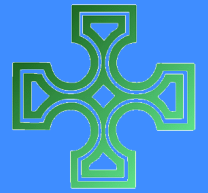


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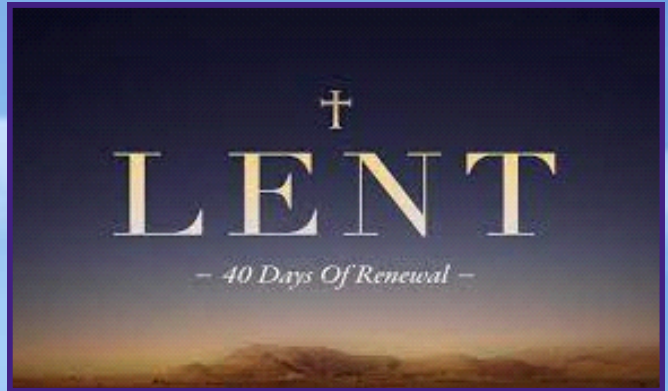
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'Let us go into the House of the Lord'
Psalm 122:1*



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,

From the gospels one thing is clear - Jesus led a busy life. He preached, taught, and healed the sick. Wherever He went, people were astonished at His evident authority. The people had never seen a rabbi like this before, and the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. However every so often, the gospels tell us, Jesus would turn his back on the clamour and the crowds. He would take Himself off to a deserted place. He would give Himself time to spend with his Father in heaven. His closeness with His heavenly Father was the secret of His power and effectiveness of His ministry.

It is the same for each one of us. We all lead busy lives and sometimes those that are unemployed and retired are busier now than when they were in employment – busier with other interests! So no matter what you do, at school, at university, retired, employed or unemployed, it is essential that we withdraw from the hustle and bustle of the world and come into the presence of Almighty God.

***“I was glad when they said onto me ‘Let us go into the House of the Lord’
Psalm 122:1***

I think it is important that we realise every single one of us needs to make sure our experience with God is fresh and renewed. There are none of us that are so spiritual that we do not need to experience personal revival from time to time. None of us are so spiritual that we do not need to attend church. None of us are so spiritual that we do not need to spend time in prayer or to spend



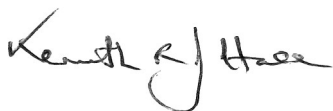
time reading the Bible. We all need times of refreshing and if we do not care, we will find ourselves growing cold and indifferent in our relationship with God and to others. You will find details on page 7 of a booklet called 'Pilgrim Journeys: The Creeds'. This booklet explores what Christians believe in 40 short daily reflections for Lent 2021. This booklet will help deepen your understanding of Christian teaching and remind you afresh of who you are within God's story. Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Creeds' life-giving and life-saving statements.

Like Jesus every baptised person has a public ministry and should also have a vision!

Our vision is to have Saint Macartin's at the heart of the community strengthening commitment, outreach, worship and Christian Love. Reflecting on that vision for our Cathedral we need to become a community of disciples. Discipleship is not just about learning it is also about service and being equipped for God's service in the world. Growing the Church is about making disciples in obedience to Jesus' commission in Saint Matthew Chapter 28. Serving the common good is about equipping every Christian disciple to make a difference in that world, in their workplace, in their family, in their community, so that the Church as a whole is a blessing to God's world and a channel of His grace and love.

May you all experience the joy of worshipping God in a new and refreshed way this Lenten Season!

Yours very sincerely,



The Dean

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!



Parochial Registers

Burial

12th February - Baby Jai McClintock,
69 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.



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

Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£500 Anonymous donation.

£100 Donation in memory of our Mum and Dad, also our brother Derek and sisters Liliac, Pearl and Hazel from the Beresford family.

Organ Restoration Fund

£350 Donation from Chamber West Choir.

Repainting Fund

£360 Donation in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Sammy Foster, from his wife Dorothy and daughter Helen.

£200 Donation in loving memory of Etta Loughlin. From her husband Bert, daughter Elaine and grand daughter Erin.

£50 Donation from the family of the late Agnes Reynolds (Derryloran Parish) for the Dean's involvement in the funeral.

Garden of Remembrance Fund

£100 Donation from Mr Cecil & Mrs Eileen Carson.

Parish Visiting

Since parish visiting 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.



Parish Donations

Before Christmas two concerts were held in St Macartin's Cathedral. Part proceeds of the money raised was donated to the Organ Restoration Fund.



James Lunny, Treasurer, and Helen Burton, Chairperson, from Fermanagh Choral Society are pictured presenting a cheque for £500 to the Dean. (Recorded in February 2022 Cathedral News).

