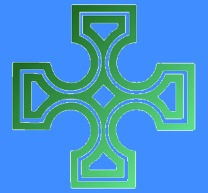


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*'The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him, if we endure, we will also reign with him;'*  
(2 Timothy 2:11,12)



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## 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,

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain – when the horrors of the Luftwaffe bombs were heavy over British skies. We can only imagine the terror of living in Coventry, in Liverpool, in London during those months, 80 years ago. It must have seemed like the beginning of the end of the world. We thank God that in the end, evil did not prevail. Hitler did not win the battle to dominate Europe. His expected 'rule of a 1000 years' lasted a mere 12 years (1933-1945). We can thank God for the courage and endurance of our fathers and grandfathers, our mothers and grandmothers, in the midst of such towering darkness and destruction. Similarly, in Northern Ireland we had to live through those dark days of war, and indeed many dark and terrifying days after that, of the Troubles, and more especially in this town and community on Remembrance Day 1987. We thank God for the courage and endurance of those most closely affected and for the rebuilding of community life.

Sadly, many years on, the world is still at war, and the threat of violence is not far away. Human greed, arrogance and desire for domination have not gone away. There are still battles to be fought for our land, major problems to be solved. Coronavirus, economic uncertainty, terrorism, climate warming - the threats are different from Hitler or the terrorist, but our need for courage, endurance and perseverance is the same.

It is a good time to pray for our country and ourselves, to turn to God in repentance and in faith, to 'walk more nearly' and 'follow Him more clearly'. It is a good time to be ready to serve our God and serve our neighbour in whatever ways lie open before us. The occasions for Remembrance this month will provide times of gratitude for what was achieved in the darkest moments of war and the troubles. However, this year we are very aware of our own struggles with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. We face an unseen enemy, but the effects on our lives and society are almost as devastating as world war and violence. In our battle with this virus, we can call to mind the victory of Je-



*'<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;'* (2 Timothy 2: 8-12).

Jesus secured the victory of death by His cross and resurrection, so that we do not need to fear death, but trust in His loving purposes for our lives. Currently we cannot see clearly what the future holds for us; it may be very different from what we might expect. However, we can pray for God's will to be done and that we will play our part, just as each of those airmen did so many years ago, when their lives were at threat.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall

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## Parish Visiting

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



## Thursdays at 11.00am

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Thursday at 11.00am. Those who usually attend the early Sunday morning and Sunday evening services should consider (if not working) attending the Thursday service, as it is much quieter than the 11.00am Sunday morning service.

## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

4th October – Mia Grace Nixon

4th October – Tommi Lyons

18th October – Harry John Hicks

*"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

9th October - Evonne Robinson,  
76b Circular Road, Belmont, Belfast.

14th October - Doreen Elizabeth Morrison,  
14 Clover Brae, Enniskillen,  
formerly Derrin Road, Enniskillen.

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



## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Roof Repair & Repainting Inside Fund

£100 Donation in loving memory of my husband Wilfred, my daughter Jill and son Gordon from Prue Mahood.

£100 Donation in memory of Richard Benson from his wife Ivy and family.

£1,000 Donation from Jim and Dorothy Kerr.

£50 Donation from David and Gillian McClaughlin.

£100 Donation from Samuel and Dorothy Coulter.

£500 Donation from William, Margaret and Matthew Burleigh.

£100 Donation in memory of RH Elliott (Bertie) from Joan.

£50 Donation in memory of John McCusker BEM, MID, from Jean and family.

### Donations Towards Live Streaming

£100 Donation from Eleanor Lynn.

£200 Donation from Jim and Dorothy Kerr.

£50 Donation from Roberta Sherrard.

## Our Daily Bread – Bible Reading Notes

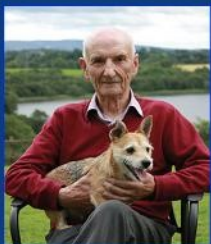
Each Sunday all three readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are printed on a Parish Bulletin. The Psalm and Collect are also listed. Make sure you get this sheet each week (If for some reason you are not out – get someone to take one for you). Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm 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*

## Parish History Book

A good Christmas present for friends or family members would be a copy of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel Morrow. Available from the Parish Office at the launch price of £20.



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

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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1838 to mark the centenary of the Consecration of St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: *Prophetis Macartini de Antiquitate et deo Edward Davis donavit anno 1838*. Translated this means: The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Davis, Great, in the year 1838.

The book in its 142 chapters, traces the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster but it also has an inheritance from the ancient Celtic Church. The church building dates from the early 1600s and since then its clergy and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Ennis Hill's men played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. This contributed to the establishment of two British Army regiments bearing the surnames of the two, Ennis Hilling. The cathedral is home to many of the built-up structures and monuments of these regiments and within its historic walls is the Ennis Hilling Regimental Chapel. In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community activities and has hosted the most important people in the United Kingdom and in Ireland at acts of worship, memorials and thanksgiving. Today, St Macartin's is committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow



