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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

The Autumn is well and truly here; the leaves are falling, the nights are drawing in, and the warmth of summer has gone. This time of the year marks a change in the church's year as we move away from Easter and Pentecost and begin to prepare

from Easter and Pentecost and begin to prepare for Advent. In the Church Calendar we have some significant moments coming up and the 'Kingdom Season' is almost upon us. The liturgists and those who plan our lectionary have created a number of markers along the way that help remind us of the role that 'Kingdom' has in our faith. In the month of November, we have All Saints Day (November 1st) and then Christ the King Sunday (November 21st). In between we have Remembrance Sunday. These days all have something in common, they are about memory and remembering and they remind us that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. These memories are all the more poignant for those who have lost loved ones.

These church seasons and festivals allow us to remember. All Saints reminds us that we are part of a worldwide church which stretches back through history (next year 400 years for the Parish of Enniskillen) and we give thanks for the ordinary Christian men and women who have gone before us and who worshipped and prayed often in the same churches as we do today. There is a strong and unbreakable spiritual bond between those in heaven who have gone before us, and those of us living in this present time. The Book of Common Prayer refers to those in heaven as the Church Triumphant and those of us who are here and now as the Church Militant. Strange terms in the 21st Century but they capture well the sense that the Kingdom of God is both here and yet to come. Those who have gone before us are the great cloud of witnesses that cheer us on that the writer to the Hebrews reminds us of, for we collectively are the Saints.



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This month allows us a moment of reflection as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died who we love but see no more. On Remembrance Day we remember those who gave their lives that we might live in peace. This month also offers us a powerful insight to God's heart of compassion for those who grieve and mourn the loss of loved ones and allows us as a church to accompany one another on that journey. It reminds us too that we have a Saviour who has overcome death and fulfilled for us the promise of eternal life in heaven. It is in the festival of Christ the King that we are reminded that our faith has a Saviour who will return and restore God's Kingdom. Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and it is to him and him alone we owe our reverence and worship. It marks the end of the Church year with a strong reminder that Jesus our Saviour is prophet, priest, and King. Then on Advent Sunday (this year November 28th) we begin a new church year – hopefully with new plans, dreams, and realities in the service of Almighty God.

Ultimately this is a period of reflection, of memories and of thanksgiving like the season of autumn it can feel full of sadness, but it is also one of joy and celebration. In our COVID dominated world it is good to be reminded that there is life beyond ourselves and that there is an unbroken chain of Christian witness going back through the centuries. Sometimes we need to stop and reflect that there is more to life than this present moment, that things will change, and we will see a new creation. Until then we simply need to share with each other the joys and tears of our common humanity and remember with thankfulness those who have gone before us in faith who have ensured that we can take forward the message of hope for our world.

May God bless you all.

Yours very sincerely,



Kent R Hall

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

- 3rd October Arlo Henry Armstrong
- 17th October Kimi McCartney
- 24th October Joseph Cecil Alexander Moran
- 24th October Arthur James Morrison

"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

Marriage

2nd October - Emily Lee Plunkett and Henry Valentine de Courcy

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build in vain" Psalm 127:1

Burial

5th October - Baby Jacqueline Catalan, 3 Willowvale, Enniskillen.

16th October - William John Wesley Wallace, 26 Brackvede Park, Enniskillen.

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







Donations in Lieu of Flowers

The Church can benefit greatly from donations made in lieu of flowers at the time of a death or the anniversary of a death. Please keep this in mind, and we acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have contributed in this way in the past.

Parish Donations

Organ Fund

£100 Donation from Mr Charles & Mrs Fiona Plunkett.

Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

Personal Donations:

- £200 Donation in memory of my parents Ann and William Gault. From Alan Gault.
- £200 Donation from Mr Trevor and Mrs Caroline Shaw.
- \pounds 1,000 Donation from Lord and Lady Belmore.
- £500 Donation from Mr Charles & Mrs Fiona Plunkett.
- £500 Donation from Mr David Young.
- £50 Donation from Mr Colin & Mrs Helena Bruce.
- £100 Donation in memory of Bertie Elliott. From his wife Joan.
- £100 Donation in loving memory of my husband Wilfred, my daughter Jill and son Gordon from Prue Mahood.
- £50 Donation from Mr Eric, Mrs Frances and Miss Heather Leonard.
- £50 Donation in loving memory of my parents Ann and William Gault. From Brian Gault.
- £450 Anonymous donation.
- £270 Anonymous donation.
- £60 Anonymous donation.
- £500 Donation from Mrs Kathleen Sloan.
- £100 Donation in memory of Richard Benson. From his wife Ivy and family.
- £200 Donation in memory of Stewart H Scott. From his wife Joyce.
- £200 Donation from Mr David Rooney (Germany).
- £25 Donation from St Macartin's Cathedral Mothers' Union.
- £100 Donation from Mr & Mrs John Trimble.

The Friends of the Inniskillings Museum:

£100 Donation from Mr Edward Reid (Royal Hospital Chelsea).

From Local Organisations:

- £100 Donation from McKinley Memorial LOL 1539.
- £50 Donation from LOL 687.

Amount received in Yellow Envelopes - to date £63,437.50

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Major General Tim Hyams OBE, Colonel of the Regiment, presents a cheque for £2,000 for the Cathedral Roof Fund on behalf of the Royal Dragoon Guards Museum in York to Mr Sam Morrow, who was deputising for Dean Hall, who had a funeral commitment at the time.

Parish Donations



Sam Morrow presents a copy of the Cathedral history to General Hyams. The book contains a detailed history of the British Army Regiments' association with Enniskillen and the Cathedral.

RTE Remembrance Day Service

The Sunday Service on RTE One at 11.00am on 14th November will feature Enniskillen clergy, Dean Hall and Monsignor O'Reilly. Jane McKinley will be

the soloist and Orly Watson the organist. The Parish Reader, Scott Elliott will read a lesson and the prayers will be conducted by Churchwardens, Linda Kingston and Audrey Williamson. The Chairman of the Royal British Legion, John Jones and Standard Bearer Joyce Kempton will also take part. We also appreciate George Irvine giving his time to drive the Minibus.



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Remembrance Sunday 2021

Enniskillen Remembrance Service St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 11.30am.



It has been discussed and decided with Enniskillen Royal British Legion, HML Viscount Brookeborough and Cathedral representatives, the Dean and David Young, that this year's Remembrance Service will take place in the same format as last year. As everything is controlled by the Government restrictions and

regulations within the Covid-19 pandemic, seating allocations within the Cathedral are limited encompassing 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 which includes the VIPs, dignitaries and special guests, Bugler and Piper.

Including the British Legion, Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, PSNI, FODC, UDR Assoc, St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, Fire Service, RUCGC Assoc. We 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 steamed live on the Enniskillen Cathedral website enniskillencathedral.com Those parishioners who have been faithful in attending are welcome to attend and we will try and get you seated. Once maximum capacity has been reached we cannot allow anyone else to enter.

The clergy from the four main churches will hold a service at the Cenotaph and it is hoped that this will also be streamed. The British Legion are organising the Silence and wreath laying at the cenotaph at 11.00 am and everyone entitled to lay a wreath will be invited by the Chairman to attend. 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 rather than hold no service at all. Even if restrictions are relaxed we will still operate with the original plan, as it would be very unwise to pack the Cathedral with people at this time.

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Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations



preacher was The Very Rev Shane Forster, The Dean of Armagh. During the service two flower pots and stands were gifted by George and Myrtle Irvine in memory of their son Alistair and dedicated. Thirteen collection baskets were also gifted by Noel and Jenifer Johnston and dedicated. We are very grateful to Sabrina and Andy McCabe and Myrtle and George Irvine for the floral decorations in the Church. We really appreciate their

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time and talent. This year again being very different we decided not to use fruit and vegetables to avoid any spread of infection due to multiple handling.

Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations





The guest preacher at the Harvest Service, the Dean of Armagh, The Very Rev Shane Forster is pictured with the Dean and Parish Reader Scott Elliott.

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Dedications



George and Myrrie Irvine with the flower pots and stands, presented by them in memory of their sen, Alistair.

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Cathedral Restoration Project

Work is progressing steadily with the restoration work. Mr Chris McCollum, conservation specialist, who is supervising the work, is well pleased with progress. The quality of materials being used and the workmanship are of a high standard. A site meeting takes place regularly following a detailed inspection by Mr McCollum.

