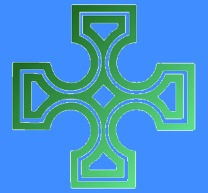


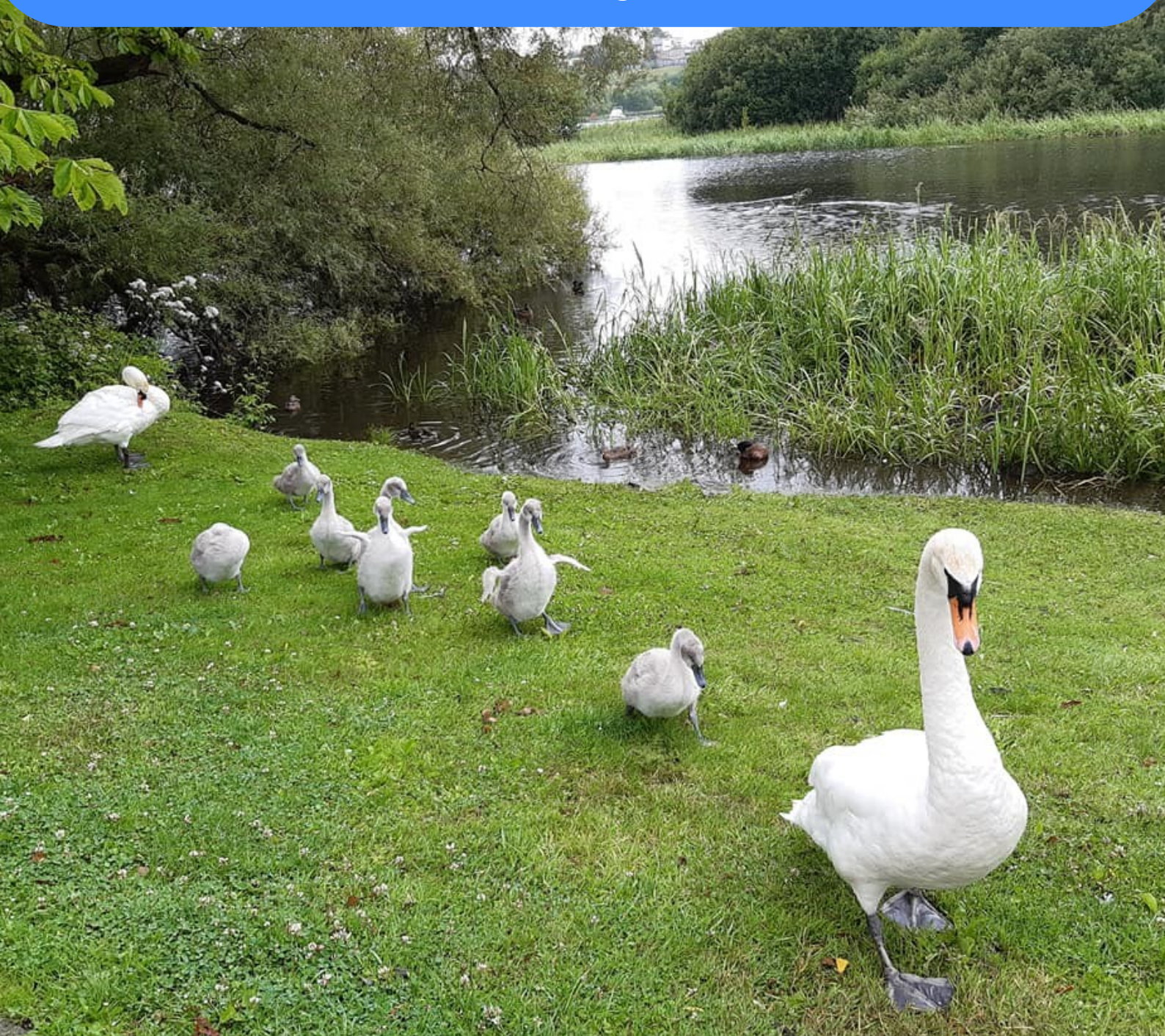
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*Jesus said, 'And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.'* (Matthew 28:20)



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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,

After many long months during the Covid pandemic we are at last beginning to be able to come together again. Some countries and some areas of some countries will be more open than others and we can only hope, pray and wait for all of us to be able to be 'free' again, and for our travel corridors to open up.



The Easter Season and the time thereafter, in the Church's calendar, is supremely the time of 'freedom'. During the first few weeks after Easter, we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and reflect on the scripture stories of those who met Him after His crucifixion and resurrection. Then we celebrate His Ascension – Jesus' return to His Father, and finally, we celebrate Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and all those locked in that Upper Room with the subsequent birth of His Church. Freedom indeed!

In many ways this last year we lost our freedom. The things we have taken for granted – the freedom to shop, to socialise, to go to the hairdressers, go on holiday, to attend church, and many more things all came to a sudden end. For most of us it has been a long waiting time to see family and friends again. All our lives we have underestimated the warmth of a hug and the welcome of a handshake – the simple power of touch especially in difficult days. The horrible necessity of avoiding people, of keeping distance and not seeing a smile under face coverings! We have some understanding of fear and the hope within us, a longing to return to what we would call 'normality', or how things used to be. I am sure many celebrations will lie ahead as we begin to reunite, and what a joy that will be.

What a celebration there must have been when Jesus returned to His Father –

and what a celebration also when the Holy Spirit so powerfully descended to us! In the scheme of things, the disciples were in fear and hiding one day and the next day bold and outspoken. It must have been a joyous time for them to be freed from fear! Is a similar thing happening to us, and especially to those who were shielding, but in a very different way? After a long period of isolation, fear, anxiety and keeping ourselves to ourselves, we are now able to slowly emerge back into the world around us. I suppose for those who have received the anti-Covid vaccinations they are now beginning to feel that same freedom from fear. Not that those vaccinated are 100% safe and will never be ill again, but rather that whatever happens now should be manageable, and that is a great consolation.

Have a think about fears that you may have held inside you in this past year and how you have been able to manage them. Have you known the Spirit of Our Lord by your side in all your ways? Before Jesus ascended in Heaven, He promised He would never leave us and that He would always be with us.

'And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28:20

This is very comforting to know and to experience, and I hope that together we know and can help others to know His reassurance from fear. Freedom indeed!

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.*

Hymn 651

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall



Thursdays at 11.00am

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Thursday at 11.00am. Those who usually attend the early Sunday morning and Sunday evening services should consider (if not working) attending the Thursday service, as it is much quieter than the 11.00am Sunday morning service.

