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"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" John 20: 29



Six Spot Burnet Moth & Soldier Beetle Photograph by Cecil Carson

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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

This month I hope to see you, your family, and friends, at our Flower Festival. Try and make this a family/friends outing – invite the extended family, or your friends, and show them around your cathedral, then bring them to lunch or evening tea in the Ca-



thedral Hall. Teas will be served all day, but would it not be special on this occasion to dine with them at Lunchtime or for an Evening Meal in the Cathedral Hall. A booking form is included in this Cathedral News so as you can fill in what day/days you might like to dine (this is to help the catering team to prepare).

Lots of volunteers are required to assist with serving and kitchen duties in the Cathedral Hall, and with the staffing of the Cathedral and the Carpark. I do hope all those who are fit and able will volunteer for at least one 3 hour shift over the course of the 4 days. It will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know other parishioners and serve God together as all of us are members of His family.

The Flower Festival is part of our Quadricentennial Year of celebrations. It is titled 'Signs & Sayings in John's Gospel'. Now signs and saying are very important in everyday life. When you are driving, you pay attention to signs. Some signs inform you to go in one direction, others order you to 'turn here' and still others tell you how fast you can go. Signs tell us important things. The original word for 'sign' was the Greek 'sémeion' which became the Latin

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'signum' from which we also get signal, insignia and signature. Signum can mean anything from an identifying mark (X marks the spot) to proof. It can also mean a sign from heaven. That is what John meant in his account of the Gospel, which begins in chapter 1 (verse 19) and goes through to chapter 12.

In the Gospel of John 'sign' is also used to mean 'miracle'. Unlike the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke, John does not record very many miracles of Jesus. From those listed in John, each one tells us very special things we need to know about Jesus. Each of these signs points us along the path towards realising the whole point of John's Gospel. The 'signs' help us to walk in the path of believers, the road that disciples follow towards eternal life with God.

I hope you enjoy the viewing of each of the displays based on the signs and sayings in the Gospel according to St John. The signs and sayings that show the nature of Jesus' power and love. In them we see his power over everything created, and we see his love of all people. Above all else, these signs encourage us to believe in Him.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe"

John 20: 29

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth RJ Hall

Welcome Team

The Welcome Team has not been used, due to Covid 19, but now is an appropriate time for it to return. We will be using the original team but new members will be very welcome. Please contact the office if you would like to join the team, who wait in the Cathedral porch and greet parishioners and visitors on Sunday mornings for the 11.00am service.

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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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

22nd April - Milo Charles Adam Morrell

"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



8th April - James Alexander Pratt 26 Shankill Road Enniskillen.

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





Parish Donations

Organ Restoration Fund

£300 Donation from The Fermanagh Choral Society (Christmas Concert).

Cathedral Bell Fund (to electrify ringing)

£40 Donation from Zoe Pyper in memory of her brother Denzil (3rd April 1986).

Graveyard Wall Fund

£100 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.

£1,400 Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of the late Cecil Carson.

£200 Donation from Mr Raymond & Mrs Irene Woods in memory of their parents.

Fabric Fund

£50 Donation from Mr & Mrs Ivan Johnston.

£1,000 Donation from Mr & Mrs Jonathan Styles.

£200 Donation from the Brownies as a contribution towards light and heat for the Hall.

£250 Donation from the Evening Bowling Club.

Hospital Chaplaincy

The Western Health and Social Care Trust Awards for 2022/2023 were held on Tuesday, 4th April in Omagh at the Silver Birch Hotel. After a short lunch, the gathering of hundreds was greeted by Compère Barra Best and formally welcomed by Mr Sam Pollock, Chief Executive WHSCT, and addressed by Mr Peter May, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, and Mr Neil Guckian, Chief Executive WHSCT. The Awards



were announced by Mr Guckian and by Ms Karen Hargan, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development. Since it had been four years since the previous awards had been given, there were many names included in the successive video clips of individual nominations. Among those nominated and highly-commended for the Championing Our Health and Wellbeing Award was the WHSCT Chaplaincy Team from across the entire Trust. Other awards were warmly acclaimed and welcomed across the Trust including in Social Care, Nursing Care, Surgery and the Pandemic Vaccination Campaign Team.

The final award of the afternoon was the Chair's Award which he gave to the Chaplaincy Team across all the Trust hospitals.

And as the Chair of the Trust gave his award - the final award - to the Chaplaincy Service, he mentioned several instances of what chaplains do and the appreciation that staff have and particularly during the Pandemic.

Included were Dean Kenny Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly who represented the local SWAH team in receiving the Chair's Staff Recognition Award.

