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*'Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.'  
(Matthew 5:9)*



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## OUR VISION

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

# The Parish of Enniskillen Saint Macartin's Cathedral

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## The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

The month of November is a month of 'Remembering'. It begins with 'All Saints' Day' and ends with 'Christ the King Day'. Midway is Remembrance Sunday. Remembrance is a fundamental part of being human. We do this not just on our own with our personal memories, but with others. We do this on happy occasions, as when we remember a birthday by inviting others for a party, and we do it on sombre occasions, when we give thanks for someone with a memorial service.

On Sunday 12th November we will come together as a community here in Enniskillen, as communities will come together all over the country, to remember those who died or were wounded in the two great wars of the 20th century and the conflicts since then, including the Troubles in N.I. There are still some who will have poignant, personal memories of one of the later conflicts, whose families have been affected, and suffered the huge tragic loss at that time. We remember the victims and all those who have died to help bring freedom and to help make the world a better place to live in, but we must also remember that our world is deeply broken and divided because of human violence. For the Christian, remembrance also presents a unique opportunity for us to meditate on the way of peace.

Edmund Burke (a former MP) said that society is a partnership, a partnership between the past, the present and those yet to be born. We have acknowledged our debt to the past. So, let us also acknowledge our duty to those yet to be born. For this we renew our own commitment to be peacemakers.



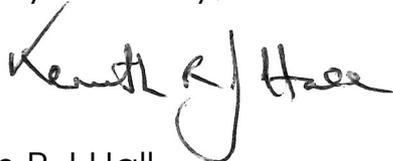
'Blessed are the peacemakers' said Jesus 'for they shall be called children of God.'

In the life and teachings of Jesus we see that God establishes peace in his world in an unconventional way. Jesus does not enter into violence in order to defeat the enemies of God. Instead, Jesus chooses the way of non-violence. Jesus lays down his life and dies at the hand of God's enemies in order to defeat evil. Only then does God raise Jesus from the dead, in the victory over sin and death. In the person of Jesus, we see the perfect example of humble obedience, sacrificial love, and life-giving peace.

After His resurrection and before His Ascension Jesus said 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' Therefore, we are called to be God's messengers, and what is more, we are called to embody God's peace in the world we live in, and to be His peacemakers! So, in this season of 'remembrance' let us use the opportunity and prayerfully take to heart the radical message of the Prince of Peace and follow His way of reconciling love. Let us discern together the ways in which God is calling us to be peacemakers in His world!

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' (Matthew 5:9)

Yours very sincerely,



Kenneth R J Hall

### **The Festival of Christ The King – Sunday 26th November**

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 3rd December) we begin a new church year – hopefully with new plans, dreams, and realities in the service of Almighty God.



### **Thursdays at 11.00am**

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes): We are encouraging parishioners who may be in Enniskillen shopping on Thursday mornings to drop in for this short service – a mid-week pause and praise with God!

## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

15th October - Leah Hannah Burleigh

*"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



### Cremation

29th September - Christopher Southam,  
London and  
74 Windmill Heights,  
Enniskillen.

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



## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Bell Fund (to electrify ringing)

£1,500 Anonymous donation.

£200 Donation in loving memory of Bertie Elliott.  
From Joan Elliott and family.

### Garden of Remembrance Fund

£100 Anonymous donation.

### Organ Fund

£100 Donation in memory of Richard Benson.  
From his wife Ivy.

£150 Donation in loving memory of my husband Wilfred, my daughter Jill  
and son Gordon. From Prue Mahood.

