meeting with a reading from Psalm 121 and prayer. A warm welcome was extended to dietitian Claire Holmes who gave a most interesting and informative talk, with the aid of slides on the importance of 'Healthy Eating', outlining foods and vegetables necessary to maintain the 5B's—Blood, Brain,



Bones, Bowels and Belly. This was followed by a question and answer session. Afternoon tea brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close.

Members attended the 60+ Christmas Party in December. We are grateful to all who arranged the evening.

The next meeting is at 2.00pm on Tuesday 30th January. The speaker is Andrew Humphreys who will advise on "General Water Use." The February meeting is on 27th February when Alan Crooks will give a talk on "Policing and Community Safety." It will be good to see familiar faces and new members will be most welcome. Transport is available. Please contact Eleanor Lynn on 6632 4603 or the Cathedral Office on 6632 2917.

**"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met."** - William Butler Yeats

## Organisations

### Bowling Club



On Wednesday 13th December 2017 the Morning Bowls Club held a 'round robin tournament' in the Cathedral Hall in aid of Cancer Research. Twenty five bowlers took part and a very enjoyable morning of bowls was had by all and all games were played in a sporting manner. When play finished and the prizes were distributed, a cup of tea and a sandwich were enjoyed by all.

The amount raised was £150 to which the club added £50 to make it up to £200 which was then donated to Cancer Research.

### Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 8, Bottomless pit. 9, Ice. 10, Decalogue. 11, Limbo. 13, Seconds. 16, Crimson. 19, Eager. 22, Abhorrent. 24, Lap. 25, Alpha and Omega. DOWN: 1, Abdiel. 2, Stream. 3, Wondrous. 4, Flocks. 5, USCL. 6, A pagan. 7, Athens. 12, IOR. 14, Creation. 15, Dye. 16, Cravat. 17, In hope. 18, Need no. 20, Galley. 21, Repeat. 23, Read.



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### Messy Church

On 21st December, we had a special Christmas Messy Church. In order to celebrate Jesus' birthday, we made Him cards and presents, and then walked by candlelight from the hall up the steps to the cathedral. The organist and choir were there to help us



sing a few carols, and the chancel step had been recreated as a Nativity scene complete with hay. (We were relieved that the 'sheep poo' was really just dried dates!) We heard the Christmas story, and then returned to the Cathedral Halls for party games and food. Santa dropped by with an early Christmas gift for the children, including a copy of 'The Greatest Journey'.

Messy Church took a break in January, and is back on February 15th from 4-6 pm. Our theme is Messy Valentine's – God's love.



Messy Church is aimed at primary age children, but younger children are also welcome. Every child must be accompanied by an adult, and every adult has to attend with a child. You don't have to be a parishioner of the Cathedral to attend – all welcome! If you have special requirements such as accessibility and would like to let us know beforehand, you can email Rev Chris at [criostoir316@gmail.com](mailto:criostoir316@gmail.com).

The programme for the rest of this school year is:

**Feb. 15th - Messy Valentine's Day**

**Mar. 17th - Messy St. Patrick's**

**Apr. 19th - Messy Earth Day**

**May 17th - Messy Ascension**

**June 21st - Messy Sports Day & BBQ**



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### Confirmation

Twenty of our young people continue to prepare for Confirmation this spring.

As we get into February, we start work on our portfolios – a folder containing evidence of what we've learned along the way. This portfolio will contain work sheets, posters, project work and other evidence that each candidate is ready to be confirmed. So when the Bishop asks the Cathedral clergy during the service 'Have these persons been carefully prepared in their understanding of the Christian faith?', we can look at the portfolios as evidence and answer 'I believe they have.'

Classes run in February on Monday 5th and Monday 12th, from 6.30-7.30 pm in the Upper Room, Cathedral Halls. We take off Monday 19th for Half-term, and on Monday 26th we have Xplore (see below).



### Xplore ... When I Grow Up!

***How do I know what God's plan is for my life? Which subjects should I pick? Are there some jobs Christians shouldn't do? What if I fail? I'm so confused!!!***

Young people in Years 9+ are invited to Xplore on **26th February, 6.30-8.30 in the Upper Room.**

As well as the usual snacks and games, we are going to Xplore ... When I Grow Up! A short Christian introduction to choosing school subjects and careers, and generally finding our place in the wider world.