St Macartin's Cathedral

at the Heart of the Community



Over 400 years of Parish History  
by Samuel B. Morrow



## Remembrance Sunday 2020

### Enniskillen Remembrance Service St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 11.15am.



It has been decided, after discussion with Enniskillen Royal British Legion, HML Viscount Brookeborough, Cathedral representatives, the Dean and David Young, that this year's Remembrance Service will take place but in a very different format. As everything is controlled by Government restrictions and regulations about the Covid-19 pandemic seating allocations in the Cathedral are limited with social distancing. Movement during the service and the use of equipment e.g. microphones etc will be limited. With this in mind, seating is restricted to 30 invited guests including the VIPs, dignitaries and special guests, Bugler and Piper. The British Legion, Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, PSNI, FODC, UDR Assoc, St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Fire Service, RUCGC Assoc., are restricted to one seat per Service, Organisation or Association. It has been decided that the most senior officer or representative available from each of the above will be offered a seat by invitation only. We are deeply sorry that under these circumstances the availability of seating is curtailed and hope that everyone will understand if they are not included this year. The service will be streamed live on the Enniskillen Cathedral website, [enniskillencathedral.com](http://enniskillencathedral.com)

Those parishioners who have been faithfully attending every Sunday since we reopened in June are welcome to attend and we will try to get you seated on the south side of the Cathedral and in the Regimental Chapel bearing in mind that each of these places can only take a maximum of 32 people (16 each). Once maximum capacity has been reached we cannot by law allow anyone else to enter.

It is hoped that the Cenotaph will also be streamed. The British Legion are organising the Silence and wreath laying at the Cenotaph at 11.00am and everyone entitled to lay a wreath will be invited by the Chairman to attend with instructions.

Once again, we apologise but we must continue to "Remember lest we never forget", even during these terrible times.

Many may be disappointed at not being able to attend the Remembrance Service in St Macartin's Cathedral but we have come to the decision it is better to hold a small service with restricted numbers and streamline it, than hold no service at all.

## Harvest



The Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Chris Smyth visited St Macartin's Cathedral to join in the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

## 2020 Freewill Offering Envelopes



We wish to record our thanks to those parishioners who have faithfully contributed their FWO during the period of lockdown. Many have left their envelopes in the Deanery or the Cathedral Hall or at church services while others regularly contribute by standing order. This has enabled us to pay expenses.

However, a total of 344 families have not yet contributed this year. We appreciate that these are difficult times for many, and if you have been affected by redundancy or loss of income we understand. If however you have simply forgotten, we would remind you that your church needs your support. We would really appreciate if those who have not yet contributed, or maybe did not have the opportunity to do so, could make some arrangement for us to receive your FWO. The Cathedral Office is open between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon each day. If you are shielding or housebound, please contact the office (02866322917) and we will make arrangements for collection. Please do not give your envelopes to anyone who calls at your door without a prior arrangement with Beth in the office.

## The Church Online

Among the number of new concepts introduced to us by the coronavirus pandemic is the idea of 'church online,' both among our parishioners and those less familiar with 'church.' Many clergy have commented that, while they may initially have struggled, the new format has worked, and has drawn in people who would not normally go to church; theirs or anyone else's.

Normally, if you are not at a church service, you have missed it. Not now! To have so many who followed the service subsequently, an increase of over 80% of the original Sunday attendance, must say something about the usefulness of this format, popularity, and the convenience of being able to worship at an alternative time.

Do online services 'work'? For many, the overall answer is positive. Although online services have a number of limitations,

people can meet with God. It enables the church to re-connect with those who have moved away, and not found another church to attend. It is easier for people to view than to search out another church. House-bound people, providing they have the necessary facilities and technological 'know-how,' can also participate.

Because our services are streamed on YouTube, we are provided with excellent statistics as regards the number of viewers when we are live and also the numbers who look at the recordings - many more than the live views!

Here are some interesting statistics regarding our website and the streaming of services. At the time of writing this, (2nd October):

Sunday service views:

Easter Sunday: 1464

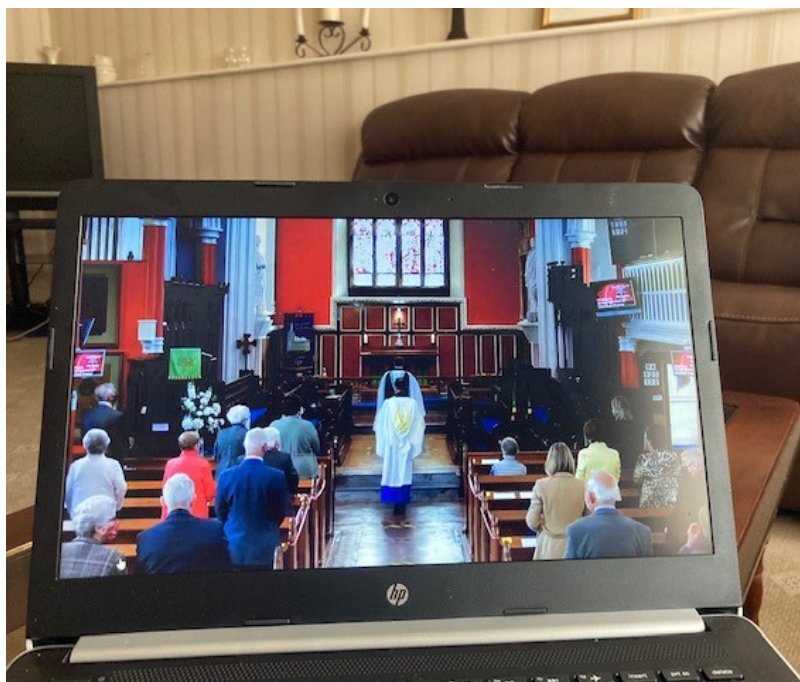
Easter Sunday till 27th September 2020: over 15,500

Weddings (2): 1830

Funerals (5): 2174

Ordination Service: 645

Our website has been visited over 34,900 times since Easter Sunday.