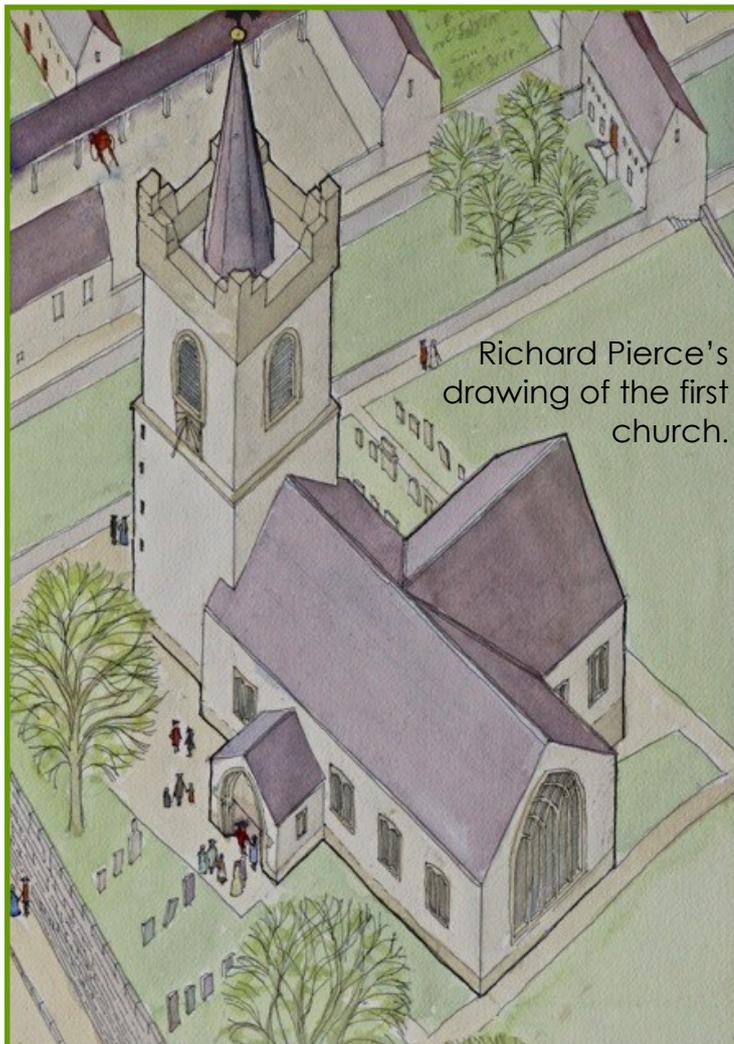
## Donations in Lieu of Flowers

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.



## Cathedral 100 years old

The Parish Church of Enniskillen will celebrate its 100th anniversary as St Macartin's Cathedral in December 2023. To mark this special event a concert, presented by Mr Glenn Moore, organist and choirmaster, and the cathedral choir, will be held in the cathedral on the evening of Tuesday 12th December (see page 21).



This feature, and one to follow in next month's Cathedral News, will trace the history of Enniskillen Parish Church from its foundation until it was made a Cathedral in the Diocese of Clogher in 1923.

In the Plantation of Ulster, Enniskillen was granted to William Cole in 1611. He had the responsibility of providing a church along with certain other obligations. Enniskillen Church was operational in the 1620s and subsequently became known as St Anne's Church. It was a much smaller building and had a totally different layout from the cathedral. The entrance was from a porch facing Church Street. The pulpit and communion rail were on the south wall which faced a north transept. Mr Richard Pierce's drawing of the first church shows the layout of the building.

With the growing population of the town, it was found necessary to en-

large the church. This major project was initiated in 1839 with the new church being completed and consecrated for worship on 7th June 1842. Parts of the original church were incorporated into the new building, including the base of the tower and the south wall. The internal layout of the 1842 church differs from that of the cathedral. The choir stalls were within the nave and at right angles to the pews. The chancel was much smaller than that of the cathedral. The robing room did not exist.

Next month's feature will deal with the decision to create a second cathedral in Clogher Diocese and the work involved in bringing St Macartin's up to cathedral standards.

## New Archdeacon of Clogher



The Bishop of Clogher, chose the Clogher Diocesan Synod to announce the name of his new Archdeacon.

The new Archdeacon of Clogher is Canon Paul Thompson, Rector of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. He succeeds Archdeacon Brian Harper, who moved to Connor Diocese to be Rector of Dunluce Parish.