Mr Neil Guckian, Chief Executive WHSCT, Ms Anne Love, retired WHSCT Volunteer and Work Experience Manager, Mrs Donna Keenan, WHSCT Interim Executive Director of Nursing / Primary Care and Older People's Services.



Palm Sunday 2nd April





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On Palm Sunday a large crowd, together with the clergy and choir, processed to the Cathedral led by a donkey. The choir led the singing of 'Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'



Tom, the donkey, is owned and handled by Matthew Hall (no relation to the Dean)!



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Tuesday Club



On Tuesday, 28th March, our guest speaker was Mrs June McIlfatrick. The meeting commenced with prayers, led by Rev Colin Brownsmith.

June made some lovely floral arrangements suitable for Easter. She also gave us information and tips on flower arranging and seed planting.

The meeting ended with 'The Grace.'
The next meeting is on 25th April when the speaker will be Frankie Roofe on 'Old Enniskillen.' The May meeting will be a visit to the Flower Festival, followed by tea in the Cathedral Hall.



The Coronation of King Charles III



On 6th May His Majesty King Charles III will be crowned alongside Camilla, The Queen Consort, in Westminster Abbey.

How can we pray for him, as he approaches this important event? Paul says: 'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.' (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For God's presence – to guide every aspect of King Charles' life as he prepares for his Coronation and future

roles. At his Accession, he was proclaimed Defender of the Faith, the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. Charles has talked about 'the Sovereign's particular relationship and responsibility towards the Church of England – the Church in which my own faith is so deeply rooted.'

For God's wisdom – as he provides leadership that will honour God and promote the wellbeing of our society. King Solomon prayed for wisdom for himself: 'So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.' (1 Kings 3:9).

For God's love – to strengthen all relationships within the Royal Family; for reconciliation, understanding, forgiveness and good communication.

For God's purpose – to be fulfilled through the work of the King and Queen and their family in the years to come. He has said: 'and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life.'

A Prayer for the new King:

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

At St Macartin's Cathedral we will have a special service to mark the Coronation at 11.00am on Sunday 7th May. The special preacher will be the Bishop of Clogher. This will be followed by a Sunday Lunch in the Cathedral Hall. There is still time to book your place. Please contact the Cathedral Office by Thursday 4th May. The cost for parishioners will be £20.00 per person and children under 12, £7.50.

Cathedral Family - The Select Vestry 2023/2024



Left: Vanessa Elliott (Rector's Churchwarden)







Left: George Irvine (Rector's Glebewarden)

Right: Noel Johnston (People's Glebewarden)





Sam Morrow (Honorary Secretary)



Hope Kerr (Honorary Treasurer)



Stephen Richmond (Assistant Honorary Secretary)



New Role
Da- vid
Graham
(Assistant
Honorary
Treasurer)

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Nathan Clyde



Alanna Williamson



Linda Kingston



Linda Corrigan



Audrey Williamson



Karl Saunders



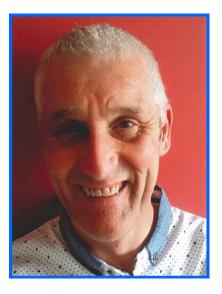
Ivan Kee



Johnny Woods



David Clarke



Richard Cochrane

Flower Festival



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Quadricentennial Year - 400th Anniversary Service



Left, Churchwarden Alanna Williamson, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Bishop of Clogher Ian Ellis, Archbishop John McDowell, Dean Kenneth Hall and Churchwarden Nathan Clyde. Both Archbishops were formerly Bishops of Clogher.

Bottom left, some of the Clergy in attendance - from left: Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, Scott Elliott (ministry student), Archdeacon Brian Harper, Rev Canon Maurice Armstrong, Fr Charles Cross (The Graan) and Rev Sampson Ajuka.

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Quadricentennial Year - 400th Anniversary Service





Viscount Brookeborough read the first lesson and Sam Morrow the second. Archbishop Michael Jackson led some of the prayers. The sermon was by Archbishop John McDowell. The Bishop of Clogher, Dr Ian Ellis, gave the blessing. A cake was cut towards the end of the service by the Churchwardens, Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson.