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

- 10th April – Alice Beth McElwaine
11th April – Jack James Nixon
18th April – Archie Andrew Hunter
18th April – Alfie James Johnston
25th April – Heidi Ann West
1st May – Archie Eric Skuce
5th May – Rosie Fiona Yvonne Foley
9th May – Wyatt Lincoln Corrigan



"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

- 19th March - Beatrice Georgina Kenny,
48 Loane Drive, Enniskillen.
20th March - Jean Pauline McCusker,
45 Brackvede Park, Enniskillen.
3rd May - Ethel Maud Wray,
Millcroft Care Home formerly
Burnside Park, Enniskillen.



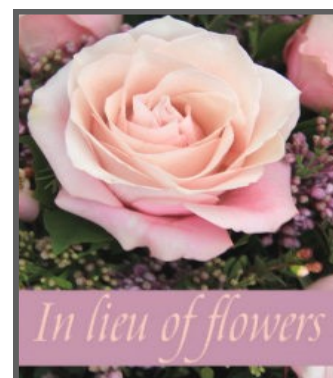
Cremation

- 14th April – William Colin McCormick
7 Killyhevlin Demesne, 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.



Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£300 Donation from Mr Ronnie Tiernan.

£200 Donation from The Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Association.

£2,000 Anonymous donation.

£1,000 Anonymous donation.

£50 Donation from Mrs Sheila Gillen.

£200 Donation from Mrs Jean Murray.

£750 Anonymous donation.

£200 Donation from Mrs Dorothy Dickson.

£50 Donation from Mrs Gloria Sheerin.

£500 Donation from Mr Henry & Mrs Helen Saville.

£100 Donation from Mr Pat & Mrs Mena Blake.

£50 Donation from Mr Kevin Slowey.

£50 Donation from Mr Sean Daly.

£200 Donation from the late Mrs Jean McCusker.

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs Paul Cummings.

£200 Donation from Mrs Peggy Beacon & family.

£50 Donation from Mr Gerry Elliott.

£400 Donation from Mr Richard Bennett.

£500 Donation from Mr Harry & Mrs Iris Carson.

£200 Donation from Mrs Ethel Doherty.

£200 Donation in memory of Ina Frazer
from her daughter and son-in-law, Gwendoline and Raymond Hall.

£500 Donation from Mr Eamon & Mrs Rosemary Flanagan.

£200 Donation from Dr Trevor & Mrs Norah Whittaker.

£75 Donation from FGD Tisdall.

£200 Donation from Mr John and Mrs Winnie Irvine.

£40 Donation from Miss Ruth Lyle.

£50 Donation from Mrs June Clements.

£100 Donation from Mr Noel & Mrs Kathleen Johnston.

£100 Donation from Dr Colin Mootoo.

£100 Donation from Mr Barry & Mrs Audine Mootoo.

£200 Donation from Mr Raymond Woods in memory of his parents.

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overleaf*

Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund *continued*

£100 Donation in memory of Robert Ellis from his wife Mandy and son Stephen.

£50 Donation in memory of Shirley Rowland from Mr Norman and Mrs Helen Coalter.

£1,000 Donation in memory of Jim Robinson from his wife Maria and daughter Jane Weir.

Amount received in Yellow Envelopes - to date £22,810.

(These names will appear in the Financial Report or remain anonymous if already requested). Thank you to all who are contributing.

Target amount for Yellow Envelopes & Lump Sum Donations £300,000.

Amount received for Slate Tickets - to date £23,740.

Target amount for Slate Tickets £100,000.



The Rowland and Kee families wish to thank all those who generously gave donations in lieu of flowers in memory of their beloved Shirley. The magnificent sum of £17,016 has been presented to the Cathedral and will be used towards re-roofing Shirley's place of worship. When gift aid is claimed this sum will rise to approximately £21,000. Isla and Felix are pictured above making the presentation to the Dean.

St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin



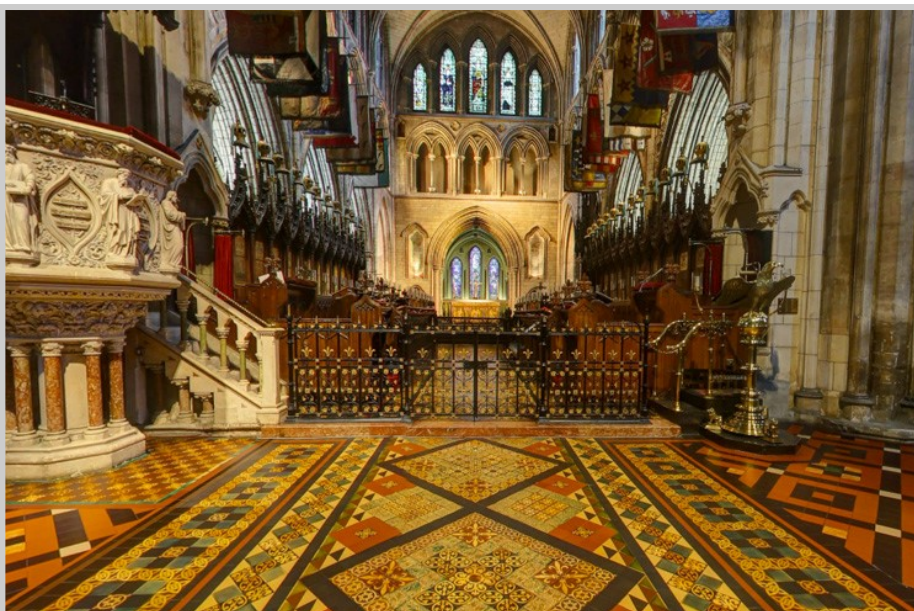
Saint Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191, is the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland.

The Dean of Clogher elected to the Chapter of the National Cathedral

The Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Rector of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen was elected to the Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

The Chapter of a Cathedral is the body of clergy responsible for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral. The Cathedral Chapter of the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland (St Patrick's Dublin) is composed of four Dignitaries (Dean William Morton, Precentor, Chancellor and Treasurer), the Archbishop of Dublin, twelve Diocesan canons to represent each diocese of the Church of Ireland, nine canons elected by the Chapter, and two ecumenical canons elected by the Chapter. The Very Rev Kenneth Hall was elected on Monday 15th March to the prebendal stall of Tassagard and to serve on the Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. Dean Hall was very pleased and honoured to be considered for this position, and looks forward to his installation and taking on this role.

For two weeks each year he will be 'in residence in St Patrick's Dublin' with the responsibility of preaching and other duties in the National Cathedral.



