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*“He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master.”*

Hymn 662



OUR VISION

Photograph by Caroline F Johnston
Ireland's flora, fauna and landscapes

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 Thursday 6th June we will hold a special service in our Cathedral to mark the 80th Anniversary of D-Day (see full details on pages 8 and 9).

Wars and violence lead to unimaginable levels of suffering and death. My mother served in the Second World War, but like many who did she never talked much about it. It is only now I question the reason why she didn't, and it is all too late to get that answer!

In his poem 'To Any Dead Officer', Siegfried Sassoon refers to the incredible sacrifice made during the First World War in order that we may live and "work in peace with Time for friend". The peace that was brought about by the end of both World Wars was a peace built upon the sacrifice of millions. An anniversary like that of D-Day helps to ensure we never forget that peace is built upon sacrifice.

Sadly we take the sacrifice of the many men and women who served in the Forces during the Wars for granted. We too easily forget the price of the peace we enjoy. The ability to remember is a wonderful gift that God has given to humankind. Some of our memories are happy and we can recall wonderful experiences, but some of our memories are sad and we may weep as we remember them. Even though the Second World War ended 79 years ago and the First World War 106 years ago - it is important that we remember that many still bear the scars of war today from those events and



more recent, like Iraq and Afghanistan, our own troubles in Northern Ireland, Ukraine and the conflict in the Middle East. These thoughts of sacrifice should bring us back to the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us all on the battlefield of Calvary.

St John put it well when he said "Greater love has no one than this, that one lays down his life for his friends" (*John 15:13*). Jesus gave his life not only for his friends but also for his enemies. As God, Jesus had no need to experience human suffering, but he did for all our sakes. The evil of humans – what we call sin – has separated us from God. Jesus died to reconcile us to God, by dying in our place – the Perfect One for imperfect ones!

I'm told that immediately after World War II ended the churches were full of thankful people, but the sense of thankfulness soon faded. In Northern Ireland during the Troubles, churches of all denominations were well attended - maybe people needed that sense of commitment or belonging. Many people experienced their "exodus" of freedom from the fear of the oppressor and entered their "Canaan", but many forgot their deliverer!

Let us determine with God's help to make this Remembrance of D-Day a milestone when we:

- ◆ Remember with gratitude those who made possible our deliverance; when we:
- ◆ Rejoice in our freedom and prosperity; and when we:
- ◆ Reaffirm our commitment to live responsibly as followers of Christ.

*"He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master."* Hymn 622

Yours very sincerely,



Kenneth R J Hall



Parish Visitations

The Clergy and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are continually making visits around the parish, but these are often prioritised by sickness and bereavement calls. As we have now well over 600 families emergency calls are quite numerous. Sometimes we are not in the right place at the right time and that is where you can help. If for some reason you are ill, have been ill or bereaved, please let us know by contacting the Cathedral Office and someone will call with you. No contact may well result in no visit through no fault of the clergy! If you or a member of your family is in hospital please inform us otherwise we may not know. Help us to help you!

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

3rd May - Nathan Alexander Wylie

Joshua William Wylie

Poppy Isla Wylie

5th May - Edward James Robert Weir

12th May - Albie Ronnie Armstrong

26th May - Haley Louise Beattie

"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

23rd May - Doreen Zoe Pyper,
55 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

18th May - Eileen Carson,
17 Benaughlin Park, 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

Regimental Chapel

£500 Donation from the Estate of the late Major George Stephens.

Flower Fund

£50 Donation in memory of her mother and sister, from Mrs Pat Kells.

Cathedral Clock and Bell Fund (to electrify striking and ringing)

£200 Donation in memory of our parents.
From Mr Raymond & Mrs Irene Woods.

Garden of Remembrance Fund

£1,450 Donation from The Rev Canon J D G Kingston to erect a replica of the Eniskeene Cross at the Garden of Remembrance.

Fabric Fund

£1,000 Donation from the Estate of the late Mrs Sally Humes.

BBC RADIO ULSTER BROADCAST SERVICE

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RADIO



ULSTER

Sunday 23rd June 2024 at 10.00am

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Please note there will be no 9.00am service due to the set up for the broadcast at **10.00am**. The early congregation are asked to change their time for one Sunday and hopefully many of the 11.00am congregation will attend too. Please note this is a Radio broadcast, so no filming will take place. There will still be a later service at **11.30am**.

