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“Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to the faith we profess.” Hebrews 4: 14,16



Castle Island/Irvin's Island and River Erne at Broadmeadow
Photograph by Cecil Carson

OUR VISION

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

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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

An extract from the Dean's address
to The Easter General Vestry



Welcome to this Easter General Vestry Meeting. This is the 9th Easter General Vestry Meeting I have addressed here and as the 28th Rector and 6th Dean of St Macartin's Cathedral.

An Easter General Vestry gives us an opportunity to look back over the past year and to give thanks to Almighty God for His faithfulness, love, and blessing upon us as a congregation. As always at this meeting I want to thank people for their work during this past year. I want to remind us all that everyone of us is valued, important and essential to the life and ministry of this parish. I hope you believe that your contribution is as important as anyone who leads from the front or leads an organisation. Without all of you the work of the kingdom of God would not be advanced in this parish or in this community.

The role of the church is very much to be part of the community and not apart from the community where we see ourselves as not just looking after ourselves and our own interests - inward looking. We need to be prepared to get out into the world around us and show the love of God reflecting through us, put our Christian beliefs into practice, bring the church into the community and then the community will be more at ease to come into church!

Thanks be to God we have had a year of much activity and growth. Perhaps another one of the continuing challenges is to find ways of engaging our newer parishioners fully in the life and witness of the parish. It was very encouraging to see new families, but we need more integration and social engagement. To that end we have made some advances. We have a vision of a growing, flourishing church in Enniskillen. To help us with that vision we want to equip our parishioners. I mention this to highlight the need to support our various clubs and organisations, to ensure their continuation and to prevent us taking the work of leaders and officers for granted.

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If you want these and other organisations to continue to operate in this parish, get involved in them! To a large degree, our future is in our own hands.

If you want to be part of a parish which offers a really good social dimension – support the events which are organised and be prepared to help out with organisations. If you want a Christ-centred parish that stretches our spirituality and a living faith – come along to the Pilgrim Group or ask for prayer when you need it. I would like to promote 'Pilgrim' as a teaching and discipleship resource. Interestingly almost 100 copies of the Pilgrim Reflections on the Beatitudes were taken by parishioners to read during Lent. Follow up Pilgrim Reflections will be available for our next church season (Easter to Pentecost) – 40 days of reflections on the Lord's Prayer (see page 10). Our Pilgrim Group aims to help the local church create a place where people can explore the Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. Pilgrim takes a different approach to other Christian programmes. It approaches the great issues of faith not through persuasion, but participation in a pattern of contemplation and discussion with a group of fellow travellers! As well as Pilgrim we have at present many successful ventures – Sunday Lights/Sunday Lights Café, Mothers' Union, Men's LIFE, Messy Church, Xplore for our Confirmation Class and the Uniformed organisations.

If you want to be part of a parish whose church attendance continues to grow – come to church more often. The addition of the regular Thursday Morning Service is a great alternative for those for whom Sunday mornings are busy

We have a wonderful parish, with facilities which are second to none, and I have no doubt that God will continue to bless our efforts to build up his kingdom in this place. And while technically he doesn't need our help to do so, he magnanimously invites us to join him in the work of his kingdom, which should be, and is, a pure pleasure and privilege. There is something for everyone – do lend your support and encourage others to get involved. We all need to be actively involved in parish life and if we do not care, we will find ourselves growing cold and indifferent in our relationship with God and with others.

As a Christian community, faith development and spirituality must remain a priority, and while the success of such ventures can never be measured by the numbers attending, I do issue a challenge to those of you who have never attended any of our organisations or groups to give even one of them a try – you might well be surprised by what God has in store for you!

The same can be said about our services, whether on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings or Thursday mornings – and so I issue a similar challenge to those of you who might not be regular attendees: gathering together in the Lord's House and around His Table is the platform from which springs all our other activities and ministries. Lets us live out our Vision' of

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Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall

Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

21st April - James-Alexander Anthony Moran

"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



Christian Burial

15th April - John Thomas Wood,
Lower Celtic Park, Enniskillen.

Burial of Ashes

12th April - Herbert Oscar Eric (Herby) Follis,
19 Lakeview Park, Enniskillen.