The Bishop, The Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis who made the appointment described Canon Paul as having gifts of administration and pastoral care and was a much-respected Rector in his parishes of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale. The Bishop said:

“Within the diocese he is currently our Warden of Readers and Support officer for Lay Ministry. He is a member of Diocesan Council, a Diocesan Nominator and is our representative Canon in St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin. Canon Paul is a Clogher representative on the RCB and on the Church of Ireland Safeguarding Board. Canon Paul has many other gifts; he maintains a very creative Facebook presence for his parishes, and I know will bring to this role not only experience of parish ministry in Ireland but also many years as Prison Chaplain in the Church of England”.

Archdeacon Thompson will be installed by the Dean, The Vey Rev Kenneth Hall in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Advent Sunday (3rd December) at 7.00pm.

## Shoebox 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 at the latest on Sunday 12th November.



## Supper at Six

"Supper at Six" is a monthly meal in the Cathedral Hall, which is open for all. You are welcome to make an anonymous voluntary contribution, but are under no obligation to do so. To book your place for the next meal on **Thursday 23rd November**, please fill in the slip on the information flyer available in this Cathedral News and return it by **16th November**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

*St Macartin's Cathedral*  
**SUPPER AT SIX**  
Thursday 23rd November 2023  
At 6.00pm

"Supper at Six" is a monthly meal in the Cathedral Hall, which is open for all. Parishioners are welcome to make an anonymous voluntary contribution, but are under no obligation to do so. Our hope is that the generosity of those who can afford to make a contribution will cover the cost of those who cannot at this time. Please return the slip below to the Cathedral Office before Thursday 16th November 2023 to book your place. Due to expected demand, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

## Back to Church Sunday and Family Fun Day



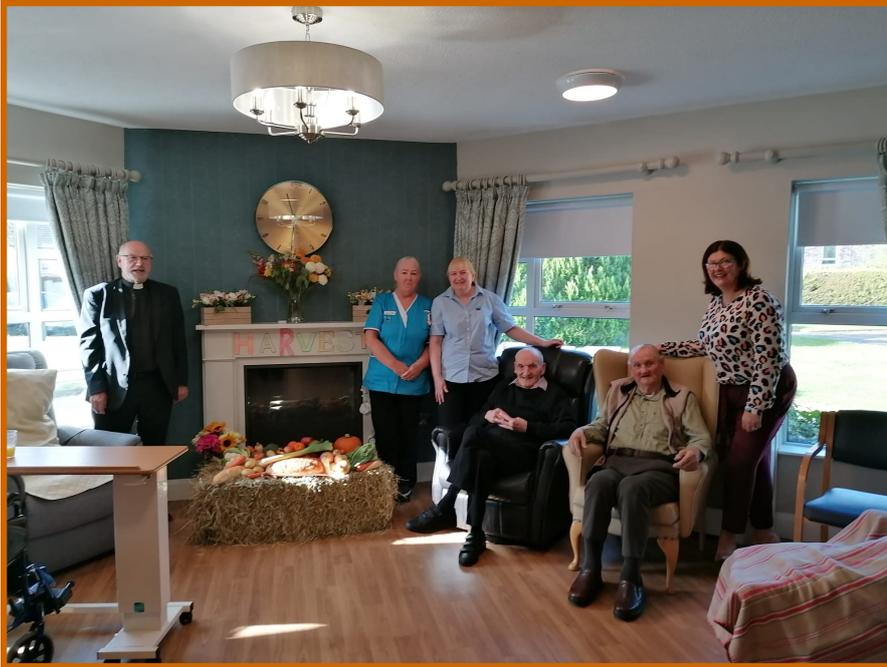
There was a large congregation on 'Back to Church Sunday', 24th September. Afterwards all were treated to refreshments in the Cathedral Hall and an ice cream on the way home. The 'Family Fun Day' on 30th

September, was also well attended. There was fun and games, face painting, a bouncy castle and slide and refreshments for all in attendance. It was great to see the Hall full of families enjoying refreshments, fun and fellowship.

**Back to Church Sunday and Family Fun Day**



## Harvest Services



The clergy of St Macartin's Cathedral visit the nursing homes regularly and conduct a service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion once a month. Rev Colin is pictured above with some of the staff and residents of the County Nursing Home after their Harvest Service.