## The Church Online

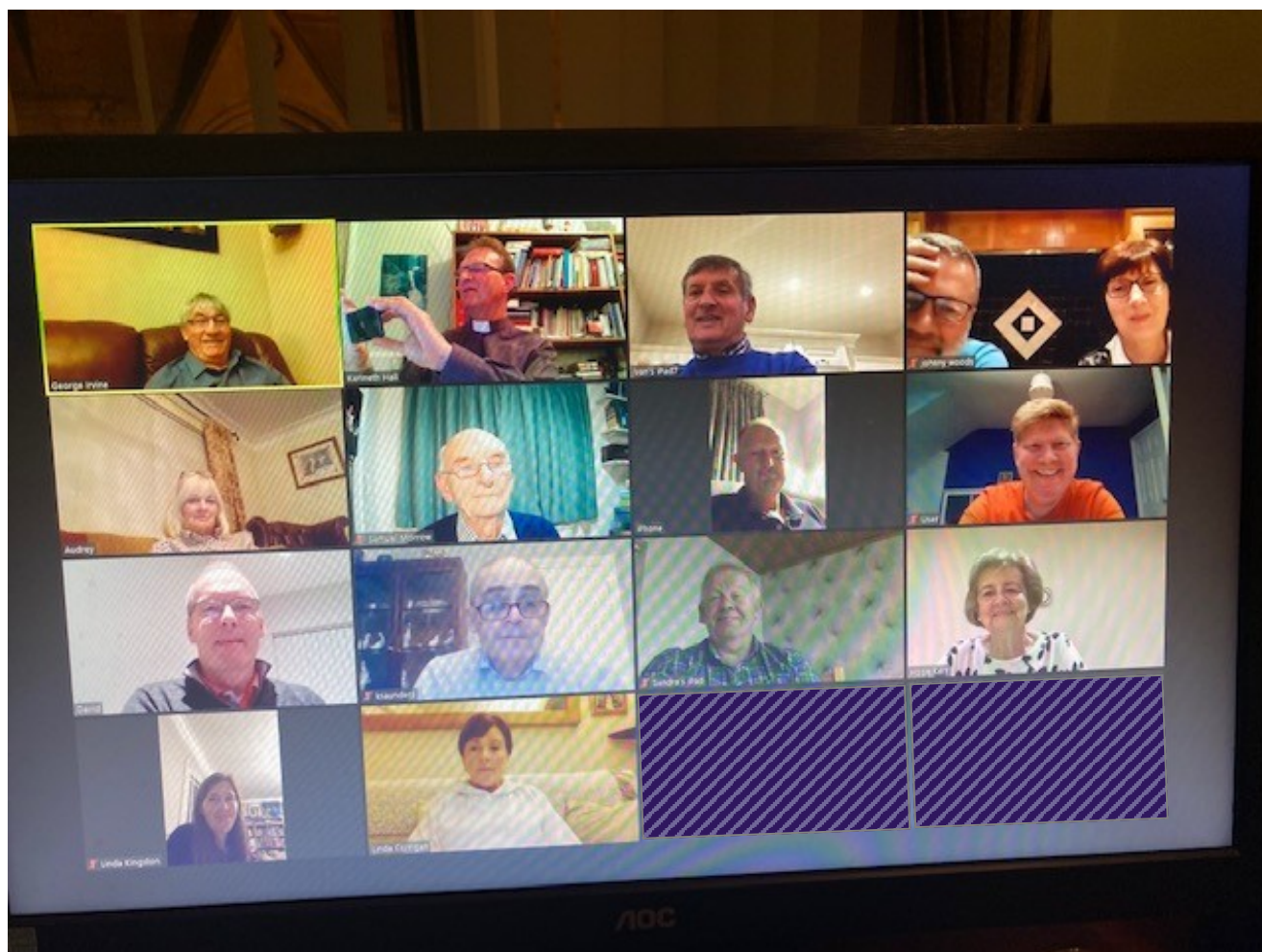
We have had compliments from other countries and is probably true that some visits are from people who are just casually browsing and have never previously heard of St Macartin's Cathedral!

Unfortunately, our Sunday Services have to be much shorter at present due to parishioners having to wear face coverings. Therefore, at present we cut out the Old Testament Reading, The Psalm and only sing three verses of three hymns.

Donations towards the setup of the Webcam and on online viewing would be greatly appreciated.

Some have 'come back' to church. Many have watched for the first time. However, online services are no substitute for a church service so if you are able to attend, please do. The Thursday Service at 11.00am is much quieter for those who feel safer with lower numbers in attendance.

## Select Vestry



The Select Vestry members had their first meeting by Zoom on Monday 4th October. It was very successful and this is how meetings will be conducted for the foreseeable future.