Pictured left is a post inspection meeting taking place.

From left: Mr David Hall, site manager; Mr George Irvine, glebewarden: Mr Marius Blake, quantity surveyor; Mr John Muldoon, quantity surveyor; Mr Chris McCollum, conservation specialist; and Mr Harold Graham, contractor.

The structural work on the pinnacles on the tower has been completed. Observers will have noticed that the pinnacles have been covered with hessian material. This was done to prevent the rooks from picking at the fresh joints in the structures. This material will be removed when the jointing material has properly hardened. Removal of the complex structure of scaffolding from the tower presented challenges. A large crane was needed for the purpose.

The picture shows the scaffolding being removed from the tower.



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Repair work on the stonework is a significant part of the restoration work. Cracked and damaged sections of stonework are removed and replaced using natural stone of a similar colour and structure to the existing. Shaping the new stone material to fit neatly into existing structures requires special skills.

Pictured right is a section of a high level window surround which has been replaced in an impressive manner.

Sealing the roof structure and pinnacle interfaces against the ingress of water requires expertise in the use of lead flashings.

Below, new lead has been carefully crafted at the base of a roof pinnacle.





The completed high level roof with its new Welsh slates is impressive.

The photograph on the right shows a close-up of the high level roof.



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Financing the project

As the contract progresses, the contractor requires stage payments for the work undertaken. The stonework and the lead valleys and other lead fittings in the roof structure are now well advanced and the contractor will have to pay those specialists for their work. In turn, the contractor's invoices to the parish will reflect this and these will need to be paid by the parish.

The parish's income for this major project depends mainly on the generosity of parishioners. Those church members who have not already returned their yellow envelope contributions, or the funds raised through the sale of slate tickets, are requested to do so as soon as possible in order to boost

parish finances.

The photograph shows Mrs Hope Kerr, honorary treasurer, presenting Mr Harold Graham, with a stage payment cheque.

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Cathedral Roof Fund Raising

Slate Tickets

The book of Slate Tickets that was issued to each Family in March provided you with an opportunity to sell slates for the Cathedral Roof to non-parishioners - eg family, friends or neighbours. If every family helped out this fund raiser could raise £100,000, but if some do not help we will fall short in our target to do so.



We need to gather in all the stubs or un-

sold tickets. Please make your returns as soon as possible.

Total Costs

The full cost of reroofing is in the region of £450,000, and unfortunately over this past year we were unable to run any fund-raising activities so we are depending on each family playing their part and helping out.

Yellow Envelopes



It is also vitally important that parishioners use the Yellow Envelopes for their own personal giving to the roof fund. The restoration project started the 2nd of June and will end on the 26th November, therefore all the expenditure will come in this Financial Year.

Summary

Yellow Envelopes – your own personal giving Slate Tickets – an opportunity for you to collect money from others. This is your Cathedral, please help!

Please note

If for some reason you have not received a book of 'Slate tickets' and would still like to assist with providing 20 slates for the Cathedral Roof please contact the Cathedral Office or the Churchwardens. Some books are still unsold and available.

Your help and assistance would be very much appreciated.

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Cathedral Family

A new Curate Assistant has been appointed to St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Following much prayer and reflection, and with the gracious support of the Most Rev Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, and the Rt Rev Dr Ian Ellis, Bishop of Clogher, the Parish of Enniskillen has announced that the Rev Christopher West, formerly Curate Assistant in Taney Parish, in the Diocese of Dublin, has accepted the position of Curate Assistant in St Macartin's Cathedral, the Parish of Enniskillen, in the Diocese of Clogher.

Rev West's "farewell" Sunday in Taney Parish will be 31st October 2021 and he will undertake this new position in Enniskillen Cathedral from Advent Sunday 2021.

The Parish of Enniskillen has asked for prayers for Rev West as he prepares for this exciting new stage in his ministry and for the people of Taney Parish, as well as for the Very Rev Kenneth Hall,

Dean of Clogher and the people of Enniskillen, with whom Rev Christopher looks forward to serving.

Rev West grew up in and was baptised and confirmed in the rural parish of St. John's Mullabrack in the Diocese of Armagh.