The preacher at our harvest service on Sunday morning 8th October, The Very Rev Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick, is pictured with the Dean, Churchwarden's, Arnold Graham and Vanessa Elliott, and Parish Reader, Scott Elliott.

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## Harvest Services



## Cathedral Family

### Maddison Blair

Maddison Blair is a student of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School.



#### **Tell me about your family**

I am the second eldest daughter of Gwyneth and Stewart Blair. I have 4 sisters called Bethany, Amelia-Rose, Seren and Alexa-Mae.

#### **What are you presently doing in school?**

I am in year 13 in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and I am studying Biology, Chemistry, Music and Performing Arts.

#### **Your hopes for the future?**

I would like to complete a dual degree in music and a modern language at university and then go on to study music therapy. I would really like to work as a music therapist as that would allow me to combine my passion for helping others and my love of music.

#### **Your interests?**

Music is really important to me, I am Grade 7 in piano and Grade 6 in singing. I have been in 5 musicals and I am currently in 'School of Rock' with Enniskillen Light Operatic and 'Amadeus' as part of ERGS' senior drama club. I also enjoy reading in my spare time.

## Cathedral Family

### Significant achievements?

I recently had the privilege to be one of two representatives from the Northern Ireland's Commissioner for Children and Young People's Youth Panel that attended the Teens Athens Democracy Forum. This was the first official year that there was a teens version of the annual Athens Democracy Forum. Whilst there, I got the opportunity to meet other young people from Greece, Cyprus, Estonia, Armenia and the Basque Country. We discussed important topics such as environmental education and youth participation, which we then formed and presented recommendations on for the main adult panel. This panel included governmental and business representatives from across the world. We also got to discuss children's rights with the European Commission for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen, and the US ambassador to Greece, George J. Tsunis.

### Favourites in life?

My favourite film is Dead Poet's Society and my favourite books are Wuthering Heights and The Age of Innocence. My favourite hymn is 'In Christ Alone' or 'How Great Thou Art' and my favourite bible verse is 1 Peter 4: 8 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

## Parish Visiting

Can you help the Rector? I am always around the Parish making visits but I might not be in the right place at the right time. If you are unwell, feeling neglected or just lonely please ring the Cathedral Office and I will be delighted to call. If you know someone who would value a Clerical visit or if a parishioner has had a close bereavement please also inform the office. It is not recommended that you tell me at the Cathedral door on a Sunday morning as there is every chance I could forget in the midst of shaking hands with 300 people! A written note handed to me is a safer option.

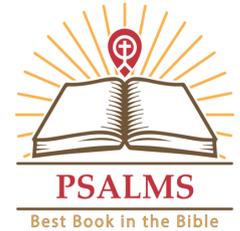
### HOME VISITS



## Psalm

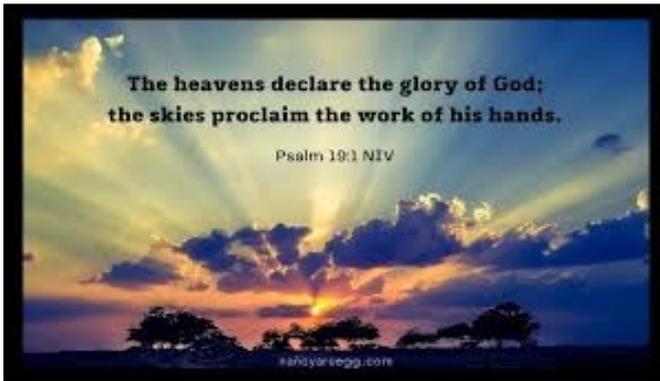
### Psalm 19

(Verse 1) This psalm of David begins by referring to the heavens and the sky as proofs of God's creative work. The first verse uses Hebrew terms similar to those found in the first verses of Genesis. The existence, structure, and



details of nature shout the reality of a Creator.