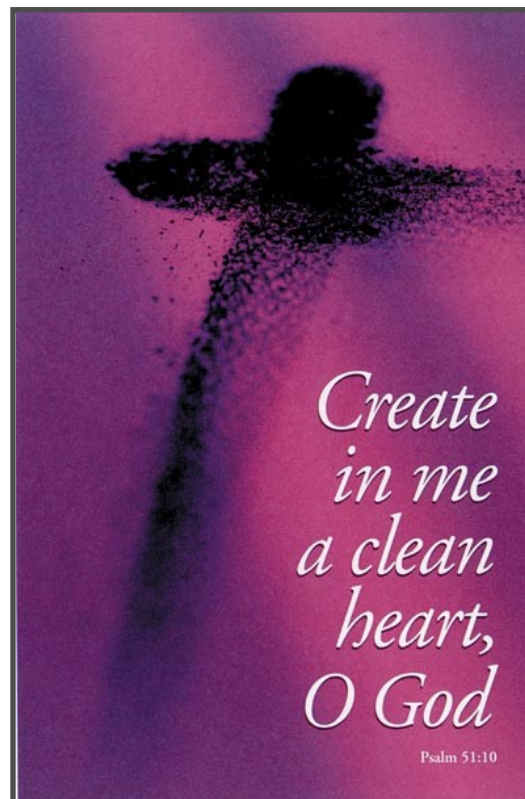


Dr David Baxter, the Musical Director of Chamber Choir West, presenting a cheque for £350 to the Dean. Also pictured are Parish Reader, Scott Elliott, and the Curate, Rev Chris West.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always forty six days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a forty day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The forty day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession.



ASH WEDNESDAY 2nd March

7.30pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 10th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 16th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 17th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 23rd March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 24th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 30th March 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 31st March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th April 7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 7th April 11.00am – Holy Communion



Lent

✝️ Lenten Series

"WOMEN OF THE EARLY CHURCH"

You are warmly invited to join us for a Service of Compline, each Wednesday in Lent, as we reflect on the lives of women of the Early Church in the New Testament.

9TH MARCH | DORCAS

16TH MARCH | MARY, THE MOTHER OF JOHN MARK

23RD MARCH | PHOEBE

30TH MARCH | LYDIA

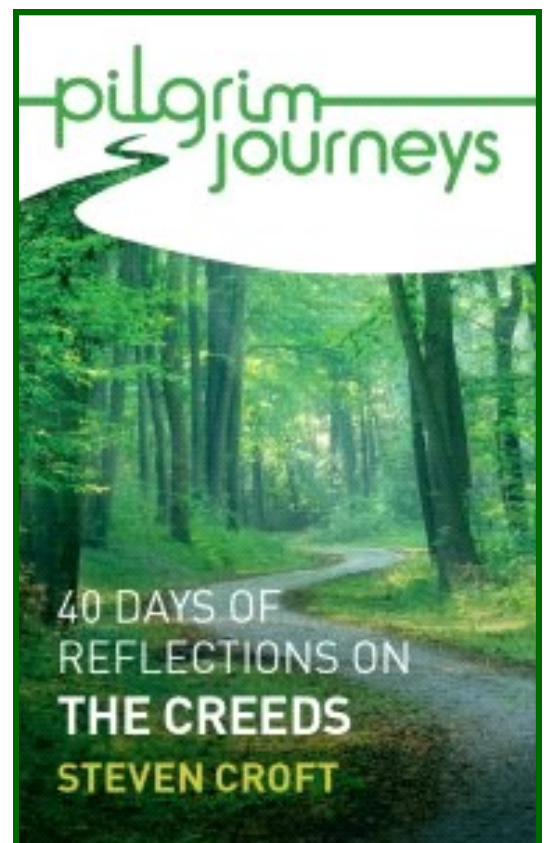
6TH APRIL | PRISCILLA

Each Service begins at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Daily Reading for Lent

Pilgrim Journeys: The Creeds explores what Christians believe in 40 short daily reflections for Lent 2021. This booklet will help deepen your understanding of Christian teaching and remind you afresh of who you are within God's story.

Each day provides you with a short reflection on a Bible reading, an invitation to pray and a suggestion of how you might respond to the Creeds' life-giving and life-saving statements. The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal daily companions for anyone seeking to grow in the Christian faith. Available for £3.00 per book at every service or from the Cathedral Office.



Cathedral Repainting



Cathedral Repainting



Above and left: photos of scaffolding in place.

