

The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral



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*'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people'  
(1 Peter 2: 9)*



## OUR VISION

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

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## The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

On the 29th June we celebrate the Feast Day of St Peter. St Peter reminds us that Jesus Christ is the keystone, the reason and foundation of our faith. In his time, Christ's message and call to faith was listened to by some. It was also ignored by others. Peter calls the people to faith. He says: *'You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.'* (1 Peter 2:9) It is a message that has a particular relevance for us as we celebrate our Cathedral restoration. The restoration of this Cathedral is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on renewal of faith in our own lives. The architect, the contractors, the painters, and many others have worked hard to ensure that the Cathedral was restored to its original beauty and integrity so that this building is a worthy place for the worship of this community. We watched as the scaffolding was erected, the inch-by-inch restoration, and the attention to every detail of re-decoration. It has all been a magnificent work. As parishioners and as a community we are proud to see this wonderful achievement. Today we rejoice in all of that. We now have a splendid Cathedral, a building fitting for the worship of this community. That is the first step. The second step is even more challenging. It is the call to renewal of faith, to put Christ at the centre of our lives – to be builders of his kingdom of justice, love, and peace. In today's world, it is not an easy call. In some ways, we have to swim against the tide of aggressive secularism, of materialism and of lethargy. The call of our day is to be part of a whole new evangelisation, involving all of the people of God. Jesus made no difference between anyone – he



loved and served all. He said to his disciples "I have given you a model to follow so that as I have done you should also do." He called us to a way of life centred on the Eucharist (Holy Communion), but he also called us to live as he lived, to love as he loved and to care as he did. That, I believe, is the call of our day – to build a community centred on the Eucharist and being strengthened by the Eucharist to go out into the community to live our lives as he did. This involves us in addressing the issues facing people in their everyday life, to support them in their need and to encourage them in their quest for answers to their searching. These are exciting times. I believe we live in challenging times, but I believe we have people willing and able to accept the challenges presented. I began with the image of our Cathedral here renewed, restored, and majestically completed. The work of personal renewal continues. In the Gospel according to St Luke, we are told that Jesus stood up in the Synagogue and read from the Prophet Isaiah;

*"The spirit of the Lord has been given to me He has anointed me  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor  
to proclaim liberty to captives to the blind new sight to set the  
downtrodden free to proclaim the Lord's year of favour"*

Then he said, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." The text is indeed fulfilled even now when we commit ourselves again to renewal of faith. It is the charter for renewal of faith in our time. With God's help and the help of this parish and community I pray that we may answer that call to renewal generously.

The prayer below sums up the mission that we all need to be part of in the days and years ahead keeping St Macartin's at the heart of the community, strengthening commitment, outreach, worship, and Christian Love.

Yours very sincerely,



## **Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer**

*Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come. May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

8th May - Lily Margaret Ross

29th May - Kamilah Kenesha Gentles

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

Matthew 28: 19

### Marriage

11th May - Teri Amanda Vance and  
Glen Christopher McWilliams.

14th May - Rachel-Anne Louise Elliott and  
Richard Ivan Morrison.

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

### Burial

3rd May - Cecil Norman Rankin,  
Castle Irvine Road, Irvinestown.

12th May - Eric George Johnston,  
West Bridge House, Enniskillen.

16th May - Robert (Bert) Loughlin,  
41 Tempo Road, Enniskillen.

23rd May - Margaret Jane Christina (Chris) Wilson  
175 Tempo Road, Enniskillen.

24th May - Keith Joseph Abraham  
Hill Bank Fold, Omagh.

*"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

### Organ Restoration Fund

- £100 Anonymous donation.
- £200 Donation from the Loughlin family in memory of their beloved Robert.
- £100 Donation from Mrs Valerie Breen.
- £25 Anonymous Donation.