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



Parish Donations

Lenten Project

£500 Donation from Dr W Holmes.

£40 Donation from Morning Bowling Club.

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

£300 Donation from the Evening Bowling Club.

£30 Donation from Dr W Holmes (money received for services offered by him and given to the Church).

Minibus Fund

£225 Donation from St Macartin's Cathedral Youth Club.

£20 Donation from Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Fabric Fund

£100 Donation in memory of Wills Gawley.
From his sister and nephew Joan and Stephen Hawes.

£300 Donation from the Evening Bowling Club.

£100 Donation from Mrs Joyce Woods.

£5220 Anonymous Donation (Portable Staging for Cathedral Hall).

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs G Irvine in memory of their son Alistair.

Celebration of The Royal Air Force Association (Scotland & N.I.)

A special service was held on Mothering Sunday in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen in celebration of the Royal Air Force Association, Scotland and Northern Ireland Area. This was part of their annual conference which was held this year in the Killyhevlin Hotel. The Service was conducted by The Dean, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall and the guest preacher was the Rev Neil Galbraith, Royal Air Force Association Padre and Minister of Cathcart Old Parish Church in Glasgow. Also in attendance was the Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly PP VG, Padre to ATC (Air Training Cadets).

The first half of the service was in celebration of Mothering Sunday with a grandmother, mother and granddaughter reading the lessons – Libby Elliott, Vanessa Elliott and Katie Elliott. After the presentation of Mothering Sunday gifts, a Gospel Reading was read by The Air Vice Marshall David Niven, President Scotland and Northern Ireland Area RAFA. The prayers were read by The Viscount Brookeborough KG, Air Marshall Sean Reynolds, Robert Chandler, Chairman of Scotland and Northern Ireland Area RAFA, and Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, Padre to ATC. The RAFA Dedication was read by Richard Trebitt, Chairman NI Region RAFA.



Pictured with the Rev Neil Galbraith (RAFA Padre) centre are Monsignor Peter O'Reilly and The Dean of Clogher, The Very Rev Kenneth Hall. Also pictured are Churchwardens Karen Clyde and Sandra Richmond with Scott Elliott and Andy McCabe (Dean's Verger).

Thank you for your Contributions

The total income from the Choir Concert was £1,250. This amount has been added to the Fabric Fund. Thank you to everyone who supported the event on 29th March (Photographs on pages 12 and 13).

The total amount raised from magazine contributions was £1,462. We are grateful to all who supported this fund.

Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal

Development, Relief, Advocacy - Bishops' Appeal is the Church's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up by the Bishops of the Church in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering.

Aims:

- To educate the Church at home about the needs and concerns of people in the less developed world and the causes of poverty;
- To encourage Church members to examine the reasons for the problems facing the less fortunate in the world and to consider what we can do to change conditions;
- To reach out in God's name to those who need our help;
- To encourage informed prayer and prayerful action aimed at strengthening the poor; to raise the funds needed to allow Bishops' Appeal to support development projects and alleviate the suffering caused by disasters, both natural and man-made.

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Bishops' Appeal works through partner Non-Governmental Organisations and Mission Agencies to implement Christ's "Mission Statement" to feed the hungry, lift the burden of poverty from the poor and bring freedom and hope to the oppressed. It does not fund development and emergency work directly. Our partners have the local knowledge and resources to ensure that projects for which they apply for funding are of maximum

benefit to the peoples and areas in which they work.

Bishops' Appeal contributes to relief of suffering in time of emergencies whether natural or man-made. However, our main concern is to support ongoing development in the fields of sustainable agriculture, health, including HIV/AIDS, and education in many parts of the world. We aim to enable people to have more control over their own lives and futures so that they are less dependent on others than they are today.

Half the world's population live on less than two dollars a day; indeed, over 300 million people in sub-Saharan Africa live on less than one dollar a day. It is estimated that 30,000 people die every day from poverty related diseases. The Christian Church cannot remain silent in the face of this ongoing tragedy and injustice. Bishops' Appeal is the Church of Ireland's voice calling for an end to this suffering and working with others to make a difference where it can. **+Patrick Rooke, Chair, Bishops' Appeal**

Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal Supports Response to Cyclone Idai

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal is releasing €10,000 in emergency funds to support relief efforts in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe in the wake of Cyclone Idai. Further funds will be added in the coming weeks and Bishops' Appeal welcomes support from parishes and individuals who wish to contribute.