## 'The Spirit of the Psalms'- A Revived Publication

The world famous hymn "Abide with Me" has been recorded by many performers, including Doris Day and the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and was even used as the backing music during a performance by fifty dancers at the opening of the 2012 Olympic Games in London. Although it is familiar to a great number of people, even those of no particular Christian faith, the name of its author would not be as much so. His name was Henry Francis Lyte, an Anglican clergyman with a strong link to Enniskillen, as from 1803 till 1809, he was a boarder at what became Portora Royal School. Indeed, he would have worshipped in the town's Parish Church of Saint Anne, which became Saint Macartin's Cathedral in 1923. Lyte went on to study Divinity at Trinity College Dublin. He was ordained in the Church of Ireland in 1814, and in 1827 became the vicar in Lower Brixham, Devon. He was a prolific writer and penned many publications including poems and spiritual songs. One such work was entitled 'The Spirit of the Psalms', Lyte's paraphrases of all 150 of the Psalms of David. These he intended to be used in Christian worship, particularly in his congregation, which was largely composed of fishermen and their families. As a faithful pastor, Lyte strove hard to encourage his flock. 'The Spirit of the Psalms' was one of the ways he chose to help them to understand the teaching of Christianity and to encourage their spiritual awareness through music.



Dr William Holmes presenting a copy of the book to The Very Rev Kenneth Hall, Dean of St Macartin's Cathedral, formerly St Anne's Church where Henry Francis Lyte worshipped during his days at Portora Royal School.

## 'The Spirit of the Psalms'- A Revived Publication

The book differed from other versions that had been published, in that Lyte allowed himself more liberal freedom in interpretation. Rarely did he attempt to keep close to the Biblical text, as he himself said in the second edition 1834 preface, where he states, referring to himself, "... he has endeavoured to condense the leading sentiments of each (psalm) into a few verses for congregational singing." Two of his most famous are probably his interpretation of Psalm 67 – 'God of Mercy, God of Grace' and Psalm 103 - 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven'.

In the spring of 2019, one of the parishioners of Saint Macartin's Cathedral, Dr William Holmes, was engaged in conversation with the former chaplain at Portora School, Rev Canon Desmond Kingston, after the mid-week service. The subject turned to the life and times of Henry Lyte. Canon Kingston indicated that he would love to obtain a copy of 'The Spirit of the Psalms', but as it had been out of print for over 150 years, its acquisition seemed impossible. Being 'good with computers', William undertook to do an internet search for one on his behalf, but indeed that proved to be fruitless. What he did find, however, were some very poor-quality photocopies - on one of which, a person's hand obscured part of the text! He determined that Lyte's book should be revived and used the modern technology of optical character recognition (OCR) to generate electronic text. This then had to be carefully edited to ensure faithfulness to the original, as OCR techniques can be inexact, especially where the pages being scanned are damaged or smudged. In time he finally produced an electronic book running to over 40,000 words. As language has evolved much in the past two centuries, he found that not only were various words used by Lyte archaic, but also there were a number of expressions that to modern eyes were obscure in their meaning. Rather than alter any of Lyte's text, he therefore added notes, comments, and spelling corrections to enhance the impact of the work. It was first published in electronic form on various Amazon websites around the world, and more recently has been listed on the same websites, including Amazon.co.uk, as a paperback.



The Rev Canon Desmond Kingston presenting a copy of the book to Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, Principal of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, formerly Portora Royal School when Henry Francis Lyte was educated.

## The Cathedral Roof Repairs (update)

The Select Vestry, at its October meeting, decided to proceed with the cathedral re-roofing programme as recommended by McCollum Conservation. This will involve stripping and re-slating roof surfaces; roof structure repairs (including woodwork treatment); replacing lead work (including replacement of copper tapered gutters); replacement of cast iron rainwater goods; window repairs; stonework re-building and re-pointing stonework.



Broken roof timbers

The high level roofs will be slated with new Lagan Bangor blue slates on breathable membrane and with new battens. The lower roofs will be re-slatted with salvage and second hand slates as required. The detail of the work to be undertaken will be specified by McCollum Conservation. The cost of the work has been estimated at £378,050. VAT is also payable on this amount but it can be reclaimed since the cathedral is a Listed Building.



Woodworm attack

## The Cathedral Roof Repairs (update)



New Bangor blue slates will be used in the high level roofs. Salvage slates will be used on the lower roofs



Tapered gutter to be replaced

If the work programme proceeds as planned, a contractor should be on site by early spring 2021 with the work completed by late autumn of next year. Redecoration of the inside of the cathedral will follow and if all goes to plan all work should be finished in time for Easter 2022. The year 2022 is important in the history of the cathedral since it marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appointment of the first rector. McCollum Conservation is a firm of chartered building surveyors specialising in architectural conservation and the repair and restoration of historic buildings. The firm, based in Dungannon, is led by Chris McCollum.

## Cathedral Family

### **Jessica Murray Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Deputy Head Girl**

Jessica is the second eldest daughter of Janice and Aubrey Murray, and granddaughter of Stella and Kenneth Robinson. She has three sisters, Rebecca, Victoria and Emily.