Now that the outside work on the roof and stonework has been completed, work is underway with the internal redecoration. The cathedral is a very high building and reaching all the surfaces that require painting presents a considerable challenge. Extensive scaffolding has been erected inside the building which now permits access to all the surfaces. The fitting of the scaffolding was a lengthy process involving the erection of a lot of structural steel work and planking. This has now been completed which enables access to all the surfaces. The scaffolding also provides safe working conditions for the painters and others involved. The painting is now well underway. Before any painting could take place, careful examination of the surfaces had to be carried out and remedial action taken as necessary. In the ceiling there were many hair cracks which could not be seen from floor level. These have been carefully filled before the sealer coat of paint was applied.

Cathedral Repainting

During the period when the scaffolding was being erected the structure of the cathedral building cooled down. Then when the painters started work there was a considerable condensation problem. This has been overcome by heating the building and by the use of dehumidifiers which has resulted in a big improvement in the conditions for painting. Other preparatory work necessary before painting could commence was the repair of damaged plaster work resulting from the ingress of water from the old roof and gutters. Careful stripping of these surfaces is necessary before new plaster is applied.



Damaged plaster work.

Richard Ross pointing out wall cracks requiring attention.



Damaged plaster work.



Applying the sealer coat to the walls.

Cathedral Repainting



**Dehumidifiers
in use.**

Time is then required to allow this to dry out prior to painting. Overall the redecoration project appears to be progressing well. The main contractor for the project is Harold Graham who has responsibility for the scaffolding, preparation and repair work. Responsibility for the painting rests with Mr Richard Ross and his team.

Costs

The tenders for the redecoration project turned out to be double the parish's budget figure. Furthermore, the cost of plasterwork repairs which were not obvious when the work was tendered for will increase costs further. Consequently, any contributions to be made by parishioners towards this work will be very much appreciated.



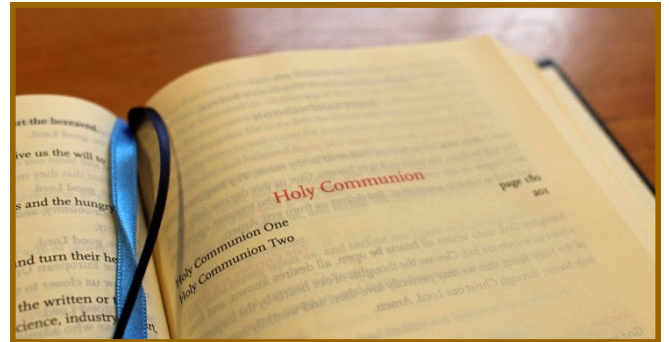
**The Dean
inspects the
progress!**



**Painting in
Progress.**

Study on the Holy Communion: Part 1 by Rev Chris West

The Holy Communion is at the heart of Christian worship. *The Book of Common Prayer* describes it as “the central act of worship of the Church” (page 75). The New Testament writings tell us that, for as long as Christian communities have existed, they have followed the example of Jesus in breaking bread and drinking wine together to make his presence known among them. For example, we read that the earliest Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:42).



The Holy Communion has sustained the Church for centuries, and it is celebrated by Christians around the world today. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, identifies celebrating the Holy Communion as one of the central hallmarks of Christian identity in his brilliant little book, *Being Christian*. In other words, this celebration defines us – this bread and wine we take because Jesus took them; this story we tell because Jesus lived it; and this love we share because Jesus gave it. Celebrating the Holy Communion makes the Church what it is: the body of Christ.



It is often said that “actions speak louder than words”. This certainly rings true to what happened on the night before Jesus died. Jesus hosted a meal with his friends. Like any good host, he provided the food and drink, bread and wine, and welcomed others to be served at his table.

“Do this in remembrance of me,” he said.

Jesus’ entire mission is spelled out in that celebration. Look closely at the word, “re-member”. Jesus commands us to break bread and re-member. A community, a friendship, or a person can be utterly broken; but it can be remembered in God – healed, restored, and made whole. That is Jesus’ promise at the Last Supper: God will put all our members back together, in the same way a doctor might reset a broken bone. That is what our celebration – and living the Resurrection life – is all about: wholeness.

Study on the Holy Communion: Part 1 by Rev Chris West



Our celebration of the Holy Communion can be thought of as a series of important “movements” towards the wholeness offered to us in Christ. Our first “movement” is to come together as a community: gathering. We share our stories, our sins and our ills, in the next one: confession. We then hear the key “movements” in God’s story: Scripture readings and the sermon. We commit ourselves to God and each other, eating together: communion. And finally, we are sent out, in the power of the Spirit, to share the good news of Jesus. Our celebration of the Holy Communion is, in a sense, a series of “movements” – from gathering to sending.