The devastation has resulted in over one million people being affected, with more than 100,000 people displaced from their homes. Immediate concerns include access to hygiene kits, shelter, safe drinking water, and food. There are

also major concerns about the spread of waterborne diseases. £12 / €14 could help towards providing much needed clean water;

£22 / €25 could provide a blanket and clothing to help keep someone warm;

£50 / €58 could provide a month's food for a family of five.

Lydia Monds, Education Adviser for Bish-

ops' Appeal, says: "As the waters recede in the wake of Cyclone Idai, the devastation continues to unfold. The death toll has risen to 750 people and 110,000 people are currently displaced and in camps. In Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe, people are now bracing themselves for outbreaks of waterborne diseases. Amidst this hell on earth, we can make a tangible Kingdom difference. With your prayers and support, the most affected communities can receive food, shelter, clean water, water purification tablets, and medical support."

Bishops' Appeal partners Christian Aid and Tearfund Ireland are on the ground providing life-saving aid.

Bishops' Appeal Envelopes are included in this edition of Cathedral News. Please use them for your contributions which should be put on the collection plate or handed in to the office.



Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Xplore

We recently used some grant funding to purchase a Smart TV and sound bar. This impressive 55 inch screen TV will make youth work much easier, giving access to online and other audio-visual material. As well as presenting information using Youtube videos, podcasts and the like, it is an important part of youth work today to help young people navigate social media and popular culture in an informed and responsible way. We hope that this new equipment will help us do just that.



On Monday 13th May, from 7.00-9.30 pm, we would like to hold a Gala Premiere. Young people in Years 8-12 are invited to the official launch of the new TV. There will be food and entertainment. The dress code is 'Glitzy & Glamorous'!

Check out Instagram for more details: [xplore_youth_group](#)

Confirmation

This is the big month! After months of preparation, our 16 confirmation candidates are nearly there. We have learned about baptism and confirmation, the Church of Ireland, the feasts and seasons of the church year, the content of the Apostles' Creed, and what Holy Communion is. We have compiled a portfolio that we can show to the Bishop, as evidence of our preparation for confirmation this month.



Well done to all our young people for your participation, and to parents, grandparents and other sponsors for all your commitment in bringing them.

There will be a **pre-Confirmation service on Sunday 12th May at 7 pm**. Immediately after this service, there will be a rehearsal of the confirmation service. It is essential that all our candidates attend.

The Service of Confirmation will take place on Sunday 19th May at 7 pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, with the rite performed by Right Reverend John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. This is a joyous day in the life of the Cathedral, and all parishioners are invited to witness this important new step along the journey of faith in the lives of our young people.

Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Messy Church

We are back on Thursday 23rd May at the normal time 2.00-4.00 pm for an afternoon of Summer Fun! Join us then!

Please note the change of date in May – this month it is on the fourth Thursday of the month to avoid a clash with General Synod.

MESSY CHURCH FUN DAY



There will be a bouncy castle, face painting, silly sports games, a barbecue and more!

**Thursday 23rd May 4.00-6.00pm
St Macartin's Cathedral Hall**

**FOR ALL
THE FAMILY**

For children of primary school age or younger. The only rule is every child must be accompanied by an adult and every adult by a child!

Pilgrim

Pilgrim has come to an end for the current year, but look out for details of a 'Pilgrim-age' in June. It will resume in the autumn.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

A service to confirm adults will take place in the Portora Chapel of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School on Ascension Thursday (30th May) at 7.30pm. Adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at this service – please contact the Dean or Curate for details.