Confirmation



Pictured above are Lily Crawford and Alfie Jones, who were Confirmed on the Eve of Ascension Day, in St Macartin's Cathedral, along with seven adults. Also in the photo are Churchwarden, Dwayne Nixon, The Dean, Bishop Ian Ellis, Rev Edwin Aiken, and Churchwarden Ann Little. Due to unforeseen circumstances Lily and Alfie were unable to be confirmed with the other Cathedral candidates in March.



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!

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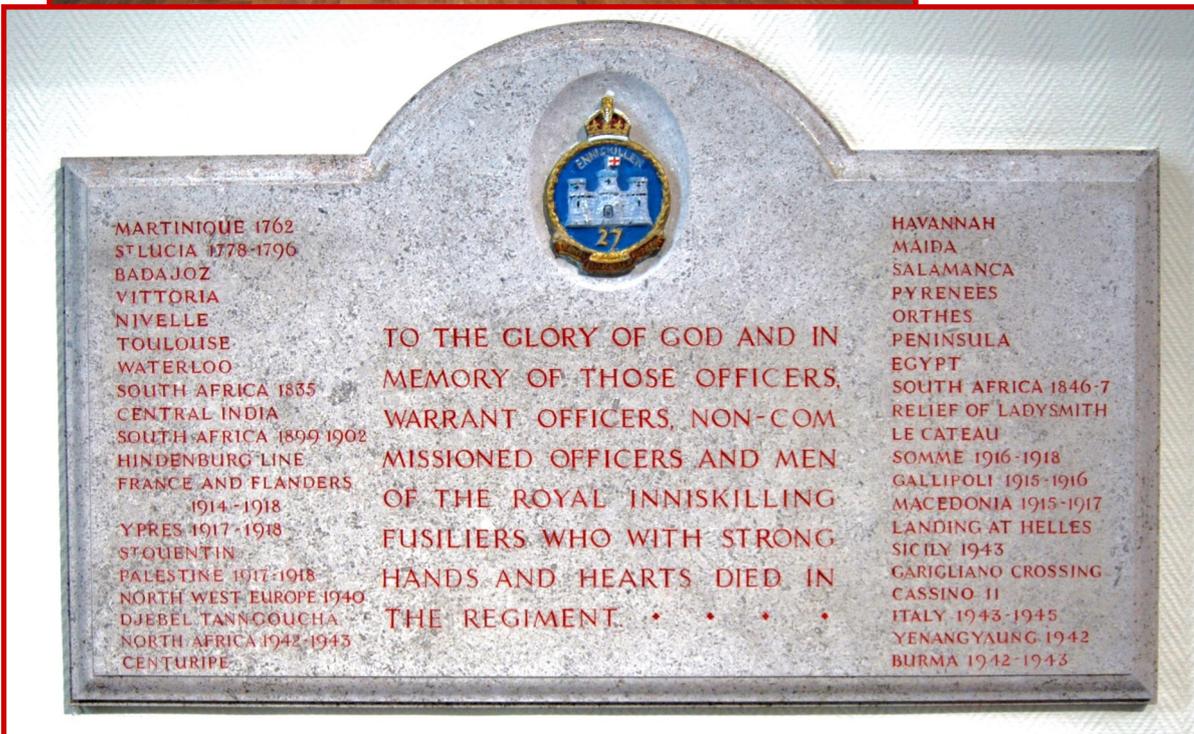
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St Lucia Day Service



Photographs from the annual St Lucia Day Service which took place on Saturday 4th May in the Regimental Chapel. The service was conducted by the Dean with Regimental Association personnel in attendance.