In future editions of the *Cathedral News*, we will explore each of these key “movements” in turn, in the hope that this might help us to enter more deeply into our central act of worship. Sometimes, you will hear people calling the Holy Communion a “mystery of faith”. When we hear the word “mystery”, we might think of mystery novels. Mystery novels give us a puzzle to solve: who is the murderer? This is not what the Church means by the word “mystery”. “Mystery” means something that we might not be able to fully understand in the here and now; it is beyond our human understanding. But it is also an invitation to engage at a deeper level, to think more about it. It is a bit like an iceberg: we only see the tip now, but there is a lot more of it under the water! We will begin to dive a little deeper under the water by exploring “gathering” in the next edition.

Cathedral Family

Canon Des Kingston

Rev Canon Desmond Kingston has been a well known and popular figure around Portora Royal School and the Diocese of Clogher for many years.



Tell us about your early days?

I was born in the Old County Hospital, Enniskillen on 14th December 1940 - the eldest of three children born to Chancellor R A and Mrs Kingston. I was baptized in Mullaghduin Parish Church while my father was Rector there. In 1945 my father was appointed Rector of Aghavea and we moved to live in Brookeborough. I was confirmed by Bishop Richard Tyner in Aghavea.

I attended Brookeborough Primary School and later Enniskillen Model School before moving to Portora Royal School. After 'A' Levels I went to Trinity College Dublin in 1959. I graduated with an Arts Degree in 1963, a Divinity Testimonium in 1964 and Masters in 1966.

Tell us about your Ordained life?

I was ordained in 1964 and appointed as Junior Curate to St Mark's Parish in Armagh, becoming Senior Curate from 1966-1970. It was in St Mark's that I met Pat, a member of the Choir, and we were married in 1966. We have two sons, both married and three grandchildren. One son lives in London, and the other in Norwich. We do visit each other as often as possible, but we do miss not being closer.

Life in Armagh was very busy. Sunday Services at 8.00am, Sunday School 10.00am, Morning Prayer/Holy Communion at 11.00am and Evening Prayer at 7.00pm plus a Service in the Prison at 10.00am, Tower Hill Old People's Hospital at 3.00pm, Baptisms at 4.00pm, Weekday Services at 7.30pm on Wednesday. There were a thousand families to be visited, various activities every evening

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in the Hall, plus schools every Tuesday and Friday, hospital, a mental hospital and a Borstal and Women's prison had to be visited weekly. It was a great experience seeing how two different Rectors ran the Parish - one became Dean of Armagh, the other Dean of Elphin.

School Chaplaincy

Wishing to gain wider experience I applied for and was appointed Chaplain to Portora Royal School and Gloucester House. Initially it was to be for a few years but circumstances beyond my control kept me there until I retired in 2001. Life was very busy in Portora with spiritual and vocational responsibilities, but very interesting and varied. Boarding life brought a great sense of community - a parish in miniature with all the usual Services, Assemblies etc to be organized. All very challenging but very rewarding.

Retirement

After retirement in 2001 I spent some time visiting in parishes in Co Monaghan, taking Services and carrying out pastoral visitations. Quite a serious heart attack in 2005 led to very limited involvement in celebrating Holy Communion Services and some pastoral visiting with the elderly in Rossorry. A further health set back in 2016 resulted in an amputation and a prosthetic limb being fitted.

What are your hobbies/interests?

In my youth I enjoyed sport but never excelled at it. I did however get pleasure from watching sport on television. I found gardening, which I enjoyed, to be a wonderful way to relax and to clear the mind.