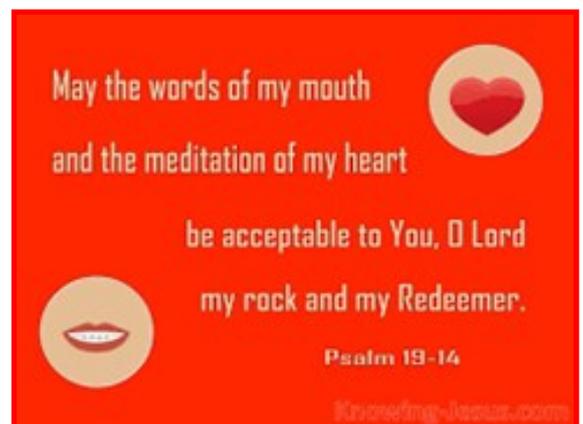
(Verses 2-6) David states this revelation continues both night and day. The point is not merely that nature looks impressive. The function of the universe also announces the incredible design of God. A vivid example of this is how earth is af-



ected by the sun. The sun rises in full strength, traverses the sky, and sets at the opposite end of the horizon. The sun's warmth and rays touch everything on earth.

(Verses 7-11) As well as nature, God can be seen in the inspired Word He gives humankind. God's revelation in Scripture is perfect, trustworthy, right, pure, clean, and true. It revives the soul, brings wisdom, creates joy in the heart, gives enlightenment, and endures forever. God's written revelation in Scripture is more valuable than the finest gold and sweeter to the taste than honey. These are framed in a poetic, repeated structure, which echoes some of the book of Proverbs. God's servant finds warning and great reward in His written revelation.

(Verses 12-14) David concludes the Psalm with prayer. He asks for deliverance from the grasp of presumptuous sins—meaning the kind of arrogant actions that invite harsh consequences. He asks God to accept his speech and the meditation of his heart. David not only wants to obey God, he seeks to please Him, in words and thoughts, as well. David addresses God as Lord, rock, and redeemer. This final verse has served as a model, not only for prayer, but also for songs of praise for much of Christian history.