Adult
Confirmation

Reflections for the Period Easter to The Ascension

Following on from our Reflections from Lent – here is the next issue focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

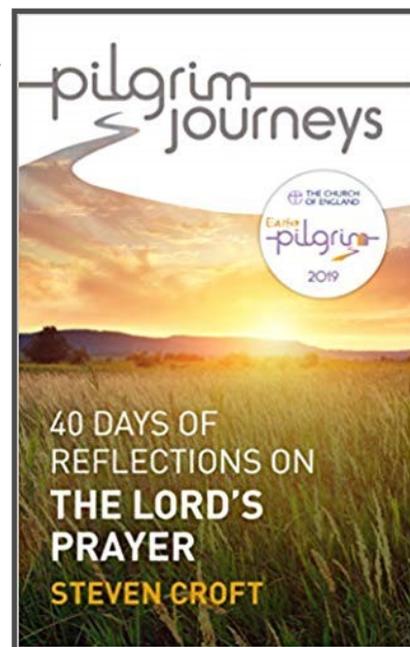
Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer takes you on a 40-day journey through the prayer Jesus taught his followers – one which continues to shape the lives of Christians across the world. Each day provides you with a short Bible reflection, an invitation to pray and a suggestion for responding to the vision of the Lord's Prayer itself.

The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal daily companions for anyone seeking to grow in the Christian faith. They are suitable for those preparing for baptism or confirmation – including those attending our Pilgrim discipleship course – but can be used by anyone at any stage of their Christian journey. Collect your copy from the Cathedral Porch or Cathedral Office – a donation of £2.00 would be appreciated.

Prayers:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

God of our pilgrimage, renew your church in this place; in the ministries of befriending and listening; teaching and learning faith. Help us to welcome new members, and restore in your love those who are lost. May Christ be formed afresh in us as we help to revive and form new disciples in your mission to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to the glory of the Father. Amen.



Men's Life

The next meeting is on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Enniskeen Room. Rev Canon Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullan North will speak on his life and work as a Prison Chaplain before becoming a Rector in Clogher Diocese. He has previously preached at our Harvest Service and was a guest speaker at the Mothers' Union, where he proved to be very popular with a very interesting life story! Men of all ages are welcome. Do come along and hear for yourself!



The Ascension

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to His disciples, following His death and resurrection. (*Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.*) The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those 40 days. Jesus was seen by numerous of His disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged His disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them – to all corners of the earth, as His witnesses.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, He lifted up His hands – and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with His return to His Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless His disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry



and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: 'While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: 'I

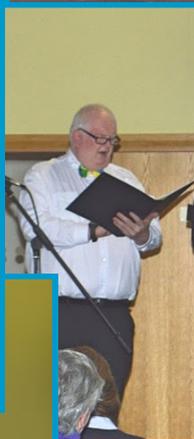
am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God...' (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: 'they worshipped Him – and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.' (Luke 24:52,53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! 'I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.' (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

Ascension Day Service (Thursday 30th May) at 11.00am

Cathedral Family



Cathedral Family



**St. Macartin's Cathedral
Choir Concert
29th March 2019**

Photographs by
William Holmes.

KnitWits on Tour

The KnitWits were formed when Margaret Owens made the remark to Claire Holmes at Choir Practice that she liked her woollen socks. Claire's reply was 'I'll show you how to knit them.' From there started a group of originally choir members who meet on Saturday afternoons in Claire's house to knit, eat cake and chat. John Owens promptly named them The KnitWits and it has stuck. The group has now been joined by other non-choir members and there have been some extra curriculum activities including a recent trip to Lisbon.



The group are pictured in a wool shop in Lisbon with the assistant.