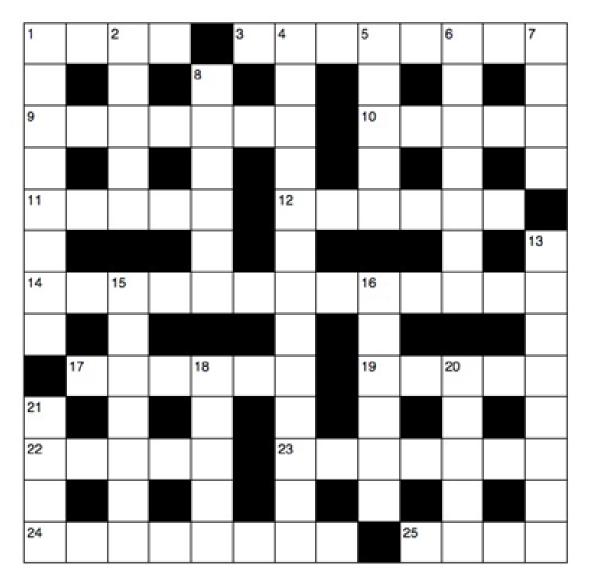








Crossword



Across

- 1 'Therefore let us passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)
- 24 Rule of sovereign (8)
- 25 Test (anag.) (4)

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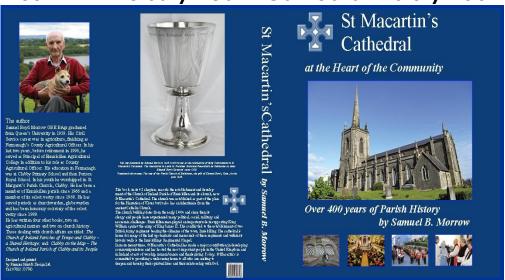
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Crossword

Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry —, sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book



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

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Bowling Tournament

The mixed pairs tournament was held on the 20 and 21 March with an entry of 64 pairs.

The finals were held on Wednesday 22 March with eight pairs returning. After supper, the Dean thanked all clubs for supporting the tournament and all club members for their help all week.

The final was between Alan Graham and Lisa McVitty who played Kate Vance and Colin Short and

the winners were Alan and Lisa. Dean Hall presented the prizes.







Triples - Ernie Vance, Felice Fiamingo and Ruby
Allen (Missing from the photo Felice Fiamingo)

The club players had their own competitions and the winners are pictured below and left. Morning and Evening Bowls will commence on Wednesday 13 September at 10.30 am and 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome for fun and friendship.



Pairs - Felice Fiamingo and Maud Shaw (Missing from the photo Felice Fiamingo)

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Knitwits Knitting Group

The Knitwits Knitting group held their annual Tea Party on Saturday 1st April in the Cathedral Hall, marking the end of their winter programme and announcing the results of the Knitwits Challenge knitting and crochet competition 2023. Three challenges were set for this year: headwear; vests and waistcoats; cushions. The competition entries were expertly assessed and judged by Sally McMulkin



and Isobel Brogan from the Irvinestown Library Knitting Group and assisted by Sally's daughters Lorraine and Alice!

Winners and runners up in each of the challenges were:

Headwear Winner: Mavis Fleming

Runners up: Margaret Owens and Elizabeth McIntosh

Vests and waistcoats Winner: Mavis Fleming

Runner up: Jean Ternan

Cushions Winner: Noreen McKeown

Runner up: Ruth Young

Local wool and yarn businesses, Ewemomma and Fermanagh Cottage Industries, each donated a generous prize for the competition.

On behalf of the Knitwits Knitting group, donations of £200 each were handed



over to representatives from the Enniskillen Macular Support Group and Fermanagh Women's Aid.







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Youth and Children's Ministry

Messy Church

Messy Church is open to all children of Primary School age or younger and their parents and guardians. Even if you aren't a member of the Cathedral, you are very welcome to join us at any of the sessions. A warm welcome awaits you! Messy Church will end the year with a party on Saturday 20th May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon as part of a Family Fun Day, in the Cathedral Hall.



Sunday Lights (Sunday School)

Sunday Lights ended for the season on Sunday 23rd April with a Family Service and gift distribution for those who attended. While Sunday School has ended for the summer, Church continues and it would be nice to see families (parents and children) worship together in the Cathedral. Sunday Lights will re-



commence with a Family Service on Sunday 24th September at 11.00am.

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group

The next gathering of St Macartin's Parenting Wellness Group is on Saturday 13th May at 3.00pm in The Cathedral Hall with The Afternoon Tea Fairy.

There are no more available spaces at present but if you wish to be added to the cancellation list or to join the what's app group for future updates, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

Future dates!

17th June at 2.00pm - Art and Craft 29th July Large Hall Decluttering Talk

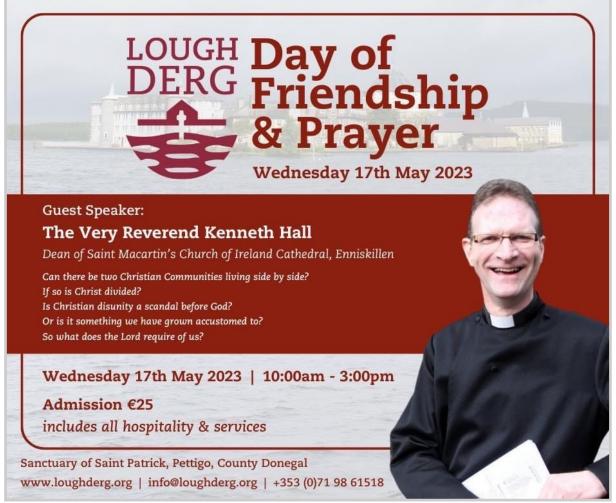
Mothers' Union

For our April meeting we met in church for the Holy Week service. We had an excellent turnout from our members.