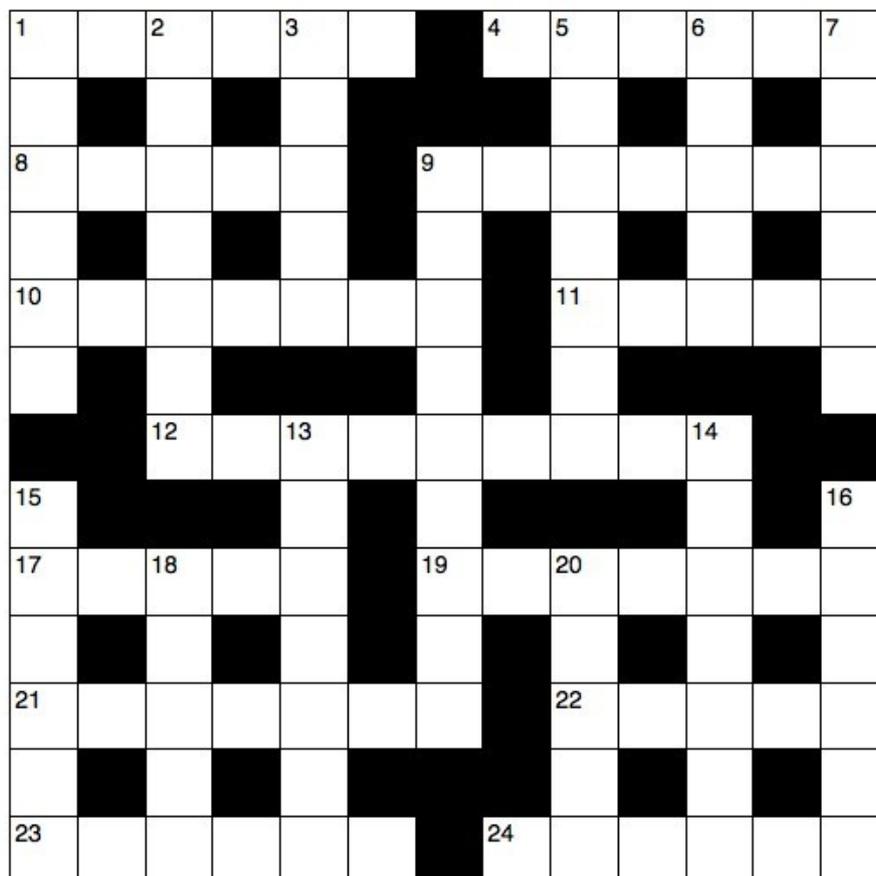
## Mothers' Union



Dean Hall opened the October meeting with a reading and prayer for the RNLI. Jenifer, Branch Leader, welcomed our guest speaker Mr Peter Scott, water safety officer, from the RNLI in Co Fermanagh. There are two stations on Lough Erne, one at Carrybridge and one at Killadeas. Peter gave a detailed talk on the work of the RNLI and explained the necessary kit the crew have to wear in the event of an incident and had samples that have been decommissioned with him - Life Jacket, Throw Bag, Pager, Head to toe Fleece, Dry Suit, Helmet and Personal Locater Beacon. It was an interesting and informative talk on the valuable services of the RNLI.

We also had a 'bring & buy' sale and a raffle of a beautiful cathedral window quilted cushion made by Kathleen Dougherty and won by Stephanie Hamilton. After supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union prayer. The next meeting is a craft night on the 13th November. All welcome.

**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)

## 400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book



**The author**  
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAgr graduated from Queen's University in 1939. 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 Parish of Clabby and its People*.

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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1622 to mark the coronation of King, Commission to St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: O. Pictorum Ecclesiam Macartini de Tempore et deo. Edward Davis Clericus anno 1622.  
Translated into English: The cup of the Royal Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Davis, Clerk, in the year 1622.



### St Macartin's Cathedral

*at the Heart of the Community*



**Over 400 years of Parish History**  
*by Samuel B. Morrow*



St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow

The book, in 44 chapters, records 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 by James II. The cathedral is the ancient Catholic Church.  
The church's building dates from the early 1400s and since then it has and people have experienced many spiritual, social, military and economic challenges. King John's marriage and subsequent loss to King William against the army of King James II. The cathedral is the site of the British Army's execution of the O'Mahony family in 1798. The cathedral is home to many of the best and most beautiful monuments of the United Kingdom and its Irish streets of worship, maintenance 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.

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

## Advent Sunday

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 3rd December (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.

## Knitwits

The St Macartin's Knitwits meet every week during the autumn and winter, to enjoy knitting, crochet and other creative crafting. We welcome new members – male and female: beginners, experienced or those who are just a bit out of practice – and offer an open invitation to anyone who wants to share in our weekly creative fellowship. If you are interested, please join us in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday afternoons:

**2.00-3.00pm Sock Club/Build your skills**

**3.00-5.00pm Knit and Knatter**

**For further information, please contact Claire Holmes  
claire.holmes4@gmail.com.**

## Tuesday Club

The season commenced on 26th September with a service of Holy Communion led by the Rev Colin, the group enjoyed singing the hymns, 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'Blessed Assurance'. Mrs Jean Stinson thanked the Rev Colin for ministering Holy Communion.

Mrs Eleanor Lynn welcomed everyone and continued with the business. The usual fellowship continued over a cup of tea. The meeting on 24th October was a tour of the Enniskillen Workhouse Museum. Members met at 2.00 pm in the Hilliard Room as per usual, where transport to the Museum was available.

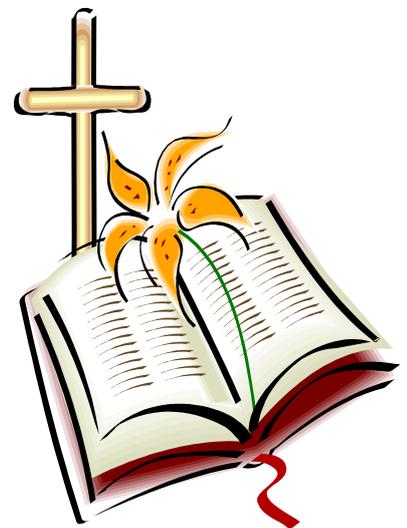
On 28th November our guest speaker is Mrs Adele Moore who will share her skills and tips on 'Cooking'.