D Day Commemorations

You are cordially invited to the

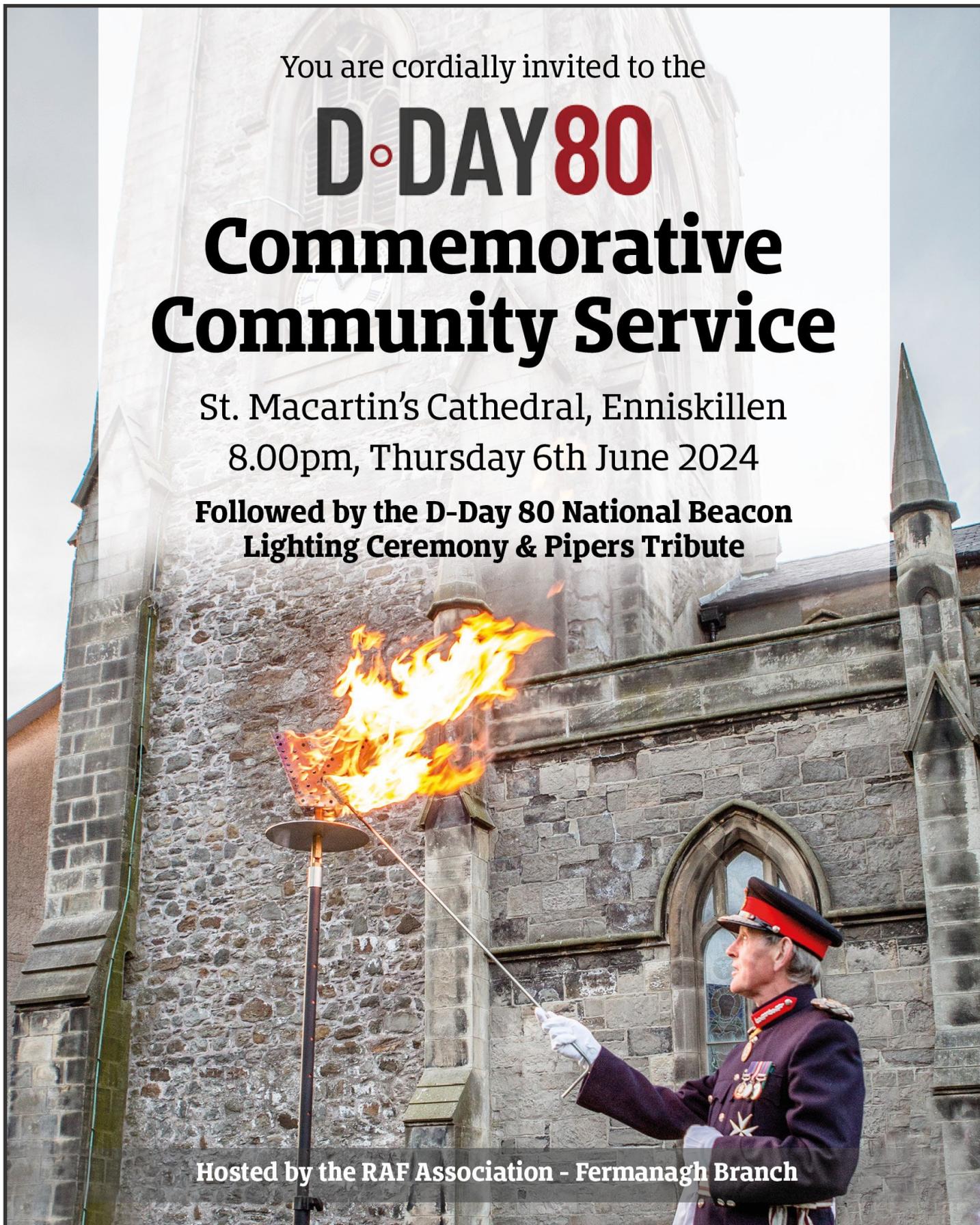
D DAY 80
**Commemorative
Community Service**

St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen

8.00pm, Thursday 6th June 2024

**Followed by the D-Day 80 National Beacon
Lighting Ceremony & Pipers Tribute**

Hosted by the RAF Association - Fermanagh Branch



D Day Commemorations

Enniskillen is joining communities around the Country in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France on June 6th 1944. D Day was an incredible achievement in military planning and logistics and by the day's end, over one hundred and fifty thousand Allied troops had successfully stormed the now famous Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah and Omaha beaches to achieve a toehold in France. In the weeks that followed, the Allies fought bitterly against a determined foe to liberate Paris two months later. This military operation signalled the beginning of the end of World War Two. We should all remember the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved in D Day and beyond and this 80th anniversary provides a wonderful opportunity to pay our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedoms we all enjoy today.