### **What are you currently studying?**

I am currently in year 14 at the Enniskillen Royal Grammar School. I am studying Religious Studies, History and Health and Social Care.

### **What are your ambitions?**

I am hoping to study Law at Queens University Belfast. After university I would be interested in joining the Police or further pursuing a career in the Law. I am working hard this year in order to achieve the best grades I can to fulfill this ambition.

### **What are your hobbies/interests?**

In school I enjoy playing for the 1st XI Hockey and Senior girls rugby team. I am also an active member of the Senior Choir and have contributed to the Orchestra and Woodwind Ensemble in

## Cathedral Family

previous years. Singing is a particular passion of mine and I am working to complete my Grade 8 this year. Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, I was hoping to complete my Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition in the summer. I also planned to go out on an Exodus Team to Romania this summer. I am also a part time sales assistant in my local Spar shop.

### **Do you hope to travel?**

After University I would love to take a gap year and travel.

### **Favourite foods**

A traditional "Sunday dinner" or Chinese is hard to beat!

### **Favourite film**

Hunger Games

### **Favourite book**

The Fault in our Stars by John Green.

### **What was your best day?**

I have many wonderful memories with friends and family. However, one of my favourites would be my cousins wedding in Newcastle, where I enjoyed eating delicious food and spending time with family.

### **Favourite bible verse**

"I can do all through Christ, who strengthens me." -  
*Philippians 4:13*

### **Favourite hymns**

"What a beautiful name"  
"How great thou art"  
"Hallelujah"

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As a Cathedral Family we sometimes know very little about each other. This article is one way to find out more. If you know someone who would be willing to tell us about themselves please let us know. We want St Macartin's to be a warm and welcoming place, and we want parishioners to know about one another.



## 10 Years of service in St Macartin's Cathedral Parish



The last week of September marked an important anniversary for the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, who is in charge of St Macartin's Cathedral parish, Enniskillen.

It marked 10 years since he was instituted Rector of Enniskillen Parish and installed as the Dean of Clogher, holding the honour of being the only Dean of two diocesan cathedrals; Enniskillen and Clogher. For Dean Hall, it has been a period of growth, change, community involvement and at times national recognition as St. Macartin's Cathedral hosted some prestigious civic services attracting leaders of church, monarchy and state throughout Ireland, the United Kingdom as well as internationally.

The most public event during this time was the visit of Her Majesty, The Queen, to Enniskillen in June 2012 when the Sovereign symbolically walked across the road from the Anglican St. Macartin's Cathedral to the Roman Catholic St Michael's Church, highlighting the strong community relations between Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly. She had been attending a Service of Thanksgiving in St Macartin's for the Diamond Jubilee.

Dean Hall still remembers vividly the build up to that occasion and the outpouring of goodwill afterwards. He and Monsignor O'Reilly were subsequently invited to Buckingham Palace and a separate visit to Windsor Castle. Both clerics had a private audience with the Queen.

During his decade of ministry in Enniskillen, Dean Hall has also hosted civic leaders such as the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins; two Taoiseachs, Enda Kenny and Leo Varadkar for the official Remembrance Service as well as leaders and representatives of the governments of Northern Ireland, the United Kingdom, the US and Poland.

In terms of major church occasions, Dean Hall fondly remembers some great services attended by Archbishops as well as bishops from many other Anglican churches and other denominations. These included Archbishops of



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Armagh; the Archbishop of York, Most Revd. John Sentamu for the pre-G8 service and the Bishop of Swaziland, the Right Revd Ellinah Wamukoya, the first female bishop to preach in Clogher Diocese as well as the Bishop of Jerusalem, Right Revd Suheil Dawani. With his interest in mission work, linked to CMS Ireland, Dean Hall visited Kajiado Diocese in Kenya in 2012 and he has also preached in St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Hong Kong at the invitation of the Dean, Very Revd Matthias C. Der who later become Bishop.

At the beginning of his ministry in Enniskillen, Dean Hall welcomed the Primate of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, the Most Revd David Chillingworth to the Cathedral to preach at his installation as Dean. The preacher was once a choirboy in the Cathedral.

Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad also preached in St. Macartin's. However between these many public occasions, the work of pastoral work continued unabated. In the past 10 years, Dean Hall has conducted 182 baptisms, prepared 203 young people for confirmation, conducted 70 marriages, 250 funerals and led 2026 services, about half of which were services of Holy Communion.

In recent years a Garden of Remembrance has been opened in the Cathedral grounds for burial of ashes and last year, hosted the launch of a history book on the Cathedral, which will become even more important when the iconic building celebrates its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022.

The growth in Enniskillen parish is evidence by the church population now, exceeding 1370, and 276 more new families than a decade ago, and this is why new ways of outreach have had to be developed since Coronavirus Covid-19 restrictions.

All weekly services in St. Macartin's Cathedral are now livestreamed as well as those weddings and funerals agreed with families. Online technology is also assisting church meetings by Zoom as well as Sunday School and Messy Church also engaging with young people online.

"I have always put a lot of emphasis on pastoral visiting and getting to know the people and building the community. The Cathedral can be a home for all regardless of differences," he said.

"It has certainly been a rollercoaster as we (The parish) spent £1.3m on developing the Cathedral Hall and now about to embark on the £400,000 re-roofing of the Cathedral which could not be done without the loyal support of the Select Vestry," he adds.