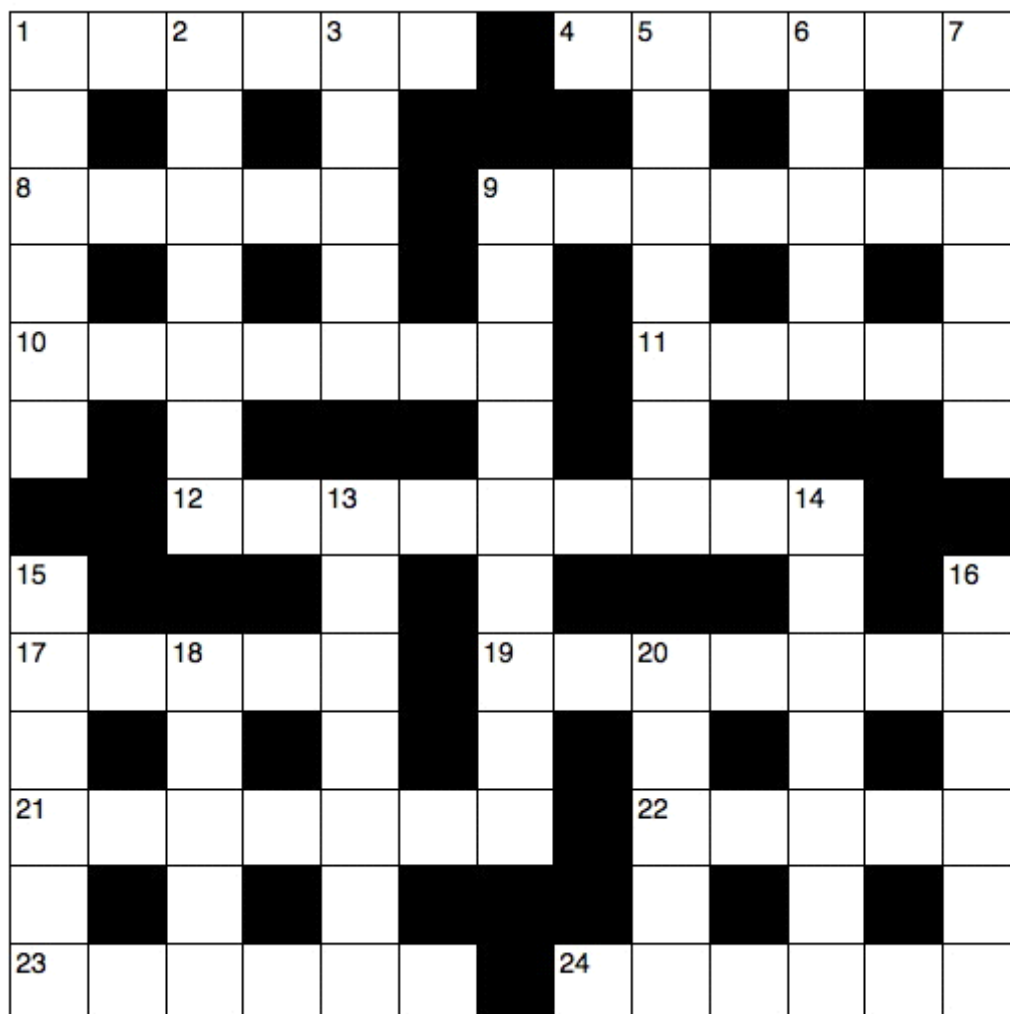
Do you have a favourite hymn or Bible verse?

St John 1: 1-14, St John 14: 1-7 and 1 John 4: 7-21. Bishop Tom Wright, former Bishop of Durham and now Research Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity in the University of St Andrew, has an excellent series of Guides to the Books of the New Testament. They are easy to read, to understand and are spiritually uplifting. Rabbi, Lord Jonathan Sachs book 'Not in God's Name' is an excellent read exploring the tensions between the Abrahamic faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The 'Church Times' is very informative about faith throughout the world.

Choral hymn singing is generally theological and spiritual. I very much enjoy it, my favourite hymn being Henry Francis Lyte's 'Abide with Me', and the choir brings great enthusiasm to worship. Hymn singing is so important in Worship.

For light reading, I usually go by the author. I have enjoyed Susan Howatch's series of six volumes on Church life in the Diocese of Starbridge; Jeffrey Archer's 'The Clifton Chronicles' and authors such as Michael Dobbs; Ian Rankin; P D James and Sebastian Faulks.

Crossword



Across

- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 ““They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

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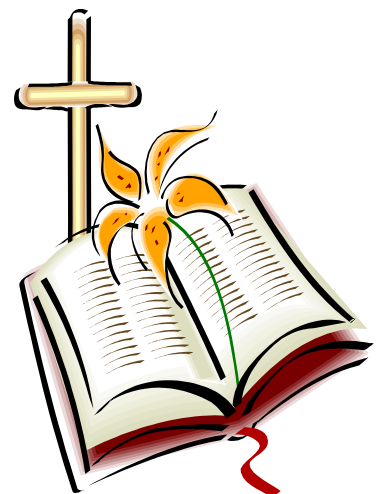
Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 'In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea' (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 'But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!' (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 'Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ' (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 'For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings' (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob's well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul's first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