County Fermanagh was a training base for D-Day and thousands of US Soldiers, mostly young men, were based here prior to D-Day. Over 20 US and RAF bases were located in Fermanagh during WW2, including Castle Archdale, Killadeas, St Angelo, Crom Castle and Celtic Park. Approximately a quarter of Fermanagh's population was American military personnel towards the end of the Second World War and such was the strategic importance of Fermanagh that both General Patton and General Eisenhower both visited Enniskillen in early 1944 to ensure that their soldiers were ready and prepared for D-Day.

A special community service to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day will take place in St Macartins Cathedral on Thursday 6th June at 8pm. This service will also celebrate the 75th anniversary of the local County Fermanagh Branch, Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA). The service will particularly remember the service and sacrifice of thousands of our own military personnel as well as the thousands of US soldiers who trained in Co. Fermanagh during WW2 in preparation for the Normandy Landings. Following the service there will be a Beacon lighting ceremony in the grounds of St Macartin's Cathedral.

The County Fermanagh Branch RAFA are dedicating in the service new cords for their standard which will signify their 75th anniversary. These cords have been donated by the Eames family in memory of Bill Eames, a former President of the County Fermanagh Branch. Before joining the Royal Air Force in WW2 Bill attended Enniskillen Model School, Portora Royal School and St Macartin's Cathedral. His name is proudly recorded on the Cathedral's WW2 memorial. On D Day, Flight Lieutenant Eames, from Enniskillen, piloted a plane towing a glider into Normandy.

Knitwits



Chief Knitwit Claire Holmes with Curate Assistant Rev Edwin Aiken.



Knitwits

St Macartin's knitting group, the 'Knitwits', ended for the season on 20th April with a get-together where prizes were presented to members who entered the annual competition.



Donations were made to
Kathleen Murphy for



Motor Neurone Disease NI, Rachel Melanophy for Action Mental Health New Horizons, and Diane Noble for Home Start Lakeland.



Knitwit Prize Winners



Knitwit Prize Winners



Hazel Hunter was the first prize winner in the shawl section. Zinnia Beeson won first prize in the junior knitted toy section with her sister,



Solenn winning the second prize. Linda Corrigan won first prize in the basic sock section, while Beverley Elliott got the second prize. Ruth Young won second prize for her hot water bottle

cover and Olive Brownsmith won first prize. Olive also scooped joint second prize with Naomi Beeson for their shawls with Naomi also winning first prize in the advanced sock section. Loveday Beeson won third prize in the junior knitted toy section and Elizabeth McIntosh won second prize in the advanced sock section. Some of the prizes were donated by local businesses. Prizes were distributed by Stephanie Hall. Photos by Dr Willie Holmes