In his time in the parish, Dean Hall introduced choral scholarships and eight members are currently benefiting from these to increase choir numbers to around 40.

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Outside his own parish work, Dean Hall serves on a number of diocesan bodies as well as being secretary of Irish Dean's group. He is also the hospital chaplain locally and in normal times would meet with around 50 new people each week only for that work to be suspended at present.

In a reflection for his 10 years in the Cathedral on Sunday, Dean Hall reflected on the love that binds everyone together and appealed to those watching the service online to sign up as a member "at a distance" so that they can be offered pastoral care, even at the end of a telephone.

"We have had viewers from as far as Canada, Australia and London. A lot of people might be virtual but we can provide pastoral care for them too," he said.

Dean Hall has support of his wife, Stephanie and his three sons, Philip, a gastro consultant in Belfast; Gary, a teacher in Leeds and Michael, a software engineer in Belfast.

*By Brian Donaldson, Clogher Diocesan Press Officer*

## Ten Years Completed!

On 28<sup>th</sup> September the Dean, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall completed 10 years as Rector of Enniskillen and Dean of Clogher.

Here are some statistics during those 10 years:

Baptisms: 182

Confirmations: 203

Marriages: 70

Funerals: 250

Services: 2026 (including 1040 celebrations of Holy Communion)

Special Services: 100 including Her Majesty, The Queen, The President, two Taoiseachs, and the Archbishop of York.

Families moved away: 38

Families joined: 276

Total parishioners on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020: 1376

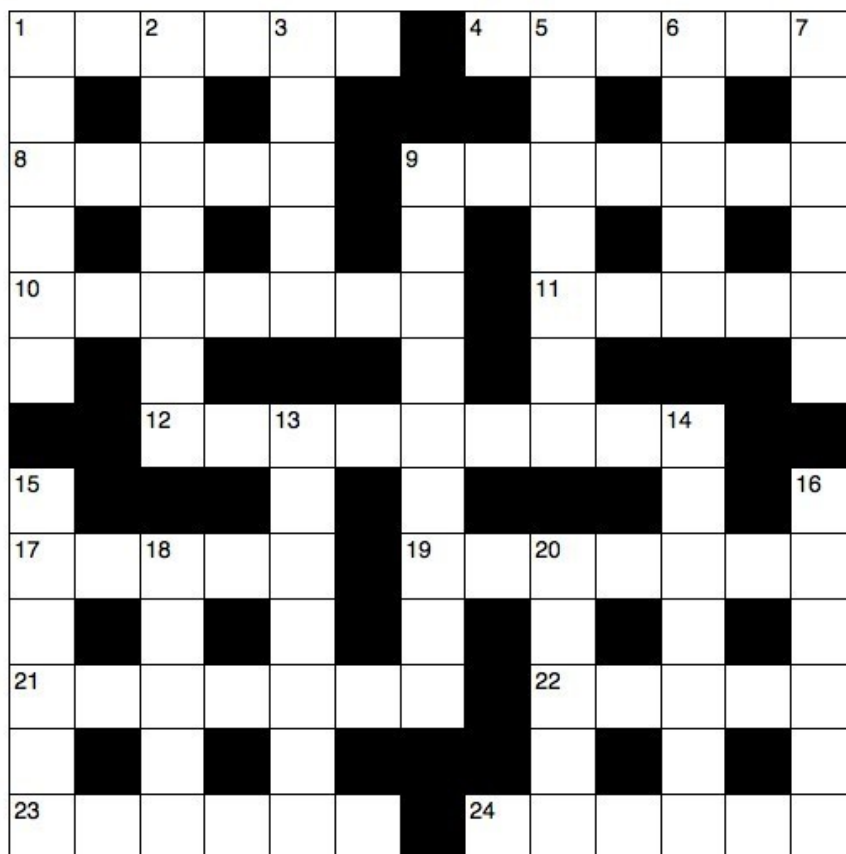
Large projects:

2017 - Cathedral Hall refurbished at cost of £1,300,000

2022 – Planned completion of Cathedral reroofing & repainting inside  
(estimated cost £400,000)



**Crossword**



**Across**

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

## Crossword

### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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## Youth

### Sunday Lights + Cafe @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We are so glad to have Sunday Lights + Café back! This term both classes are learning about different characters in the New Testament. So far, we have learnt about when Jesus met Simon, Andrew, James and John (the first four disciples), John the Baptist and Paul.

Sunday Lights + Cafe allows our children to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games facilitated by our amazing team of leaders. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8. Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!

**Both Sunday Lights + Cafe are currently online.** Weekly sessions are uploaded to our Children and Youth Google Drive every Friday ahead of service on Sunday. Each session contains a Bible passage, a YouTube video link, some discussion questions for you and your family, an interactive activity idea and short lesson as well as some additional resources.

**All children must register to participate in Sunday Lights + Café.** Details of this can be found on the opposite page.

### Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Our first Messy Church @ Home was a huge success! The theme this month was creation. We celebrated God's masterpiece with worship and crafts, including recyclable Earth collages, thankful pumpkins, bird feeders and decorating our own plant pots.