Cathedral Restoration Project

The contract for the restoration work on the cathedral has been awarded to Mr Harold Graham, a well known building contractor from Irvinestown. Tenders were submitted by five contractors and Mr Graham was successful. When the consultant's and quantity surveyor's fees are added to the contractor's tender price, and allowing for incidental costs that may arise, the total cost is likely to be of the order of £450,000. VAT will also be charged on this amount but this can be reclaimed due to the Cathedral's status as a Listed Building.

The contract for the restoration work is legally between the contractor and the Representative Church Body (RCB) in Dublin, which is the legal owner of the Cathedral as is the case for the majority of Church of Ireland churches.



Discussing arrangements for the cathedral restoration work. With the Dean are from left: Mr Marius Blake, Mr Harold Graham, main contractor, Mr J Muldoon and Mr Chris McCollum, historic buildings restoration specialist, who will supervise the work. Messrs Blake and Muldoon are quantity surveyors involved in the project.

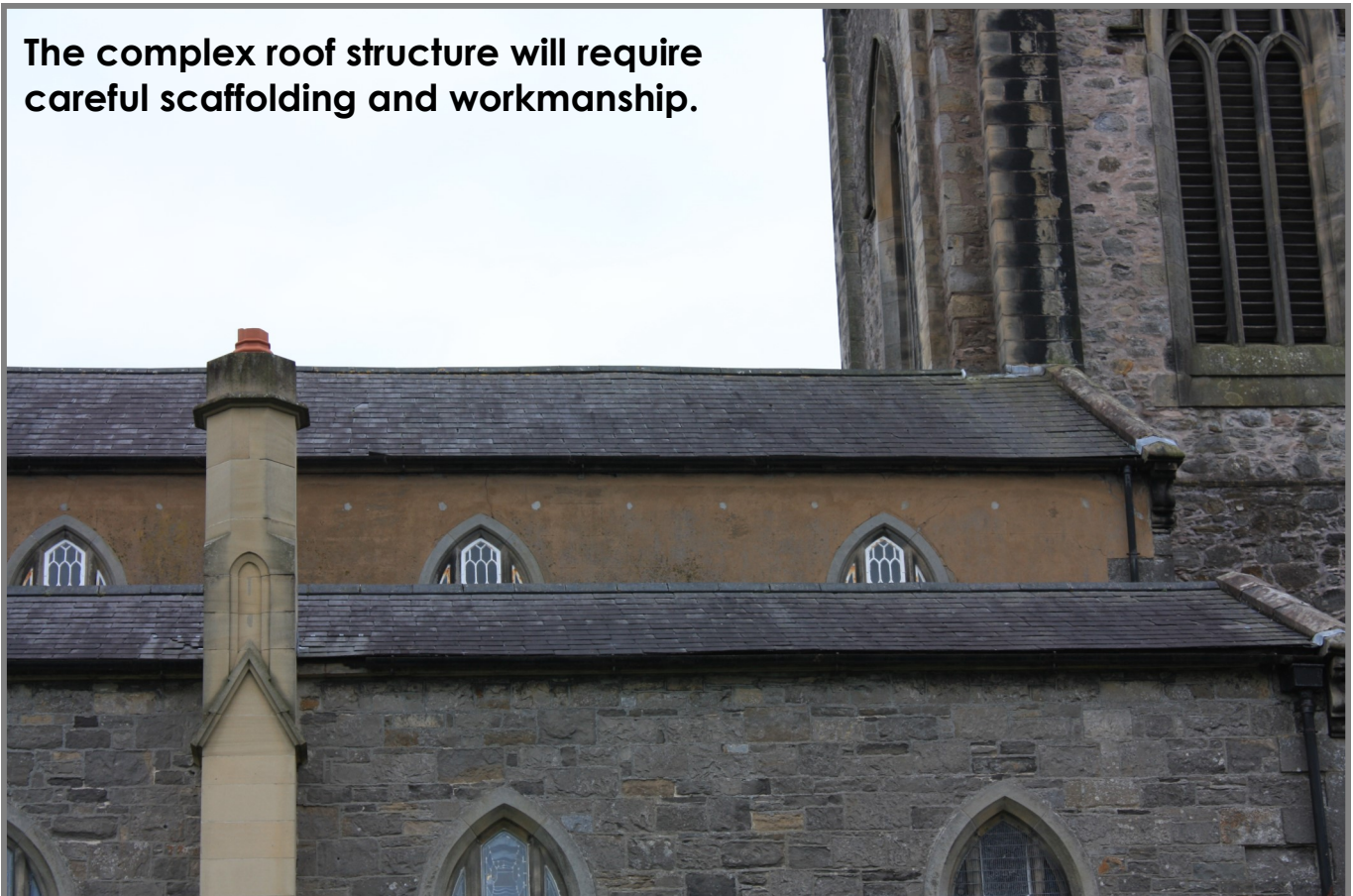
However, whilst the contract is with the RCB, responsibility for meeting the cost of the restoration rests with the Parish, hence the need to maintain the momentum of the fund raising campaign. Work is due to start on the 1st June and be complete by the end of November. It is intended that acts of worship will continue as normal in the cathedral as the work progresses.

Cathedral Restoration Project



Preparing the contract documents for signature. The Dean's picnic table provided an ideal location for social distancing. From left: Mr J Muldoon, Marius Blake (seated), Mr Chris McCollum, Mr Sam Morrow and Mr Harold Graham.

The complex roof structure will require careful scaffolding and workmanship.



Slate Tickets

Very soon the scaffolding will be erected around our Cathedral building which commences the reroofing. This is an ambitious and mighty task to gather in £450,000 during a pandemic. Had circumstances been different we would have been able to hold many fund-raising activities – concerts, coffee mornings, sales etc, but all of that is not now possible. Coupled with that, many families are struggling to make ends meet after a very difficult period with finance not plentiful at present. We do appreciate what you can affordably give the church in your Free Will Offering. This year we have also asked each family to contribute what they can afford in twelve yellow monthly envelopes at the start of each month towards the Cathedral Roof Fund. Thank you to those who are using these, and we are grateful to those who have already very generously contributed single donations to the Cathedral Roof Fund.

Rather than try to raise all the money from parishioners, we are asking parishioners to help to raise some money from non parishioners by selling slates. In doing so you could provide us with twenty slates for the roof!

There are 10,000 slates on the roof and if we ask each family to provide twenty slates, we could raise £100,000 in this venture alone and this will bring in about 25% of the overall cost.

