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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 Parish of Enniskillen

The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

Time is moving at an extremely fast rate with half of this year already passed, and now we are well into the summer months. The days are longer, the sun shines brighter (I hope), and nature flourishes all around us. Summer invites us to pause, reflect,



and rejuvenate ourselves. It is a season that calls for rest and renewal. For many, summer is synonymous with holidays and adventures, a time to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life. Families pack their bags, set off on journeys, and create lasting memories in new places. However, not all of us are fortunate enough to embark on these getaways. For those who may find themselves at home this summer, I want to encourage you: rest can be found right where you are.

In our fast-moving world, it is easy to become overwhelmed by our responsibilities and commitments. The demands of work, family, and daily life can leave us feeling drained. Yet, the Bible reminds us in Matthew 11: 28

'Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'

This invitation from Jesus is a profound reminder that true rest is found in Him whether we are lounging by a poolside or staying in the comfort of our own homes. Consider setting aside a few moments each day to reflect on the blessings in your life. This can shift our focus from what we lack to what we already possess, fostering a spirit of hope and contentment.

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Summer also offers us a unique opportunity, now with better weather, to attend church (if you are able) and join within our church family. It is important that we keep those connections over the summer months and not just take a 'holiday from church'. These times of fellowship can create lasting connections and offer a refreshing break from the routine. They are reminders that we are not alone on this journey of faith and that we can lift each other up in love and support.

For those who may be facing challenges this season—be it bereavement, health issues, financial struggles, or emotional burdens—know that you are not forgotten. The church is here for you. Reach out to our parish for support, prayer, and encouragement. Together, we can bear one another's burdens and reflect the love of Christ in tangible ways.

As we embrace the beauty of summer, let us also embrace the peace, hope, and rest that comes from our relationship with God. Whether we travel afar or stay close to home, may we find joy in the simple moments and trust in His unwavering presence in our lives.

Wishing you all a summer filled with peace, reflection, and the joy of the Lord.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenth R Hall

Bible Reading Notes

Each Sunday all three readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are printed on a Parish Bulletin. The Psalm and Collect are also listed. Make sure you get this sheet each week. If for some reason you are not at church, get someone to take one for you. Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm each day throughout the week in your private prayers. Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of the church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them and have them sent di-



rectly by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting, and relevant to every day life.

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' (Psalm 119: 105)

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Parochial Registers

Marriage

14th June - Ashley Denise Hicks and James Alasdair Cooke

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

Burial

29th April - Denis Joseph Gault, Barbour Court, Enniskillen.

Cremation

30th May - James Nicholas David Fawcett, Templenaffrin, Sligo Road, Belcoo.

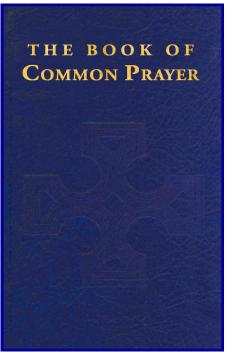
Burial of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

- 24th May James Alexander (Jim) Irvine, 2 Laragh Lee, Enniskillen.
- 30th May Sandra Margaret Robinson, 60 Tempo Road, Enniskillen.





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



Prayer Books

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!

Parish Donations

Fabric Fund

£75 Donation in memory of our parents, French and Laura Johnston. From Barbara, Jim and Alan.

Flower Fund

£50 Donation in loving memory of Bert Loughlin and Robert Loughlin. From Elaine and Erin Loughlin.

Webcam Fund (in appreciation of viewing online)

£50 Donation from Mrs Eleanor Lynn.

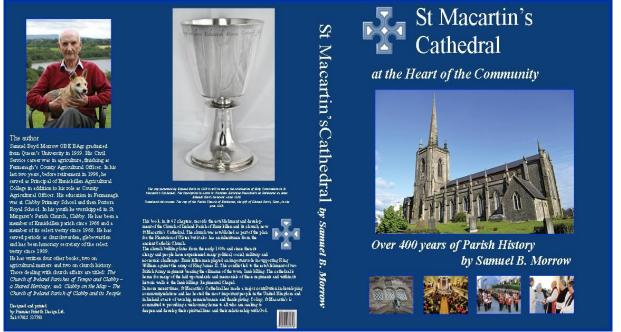
Solar Panels Fund

£100 Donation from Mr Gregory Kilfedder.

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!

400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book



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.