He left studies for a medical degree in Dundee to pursue his training for ordination with the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

In June 2019, he completed an intern year in St Andrew's Church in the Parish of Killyman in the Diocese of Armagh, having been made deacon on 1st September 2019. He was then appointed Curate Assistant in Taney Parish in the Diocese of Dublin and ordained to the priesthood on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels on 29th September, 2020.

Having enjoyed serving and worshipping alongside the clergy and people of Taney Parish over the past year, Rev West says he is delighted to have accepted the position of Curate Assistant in St Marcatin's Cathedral, the Parish of Enniskillen, in the Diocese of Clogher.

"I am greatly looking forward to serving and worshipping alongside the Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall, and the people of Enniskillen," he said.



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Across

1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)

9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)

10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)

11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)

13 Taverns (4)

16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)

17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9)(6)

18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)

20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)

- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)

28 Annie (anag.) (5)

- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Crossword

Down

2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)

3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)

4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)

5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)

6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)

- 7 'Our is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)

20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)

24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)

25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)

26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)

27 See 18 Across



Prayer Books

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

Advent Sunday

The Season of Advent beginning on Sunday 28th 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.

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Cathedral History Books

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 or Christmas presents for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried from the cathedral. Copies are available from the Parish Office or the Deanery.

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



Mothers' Union

Our October meeting was held in the Eniskeene Room on Monday 11th with a good attendance. The Dean opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. We then had the pleasure of having the Dean as our speaker, the title of his talk was "A journey to ordination". He spoke about his family, finance, fulfilment and future, it was a most interesting and inspiring story of his path to the ministry with some amusing stories.

The meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. Our next meeting will be on Monday November 8th with guest speaker Mr David Bolton. Date for the Diary Tuesday 30th November - Christmas Dinner.

BALANCE SHEET OF LIFE

The most destructive habit	Worry
The greatest joy	
The greatest loss Loss	
The most satisfying work	
The ugliest personality trait	
The greatest "shot in the arm"	
The greatest problem to overcome	Fear
The most effective sleeping pill	
The most crippling failure disease	
The most powerful force in life	
The most dangerous act	A Gossip
The world's most incredible compu	ter The Brain
The worst thing to be without	Норе
The deadliest weapon	The Tongue
The two most power-filled words	"I Can"
The greatest asset	Faith
The most worthless emotion	Selp-pity
The most beautiful attire	Smile!
The most prized possession	Integrity
The most powerful channel of comm	unication Prayer
The most contagious spirit	the second s

LIFE ends, when you stop DREAMING. HOPE ends, when you stop BELIEVING. LOVE ends, when you stop CARING.

Youth

Messy Church @ Enniskillen Cathedral

Messy Church is a great opportunity for children to learn about God and the Bible in a relaxed and creative atmosphere. It is a FREE group open to all primary-aged children, from all denominations, held on the third Thursday of each month.

The dates for Messy Church sessions for the remainder of 2021 can be found below. November's session will now be ONLINE with resource pack pick-up on Monday 15th November from 4-5pm at the Cathedral Hall. Please drive around to the back of the hall and a member of our Messy Church team will be there with the packs.

Our hope is to have December's sessions in person however this will depend on regulations and restrictions. We will review this closer to the time and post any updates to our social media pages, in Cathedral News and in the weekly Cathedral emails, so please read these carefully. The date will stay the same regardless of whether we meet in person or online.



Sunday Lights + Café @ Enniskillen Cathedral

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. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Cafe welcomes children in P6-Year 8.

Our calendar for the remainder of 2021 can be found overleaf. **Sunday Lights + Café sessions will remain online via our Google Drive until the end of the year**. There will be one session posted each week, with activities suitable for both Sunday Lights and Sunday Café participants.

Youth

The link to our Google Drive can be found on our social media pages as well as in the weekly Cathedral emails.

October	November	December
3rd SLC	7™ SLC	5th SLC
10" SLC	14th No SLC	12 th SLC
17th SLC	21 st SLC	19 th SLC
24" SLC	28 th SLC	26 th No SLC
31 st No SLC		

Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral

We plan to run Confirmation classes again starting on 6th December 2021 at 6.30pm in the Upper Room. This year's class is open to anyone in Years 9 and 10. Anyone wishing to be confirmed should contact the Cathedral Office for an application form. More details will follow.