This is an opportunity for you to do something in Christian service and provide something extra for God's House by selling some slates at £10 each to family members, friends, acquaintances, or neighbours who are not parishioners – just twenty slates to sell. When doing so please fill in the stubs with name, address, and postcode of the buyer, and tick the box if a taxpayer so that we can reclaim tax at no extra cost to the buyer of the slate.

When you have completed the sale of the twenty slates, please return the stubs and money to the Cathedral Office, The Churchwardens, The Treasurer or myself as Dean of the Cathedral. Please do not give any money or stubs to anyone not personally known to you. We really appreciate your effort in helping us in these very difficult times and we hope to have all returned before the end of June. The Select Vestry will have the responsibility of seeing that all the Slate Tickets/stubs are returned to protect those that have contributed.

Please Note

If for some reason you have not received a book of 'Slate tickets' and would like to assist with providing 20 slates for the Cathedral Roof please contact the Cathedral Office. Your help and assistance would be very much appreciated.



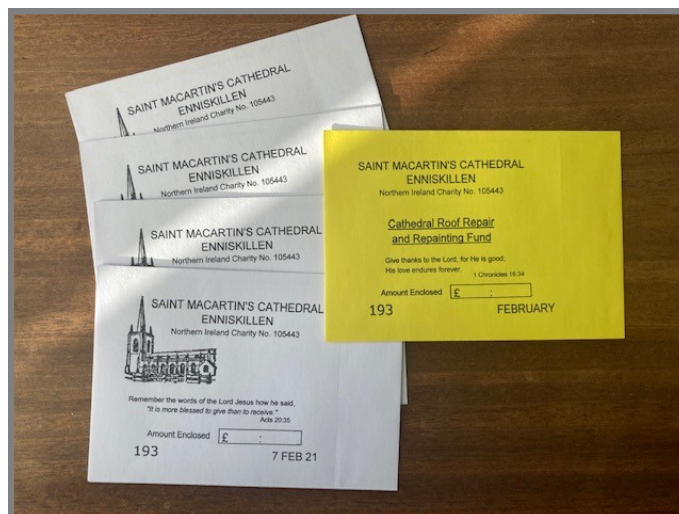
Church Envelopes

Re-roofing the cathedral is a massive project costing approximately £450,000. The project of selling slates for the roof, if every parishioner plays their part, should bring in £100,000 from outside sources and not from parishioner's own income. That leaves us with a further £350,000 to raise.

If this were to be divided equally among our contributing families it would be an exorbitant amount each, however we hope that every family will contribute as much as they can afford to see our magnificent building fully restored. I am not asking you to contribute above your means, but what I am asking you to do is to consider what you spent on non-essential items and give accordingly to the church – we know God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7). We are all well aware of the real financial struggles and hardship that many are facing with the on-going crisis of COVID-19; the result of this is that giving can often be squeezed and church giving sometimes falls victim to this. Therefore, we really appreciate parishioners' on-going commitment to the work of Almighty God here in Enniskillen. In each box of FWO Envelopes there are twelve additional yellow envelopes – one for each month. They are placed at the start of each month in the hope that more funds are available at that stage of the month. Please give as generously as you can. The white envelopes are the regular weekly envelopes and we very much depend on your generosity in these to keep our day-to-day expenses covered.

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

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



Diocesan Pastoral Assistant

We welcome Mrs Sue Hogg to the Parish Ministry Team as she now takes up the role as our new DPA following the retirement of Mr Will Stevenson. Sue was commissioned in 2013 and has served as a DPA in Lisbellaw, Maguiresbridge & Derrybrusk, Trory & Killadeas and is at present serving in Rossorry Parish. She will continue her role with Rossorry as well as St Macartin's Cathedral. She comes with a wealth of experience and we look forward to her becoming a familiar face around the homes in our parish, as soon as restrictions are lifted and visiting is allowed again. Sue has kindly done 'Cathedral Family' this month and this will let you know more about her and introduce her to the parish – see pages 16 and 17. Below you will see the role and remit of a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

'Questions and Answers'

Q 1 What is a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant (DPA)?

A 1 A lay person trained and authorised by the Diocese to provide pastoral work in a parish to help ordained clergy.

Q 2 What can a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant do?

A 2 The broad activities of a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant include:

Visiting homes regularly within the parish

Visiting parishioners in hospital

Visiting residential homes and the housebound, and ensuring that these people receive Holy Communion from an ordained cleric on a regular basis

Organising Bible Study on a regular basis

Exploring other possibilities such as youth work in the parish

Making pastoral and practical arrangements for funerals and follow through with families post bereavement

Advising and preparing families requesting baptism

Q 3 Have Diocesan Pastoral Assistants been trained?

A 3 Yes, training is essential. An approved Diocesan Course covered aspects such as:

The Living Bible

Christian Discipleship in daily life

The Church of Ireland Tradition

Pastoral Care of people

The Book of Common Prayer as a pastoral resource

Basic Parochial Administration

Q 4 When did Diocesan Pastoral Assistants commence work?

A 4 In 2005 the Diocese recruited individuals, and after an appropriate period of training over several months, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants commenced work after being commissioned by the Bishop in late 2006.

The Death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh



With the announcement of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh we wish to join our voices with the many others who have sympathised with Queen Elizabeth and their family. We do so while recalling the visit of the Queen and

Prince Philip to Enniskillen on 26th June 2012. Those who were present on that day to see The Queen and Prince Philip cross the street from Saint Macartin's Cathedral to enter St Michael's Church will remember the joy of that occasion and its witness to our one community rooted in our common Christian heritage. We remember Prince Philip's lively interest in Enniskillen and his faithful support for the Queen, plainly visible on that day.