Scott Elliott appointed Curate of Limerick Cathedral

Scott Elliott, originally from Lisbellaw, and a member of St. Macartin's Cathedral Parish, Enniskillen, was ordained in St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick Cathedral, Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, on Sunday evening by Bishop Michael Burrows. The preacher was Dean Kenneth Hall from St Macartin's Cathedral.

Scott pursued theological studies at Queen's University, Belfast, before entering ordination training. Following his graduation from Queen's, he worked for several years within the Community Wellbeing Department of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, where he was engaged in initiatives aimed at supporting local wellbeing and development.

For the past seven years, Scott has served as Parish Reader at St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, assisting Dean Hall in liturgical and pastoral ministry. During this period, he also provided parish cover for both Inishmacsaint Parish Church and the Clogher Cathedral Group. He is the first ordinand to come from the Cathedral in over 75 years.

Scott commenced training for the ordained ministry at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin in September 2022 and as part of his training, he undertook parish placements in the Garrison Group of Parishes,

in Rathfarnham Parish, and at Salisbury Cathedral. In his final year, he served his placement in Rossorry Parish Church and also completed a thesis focused on the role of cathedrals in outreach within the Irish context, an area of ministry that he is particularly passionate about. Scott has a special interest in church history, particularly in the field of architecture. He now looks forward to serving under the auidance of Dean Niall Sloane in Limerick.



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Scott is pictured above with his parents Jim and Linda and sister Lucy and left with Dean Niall Sloane and Dean Kenneth Hall.



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Tuesday Club Outing

The Tuesday Club outing was held on Saturday 31st May, commencing with refreshments in the Cathedral Hall, organised by our Caretaker Andrew McCabe. Leader Valerie Watson conveyed thanks to Dean Hall and the Rev Edmund for the support given to the club throughout the year, also to the reliable drivers of the minibus, Heather, George and Andy.

The group continued on to Magheracross Parish Church to the "Teddy Bear Festival " of Bible Stories. This was enjoyed by all, followed with a delicious lunch in the Archdale Hall.

Wishing all our members a happy summer break and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday 30th September.



PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH



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Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union Summer Outing

Dean Kenny, Scott and Andy bravely joined 50 ladies for a meal in the Killyhevlin Hotel. It was a beautiful meal in a beautiful location on a beautiful sunny evening.

We had great fun and laughs at our beetle drive after the meal. A great night was had by all.

We wish everyone in Mothers' Union a safe & restful summer. Our first meeting of 25/26 is September 8th at 7.30pm and will be an 'Evening with Enniskillen Pipe Band'.



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Across

1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)

4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)

7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)

8 See 5 Down

9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)

16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)

17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17)(3) 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)

24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)

25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

Crossword

26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6) 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6) Down 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4) 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9) 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5) 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2) 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8) 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14(5) 10 Trout (anaa.) (5) 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5) 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5) 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9) 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who - bread into the bowl with me"' (Mark 14:20) (4) 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4) 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5) 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5) 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5) 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4) 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Parenting Wellness Group

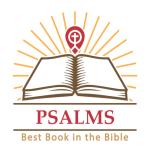
St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group are looking forward to a 'Beach Day' on Saturday 5th July. This will be filled with fun games, sandcastles, water, picnic, ice cream and lots more! For more information, contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.



Psalm

Psalm 2

Psalm 2 begins with a vivid portrayal of the nations conspiring against the Lord and The Anointed One. The psalmist asks, 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?' This question resonates deep-



ly as it reflects the constant turmoil and rebellion present in the world. Despite such defiance, the psalm conveys the futility of opposing God's sovereign will. The Lord, seated in the heavens, laughs and scoffs at such rebellion, reaffirming God's supreme authority.

As we meditate on this psalm, we are reminded of the eternal kingship of Christ. God declares, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father' (v. 7), emphasizing the divine relationship and the establishment of Jesus as the eternal King. This revelation offers us hope and assurance that despite earthly unrest, God's plan through Christ will prevail.

In our own lives, Psalm 2 calls us to submit to God's authority and embrace Christ. The psalm concludes with a call to wisdom: "Serve the



Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling" (v. 11). This encourages us to approach God with reverence and joy, acknowledging God's rightful place as King of our hearts and lives. May we find peace and security in God's unwavering sovereignty, trusting that God is in control and that God's purposes will stand.