### Redecoration Fund

- £500 Donation from the Old Portora Masonic Lodge 859.
- £300 Donation from Mr Richard & Mrs Rachel Morrison.
- £25 Anonymous Donation.
- £200 Donation from Rt Rev Dr Ian & Mrs Heather Ellis.
- £100 Donation from Mr Ronnie & Mrs Letta Noble.
- £50 Donation from Mr Paul & Mrs Joan Bruce.
- £50 Donation from Mrs Barbara Ingram.
- £100 Donation from Mr Peter & Mrs Melanie Little,
- £2,000 Donation from Mrs Una Burke.
- £100 Donation from Mr Denzil & Mrs Mae Glenn.
- £500 Donation from Mr Stanley Moffatt.
- £100 Donation from Dr Trevor & Mrs Norah Whittaker.
- £100 Anonymous donation.
- £50 Donation from Mr Ivan Hume.
- £150 Donation from Mr Archie & Mrs Freda Birrell.
- £10 Donation from Mrs Annie Gibson.
- £10 Donation from Mrs Gwen McHugh.
- £200 Anonymous donation in memory of our parents.
- £20 Donation from Mr Ernie Chambers.
- £40 Donation from Rev Abraham & Mrs Gertie Storey.

## New Churchwardens



The Dean and the Rev Chris West pictured with the new Churchwardens, Mr Nathan Clyde (Rector's) and Miss Alana Williamson (Peoples') on the first day of taking up their role.

Nathan, at the age of 21 years when appointed holds the record of becoming the youngest churchwarden in the 400 year history of the parish. Young people are not simply the Church of the future, but the church of today.

## Visiting Preacher



Scott Elliott and the Dean, pictured with the Rev Dr Issac Thompson (the retired minister of First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown) who preached at the morning service on Sunday 8th May.

### 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!

### Parish Visiting

Since regular parish visiting from house to house will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if they 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.



## Cathedral Official Reopening



From left: Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly (Parish Priest in St Michael's Church), Alanna Williamson (Churchwarden), Canon Desmond Kingston, Scott Elliott (Parish Reader), Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis (Bishop of Clogher), Rev Christopher West (Curate Assistant) Dean Kenneth Hall, Nathan Clyde (Churchwarden), and Andrew McCabe (Verger).

After several months of extensive restoration work, a special service of Choral Evensong was held to celebrate the reopening of the Cathedral on Sunday 15th May. Parishioners and members of the wider community gathered for the service, as the Bishop opened the Cathedral. We thank those who gave generously towards the offering which amounted to over £6,000. If anyone was unable to attend and would like to make a final contribution towards the Restoration Fund it would be greatly appreciated.



Bishop Ellis formally reopens the Cathedral.

## Cathedral Official Reopening



Sam Morrow and his wife Marie, their daughter Jane Elliott, Ashlyn Martin, Gary Martin, Tanya Martin, Major Jack Dunlop and his wife Wilma.



Dr David Baxter, who directed the choir, with Joanna and Victoria Moore.

## Cathedral Official Reopening



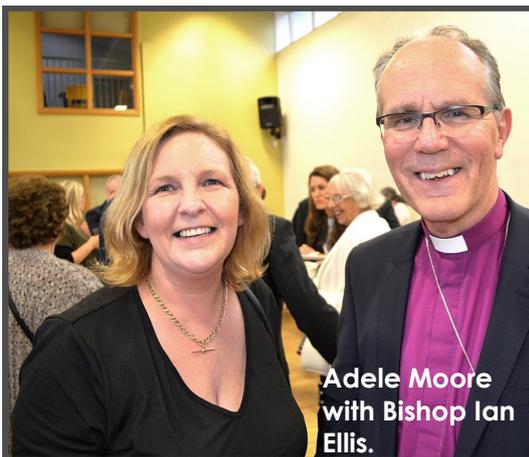
Olive Brownsmith, Johnny Woods, Rosemary Woods, Roberta Stinson, Austen Stinson and Rev Colin Brownsmith.



Linda and Ross Kingston.



David Johnston (on the left) with Scott Elliott (Parish Reader)



Adele Moore with Bishop Ian Ellis.



Dr Lesa Providence (on the left) her mother, Carmen Halls and Lesa's son Joshua.

**Cathedral Official Reopening**

**Michael, Stephanie and Amy Hall  
with Pat Kingston.**



**Ruth Young, Margaret  
McClure, Avril Crawford and  
Esdille Lappin.**



## Confirmation 2022



Confirmation candidates: Darcy Balfour, Daniel Boyd, Rebecca Breen, Raymond Carson Lindsay, Matthew Clarke, Katie Clendinning, Rebecca Doherty, Jordan Fawcett, Sarah Fleming, Jake Irwin, Bobby Jones, Mia Lyons-Elliott, Aaron Malone, Luke Martin, Cole McCabe, George McCusker, Samuel Morrison, Emily Murray, Jack Palmer, Felix Rowland, Ben Shaw, Carlos Thompson, Brett Whitton and Abbey Wilson.