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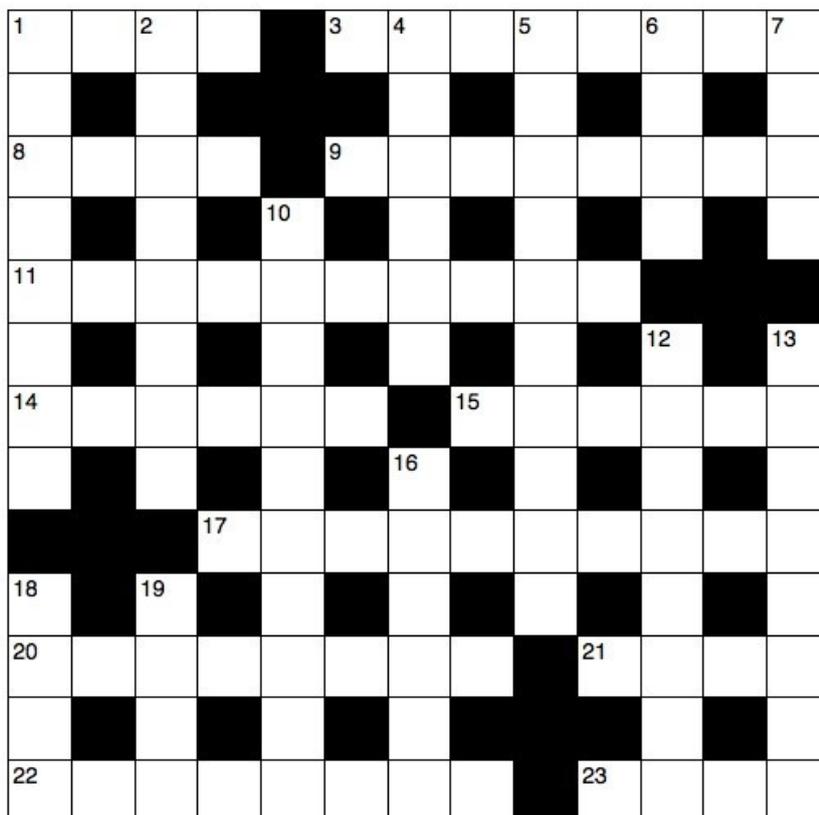


The group meeting at Claire's where she gave everyone a gift for Mother's Day.



photographs from Lisbon. weather was beautiful, the very stunning and great fun friendship was enjoyed by all.

Crossword



Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)

- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

Enniskillen Feis 2019 for Cathedral Choir Members



Our Choral Scholars performed very well at Enniskillen Feis. Pictured are Erin Evans, Finn Maguire and Keri Elliott.

Over 2 solos Keri won 2nd and 3rd place.

Erin was highly commended and also won a 3rd.

Finn won a 1st place and the cup for the best overall performance.

Jessica Saunderson also took part in the performance.

Chelsea Pensioners

Pictured right The Dean welcomes two Chelsea Pensioners to Enniskillen.



David Wright (WO2)
and
William Frazer (Sgt).



Canticles in Worship by Rev Chris Mac Bruithin

A new series of reflections on the Canticles in the Book of Common Prayer - Cantate Domino (Psalm 98)

The Book of Common Prayer has been revised every once in a while since Cranmer's 1549 version. At every turn, some have complained that changes have gone too far, and others that they have not gone far enough. The redactors of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer knew this very well, writing in the Preface 'we know it impossible ... to please all'. Some things never change!

One minor regret I have about the Church of Ireland's 2004 Prayer Book is that the canticle *Cantate Domino* has not been printed in modern language. This, I assume, is why it is rarely used as it once was.

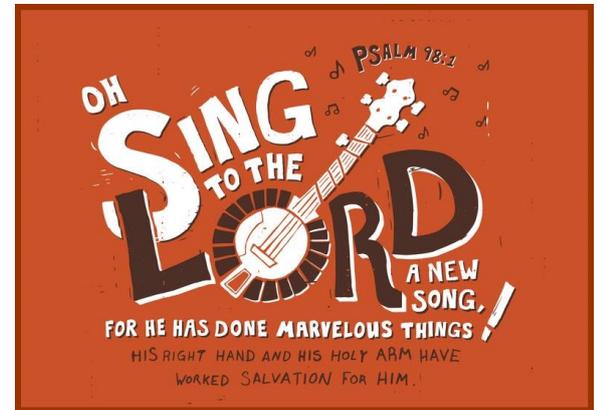
Like *Venite* and *Jubilate*, both of which are sung week in and week out, *Cantate Domino* is a psalm from the Bible which calls us to worship.

Psalm 98 helps us to see that God is bigger than we might think. First of all, in our lives and the lives of his people down the centuries, 'He hath done marvellous things'. He has given His people victory and salvation. As we approach God on Sunday mornings, it is good to remember how we have experienced that personally, and to give our thanks and praise.