## Youth

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 of all denominations. **This year Messy Church has moved online!**



We have created a private Facebook group to share video messages, worship videos, craft instructions, pictures and updates and packs containing craft supplies are available to pick up from the Cathedral Hall every month. New families are always welcome- please get in touch for more information on how you can get involved!

Messy Church @ Home is held on the third Thursday of each month. This month's session is on 19th November 2020. A full list of dates for 2020/21 is included below.

### Messy Church Dates 2020/21

19th November

17th December

18th February

18th March

15th April

### Pack Pick-Up Date (4-5pm)

16th November

14th December

15th February

15th March

12th April

**All children must register to participate in Messy Church.** Details of this can be found below.

### Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We are looking forward to holding Xplore and Confirmation classes again once regulations permit. Until then, **please make sure all candidates and participants are registered** so that we can begin meeting as soon as possible. Details of this can be found below.

### How can I get involved?

Please don't be strangers- if you have any questions please get in touch! We always love to hear from you. Registration forms and details on how to register for all Children and Youth organisations can be found:

- On our social media pages and Google Drive
- On the Enniskillen Cathedral website
- From [childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com](mailto:childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com)
- From the Cathedral Office



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## Advent Sunday

*The Season of Advent beginning on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November (Advent Sunday).* Advent is a time of impatient waiting, of holding our breath for what is waiting



for us just around the corner. We are making preparations to celebrate Christmas Day, of course, but most importantly, Christians spend this time preparing and waiting for Christ to be born again into the world which so desperately waits for Him. We are not the first people who have longed for a different world – all through history people have waited, just as

eagerly, for peace, hope, joy and love. The season of Advent is above all a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Kingdom of God in power. It shares with Lent a certain spirit of restraint, preparation, penitence, but it is one shot through with confident joy as Christmas approaches. The readings reflect this dual aspect. In the early part of Advent they focus upon Christ as judge on the Last Day. As the season progresses, the readings in company with the lectionary look towards the birth of the promised Messiah, and reflect upon the unique roles played by John the Baptist, the Lord's forerunner, and of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the plan of salvation.

The wreath and its candles are the visual focus of Advent.

One of the candles is lit each week as Christmas approaches. The circle of the Advent wreath has no beginning and no end. It portrays for us God's timelessness and His eternal plan of salvation.

The evergreen colour denotes eternal life that we are granted when we come to know Christ as our Lord and Saviour. The shape of the wreath is round, reminding us of the fellowship of believers around the world who share with us the celebration of His coming. The four outer candles represent the gifts of His spirit in us, which are: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. If you will notice, on the outside there are three purple candles. This colour reminds us of sorrow and repentance. The fourth outer candle is pink, which reminds us of joy. The centre candle is called the Christ candle - it is white. This candle will be lit during our Christmas Eve service or on Christmas Day.

So may this season of Advent be very special to us and help to prepare and greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of Him, and to share the good news of His love, with all of those around us.

## Shoobox Appeal

Operation Christmas Child began in the UK in 1990, a tangible message of hope for children in the toughest of circumstances.



Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1990, more than 178 million children in more than 150 countries have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order preprinted shoeboxes online. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox. Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need.

Leaflets and boxes are available in the church porch. You can collect these on a Sunday or Thursday morning. All shoe boxes need to be returned by Thursday 5th November at the latest. Please note the closing date is much earlier this year than in previous years.

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma. 12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen. 24, Hyssop. DOWN: 1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat. 9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes. 20, Lotty.

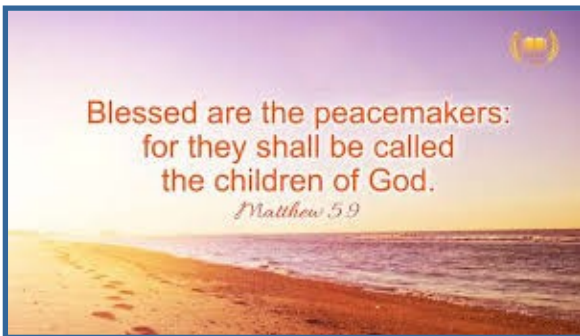
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## The Beatitudes

### Matthew 5:1-12

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' (Matthew 5:9). H.G. Wells wrote of Mr Polly, 'he was not so much a human being as a civil war.' A lack of peace in our lives reflects the lack of peace in our families, community and nation.

In this beatitude, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers by overcoming conflict and bringing



unity to relationships. This is very different from being a peacelover! It calls for hard work, patience and a willingness to understand the disagreement. We also risk misunderstanding and rejection by those we're trying to help. This brings a much-needed perspective to the current Brexit debate!

What perspective does a follower of Jesus bring to peacemaking? Jesus says we will 'be called children of God', because we demonstrate the family likeness of the ultimate peacemaker. On the cross Jesus has enabled us to have peace with God (Romans 5:1) and broken down the walls of hostility between people (Ephesians 2:14). To be a peacemaker starts by recognising that God 'has reconciled us to Himself through Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Our mission is to implore people to 'be reconciled to God.' (2 Corinthians 5:20). This is the only true path to inner peace, as it is rooted in the reality of peace with God.