Remember, O Lord, your servant Philip, who has gone before us marked with the sign of faith and now rests in the sleep of peace. According to your promises, grant to him and to all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Monsignor Peter O'Reilly,
St Michael's Church
(Roman Catholic),
Enniskillen and Dean Kenneth Hall,
Dean of St Macartin's Cathedral,
Enniskillen with the Queen and
Prince Philip.**



Ordination or Consecration of the new Bishop of Clogher

The Rt Rev Dr Ian W Ellis was elected Bishop of Clogher by the Episcopal Electoral College meeting on the on 9th November 2020. He succeeds the Most Revd John McDowell who was elected Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland by the House of Bishops in March 2020. Canon Ellis is a native of Lisburn, is married to Heather and they have three grown-up children, Mark, Timothy and Naomi. After graduating from Queen's University, Canon Ellis taught Physics in Antrim Grammar School for seven years until he began training for the ordained ministry. He was ordained in 1989 for the curacy of St Mark's Parish, Armagh, by Archbishop Robin Eames. In 1991 he was instituted by Archbishop Eames as Rector of Loughgall and Grange in the Diocese of Armagh. In 2002 he was appointed Secretary to the Church of Ireland Board of Education (NI) where he served for 13 years. He was also a Church of Ireland representative on the Transferors' Representative Council and served as secretary to that body. In 2013 he graduated with a Doctorate in Education from Queen's University Belfast. He was instituted Rector of Rossorry Parish in the Diocese of Clogher in March 2015 by the then Bishop John McDowell. In 2015 he was also appointed Clogher Representative Canon in St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. He is currently vice Chair of the Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Board of Governors and is a member of the Board of Governors of Jones Memorial Primary School. Canon Ellis' wife Heather is an HR Consultant and is the current President of Enniskillen Rotary Club. His Ordination by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Rev John McDowell assisted by the Bishop of Meath and Kildare, The Rt Reverend Pat Storey and the Bishop of Connor, The Rt Reverend George Davidson took place in St Macartin's Cathedral on the Feast Day of St Mark, Monday 26th April 2021.



Left: The Right Reverend The Lord Eames OM, former Archbishop of Armagh, delivers the sermon.



The Bishop-elect, the Rev Canon Dr Ian Ellis, kneels before Archbishop McDowell during the ordination.

Ordination or Consecration of the new Bishop of Clogher

At a future date, when restrictions permit, we will have the opportunity to meet for the enthronement of Bishop Ian in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher, the ancient seat of the Bishop of Clogher and subsequently in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen for the enthronement in Enniskillen, the second Cathedral of the diocese.



Bishop Ian and his wife Heather pictured after the service with their family, daughter-in-law Suzie, son Timothy, son-in-law Graeme, daughter Naomi, son Mark and daughter-in-law Judith.

Bishop Ian was the celebrant and preacher at a service of Holy Communion in St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 2nd May at 11.00am. He is pictured right with The Rector, Dean Kenny Hall and Organist, Mr Glenn Moore.



Cathedral Family

Sue Hogg



Tell us about your early days?

I grew up in Holywood ,Co Down, went to Strathearn School (Head Girl) and on to Trinity College ,Dublin. I graduated in 1968 with a degree in Languages and Fine Art. I grew up in a Non - Subscribing Presbyterian family and my grandfather was the Presbyterian Minister in Ballyshannon, my mother attending the Royal School for Girls, Enniskillen as a boarder. My involvement in Trinity College Chapel was my first step towards Anglicanism.

I trained with Marks and Spencer as an HR manager and worked in Scotland , coming home in 1971 to work in HR again in Inglis Biscuits, Belfast, where I met my husband Robin.

We moved to Fermanagh in 1974 to run our own business Cran-nog Cruising in Bellanaleck.

What are your hobbies and interests?

Education and working with young people, 65 years associated with Girlguiding as Brownie, Guide, leader and Trainer and Chief Commissioner locally and nationally. I enjoy music: choral (I have sung in choirs wherever I lived and worked), classical and jazz.

Cathedral Family

Reading, gardening, the out of doors. I have sailed all my life, as a teenager in dinghies (an Irish Champion) moving to more recent cruising abroad. I am a Soroptimist and involved with U3A. Always involved with church and community.

Do you travel/hope to travel? Much travelled, as our son Neill, wife Miriam, Patrick and Jamie live in Dublin and our daughter, Gillian and husband Gavin, Sam and Oliver live in New Zealand. We love NZ and have spent frequent holidays there in the last 20 years with the family. We also enjoy Ireland and Europe especially Italy and Greece where we have sailed a lot. Hopefully we will travel again soon!

Favourites in life?

Food: Any food cooked by someone else!

Films : Lawrence of Arabia, Mamma Mia! **Books:** I read widely but special to me is Wild Swans by Jung Chang

Best days: All family get-togethers and celebrations, weddings, baptisms. parties. Sadly missed at the moment.

Bible Verse: So many! I use the psalms a lot in pastoral ministry: psalms 16, 46,121,139 are all favourites. Be still and know....

Hymns: Again so many.... How great the Father's love for us and Brother, Sister let me serve you are special to me.

Any Challenges?

Keeping well, interested, contented and busy as I grow older.

As a Cathedral Family we sometimes know very little about each other. Unfortunately at the moment it is not possible to run the Cathedral organisations, stay behind for coffee/tea and a chat after a Family Service or Thursday morning Holy Communion or even speak to someone in Church on a Sunday morning. This article is one way to stay in touch and find out more. If you know someone who would be willing to tell us about themselves please let us know. We want St Macartin's to be a warm and welcome place.

*"A friend is someone who reaches out for your hand...
and touches your heart." – Unknown*



(St Macartin's) Scout Group

On 1 August 1907, 20 boys gathered together to join the first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island, near Poole in Dorset. The man behind the event was Robert Baden-Powell

On January 24, 1908, the Boy Scouts movement began in England.

As a matter of interest – The Girl Guides movement was formally founded in 1910 by Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes Baden-Powell.

Gradually from 1908 Scouting grew and developed and is now active in 216 countries with over 31 million members!

A Brief History 1921 – 2021

Although there are reports in the local press of Scout activity in Co. Fermanagh prior to 1921, the first official registration of a Scout Troop with Scout Headquarters was on 23rd March 1921 when 1st Inniskilling Troop was registered. The Scoutmaster was I Pierce and assistant scoutmasters were Louis Thornton and Arthur Algeo. There were 18 scouts in the troop.

A Wolf Cub section (later to be renamed Cub Scouts) were registered with Scout HQ on 21st April 1926. The Cubmaster was Ernest McIntyre and assistant Cubmaster was Thomas McCaf-

frey. The pack had 25 wolf cubs.

The beaver Scout section was registered on 9th November 1978 and at that time Beavers were unique to Northern Ireland and did not become recognised by Scout HQ until 1986.

Until that date all the beavers in Northern Ireland wore a turquoise blue scarf. They then became full members of the group and were able to wear the Group Scarf. The beaver leaders at formation were Mrs Avril Kee, Mrs Hazel Hunter and Miss Allison Hilliard. The colony had 24 beavers.

1st Inniskilling (st Macartin's) Group Scarf is Emerald Green and Black half and half and is worn with the Emerald Green on the wearer's right hand side.

From early 1990s Girls were admitted into the scout movement and we have had a small number over the years.



(St Macartin's) Scout Group

In the early days, as well as annual camps locally, there are reports of camping in favourite places like Bundoran and Mullaghmore and transport would have been by train.