However, God is not just *our* God – He is the God over all people. The word 'heathen' in the traditional language is by no means politically correct today! In Psalm 98, it simply refers to Gentiles, people who are not part of Israel. God cares also about them – all the Edomites and Ammonites, Moabites and all the other 'ites' and 'bites' that we struggle with when we read those difficult Old Testament lessons. The psalmist says in this canticle that God's salvation reaches to 'all the ends of the world'.

In fact, not only does God care for all humans everywhere, but He also cares for all of creation. And so, along with our own hymn-singing, the psalmist incites nature to worship too. The sea is instructed to crash; the rivers are to clap their hands, and the hills are to rejoice. Jesus once said, when Pharisees were telling the crowds to be quiet, that if they did stop praising him, then the stones would cry out 'Hosanna!'

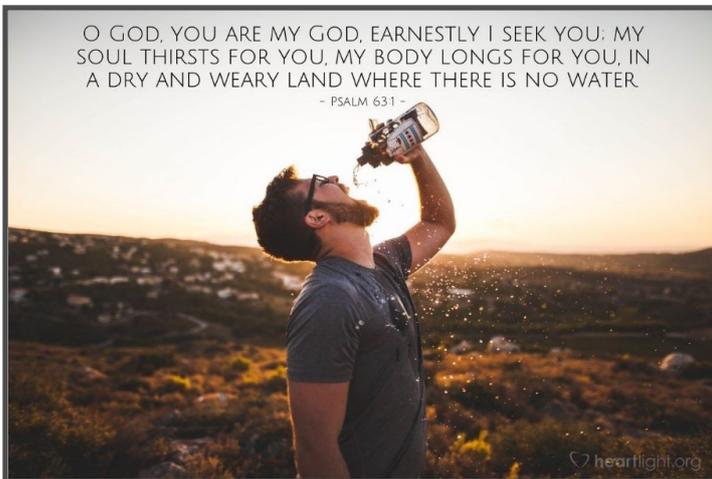
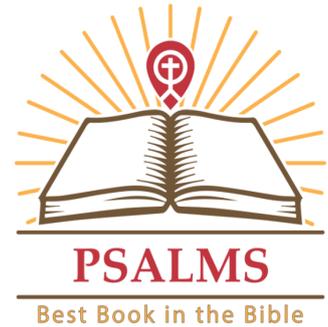
What a shame the 2004 Prayer Book does not include a contemporary language version of this wonderful canticle. All is not lost, however. At Family Services, we quite often sing it in its rousing metrical form as the hymn 'Sing to God new songs of worship'. Also, we can read it in modern language as Psalm 98 on p. 704. We just need one of our talented musicians to teach us the chant and get us all singing those 'new songs of worship'!



Psalm 63

If you had to describe our society in a single word, the most appropriate one would be *pressure*. We live with pressure in every aspect of life, from our school, work or family life, to the big issues facing our world.

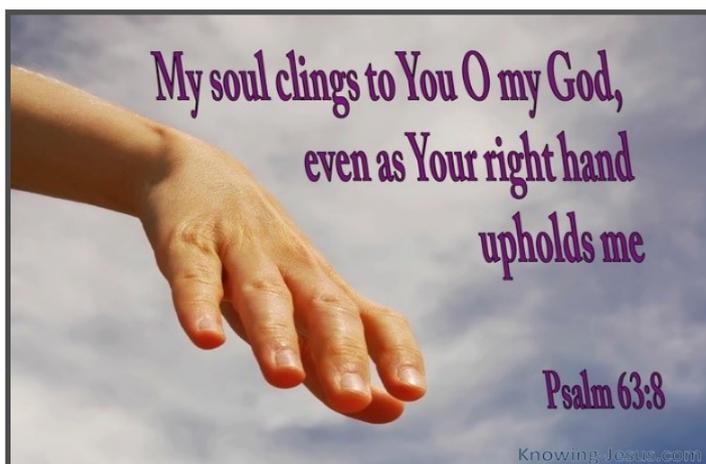
King David knew what it meant to live under pressure. His son, Absalom, led a rebellion against him, resulting in David fleeing for his life into the wilderness of Judah. It was there that he wrote Psalm 63. The psalm demonstrates the priorities a person of God under pressure.