## 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 in 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: 105)*



## Youth and Children's Ministry

### Messy Church

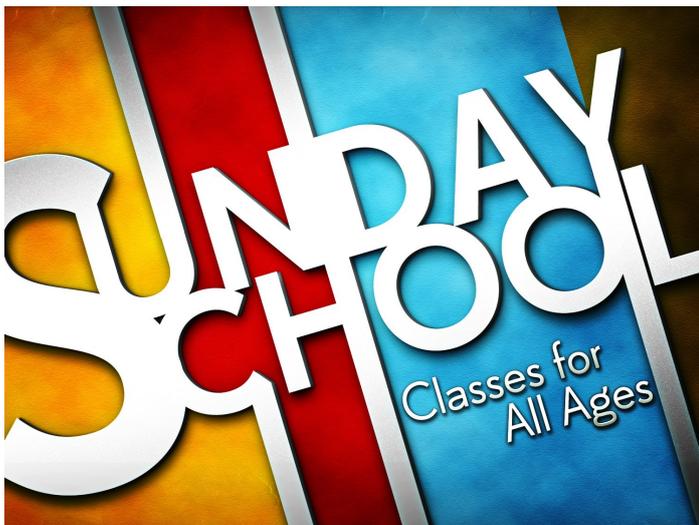
Messy Church continues on Thursday, 16th November, in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall from 4.00-6.00pm.

Messy Church is open to all children of primary school age and their parents and guardians.

Participants must complete a registration form.



### Sunday School



There is Sunday School on 5th, 19th, 26th November and 3rd December. Children will leave for their own activities in the Hall, during the 11.00am service, after the Sunday School prayer and hymn. There is no Family Service on 26th November, as Sunday School children will be rehearsing for the Nativity Service, which is on Sunday 10th December at 11.00am.

### Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held in the spring of 2024 for young people of Year 9 and above. Those who expect to be confirmed should regularly attend services with their families, as Confirmation is about taking your place within the life and mission of the Church. Application forms for Confirmation are available in the Parish Office for those who wish to be confirmed. Please collect and return them as soon as possible. Details of Confirmation Classes will be released in due course.



**St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group**

The Parenting Wellness Group for parents and children  
will meet in St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall on  
**Saturday 11th November at 2.00pm.**

The session will include singing, movement to music, yoga, art  
and relaxation. For more information or to reserve a place,  
please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

**Next meeting Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**St Macartin's Cathedral Choir Concert**

**Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 8.00pm**

**to mark the**

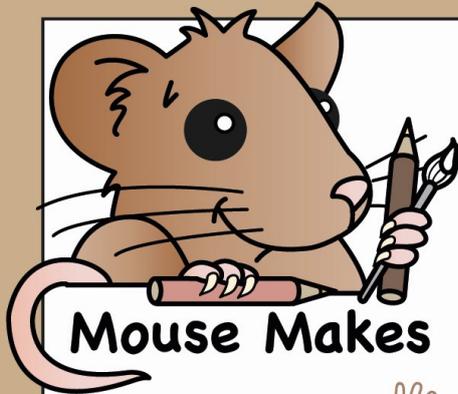
**100th Anniversary of the Dedication  
of the Cathedral to St Macartin  
to which you are warmly invited.**



Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ish-  
ma. 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, Loffy.

## Children's Page



"Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

"The \_\_\_\_\_  
is \_\_\_\_\_

with thanksgiving, present your  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God."