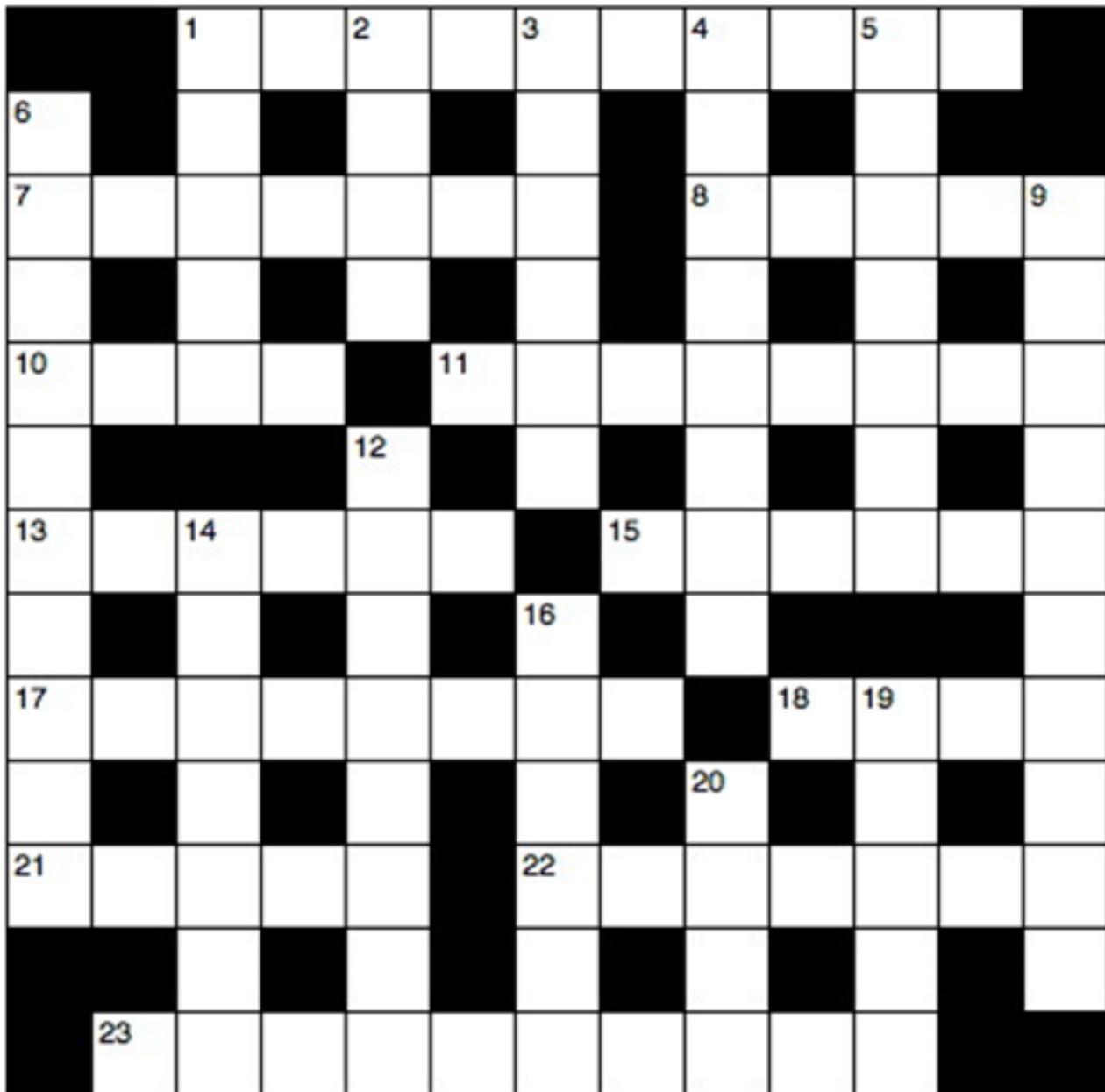
## Confirmation Outing to Prison Island



Our youth group, Xplore, made up of members of this year's Confirmation class enjoyed a trip to Prison Island, Belfast, on Saturday 7th May. The trip provided a good opportunity for the young people to get to know each other, and - it is hoped - will provide a strong foundation from which to re-establish our Youth Group. We are currently putting together a programme for the new school year. Please keep an eye out for more details soon!