Youth and Children's Ministry

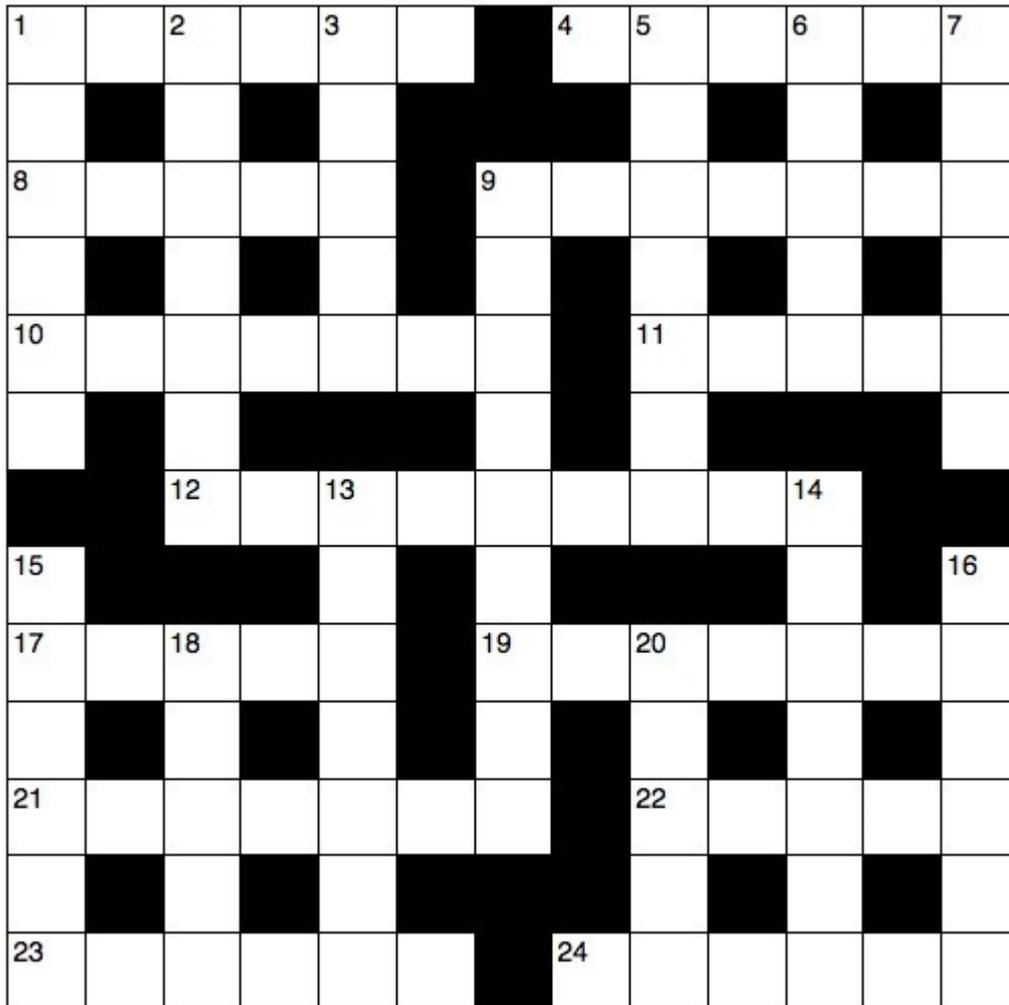


Thank you to
Andy, Gwyneth
and Nathan for
making this a
very successful
Family Fun Day.

Family Fun Day



Crossword



Across

- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got — , so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)

Crossword

22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)

23 Musical beat (6)

24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down

1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)

2 Art bite (anag.) (7)

3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)

5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)

6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)

7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)

9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)

13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)

14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)

15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)

16 How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)

18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)

20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

Tuesday Club

April Tuesday Club members met in the Hilliard Room when Rev Edwin was the speaker. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Arrangements for the close of season outing were discussed before tea was served to everyone. The outing was on Tuesday 28th May. Members meet in the Hilliard room at the Cathedral Hall at **11.00am** where tea/coffee was served. Norma Ferguson joined us for some light entertainment. We then continued to Florencecourt for lunch at **1.30pm** at Rosemary Armstrong's (Arch House).

Members are wished a happy, healthy summer break and we look forward to seeing you all for a new season, which begins on 24th September.



Knowing your Cathedral - The East Window

The Church has taught since ancient times that Eden was in the East, and that the second coming of Christ will happen in the East, and so the special significance of this cardinal direction for church buildings is marked in many ways. In St Macartin's Cathedral we have a splendid East Window which draws on this tradition by depicting four scenes of resurrection from the Bible. Our curate, Revd Edwin will be writing about each of these scenes over the coming months.