*Philippians 4:6-7 NIV*

to all who \_\_\_\_\_

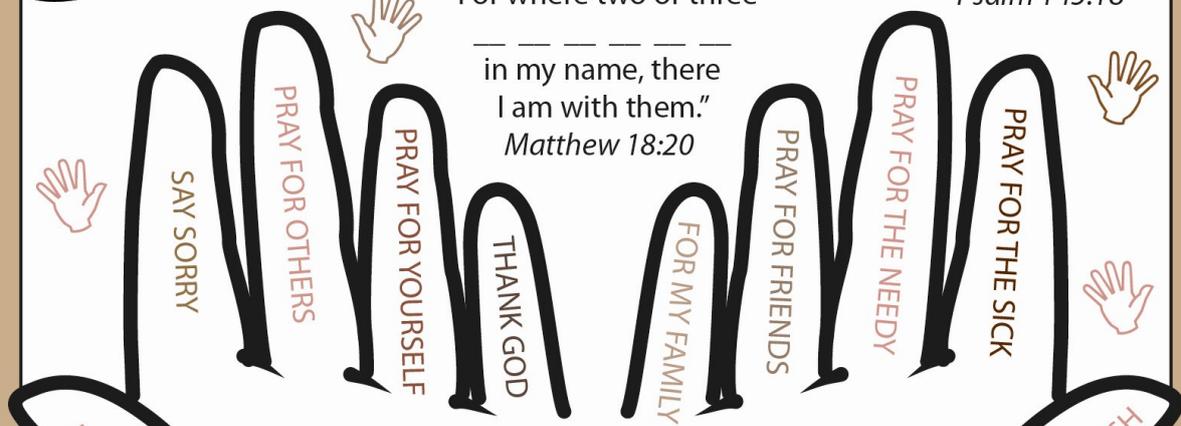
on him in \_\_\_\_\_."

"For where two or three \_\_\_\_\_

in my name, there  
I am with them."

*Matthew 18:20*

*Psalms 145:18*



PRAISE GOD



*Look up the Bible verses, fill in the blanks then find them in the word search*

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

*Find these words too:*  
APPROACH  
MEDITATE  
HEAR • LISTEN  
BLESS • PRAISE  
FORGIVE • NAME  
CRY OUT • AMEN

" \_\_\_\_\_  
always, \_\_\_\_\_  
continually, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances."  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

"Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_  
your sins to one another and  
\_\_\_\_\_ for one another,  
that you may be healed."  
*James 5:16*

" \_\_\_\_\_  
yourselves  
to prayer, being  
watchful and  
thankful."  
*Colossians 4:2*

## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Vanessa Elliott and Arnold Graham

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Hon Secretary - Sam Morrow, Assistant Hon Secretary - Stephen Richmond

Hon Treasurer - Hope Kerr, Assistant Hon Treasurer - David Graham

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane,  
Linda Corrigan, Ivan Kee, Linda Kingston, Karl Saunders, Alanna Williamson,  
Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## NOVEMBER Lessons and Readers

### 5th November The Fourth Sunday before Advent

**The First Reading** - Micah 3: 5-12 - Gwen Saunders

**The Psalm** - Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

**The Second Reading** - 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 - Brendan McCann

**The Gospel Reading** - Matthew 23: 1-12 - The Dean

### 12th November The Third Sunday before Advent

#### Remembrance Day

### 19th November The Second Sunday before Advent

**The First Reading** - Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 - David J Nixon

**The Psalm** - Psalm 123

**The Second Reading** - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 - Jim Nixon

**The Gospel Reading** - Matthew 25: 14-30 - Rev Colin Brownsmith

### 26th November The Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ)

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

**The Psalm** - Psalm 100

**The Second Reading** - Ephesians 1: 15-23 - Selonn Beeson

**The Gospel Reading** - Matthew 25: 31-46 - The Dean

#### WELCOME TEAM November 2023

05 Myrtle and George Irvine

12 Remembrance Day

19 Doris and Gordon Jackson

26 Adele and Andrew Kerr



## SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

11.00am - Sunday School - Begins in church and children leave for classes.

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

4.00pm - Messy Church (Thursday once per month as arranged)

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

## PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

### MONDAY

Beavers - 6.45pm - 8.00pm

Cubs - 6.45pm - 8.00pm

Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)

Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)

Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)

Mothers' Union - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (second Mondays)

### TUESDAY

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

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged)

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

### FRIDAY

Xplore Movies - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

### SATURDAY

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)

KnitWits - 2.00-5.00pm (Autumn to Easter)

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