The group was active in the community and was present at the opening of the World War 1 Memorial in 1922 and, to my knowledge, has participated in all remembrance days ever since.

During the war years the scouts would go around the houses in town and country at Easter time and collect eggs for distribution to the Hospitals and Workhouse.

In 1946 1st Inniskilling troop formed a scout band with instruments lent by the British Legion and played for many years at Scout parades and other local events.

The current Troop flags were dedicated in the Cathedral on 1st November 1953 by the then rector, Rev Thomas Clements. This past year has been the most trying for the group with no face to face meetings being allowed and other ways to communicate had to be found, Zoom being the leader. Let us hope normal scouting will once again soon take place.

Thanks must go to all our leaders, past and present, who have kept this great movement of Scouting going in Enniskillen. Without you we simply could not operate.

Thanks also to the young people and parents who attend faithfully each week. Again without you we could not operate.

1st Inniskilling (St Macartin's) Scouts have been in continuous existence since 23rd March 1921 and was 100 years old on Tuesday 23rd March 2021.



George Irvine gave a summary of the history of the scouting movement after the service on Sunday 21st March. He then cut a cake to mark their 100th Anniversary.
More pictures overleaf

(St Macartin's) Scout Group



The cake was then shared by Zoom on the anniversary, Tuesday 23rd March!



Mothers' Union

This past month our Mothers' Union branch has been busy.

We received our wool and fabric supplies which we purchased with our grant monies. The purchase of the fabric materials proved challenging due to the current Covid 19 restrictions. We got there in the end and are presently sorting and distributing to our ladies.

In March we ordered some Stay Active Resource cards from Sports NI. These cards showed us how to do seated exercises for flexibility and mobility and low Intensity exercises which included aerobics and strengthening. All a bit of fun and to keep us moving!

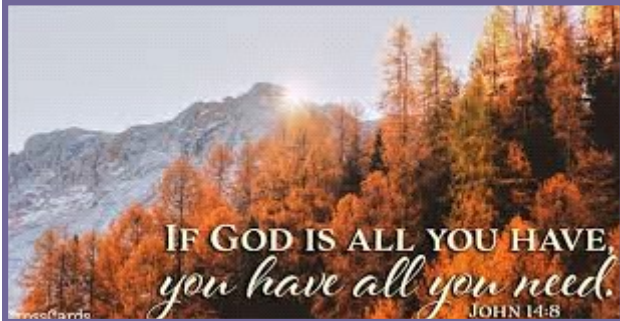
To finish off the month each member was paid a visit by Jenifer, Sally or Maud and an Easter Egg given, which was very much appreciated by all.

We look forward to getting back to some normality and hoping to see everyone again in the Autumn.



Photographs by
Maud Shaw

Learning to trust in times of trouble



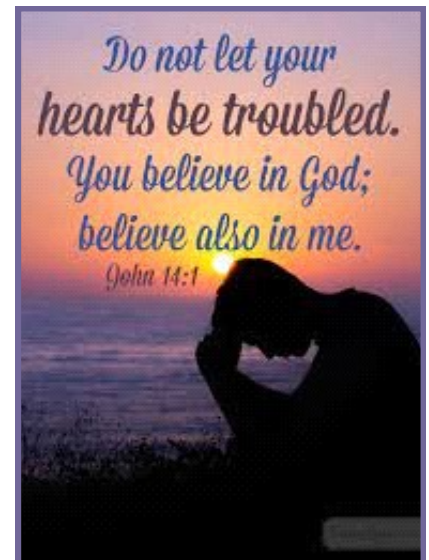
Someone, writing about the challenges they were facing, said: “We never cease to have invitations to trust, do we?” Almost every day we face circumstances that we cannot control, and for which the only way to find peace is to trust in the loving wisdom of our faithful God.

Yet trust is never easy. It seems easier – and more natural – to worry or to be afraid. It is as if we feel we ought to be anxious, as if we really must fret about things. Not to do so would be to not care. It is our duty to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders.

But is it?

Jesus seems to offer us an alternative. He says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me.” (John 14:1)

He offers Himself to us as someone who is trustworthy, one who is absolutely reliable and who will see us through. We are invited to entrust Him with our concerns, and to hand over to His care the things that trouble us.



In his book *Ruthless Trust*, the writer Brennan Manning says: “Sometimes it may mean more to God when we say, ‘I trust you’ than it does when we say ‘I love you.’” When things are going well, the sun is shining and the sky is blue, it is easy to love God. But when the storms are blowing, and the clouds are dark, it takes a very special kind of faith to say, “I don’t understand God, but I do trust you.”

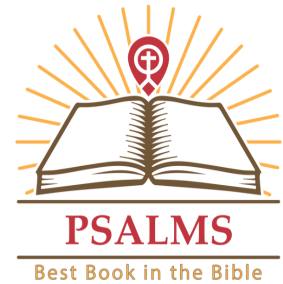


This kind of faith delights the

Psalm

Psalm 23

There are few psalms as personal and real as Psalm 23. It records David's experience of God as his Shepherd going through dark times. In the midst of the effects of a global pandemic, this psalm speaks to the fears that can overwhelm us.



He Knows Me: 'The Lord is my shepherd...' Just as a good shepherd knows every sheep in his flock, so God know each one of us intimately.

He Provides for Me: 'He makes me lie down in green pastures...' Just as the shepherd knows the needs of his sheep, so God will provide what we need in our lives and circumstances.

He Guides Me: 'He guides me along the right paths...' Just as the shepherd leads the sheep to the best pastures, so God provides the best for us, as we listen and follow Him.

He Protects Me: 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley...' Just as the sheep have no need to fear danger when following the shepherd, so we live knowing God's presence and protection.