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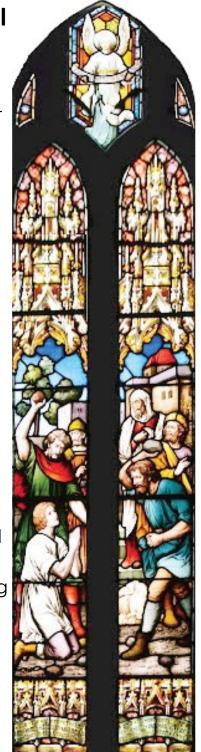
Knowing Your Cathedral

The Quinton Window

The martyrdom of St Stephen, depicted in the exquisite Quinton Window, serves as a poignant testament to the strength of faith and the ultimate sacrifice for Christ. Stephen, a man 'full of faith and of the Holy Spirit' (Acts 6.5), bore witness to his unwavering belief in Jesus even unto death. The vibrant hues and intricate design of the stained glass captures the essence of his final moments, as he gazed heavenward and saw 'the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God' (Acts 7.55). This heavenly vision fortified him, even as he faced the wrath of his persecutors.

The portrayal of St Stephen's martyrdom in stained glass not only memorializes his sacrifice but also inspires us all to hold steadfast in own faith journeys. The light streaming through the coloured glass serves as a reminder that, like Stephen, we too can find strength in divine light and trust in God's eternal presence. In moments of trial, we are called to emulate Stephen's courage, forgiving those who wrong us and entrusting our spirit into the hands of the Almighty, echoing his profound words, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them' (Acts 7.60).

> Photograph by William Holmes



Answers to Crossword on page 14

22, Flog. 23, Mede. id. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Tim-DOMN: manship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve. 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Crafts-

ACRO55:

Help Needed - Your Church Needs You

<u>Welcome Team</u>

It is very important that people are greeted with happy friendly faces on a Sunday morning so we need more people for our welcome team! Volunteers will be paired up with other volunteers on a rota basis.



Lesson Readers

It is good to have a variety of voices to read lessons so more readers are welcome!

Flower Arrangers

Anyone who enjoys arranging flowers is very welcome to do so for Sunday services, with either fresh flowers or using the large amount of artificial flowers that are available. This cuts down on expenses.

Tea after Family Service

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of the Cathedral Family. Please add you name to a rota for making the tea!

Graveyard Volunnteers

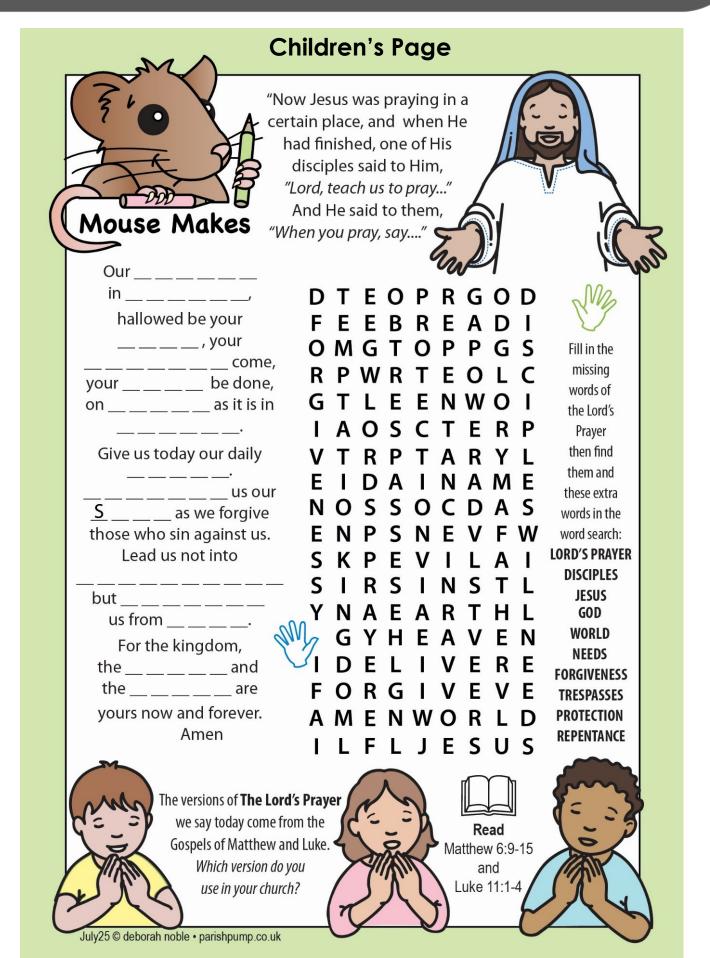
The Cathedral grounds are looking at their best but we need constantly to keep the ivy and weeds under control, especially around the old gravestones. Volunteers can come at any time, any day and work on their own accord.