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



Book launch

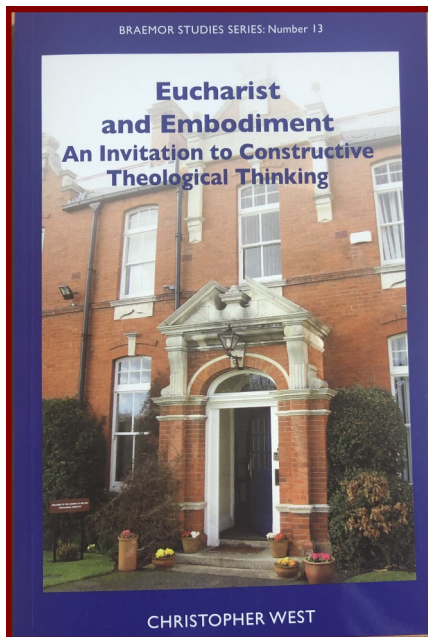


Pictured at the Book Launch are Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Rev Chris West, the Dean, Dr Bridget Nichols.

The latest in the series of selected dissertations emerging from Master's students at the Church of Ireland Theological College (CITI) was officially launched on Wednesday 16th February. Our Curate Assistant, Rev Chris, is the author of the latest title in the series of Braemor Studies, *Eucharist and Embodiment: An Invitation to Constructive Theological Thinking*, and the Dean introduced and launched his work on the night.

In the book, Rev Chris argues that taking part in our eucharistic liturgy is an example of "body memory" – something we can do without necessarily being able to explain in how we can do so (typing, swimming, and cooking provide other examples); he suggests that the knowledge associated with participating in the Eucharist is often found in our bodies. Take, for example, the communicant who suffers from dementia. The communicant might be fairly unaware of their surroundings, yet – in an act of "body memory" – extend their hands to receive. The Braemor series is published with support and assistance from the Church of Ireland's Literature Committee and the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin. Rev Chris's book, along with other titles in the series, is available to purchase from the Church's online bookstore (<https://store.ireland.anglican.org>) for £5.00. Copies are also available in the Cathedral Office.

The Dean's speech at the Book Launch



Before I get into the deeper parts of this dissertation may I say I am very pleased to have the Rev Chris West as my colleague in the Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. In a very short space of time, our pastoral and priestly ministries have blended so well that we are forming a strong base to put St Macartin's at the heart of the community, strengthening commitment, outreach, worship, and Christian Love. His learning and experience firstly in the medical sphere and then the theological sphere have no doubt also blended together to give him the knowledge and insight to produce such magnificent, inspiring, and challenging reading! Chris' study of the Eucharist as embodied experience is energised by three convictions, which he hopes also form the core of his priestly ministry.

The first is that risks must be taken in crossing boundaries in the search for an integrated whole, while being careful not to compromise the integrity and uniqueness of each contribution. This can be viewed in a couple of directions in his study, most obviously in the crossing of boundaries between the disciplines of sacramental theology, science, and philosophy. Rooted in the ecumenical traditions of the Church, and informed by insights emerging from the medical sciences and continental philosophy, Chris' study aims to provide an imaginative approach to our embodied reception of the Eucharist. Discussions about the sciences usually lie well beyond the interests of historically minded theologians and liturgists; and scientists are often not careful with historical details. Chris is careful to set his study within the context of all that has gone before. The second is that the margins are the site of God's presence in the world today; they are God's way of refreshing the Church's "centre".

Chris takes to heart the fact that "**the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone**". Jesus is the excluded one; and if the building that is our theological discussions is going to have a corner stone, it ought to be made up of those who are often excluded from our conversations. Chris' study reinserts bodies – and, in particular, the bodies of those who have been side-lined – back into the centre of our conversations about sacramental worship. The third, simply put, is that experience should courageously and self-consciously shape, critique, and inform all of our conversations; they should emerge from – and be shaped by – the Church's sacramental practices, as the Eucharist makes the Church. Chris has given a real gift to all of us and deserves the greatest thanks. I hope you enjoy reading it and seeing for yourself God working out His plan of salvation in the life of Chris to build his Kingdom. By the guidance of Almighty God may Chris continue to be at the heart of the community, strengthening commitment, outreach, worship, and Christian Love to all, even those who are often side lined from our conversations and

Mothers' Union



*Dorothy with
her flowers.*



Our February meeting was held on Monday 14th in the Eniskeene Room with a good attendance. Branch

Leader, Jenifer, opened the meeting with a warm welcome, and introduced The Curate, Rev Chris West, who was guest speaker.