Crossword



**Across**

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians 4:8) (4)
- 11 Fraud (2Corinthians 6:8) (8)
- 13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)

## Crossword

- 17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)  
18 Nomadic dwelling (Genesis 26:25) (4)  
21 'As for man, his days are like—he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)  
22 Or I live (anag.) (7)  
23 Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans 13:4) (10)

## Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)  
2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)  
3 Mob ten (anag) (6)  
4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)  
5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)  
6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)  
9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail (Acts 22:19) (8)  
14 Aceturn (anag.) (7)  
16 Discharge (Acts 21:3) (6)  
19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)  
20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!' (Revelation 19:7) (4)

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## Bowling Club

Bowls will recommence in September 2022.

Evening Bowls will begin on Wednesday 14 September at 7.30pm and Morning Bowls will begin on Wednesday 21 September at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome for fun and friendship.



## Study of the Holy Communion: Part 4 – Scripture Readings & the Sermon Rev Chris West

In this edition of Cathedral News, we explore the next aspect of our eucharistic liturgy: Scripture readings, the sermon, and our response. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer referred to the Bible as “light”, “food”, and “fire”: light as it can help to show us the way forward;



food as it can help us grow in our knowledge of God; and fire as it can ignite our faith. As a result, Cranmer said – in the words of one of the most famous Collects in The Book of Common Prayer – we should “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” it.



Some of you may know that the Anglican approach to thinking about God involves a conversation between Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. Scripture is foundational, but it is also ancient and complex. Tradition involves reflection on Scripture, as our thinking and practices are distilled from Scripture, and carefully weighed up. And that weighing up involves Reason – good arguments are presented, and common sense helps us along the way. There are many implications here for the sermon – both for the preacher, and for the listener. Seeking the will of God must be a shared task between the preacher and the gathered community, so that together we are able to “have a right judgment in all things”, as the traditional Collect for Pentecost puts it. This “right judgment” is centred on Christ. In a parish church in Cambridge, an Anglican priest had some words from John 12: 21 inscribed on the pulpit. When Philip brought a group of Greeks to visit Jesus, they said to him: “Sir, we would see Jesus.” These words were placed on the pulpit where only the preacher could see them, as a reminder that the task of every preacher is to make Christ known. Each sermon should be an encounter with the grace of God in Christ. After the sermon, the gathered community affirm the faith of the universal Church in the words of the Nicene Creed. Bishop Rowan Williams once observed that there are only

## Study on the Holy Communion: Part 4

three human beings mentioned in the Creeds, namely: Jesus, Mary, and Pilate. In other words, Jesus; the one who said "Yes" to him (Mary); and the one who said "No" to him (Pilate). We all live somewhere between these two points, swinging towards a deeper "Yes" or a deeper "No".

The Scripture readings, sermon, and Creed remind us that we're part of a wonderful story that begins with God creating the world and everything in it, goes on with Jesus rescuing the world from sin and despair, and continues evermore with the Holy Spirit helping us to keep on going. And there are lots of other people in this story with us.

Yet, the exact details of how our own stories might fit into God's story can be difficult to see, especially as we're emerging from pandemic times. But all is not lost. The Christian story isn't any less true simply because times are tough, or because it's less widely believed than it was at a former time; it's "the gift that keeps on giving," to borrow a popular phrase.

What does this story give us? This story gives us the certain knowledge that we're loved. Whoever else loves us or doesn't love us, we are loved by God, who knows us completely and loves us completely, forever. It gives us good boundaries: there's such a thing as good and evil. And when we get things wrong and own up and ask forgiveness, we can be forgiven. God's story is also a story of community: we're not expected to survive alone; we are given a great extended family to travel with, the family of God, the Church. Within God's story we also become our best selves. We're not constrained in this story; we're set free. And this story gives us purpose and meaning. In this story, we find our meaning and fulfilment by joining in with God's activity; we're made whole as we join in with what God is already doing in the world. So, after saying the Creed, we bring the life of the world before God in prayer. Instinctively, we might say that we often struggle in prayer because we struggle with knowing who God is. That's why, in our eucharistic liturgy, the prayers of the people are offered immediately following the Scripture readings, sermon, and Creed: this holds together who God is and who we are. We then resolve to eat together, which brings us to the next part of our eucharistic liturgy: communion.