We are also called to bring peace between people, especially in the local church. It's easy to avoid doing anything because we want a

peaceful life! It means confronting situations where relationships have broken down and bringing people together in unity of heart and mind. The role of peacemaking is never easy; it cost Jesus His life and will undoubtedly change us: 'reconciliation takes place when two opposing forces clash and somebody gets crushed in between.'

Next month we will look at 'Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Matthew 5:10).

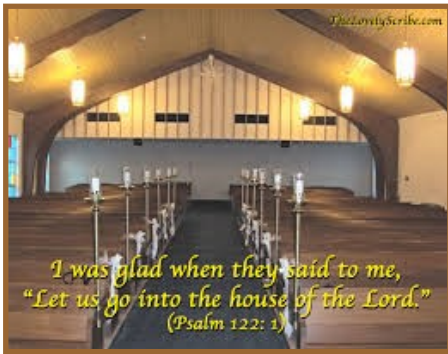




## Psalm

### Psalm 122 and Advent

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord. Our feet are standing in your*



*gates, Jerusalem.'* (Psalm

122:1,2). These words from

Psalm 122 inspired Hubert Par-

ry's great Coronation Anthem '*I was Glad.*' As a

Song of Ascent (Psalms 120-134), it was used by pil-

grims going to the great festivals in Jerusalem. For

the Jews this represented 'coming home' to wor-

ship at the Temple, the place of God's presence.

*Our Worship of God:*

As God's people today, we are also called to worship in praise and

thanksgiving: '*That is where the tribes go up – to praise the name of the*

*Lord*' (4). Of course, currently our coming together in church to sing our

praise to God is greatly restrict-

ed. We are a *scattered* rather

than a *gathered* community.

However, as individuals, we can

still offer God the worship of our

lives using the resource of

psalms like this one.

*Our prayer to God:*

The psalm encourages the pil-

grims to pray for the peace of

Jerusalem: '*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be*

*secure.*' (6). The peace referred to here is more than simply an absence

of conflict. Peace speak of wholeness of life in every aspect. This must be

our prayer as we continue to struggle with the

effects of the pandemic and as we seek the

prosperity of the wider community: '*I will seek*

*your prosperity*' (9).

This month sees the beginning of Advent, the

season when we affirm the hope of Jesus' re-

turn. As we pray for peace, we know that it is

fulfilled in the coming of God's kingdom in Je-

sus. Despite living with so much uncertainty, we

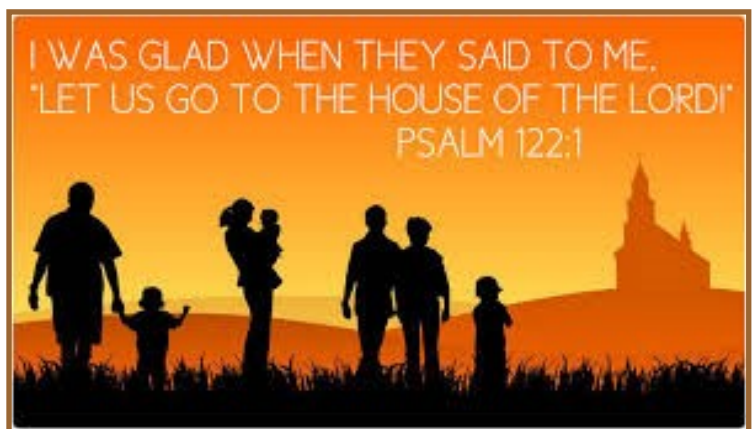
have the assurance of God's future purposes

for our lives, churches and the world.

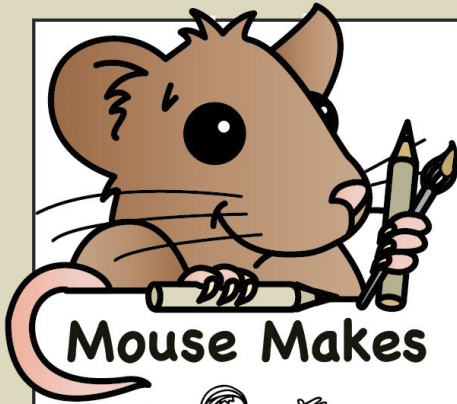


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Best Book in the Bible



Children's Page



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REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.



READ Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.

Is there anything  
you would like  
to thank  
God for?

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## 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 - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## November Lessons

### 1st November All Saints Day

The First Reading - Jerimiah 31:31-34

The Psalm - Psalm 34: 1-10

The Second Reading - Revelation 7: 9-17

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 5: 1-12

### 8th November The Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Day

### 15th November The Second Sunday before Advent

The First Reading - Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

The Psalm - Psalm 90: 1-8, 12

The Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 25: 14-30

### 22nd November The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)

The First Reading - Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

The Psalm - Psalm 100

The Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 15-23

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 25: 31-46

### 29th November The First Sunday of Advent

The First Reading - Isaiah 64: 1-9

The Psalm - Psalm 80: 1-8, 18-20

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

The Gospel Reading - Mark 13: 24-37



Due to the present restrictions we are not allowed to use our regular team of readers. We will resume with the rota as soon as possible.

## Harvest Envelopes

We acknowledge with grateful thanks those who have returned their Harvest Appeal Envelopes and would appreciate that if you have not yet sent yours in, to do so as soon as possible please.

## 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 - 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

### 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!**