If you can assist in any of the above please ring the Cathedral Office (66322917), or speak to the Clergy or Churchwardens. Please offer your gift of time and talent in God's service! If you do not want to volunteer alone why not approach another parishioner and team up with them? After all it is TEAM work we are after!



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July Lessons and Readers

Sunday 6th July: The Third Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - 2 Kings 5. 1-14 - Fred Watson The Psalm - Psalm 30 The Second Reading - Galatians 6: 7-16 - Adele Moore The Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 - The Dean

Sunday 13th July: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Amos 7: 7-17 - Ivan Kee The Psalm - Psalm 82 The Second Reading - Colossians 1: 1-14 - Isla Rowland The Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 25-37 - Adele Moore

Sunday 20th July: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Amos 8: 1-12 - Liz Robertson The Psalm - Psalm 52 The Second Reading - Colossians 1: 15-28 - Adele Moore The Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 38-42 - The Dean

Sunday 27th July: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Hosea 1: 2-10 - Robin Hogg The Psalm - Psalm 85 The Second Reading - Colossians 2: 6-15 - The Dean The Gospel Reading - Luke 11: 1-13 - Adele Moore

Lesson Readers

If you are unable to read on the Sunday appointed to you, please speak to the Churchwardens and arrange to swap with another reader.



WELCOME TEAM

- 06 Caroline and Trevor Shaw
- 13 Hilary and Raymond Campbell
- 20 Sylvia and Trevor Stevenson
- 27 Avril and Ivan Kee

WELCOME TEAM August

- 03 Julie and David Nixon
- 10 Jeanette and Richard Cochrane
- 17 Gwen and Karl Saunders
- 24 Myrtle and George Irvine
- 31 Doris and Gordon Jackson

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Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore Churchwardens - Graham Irvine and Audrey Hopkins Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston Hon Secretary - Sam Morrow, Deputy Hon Secretary - Stephen Richmond Hon Treasurer - Hope Kerr, Deputy Hon Treasurer - David Graham Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane, Linda Corrigan, Vanessa Elliott, Arnold Graham, Ivan Kee, Ann Little, Dwayne Nixon, Jonathan Woods. Assistant Hon Secretary - Karl Saunders Assistant Hon Treasurer - Audrey Williamson Lay Readers - Karl Saunders Verger - Andrew McCabe Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

August Lessons and Readers

Sunday 3rd August : The Seventh Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Hosea 11: 1-11 - Robert Northridge The Psalm - Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 The Second Reading - Colossians 3: 1-11 - Helen Burton The Gospel Reading - Luke 12: 13-21 - The Curate

Sunday 10th August: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 - Brian Rutledge The Psalm - Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 The Second Reading - Hebrews 11: 1-3,8-16 - Jim Lucy The Gospel Reading - Luke 12: 32-40 - Adele Moore

Sunday 17th August: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Isaiah 5: 1-7 - Jim Nixon The Psalm - Psalm 80: 1-2, 9-20 The Second Reading - Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2 - David J Nixon The Gospel Reading - Luke 12: 49-56 - The Curate

Sunday 24th August: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Jeremiah 1: 4-10 - Geoffrey Wilkinson The Psalm - Psalm 71: 1-6 The Second Reading - Hebrews 12: 18-29 - Blane Bailey The Gospel Reading - Luke 13: 10-17 - Adele Moore

Sunday 31st August: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity The First Reading - Jeremiah 2: 4-13 - Claire Holmes The Psalm - Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 The Second Reading - Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 - William Holmes The Gospel Reading - Luke 14: 1, 7-14 - The Curate



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 - 6.45pm - 8.00pm Cubs - 6.45pm - 8.00pm Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (as arranged) Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays) Mothers' Union - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (second Mondays) Men's Group - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (third 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 Rangers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm Word & World - 7.30pm (alternate weeks)

WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm Xplore - 7.30pm (last Wednesday of month, October to March)

THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged) Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm Supper at Six –6.00pm - 7.30pm (fourth Thursday, September to March)

SATURDAY

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged) KnitWits - 2.00 - 5.00pm (Autumn to Easter)

New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!