## Mothers' Union

We had a great attendance at our May Mothers' Union outing to the Killyhevlin Hotel. The Dean said Grace, our meal was superb and afterwards Claire, one of our members, and her daughter Marie, entertained us with some very competitive games! A great night was enjoyed by all, with plenty of fun, chat and laughter.

We wish all our members a very relaxing summer, enjoying time with family and friends.



## Mothers' Union



Members who attended the Area Service on Friday 13th May in Kiltyclogher.

## Youth Ministry

### Messy Church

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about Christ in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a free group, open to all primary-aged children, from all denominations or none. Our May session focused on Jesus feeding the five thousand, and everyone enjoyed eating a picnic together in Forthill.



Answers to Crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.  
DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils. 20, Give.

## Youth Ministry

Messy Church is now on its Summer break. Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates on when we will return in the New School Year. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back to Messy Church!



## Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café are currently on their Summer break. We look forward to recommencing at the beginning of the New School Year (the end of September). In the meantime, families are warmly welcome to attend any of our regular services. We are grateful for the families that join with us in worship in St Macartin's Cathedral. The presence of children is a gift to our church, and is a sign that we are growing. Please welcome children and encourage young families. We know that it is not easy to get your whole family to church, and it can be even more difficult to keep everyone sitting still; but children should know that the church is a place where they can feel at home. Everyone knows that children sometimes make noise. You don't need to step out of the service for this but nobody will judge you if you do. Just be sure to return! All are welcome.

## Xplore

Our youth group, Xplore, is open to all Confirmation candidates and others in Years 9-12. A number of our recently confirmed young people enjoyed a trip to Prison Island, an activity centre in Belfast, on Saturday 7th May. The trip formed a good foundation from which to relaunch our youth group. We are currently putting together a programme of events for when we return in Autumn. Please feel free to get in touch with our Curate Assistant, Rev Chris, for more information. More details will follow in due course.

## Prayer Spaces in Schools

7:30pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen

Since 2007 more than 1 million children and young people have been through a prayer space, in 30 nations across the globe. These simple spaces enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in safe, creative and interactive ways. They can be day long or week long events that fit into the heart of school life. A prayer space is usually (but not always) a classroom sized area that has been transformed with a range of creative activities that encourage personal reflection on issues such as forgiveness, injustice, thankfulness, big questions, identity and stillness. As we look to recover from the pandemic these spaces can also form a vital role in the mental health and wellbeing of school life.

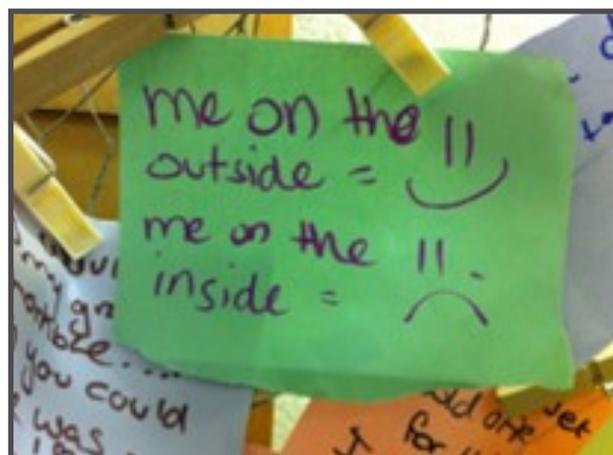


Prayer spaces work best when done in partnership with local churches and organisations who deliver them as a service to the school. There are many ways they can be used, in many different spaces within or around the school: from a break time and lunch time drop in; to being used as part of the curriculum through a lesson; or delivered in a local church space. The Prayer Spaces

in Schools team have a depth of knowledge and expertise to equip you to run really good prayer spaces locally, in whatever context you may have.

**To find out more**, come along to the Cathedral Halls on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June where Emma Thompson from Prayer Spaces in Schools N.I. will be answering the questions:

- What is a Prayer Space?
- How do you run a Prayer Space?