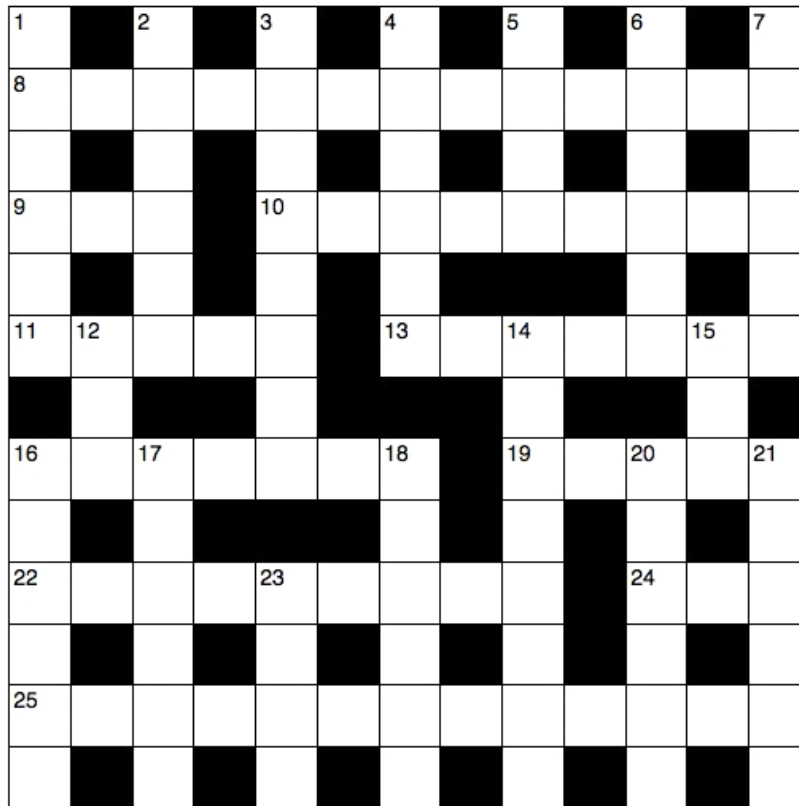
He Comforts Me: 'your rod and your staff, they comfort me.' As the shepherd's rod defends the sheep, and the staff enables him to control the sheep, so God comforts us through His Word and discipline.

The final verses of the psalm (v5-6) offer the security of knowing that our lives are in His hands, even through death, as He leads us to the home we've been looking for all our lives.

Some years ago, a great actor was asked to recite Psalm 23, but asked one of the other guests to do the same. His remarkable rendition was followed by the other man, an older Christian speaking from the heart. Afterwards the actor said:

'The difference between us is that I know the psalm, but he knows the shepherd.'

Crossword



Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and — a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)

Crossword

- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)

Confirmation

2020 Confirmation Service



Due to circumstances beyond our control the Confirmation Service on 15th March 2020 had to be cancelled at the last minute. This was very disappointing for the 18 young people who had been prepared and rehearsed for their special day. We hope to hold this service as soon as we can, possibly in early autumn. To date Confirmations and new classes have not been permitted.

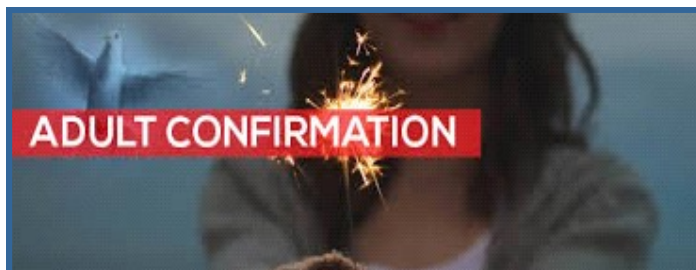
2022 Confirmation Group

We hope to begin Confirmation Classes again in November with a Confirmation Service in the Spring of 2022. This group will be made up from Years 9 and 10. Names of the those wishing to be confirmed should contact the cathedral office email for an application form. Email stmacartins@btopenworld.com



Adult Confirmation

It is hoped to hold private confirmation service for any adults who wish to be confirmed in the autumn. Those who were to be confirmed on Ascension Day 2020 will automatically be



contacted nearer the time and if anyone else wishes to join them please contact the Dean. This type of service is more or less kept as quiet and as confidential as possible with only close relatives in attendance (if invited by the candidate).

Youth

Just a short note to say a BIG thank you to everyone who has supported and taken part in any of our Children and Youth organisations while they have been online. It has been a strange year, but we have enjoyed getting to stay in touch with you and we look forward to getting back together in person someday soon. Stay safe and have a lovely summer! **Children and Youth team**

Messy Church @ Home

Messy Church @ Home has now finished for the summer. We hope you have enjoyed each session as much as we have enjoyed putting them together. The whole team is looking forward to returning (hopefully in person!) in October. Keep an eye on our Children and Youth social media pages for Messy Church updates!

For April's Messy Church @ Home, we celebrated 'All Things New' after Easter. Our verse of the month was 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ERV): 'when anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone; suddenly, everything is new!' Activities included junk modelling, paper butterflies and making trees.

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children of all denominations held on the third Thursday of each month.

These pictures are from some of our last few Messy Church @ Home sessions:



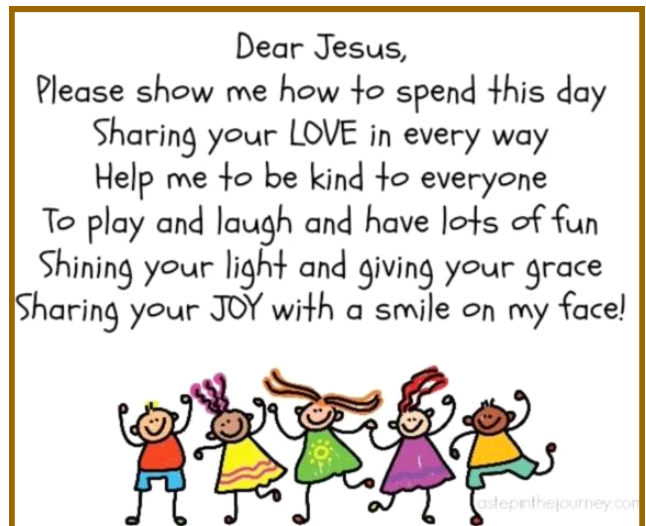
Youth

Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Our final Sunday Lights + Café session is on Sunday 13th June. Keep an eye on our Children and Youth social media pages for Sunday Lights @ Café updates after summer!

This year we have enjoyed learning about characters and stories of the New Testament. Since the New Year, we have focused on Jesus' time on Earth. We have enjoyed learning about the different miracles He performed and the parables He told. All of our virtual sessions will remain online and can be found on our Google Drive. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional resources.

Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!



Xplore and Confirmation

We are looking forward to holding Xplore and Confirmation classes again once regulations permit. Until then, please make sure all candidates and participants are registered so that we can begin meeting as soon as possible. See our 'How Can I Get Involved?' section for details on how to register. Keep an eye on our Children and Youth social media pages for Xplore and Confirmation updates! (Also see page 25)

How Can I Get Involved?

Don't be a stranger; if you have any questions please get in touch! We always love to hear from you. Registration forms and details on how to register for all Children and Youth organisations can be found:

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office



'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35)

This unique saying of Jesus, not recorded in the gospels, is quoted by the apostle Paul in the book of Acts. These few words contain a powerful truth about giving and receiving love.