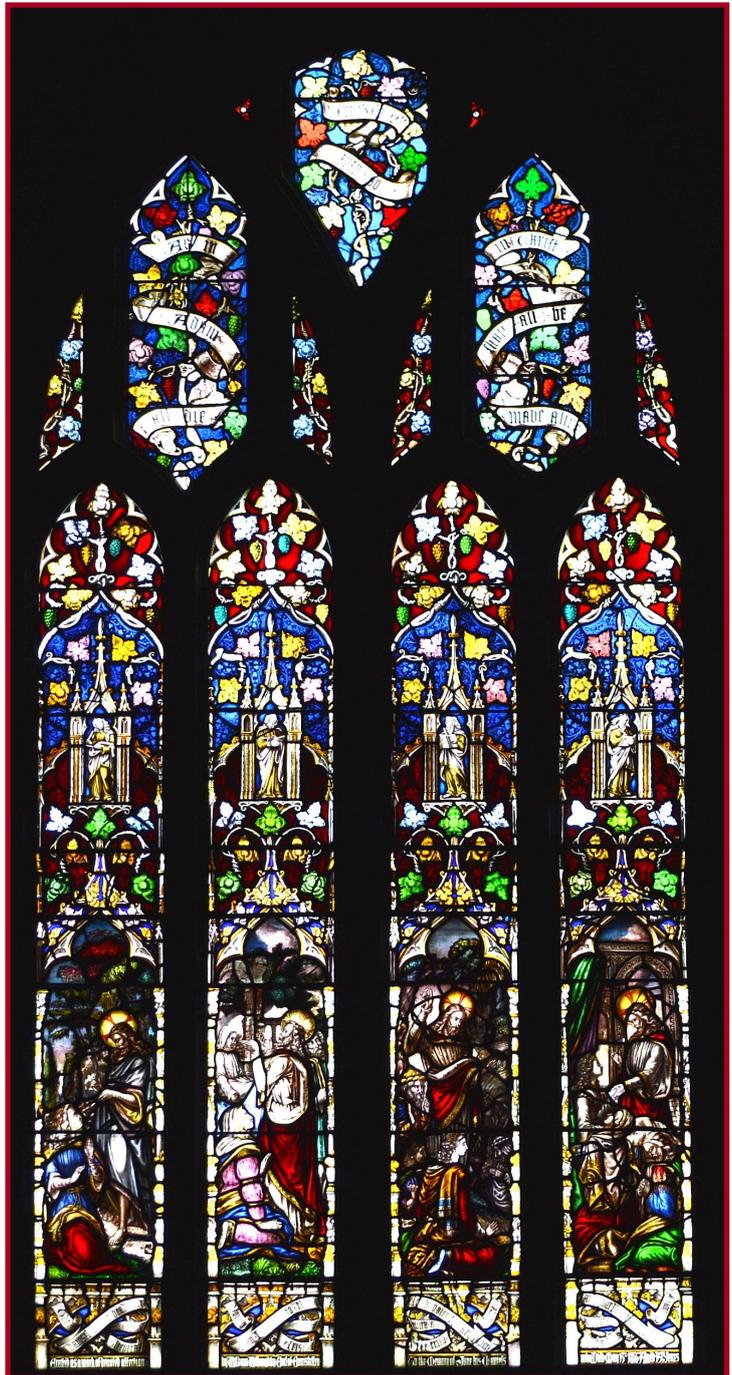
Reading the window from north to south the stories show a sense of progression: from someone just dead, to someone being buried, to someone who has been in the grave, to Christ himself, dead and resurrected.

The second panel depicts the story of the raising of the widow of Nain's son. Luke tells this story of how Jesus reaches out to the multiply-marginalised in compassionate love. It is perhaps indicative of the limits of human capacity



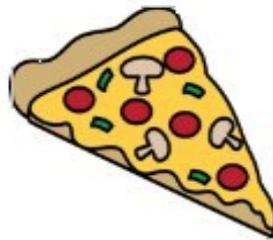
Knowing your Cathedral - The East Window

that while we have words for widow and orphan, few cultures have a word for bereaved parents. This woman found herself occupying two of these categories: widow and, now, bereaved parent. Her links to her society were weak already, and were now almost lost altogether. She would not only be a widow with no children, she would be destitute, and forced to survive on charity. We are not told the details of her son's death, his funeral is already in progress as the story opens. Funerals in the Holy Land in the time of Jesus were rather different from what we know today. The funeral happened much sooner after the death, usually within a day, and the funeral procession was a loud and often boisterous affair, with the screams and wails of professional mourners, and musicians. It is perhaps Christ's first miracle in this story that he is able to bring this noisy procession to a stop. The raising to life is so characteristically understated and so touching. It is followed by one of the most beautiful verses in any of the gospels: 'Jesus gave him back to his mother.' Once and for all the question is settled as to whether God cares about people's lives, and we see that the marginalized hold a particular place in God's heart.



Youth and Children's Ministry

PARENTING WELLNESS GROUP PIZZA – MAKING



The Parenting Wellness Group will meet on Saturday 29th June at the earlier time of 10:30am – 12:30pm. We will meet at Little Wing Pizzeria, High Street, Enniskillen. Children of ages able to participate in pizza-making and their parents are welcome to attend.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO RESERVE A PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT LINDA KINGSTON ON 07342045474.