God my desire: 'You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.' (v1). David's physical thirst was an expression of his deeper thirst to know God. Even though separated from the worship of the sanctuary, he chose to seek God. When God seems distant or silence in our lives, we too can choose to seek him; this can be a

vital path of growth in our relationship with him.

God my delight: 'Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.' (3). David's delight in God is expressed in praise, as he recognises God's love for him. What gives us delight in our lives? Does it come from the things of this world or from God himself?



God my defence: 'I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.' (8). David is surrounded by enemies, but confident in God's defence and purpose for him. God uses our troubles and disappointments to fulfil his will, as he develops our character and trust in his purposes.

Parochial Organisations

Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club members met in the Enniskillen Room for their meeting in March. The Dean



opened with a scripture reading and prayer. Jack Spratt and Norma Ferguson then introduced the members to Bocca, a ball

sport belonging to the Bowls family, and explained the rules. A most enjoyable and competitive afternoon followed. Eleanor asked that all those bereaved or in hospital be re-

Jack Spratt, Norma Ferguson and her son Adam with Marie Morrow.



Birthday girls Doreen Morrison and Marina Abram.



membered in prayers. Suggestions for the outing on 28th May were discussed and have yet to be finalised. Afternoon tea brought a most

enjoyable meeting to

Photographs by Maud Shaw and Joyce Scott.

Parochial Organisations

Mothers' Union

Branch Leader Stephanie opened the April meeting on Monday 8th in the Enniskillen Room welcoming visitors and friends to Visitors' Night. The Dean followed with a reading and prayers. Our speaker was Rodney Connor representing Air Ambulance who give an interesting and informative talk on the work and huge cost of sustaining this great service. Air Ambulance NI in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service provides the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service for the region. The doctor and paramedic team fly to traumatic medical incidents, ready to perform emergency procedures both at the scene and in the air while transferring patients to hospital. This service that may save your life or a member of your family needs your support. After a delicious supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. We meet again on Monday May 13th for an evening out in Killyhevlín Hotel.

Dates for your diary:

Area Service - Rossorry Parish Church on Friday May 10th.

Spring Council Meeting - St Macartin's Cathedral Thursday May 23rd at 7.30pm with a bring & buy sale at 7.00pm.

Bowling Club

St Macartin's Mixed Pairs were held on the 18 - 21 March 2019 with an entry of 91 pairs. The final were held on Thursday 21 March with eight pairs returning. After supper Gerry Vennard, Club Chairman thanked all clubs for supporting the tournament and all club members for their help all week.

The final was between James and Rosemary McAnenly who played Sarah Mavitty and Stuart Cochrane and the winners were Sarah and Stuart.