Stage 1 – receiving love. As children we love to receive presents, whether for birthdays or Christmas. It is natural at a young age to think more about receiving than giving. This is self-love.

Stage 2 – giving and receiving love. As we grow older, we begin to consider others, not just ourselves. We learn not only to receive, but also to give. However, at this stage we tend mostly to give to those who give to us. This is reciprocal love.

Stage 3 – giving love without the need to receive love. This is the kind of love Jesus demonstrated during His earthly ministry, and which the Spirit desires to produce in His followers. When we give freely in this way, we find great joy and experience the blessing of God in our lives. This is other-love.

However, we never grow out of our need to receive love (stage 1). The danger of giving without receiving is that we neglect our own need to be loved, supported and encouraged. This is why many active believers experience burnout and depression. We cannot give to others indefinitely without receiving for ourselves. It is not a sign of weakness, immaturity or failure to say, 'I need to receive'. There are times when we all need affirmation and appreciation, rest and recuperation.

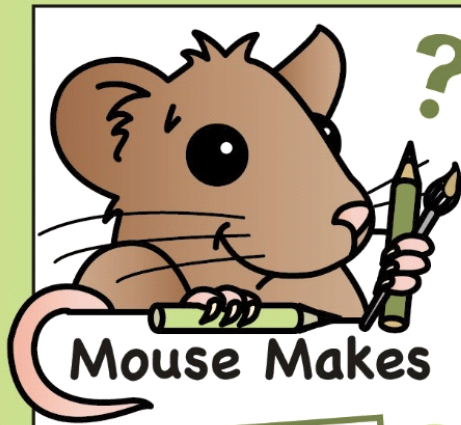


it is more **BLESSED**
to **GIVE**
than to **RECEIVE**

Acts 20:35

That said, we must not get locked into stage 1 again (spiritual infancy with the focus always on me), but bravely move on the more mature expressions of love, mutually supporting one another, but also reaching out to those who need our help but have nothing to offer in return.

Children's Page



FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

Match the wife to their husband

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| MARY | BOAZ |
| SARAH | JACOB |
| RUTH | ZECHARIAH |
| REBEKAH | JOSEPH |
| RACHEL | ABRAHAM |
| ELIZABETH | ISAAC |



WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

P			L
• Wrote 13 New Testament letters			π
• He wrote the third Gospel			
• Mother of John (Luke 1:3)			
• Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)			
		R	
• Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)			
• His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)			⌒
S			
• Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)			
• A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)			
N			
• Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)			—

IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...

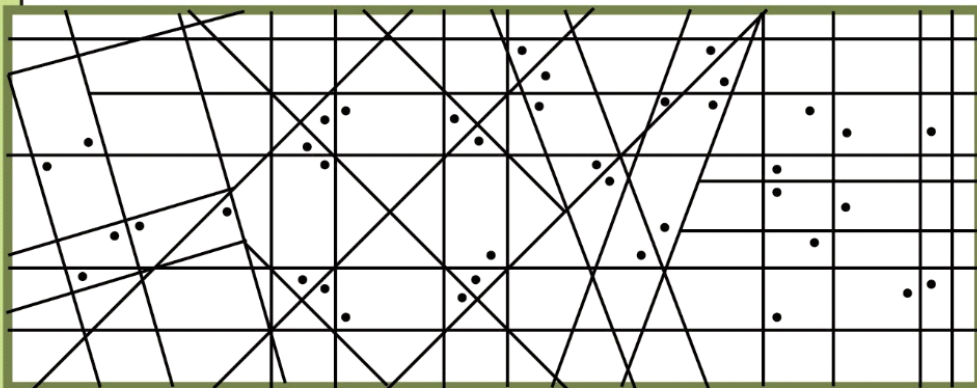
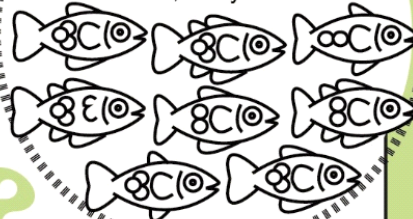
What were they?

Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

	AKNNC	
	EQNFR	
	FMZSR	
	EKHDR	
	CHRDZRD	
	OKZFTD	
	GZHK	
	KNBTRSR	
	CZQJMDRR	

FIND THE FISH

The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus wants us to do



Our Daily Bread – 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 out – get someone to take one for you). Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm each day throughout the week with 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 directly 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 verse 105

Parish Visiting

Since parish visiting will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if you are unwell or know someone who is unwell. We can arrange some form of contact to be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.



Answers to Crossword on page 24

ACROSS: 8, Transgressors. 9, Out. 10, Ephesians. 11, Throb. 13, Ramadan. 16, Nearest. 19, Neath. 22, Childless. 24, Ant. 25, Excommunicate.
DOWN: 1, Utmost. 2, Easter. 3, Assemble. 4, Archer. 5, Isis. 6, To hand. 7, As a son. 12, Hoe. 14, Monastic. 15, Apt. 16, Nuclei. 17, A piece. 18, Tied up. 20, Ar-
 orat. 21, Hatred. 23, Dome.

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore
Churchwardens - Linda Kingston and Audrey Williamson
Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston
Select Vestry - Raymond Campbell, David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,
Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),
Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders,
Jonathan Woods and Rosemary Woods.
Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Ver-

June Lessons

Sunday 6th June: The First Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 1 Samuel 8: 4-11 - Myrtle Irvine
The Psalm - Psalm 138
The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 13-18 - George Irvine
The Gospel Reading - Mark 3: 20-35 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 13th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13 - Robin Hogg
The Psalm - Psalm 20
The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, - Sue Hogg
The Gospel Reading - Mark 4: 26-34 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 20th June: The Third Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 1 Samuel 17: 32-49 - Claire Holmes
The Psalm - Psalm 9: 9-20
The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 - Willie Holmes
The Gospel Reading - Mark 4: 35-41 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 27th June: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 1 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 - Ivan Kee
The Psalm - Psalm 130
The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 - Avril Kee
The Gospel Reading - Mark 5: 21-43 - Scott Elliott

Please note

At present we can only use two readers from the one household to share a mic and read from the same lectern. A radio mic will be used to read the Gospel Reading. As soon as possible we will return to the full rota.

SUNDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

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

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

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

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS (will resume as soon as allowed)

MONDAY

Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

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

Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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

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

Mothers' Union - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

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

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY

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

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Film Club - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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