Answers to Crossword on page 16

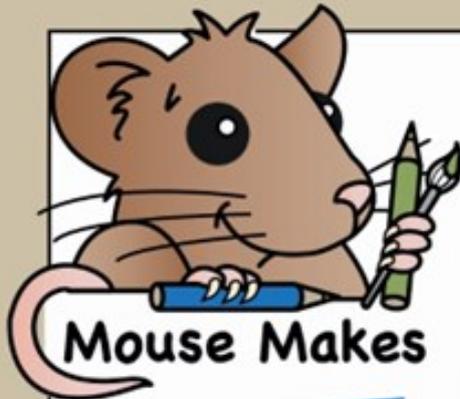
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Honours Bestowed



A surprise reception was held on Friday 17th May, at the home of Viscount & Viscountess Brookeborough, for Rotary International to present Dean Kenny Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly with the Paul Harris Fellow Award, in recognition of work in the building of good community relations. This is an award that can be made to both Rotarians and non-Rotarians in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world. The awards were presented by Mr Ken Rainey, President of the Rotary Club of Enniskillen and Mr Kenny Fisher, District governor of 1160 Ireland.

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter before it in the alphabet.

TFF XIBU LJOE PG
MPWF UIF GBUIFS
IBT HJWFO UP VT
UIBU XF TIPVME
CF DBMMFE
DIJMESFO PG HPE
POF KPIO UISFF: POF

Solomon's father defeated a giant and became a King. Who was he?

1 Samuel 48-50

Whose daughter was healed by Jesus?

Mark 5:21

WHO IS MY FATHER?

Who was created by God and became the first father?

Genesis 2:20

Who had a son when he was very old?

Genesis 21:5

Shem Ham and Japheth's father built a huge boat, who was he?

Genesis 6:10-14

Who gave his son Joseph a robe of many colours?

Genesis 37:2-3

This Roman puzzle square reads the same from the top, bottom and sides and translates:
"Arepo the sower guides the wheel with skill."

ROTAS
OPERA
TENET
AREPO
SATOR

If you rearrange the letters it can spell **PATER NOSTER** which means "Our Father".

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

Look up the Bible verses to find the fathers then look for them and the words below in the word search.

FATHER • GOD
SON • DAUGHTER
JOSEPH • ISAAC
MOSES • JOB
SOLOMON
ZECHARIAH
ZEBEDEE

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Dwayne Nixon and Ann Little

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Hon Secretary - Sam Morrow, Assistant Hon Secretary - Stephen Richmond

Hon Treasurer - Hope Kerr, Assistant Hon Treasurer - David Graham

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane,
Linda Corrigan, Vanessa Elliott, Arnold Graham, Ivan Kee, Karl Saunders,
Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

June Lessons and Readers

Sunday 2nd June: The First Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 5: 12-15 - Wendy Graham

The Psalm - Psalm 81: 1-5

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12 - Bryan Graham

The Gospel Reading - Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6 - Adele Moore

Sunday 9th June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Genesis 3: 8-15 - Dragoon Guards

The Psalm - Psalm 130

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1 - Dragoon Guards

The Gospel Reading - Mark 3: 20-35 - Dragoon Guards

Sunday 16th June: The Third Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Ezekiel 17: 22-24 - Willie Holmes

The Psalm - Psalm 20: 1-5

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, - Claire Holmes

The Gospel Reading - Mark 4: 26-34 - Adele Moore

Sunday 23rd June: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Job 38: 1-11 - Orange Order

The Psalm - Psalm 107: 23-32

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13, - Orange Order

The Gospel Reading - Mark 4: 35-41 - Adele Moore

Sunday 30th June: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27 - Jeanette Cochrane

The Psalm - Psalm 30: 1-5

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 - Jim Lucy

The Gospel Reading - Mark 5: 21-43 - Richard Cochrane

WELCOME TEAM

June 2024

02 Gordon and
Doris Jackson

09 Adele and
Andrew Kerr

16 Jenifer and
Noel John-
ston

23 Marie and
Sam Morrow

30 Eileen and

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)

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

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

THURSDAY

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

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

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!**