Dean Hall presented the prizes. Special thanks to Scott's Fuels

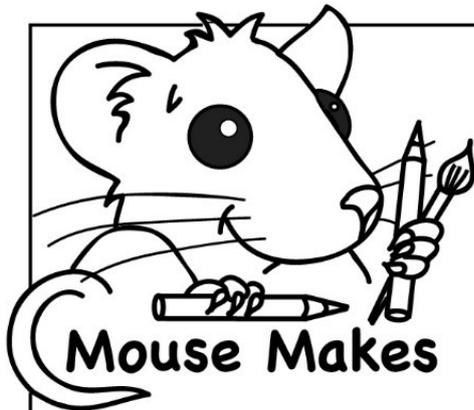


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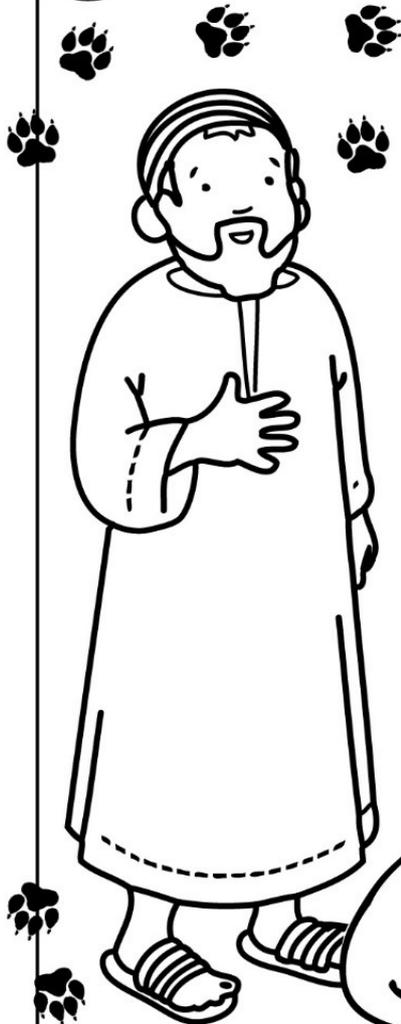
Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles.
15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay.
DOWN: 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Ac-
ceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day.

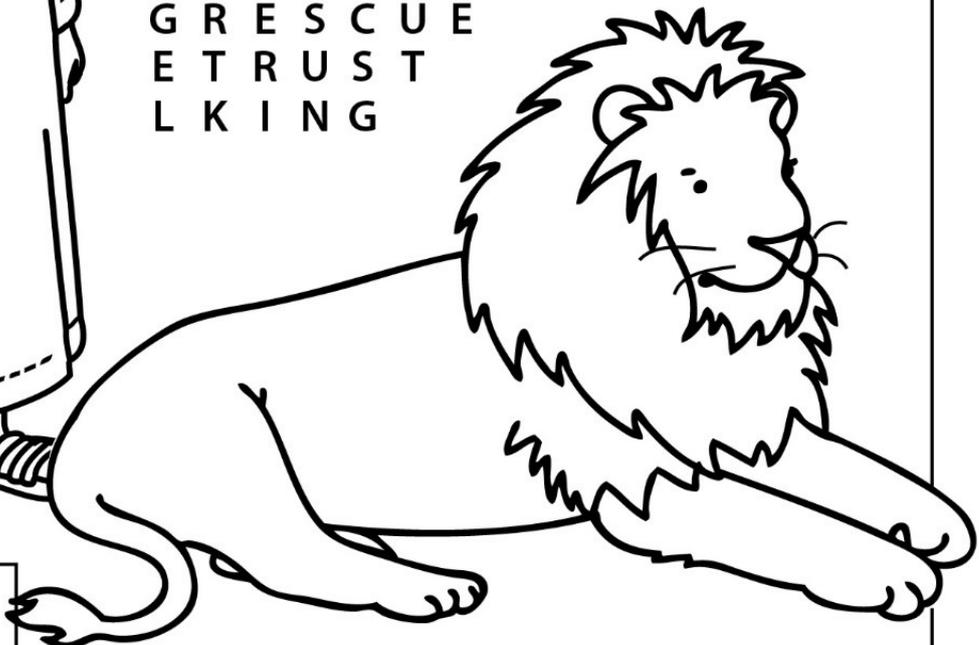
Children's Page



You may have read the Bible story of Daniel in the **lions'** den, but have you ever read the whole book of Daniel? Take your time and read a little each day and find out about the **vegetables**, the **statue**, the **gold idol**, the **furnace**, the **tree**, the **writing** on the wall, the **lions**, the **four animals**, the **ram** and the **goat**, and the **man**.



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




Ashpenaz changed Daniel and his friends names. Look up **Daniel 1:7** to see what he changed them to.

Can you find these words from the book of Daniel in the wordsearch?
KING • NEBUCHADNEZZER • DANIEL • DARIUS • ASHPENAZ
HANANIAH • MISHAEL • AZARIAH • DREAM • STATUE
IDOL • FURNACE • TREE • WRITING • WALL • LAW • LIONS
DEN • PRAYER • LORD • GOD • TRUST • RESCUE • ANGEL

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.

7.00pm - Evening Prayer (first, second and third Sundays)

Holy Communion (fourth Sundays)

A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing (fifth Sundays)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

1.05pm - Healing Service (fourth 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 - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

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

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Pilgrim - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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)

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