## Prayer Spaces in Schools

She will bring along some prayer resources and tell stories from her own experience of setting up and facilitating school prayer spaces. The evening is suitable for teachers, Sunday school and youth leaders, and anyone with an interest in prayer and Christian youth and children's work.

For more information: visit <https://www.prayerspacesinschools.com/> or contact:

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## 400th Anniversary History Books



**The author**  
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAgr graduated from Queen's University in 1959. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as churchwarden, glebewarden and has been honorary secretary of the select vestry since 1989. He has written four other books, two on agricultural matters and two on church history. Those dealing with church affairs are titled: *The Church of Ireland Parish of Tempo and Clabby – a Shared Heritage*; and: *Clabby on the Map – The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People*.

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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1622 is still in use at the celebration of Eucharist Communion in St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: 'Poculum Aeternitatis Praesentis de Interiore ex dono Edward Davis Generosi Anno 1622'. The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Davis, Gen., to the year 1622.

The book, in its 112 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster but it has an inheritance from the ancient Celtic Church. The church building dates from the early 1600s and since then its story and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Ennis Kilhaman played a prominent part in supporting King William against the army of King James II. The conflict led to the establishment of two British Army regiments bearing the surnames of the town, Ennis Kilhaman and within its walls is the Ennis Kilhaman Regimental Chapel. In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community links and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom and Ireland at acts of worship, remembrance and thanksgiving. Today, St Macartin's is committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.



St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow



St Macartin's Cathedral

at the Heart of the Community



Over 400 years of Parish History  
by Samuel B. Morrow



## Psalm 87

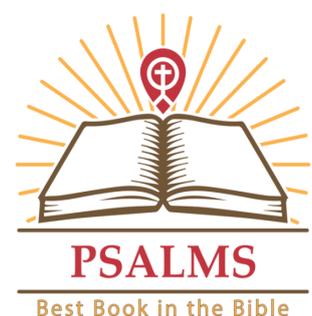
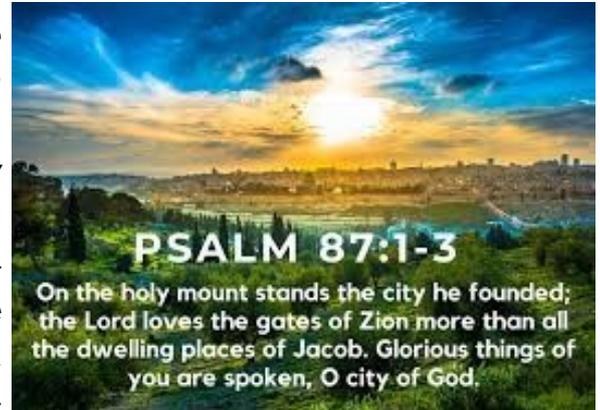
***On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God (Verses 1-3).***

In the Old Testament, mountains are often used as symbols of God's presence and protection; they point us upwards, above the things of daily life. In the ancient world, mountains were also considered the homes of the gods and sacred sites. But, in the Book of Exodus, the Torah is revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai. Just as Moses received God's commandments on Sinai, Jesus reveals God's will in the Sermon on the Mount. Think about all of the other events in Jesus's life that took place on mountains: his temptation, the feeding of a large crowd, his transfiguration, his arrest, and his final commission.

In many cultures, people did not venture to the peak of the mountain, because it was viewed as too holy for human presence. Instead, they would circle the base of the mountain. But here, in the Psalm, we have God's people residing on Mount Zion; and, in the Gospels, we see the disciples with Jesus on mountains, as well as the crowds listening to him. The point being, God is not far removed from us; God is near – and as we find out in the New Testament – he is with us in the person of Christ. The good news of God's presence with his people, which lies at the centre of this Psalm, is the basis of John Newton's famous hymn, "Glorious things of thee are spoken" (*Church Hymnal*, 646).

***Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; Philistia too, and Tyre, with Ethiopia – "This one was born there," they say. And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in it"; for the Most High himself will establish it. The Lord records, as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there" (Verses 4-6).***

The Psalm foreshadows Pentecost and the arrival of the New Jerusalem, in which human divisions are reconciled. At Pentecost, suddenly the disciples journey from being isolated, fearful individuals to being filled with power from on high as a community. Enemies are reconciled, barriers are broken



## Psalm 87

down, and a courageous community – unafraid to proclaim the gospel to the world – is formed. In a similar way, the Psalm does not stop at announcing blessing on Zion, but includes many unlikely places, given the history of Israel:

Rahab, symbolised as a great monster in the Old Testament, probably means Egypt, and Israel's story was founded in escape from slavery in Egypt;

Babylon was the great military power that forced the Jewish people into exile, and destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple;

The Philistines were great enemies of Israel from the time of the Judges until the defeat of Goliath by David;

Tyre was an influential coastal port, symbolising merchants coming from all the ends of the earth; and

Ethiopia represented the boundary of the then known world.

The point being, God breaks down all barriers which divide humanity. In the Psalm, Zion becomes the eternal city in which all the scattered and divided people of the world find their true home. Spiritual writer Martin Laird says, "God does not know how to be absent." God's presence is found in surprising and remarkable places.

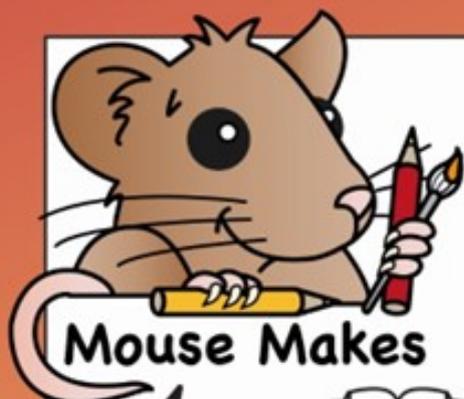
***Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you" (Verse 7).***

This vision of all peoples being reconciled to God and to each other leads to great rejoicing, as singers and dancers respond in celebration. Physical thirst often stands for spiritual thirst in the Scriptures – a thirst which is satisfied in Jerusalem in the Psalm (that is, in the presence of God). Unfortunately, the truth of the matter is, we're not so good at going below the surface of our physical thirst, to uncover what it is we really seek.



This may remind us of the familiar story in John 6: the crowd wanted physical nourishment; what Jesus was trying to get them to see was that he wanted to fill that greater hunger and thirst that lies deep down within the core of our very being. Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

## Children's Page



It was the **festival** of **Pentecost**, **fifty days** since **Passover** and **Jews** from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to **celebrate**.

The **Apostles** and other believers were all **together** in one place when they heard a **sound** like a strong **wind** and **saw** what looked like **tongues** of **fire** which spread out and **touched** each person.

All of them were **filled** with the **Holy Spirit** and began to **talk** in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them.

A **crowd** gathered outside, they were all excited because each of them heard the believers speaking in their **own**



Read the full story in Acts 2:1-11



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 N E B E C E L E B R A T E H  
 L H O L Y S P I R I T A A  
 T A A P E N T E C O S T L C T  
 O N B A P T I S E D O O K H  
 U G N S A W V G K B U N  
 C U F S H E A R D E N G  
 H A P O S T L E S L D U  
 E G F V F I F T Y I W E I O G S  
 D E J E R U S A L E M S F N O K  
 E S O R D A Y S I V I W I N D N  
 W T O G E T H E R C R O W D  
 A L O W E D D E J E W S

language about the great things **God** had done. About 3,000 people **heard**, **believed** and were **baptised** that day!

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,

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

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## June Lessons and Readers

### Sunday 5th June: The Day of Pentecost - Whit Sunday

Platinum Jubilee Service of Thanksgiving & Civic Parade  
Hosted by The Royal British Legion (Enniskillen Branch)

### Sunday 12th June: Trinity Sunday

The First Reading - Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 - Linda Corrigan

The Psalm - Psalm 8

The Second Reading - Romans 5: 1-5 - Fred Watson

The Gospel Reading - John 16: 12-15 - The Curate

### Sunday 19th June: The First Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 1 Kings 19: 1-24 8-15 - Claire Holmes

The Psalm - Psalm 42

The Second Reading - Galatians 3: 23-29 - Willie Holmes

The Gospel Reading - Luke 8: 26-39 - Scott Elliott

### Sunday 26th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 - Selena Fawcett

The Psalm - Psalm 77: 11-20

The Second Reading - Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 - Jim Lucy

The Gospel Reading - Luke 9: 51-62 - The Curate



## 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 - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (second Mondays)

### TUESDAY

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

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

### THURSDAY

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

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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