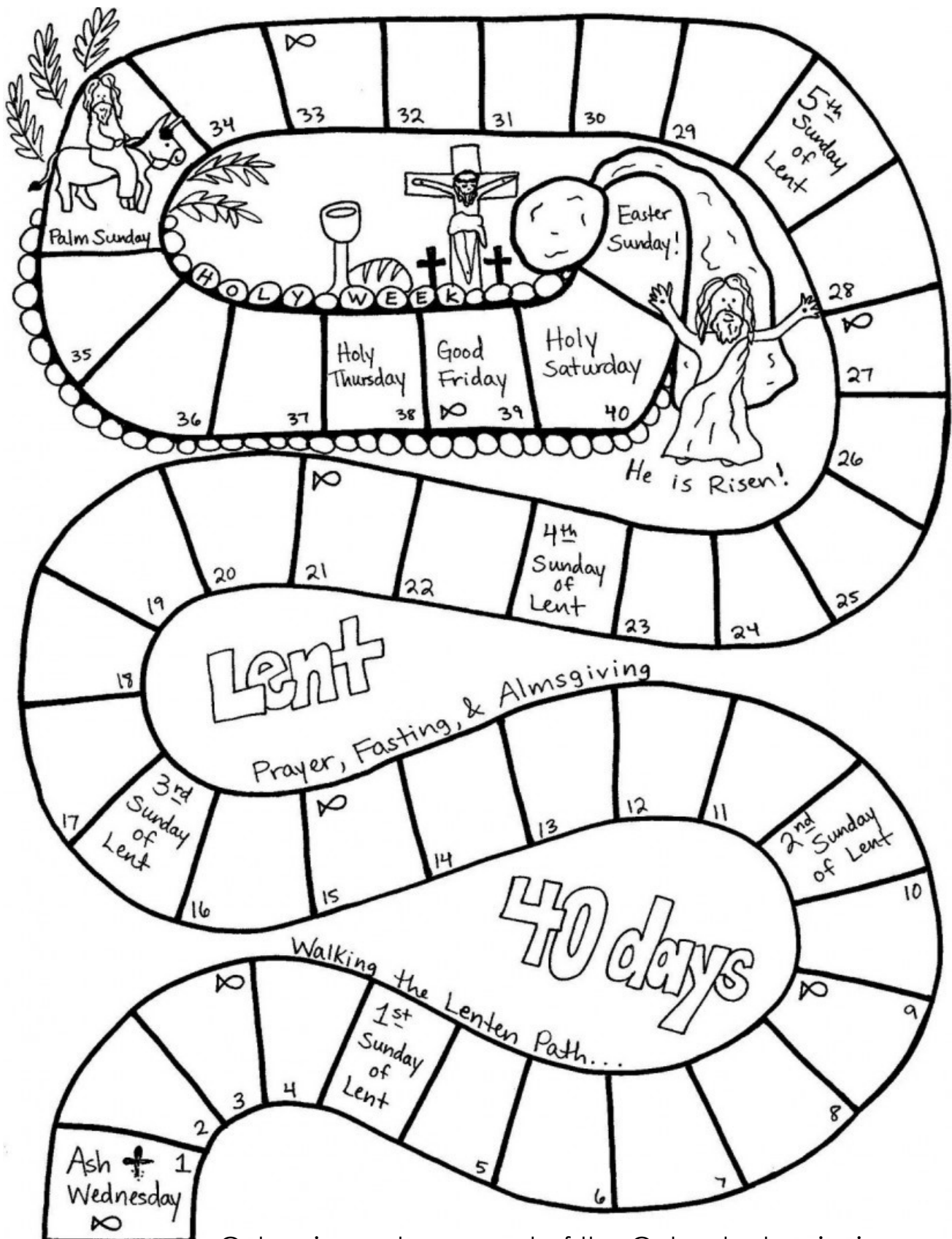
Feel free to bring a friend. It's especially fun to catch up with the Confirmation Class of 2017! If you have any questions, or to let us know about special requirements (dietary, accessibility), email Rev Chris at [criostoir316@gmail.com](mailto:criostoir316@gmail.com).

### Pilgrim

Dates in February are Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th. We meet from 7.30 – 9.00 pm in the Devenish Room over coffee and nibbles, and then explore ways in which we might deepen our Christian faith. As we will be starting a new booklet this month, it's the perfect time to return if you haven't been in a while, or to start for the first time.



### Children's Colouring Page



Colour in each segment of the Calendar beginning on Ash Wednesday, 15th February and keep track of the 40 days during Lent before you get your Easter Egg!

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Assistant Director of Music - Jayne Haslett

Churchwardens - David Clarke and Richard Cochrane

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Jim Nixon

Select Vestry - Linda Corrigan, Noel Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer), Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J Nixon, Ewan Richmond, Stephen Richmond, Brian Rutledge, Karl Saunders, Jack Spratt and Jonathan Woods

Assistant Hon Secretary - Raymond Campbell

Assistant Hon Treasurer - Jenifer Johnston

Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Jack Watson

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## February Lessons and Readers

### **Sunday 04 February: The Second Sunday before Lent**

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

The Psalm - Psalm 104: 26-37

The Second Reading - Colossians 1: 15-20 - Liz Robertson

The Gospel Reading - John 1: 1-14 - The Curate

### **Sunday 11 February: The Sunday before Lent**

The First Reading - 2 Kings 2: 1-12 - Helen Coalter

The Psalm - Psalm 50: 1-6

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 - Jim Lucy

The Gospel Reading - Mark 9: 2-9 -

### **Sunday 18 February: The First Sunday in Lent**

The First Reading - Genesis 9: 8-17 - Margaret Owens

The Psalm - Psalm 25: 1-9

The Second Reading - 1 Peter 3: 18-22 - Jim Nixon

The Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 9-15 - The Dean

### **Sunday 25 February: The Second Sunday in Lent**

Family Service

### **Welcome Team February 2018**

**04 Feb** Avril and Ivan Kee

**11 Feb** Julie and David Nixon

**18 Feb** Stephanie and Scott Hamilton

**25 Feb** Gwen and Karl Saunders



## 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
- Scouts - 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)
- 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)
- Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

- Youth Club (Saturday Night Live) - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

### SUNDAY

- Xplore - 7.00pm - 8.30pm (as arranged)

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