Rev Chris began with a reading and prayers. The title of his talk was "Love Bade Me Welcome" very appropriate for Valentines Day! He spoke about his life's journey using an electronic presentation, which was both interesting and humorous.

The meeting closed with the Mothers' Union Prayer and the distribution of chocolate hearts. The lucky winner of a bouquet of flowers was Dorothy Benson (pictured above left).



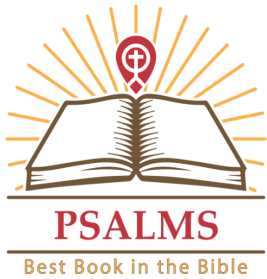
Mothers' Union

Visitors' Night will be held on Monday 14th March. Kenny Fisher will give a talk on the work of the Fisher Foundation followed by a performance of the Silver Tones Choir, of which Kenny is a member. All are very welcome to this meeting which begins at 7.30pm in the Main Hall, Cathedral Hall. Supper will be served.



Rev Chris is given a small gift by Stephanie Hamilton on behalf of MU.

Psalm 131



O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvellous for me (verse 1).

David begins this short psalm with a threefold rejection of pride: in his heart, in his eyes, and in his actions. The opposite of pride is humility. "True humility," wrote C.S. Lewis, "is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

God calls us to take good care of ourselves as his creation; self-care is not self-ish. Humility is not about having a low self-esteem; it is about recognising who God is, and who you are in his presence. Lewis also called humility a "shy" virtue: as soon as we talk about it, it goes away.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me (verse 2).


If you have ever seen a baby fall into a deep sleep, you might say that she or he is "content" or "peaceful". David uses a similar image in this verse to speak about his own trust in God; he describes a deep sense of peace. There is within us all a longing for this kind of peace; we long for the peace of heart and mind David describes. But what does he mean by peace – the sense of "calm" and "quiet" he describes in his "soul"? David greatly prized freedom from war or military occupation; but peace is not simply the absence of conflict. The peace he speaks of is also not the peace of a "quiet life": "a nice bit of peace and quiet." Instead, it is an outflowing of something given by God: a deep sense of all-encompassing, total well-being, which the Bible elsewhere calls "peace". True peace, *shalom* in Hebrew, is about the sense of wholeness God gives us as a free gift.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore (verse 3).

Although this psalm begins as a very individual prayer for David, it becomes corporate at the end. Peace is about much more than simply a personal sense of wholeness; it is about our communities too. We are called to be agents of this kind of peace for others in our everyday lives, and that is a very difficult calling indeed. We often say "let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me", but when the rubber hits the road, we are more aware of the challenges and of other people's judgements, than we are of the grace of God. The kind of peace David speaks of demands listening ears, and discerning hearts, so we can learn and live, grow and walk, with one another – even, or perhaps especially, when that is a very difficult thing to do. We are called to be those who, in the words of that beautiful prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi, "where there is despair, bring hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy."




400th Anniversary History Books




The author
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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1628 is still in use at the celebration of Holy Communion in St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: 'Fermanagh Ecclesiam Macartini de Sabothome et anno Edwardi Davis Graecus anno 1628' Translated this means: 'The cup of the Parish Church of Sabothome, the gift of Edward Davis, Gent., in the year 1628.'




St Macartin's Cathedral

at the Heart of the Community



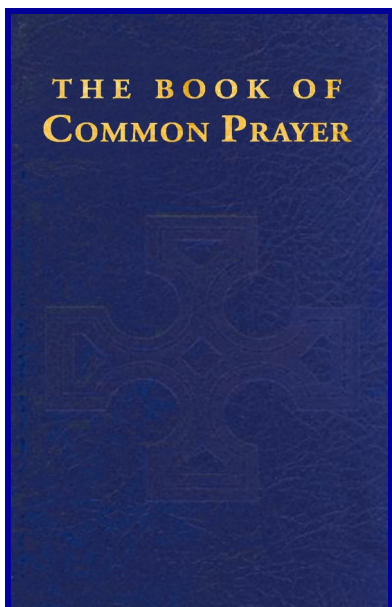
Over 400 years of Parish History
by Samuel B. Morrow



St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow

A number of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried from the cathedral. Copies are available from the Parish Office or the Deanery.

Prayer Books



Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have! We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00 and would make an ideal gift!

Youth

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

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, from all denominations, held on the third Thursday of each month.