Our next meeting in on Tuesday 9th May for our end of year outing to the Killyhevlin. Dinner is booked for 6.30pm in the River Suite. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

(A wee reminder that all knitted/sewn items and Overseas monies to be in by 9th May).

A Day of Friendship & Prayer

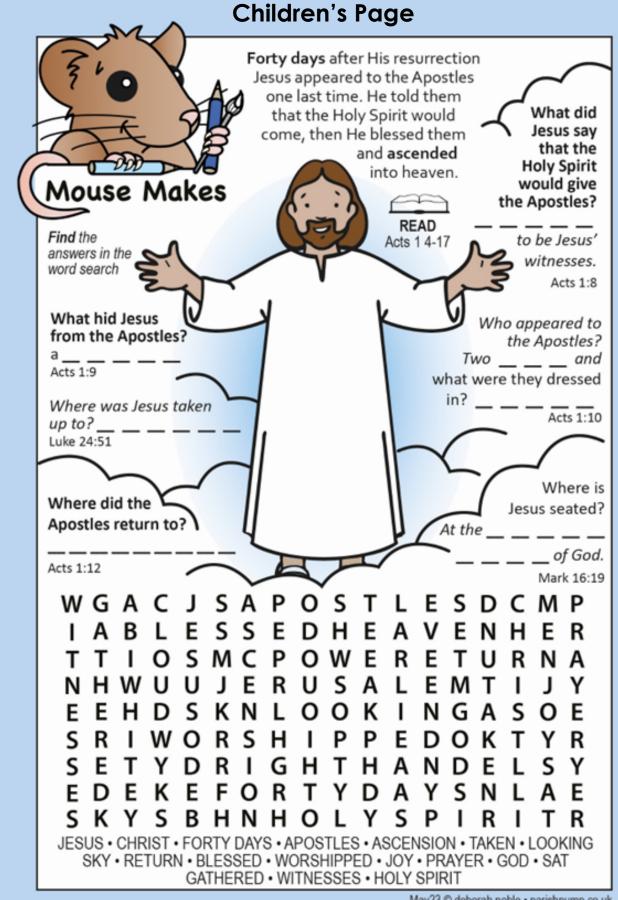


The unique day on the Island sanctuary of Lough Derg offers an opportunity for friends and neighbours from different churches to celebrate their Christian faith together in prayer and friendship. Each year there is a keynote speaker and a special theme for the day. The Very Rev Kenny Hall, Dean of Clogher has been invited as the speaker this year on Wednesday 17th May. The ecumenical day will be of particular interest to inter-church groups to celebrate together and enjoy the peace and beauty of the Island sanctuary. Boats to the Island are available from 10.00am. The crossing is less than 10 minutes from the lakeshore. Tickets are available in the lakeshore reception. On arrival on the Island refreshments are served and ahead of the Keynote Address at noon, there is time to experience the peace and tranquillity this sacred space offers.

Answers to Crossword on page 18

Ralm.

ACROSS: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet. DOWN: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21,



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Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham

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, Ivan Kee, Linda Kingston, Karl Saunders, Alanna Williamson, Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

May Lessons and Readers

The Fifth Sunday of Easter - 7th May

Coronation Service

The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday - 14th May

The First Reading - Acts 17: 22-31 - Wendy Graham

The Psalm - 66: 7-18

The Second Reading - 1 Peter 3: 13-22 - Brian Graham

The Gospel Reading - John 14: 15-21 - Rev Colin Brownsmith

The Seventh Sunday of Easter - Sunday after Ascension - 21st May

The First Reading - Acts 1: 6-14 - Jim Nixon

The Psalm - 68: 1-10

The Second Reading - 1 Peter 4: 21-14; 5: 6-11 – Gillian Glass

The Gospel Reading - John 17: 1-11 - The Dean

The Day of Pentecost - WhitSunday - 28th May

Flower Festival Service



WELCOME TEAM MAY 2023

- 07 Doris and Gordon Jackson
- 14 Adele and Andrew Kerr
- 21 Eileen and Jim Nixon
- 28 Caroline and Trevor Shaw

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 - 6.30pm - 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

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)

New members are always welcome at any of our organisations!