Our youth group, Xplore meets on the last Monday of each month and is open to all young people who have been confirmed as well as those in our current confirmation class. We are looking forward to holding Xplore meetings again once regulations permit.

How Can I Get Involved?

Don't be a stranger; 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 under the 'Children' tab
- From childrenandyouth@enniskillencathedral.com
- From the Cathedral Office (tel. 02866322917)

All children and young people MUST be registered to participate in any Children and Youth organisation. All organisations are separate and require their own registration form.

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Choral Scholarships

If you have the talent and interest, you can help to form an integral part of St Macartin's Cathedral Choir, Enniskillen, and benefit from our new choral scholarships.

The Cathedral Choir sings at the weekly Sunday morning service at 11.00am, and occasionally at additional services throughout the year. Once or twice a year the choir visits churches and cathedrals further afield, to sing. Each year, commencing in September, St Macartin's offers up to eight Choral Scholarships; ideally two of each voice part (Soprano, Alto,



Tenor, Bass). It is useful, but not essential, for potential Choral Scholars to have relevant experience of singing in a choir, for example a church, school or community choir. For all Scholars, good sight-reading skills are desirable. All Scholars are obliged to take lessons from an approved pro-



fessional vocal tutor of their own choice, or from the Cathedral's designated vocal tutor, Mr David Robertson. Application forms can be requested from the Cathedral Office by telephoning 02866322917 or emailing enniskillen@clogher.anglican.org. The cost of this programme is £4,000. If you would like to support this very worthy scheme donations would be very welcome.

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.



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PSALMS

Best Book in the Bible

Psalm

Psalm 141



A prayer like incense - Lord, I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You. Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

David's need was urgent, so he directed his prayer to God. When a child cries out to a parent, the parent hears not only the words but the voice of the cry. The Lord can hear the voice of His people when they cry out to Him, and it moves Him to action. David used the smoke and smell of incense as a representation of his prayer to God. His posture of prayer (the lifting up of my hands) was a gift to God even as the evening sacrifice was a gift to God. Revelation 5:8 says that the prayers of God's people are like incense.

Prayer rises to heaven even as the smoke of incense rises upward. Prayer pleases God even as incense has a pleasing smell. Prayer needs some "fire" to be effective (James 5:16 speaks of "...the effective, fervent prayer"), and incense is activated with fire.

A prayer to be kept from evil - Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

David didn't want the same mouth that

prayed as if it were incense to be used for lies or any evil thing. He asked God to keep watch over the door of my lips, so that he would not say evil or foolish things.

A prayer to find safety in the LORD - But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord; In You I take refuge;

Even in such a terrible condition David deliberately set his eyes upon the Lord. Because God Himself was his refuge, David prayed "do not leave my soul destitute". Without God's protection, he was at the mercy of his wicked enemies. David knew that many others lied about him to Saul, hoping to slay

him with their slander. It also shows that when David was a fugitive, his enemies hoped to entice him to idolatry saying, Go, serve other gods. David would not; in the Lord alone he took refuge.





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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

Shoebox Appeal



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 at the latest by Sunday 21st November.

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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 - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

November Lessons

Sunday 7th November: The Third Sunday before Advent

The Psalm - Psalm 127 The Gospel Reading - Mark 12: 38-44 - Scott Elliott

This service will be a shortened version of Morning Prayer due to the Dean and others having to leave for the recording of the RTE service for Remembrance Sunday.

Sunday 14th November: The Second Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Day Lessons read by members of The Royal British Legion

Sunday 21st November: The First Sunday before Advent - The Kingship of Christ

The First Reading - Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 - Jeanette Cochrane The Psalm - Psalm 132: 1-12 The Second Reading - Revelation 1: 4-8 - Richard Cochrane The Gospel Reading - John 18: 33-37 - Scott Elliott

Sunday 28th November: The First of Advent

The First Reading - Jeremiah 33: 14-16 - Fred Watson The Psalm - Psalm 25: 1-9 The Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 - Robert Nortridge The Gospel Reading - Luke 21: 25-36 - Scott Elliott





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!