February's theme was 'Spring has Sprung'. Our families enjoyed learning about new beginnings, both in nature and with Jesus. Crafts included clothes-peg butterflies and DIY daffodils. Our next session is on Thursday 17th March. All are welcome! Keep an eye on our social media pages for any updates.

Sunday Lights and Café (Sunday School)

Sunday Lights and Café allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus, singing songs, and participating in crafts and games. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Café welcomes children in P6-Year 8.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have been unable to meet together for over two years; but sessions have been posted on our Google Drive. Given the recent changes in restrictions, we are now attempting to regroup again, and we would ask for your support.

In-person meetings start up again on Sunday 5th March, for the 6 weeks prior to Easter. We then break until the end of September. (We usually close from Easter – end of September every year.) Included in those 6 weeks are 2 Family Services, and we look forward to welcoming all members of your families to them. The first Family Service is on Sunday 27th March (The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday) at the usual time of 11.00am, and the second Family Service will be held on Sunday 10th April (Palm Sunday). We meet at the Cathedral Hall on Palm Sunday at 10.30am, as we begin our procession to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Youth

Confirmation



Our young people continue to prepare for Confirmation in Spring, and we thank them for engaging so thoughtfully with the classes, as well as their families for their continued support. Classes are held on Monday evenings, from 6.30-7.30pm, in the Upper Room.

So far, the candidates have been exploring who God is, how we might get to know him (through worship, prayer, Bible reading), and who we are (what makes the Church, the origins of the

Church of Ireland, and our connections with the rest of the Anglican Communion).

As we move into March, we will start thinking about the Sacraments and Confirmation in more detail, including practicalities associated with the Service itself. Bishop Ian has kindly agreed to hold the Confirmation Service on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm. The last few sessions together are especially important, and we really need full attendance (if possible). The dates for the classes in March and April are as follows:

- 7th March: "After Confirmation: What's next? (Part 2)"
- 14th March: "Why bother with the Sacraments? (Part 1)"
- 21st March: "Why bother with the Sacraments? (Part 2)"
- 28th March: "Where do we go from here?"
- 4th April: "Where are we now?"

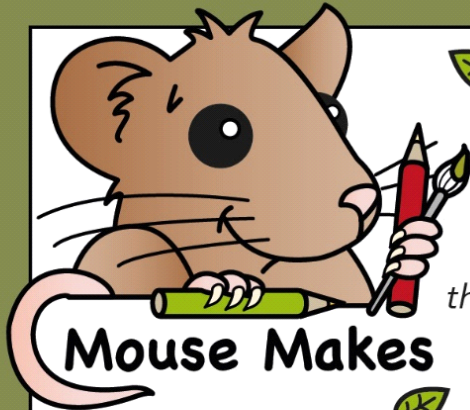
More details will follow about:

- 11th April: Monday in Holy Week – Service and Rehearsal
- 27th April: Confirmation Service

Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Awaken. 4, Quench. 8, Hit me. 9, Sadness. 10, Semitic. 11, Ridge. 12, Testimony. 17, Psalm. 19, Indulge. 21, Deserve. 22, Ariel. 23, Rose as. 24, Beggar. DOWN: 1, Aghast. 2, Attempt. 3, Eject. 5, Undergo. 6, No end. 7, Hasten. 9, Sacrifice. 13, Samaria. 14, Yelling. 15, Spider. 16, Dealer. 18, Asses. 20, Drake.

Children's Page



GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:

"No good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit..."

... Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."

- Luke 6: 43-45

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.



READ
Luke
6: 27-45

How did Jesus say we should treat others?

Look up
Luke 6:31



to everyone who asks you
Luke 6:30

to those that hate you
Luke 6:27

those who curse you
Luke 6:28

for those who are cruel to you
Luke 6:28

and you will be forgiven
Luke 6:37



Find these words from **Luke 6** in the word search above.

GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE



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

Vergers - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

March Lessons and Readers

Sunday 6th March: The First Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 - Jonathan McBride

The Psalm - Psalm 94: 9-16

The Second Reading - Romans 10: 8b-13 - Helen Burton

The Gospel Reading - Luke 4: 1-13 - The Curate

Sunday 13th March: The Second Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 - Blane Bailey

The Psalm - Psalm 27

The Second Reading - Philippians 3: 7-4: 1 - Selena Fawcett

The Gospel Reading - Luke 13: 31-35 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 20th March: The Third Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-9 - Adele Kerr

The Psalm - Psalm 63: 1-9

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-3 - Andrew Kerr

The Gospel Reading - Luke 13: 1-9 - The Curate

Sunday 27th March: The Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday

Family Service



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)

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