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*'All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heav'n above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
For all his love.'* Hymn 47

ON YOUR DOORSTEP



## OUR VISION

Photograph by Stephanie Wiggins

**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,

Every day we read or hear something about money. It is really quite hard to escape the subject. In the context of the Church it is not easy to talk about our finances. It is not easy to get the message across in simple terms about how the church balances the books, and some parishioners misunderstand the message! (see the article on page 4 *'The Church is always asking for money.'*)

Every Church community seeks to be faithful with the resources it has, both in buildings, money and most importantly people. Giving and generosity are vital issues for churches and for church members. Generous giving provides resources to enable the mission and ministry of the Church and fosters distinctive Christian lifestyles that enable others to be touched by the overflowing generosity of God. Every Christian is called to 'give' to further God's Kingdom here on earth.

Harvest time is a good time to reflect on this. Any reflection on giving must start with God. God gives to us abundantly and graciously in creation and redemption, and in sustaining life, day by day. Scripture shows that God's giving is characterised by extravagance, both for nations and for individuals. Life itself is a gift of God, part of His creation. This leads on to the practicalities about how we live. In the Old Testament, the Israelites were instructed to offer a proportion of their harvest (the first fruits) in thankfulness to the Creator. It was a reminder of stewardship of the Creator's world, and through 'thanks-giving', they were promised blessings; they knew Whose they were and Whom they served. A little later, in the history of Israel, the people were instructed to give a tenth of their income - a tithe. Tithing has never been universally practised in the Christian Church, but a number of Christian traditions and many individual Christians adopt it as a pattern and testify to its influence on their faith journey.



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Many of Jesus' parables and, indeed, his own actions involve celebrations, meals, parties and a sharing of food, financial resources and time, especially with those who might least expect to be included. It is striking that the writers of the Gospels record Jesus reserving his sternest warnings for those who see the need of others and refuse to respond. The incarnation, the cross and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit reveal to us the astonishing depths of God's generosity toward humankind. It is the earthly life and parables of Jesus that show what this generosity looks like translated into human behaviour. There is no shortage of biblical material on giving, with over 2,300 verses in the Bible on money, wealth and possessions. Jesus talked about it frequently, and over one-third of his parables relate to these topics.

The challenge for a follower of Jesus is to be prepared to do whatever is needed to align him or herself with ways of living and giving that release rather than obstruct the flow of God's generosity. Have you ever compared your weekly Church giving to the money you spend on newspapers and magazines, holidays, nights out or sport? Is your giving to "the work of God" the first priority in your spending or does it come out of your loose change? These are serious questions about discipleship as well as about money. Giving with a thankful heart, because God loves a cheerful giver, leads to a new freedom about finance and faith. We hope that all our parishioners will be willing to take a step in faith in considering Christian Giving. The amount you give is entirely a matter for your personal decision but it should be:

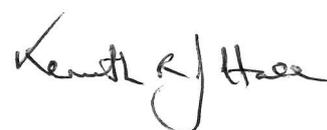
- Given thankfully and cheerfully
- In proportion to your means
- Regular and committed.

At this Harvest Season may we take time to reflect and to enjoy all that God has given us? Harvest Thanksgiving means nothing until you give back to God the gratitude due to Him. We need to commit ourselves to be His faithful followers, never taking God for granted.

Many parishioners are now able to return to church on Sundays, and some prefer to attend the quieter Thursday Service. Some however are more cautious and feel they are not yet ready to make the outing. Some are able to watch and join in on our online service each Sunday, but many do not have the facility (see the article about online viewing on page 23). Since regular visiting is not recommended at present, I would appeal for parishioners or family members to let us know if anyone is unwell. We can arrange some form of contact to be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.

Wishing you all every blessing at this Harvest Time.

Yours very sincerely,



## The Church is always asking for money

### The Church is always asking for money!

Frequently we hear these words as an accusation against the church.

On the contrary, in fact, those words can be a very high compliment!

I'm glad my church needs money. If it didn't, it would mean it wasn't interested in preserving a sound structure to stop it falling into disrepair.

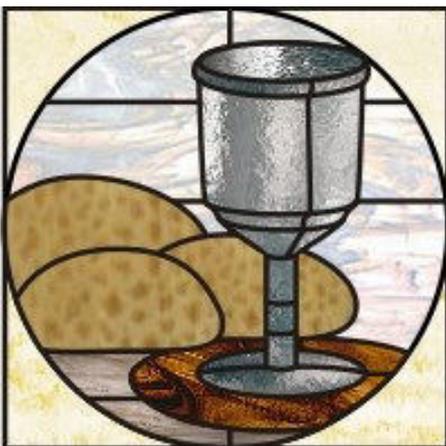
I'm glad my church needs money. If it didn't, it would mean it wasn't interested in spreading the Good News and had no hope.

I'm glad my church needs money. If it didn't, it would mean it wasn't interested in teaching children, in inviting in those who do not have a faith community, or welcoming new folk and thus had no future.

I'm glad my church needs money. The fact that it does need money means it has not forfeited its zeal, compassion, concern, evangelism and future. The vision is still there searching for the places God is calling us forward to be.

My church needs my gifts and I'm glad. I wouldn't want to be a member of any other congregation.

Let's respond generously and pray fervently that our gifts may be used wisely and well, in the furtherance of the Love, Peace, Joy and Justice of Jesus.



### 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

4th September – Aaron Stefan Damien Harron Southam

26th September – Amber-Grace Armstrong

*"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

15th September – Jeanette Wilson and  
Richard George Cochrane

24th September – Phyllis Kathleen Hicks and  
James Edward Wilson

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



### Burial

2nd September – Robert George (Robin) Gillespie,  
Lisburn Care Home.

2nd September – Derek Allen Beresford,  
5 Factory Road, Enniskillen.

10th September – John Francis (Jack) Spratt,  
Brughas Lodge,  
96 Derrygonnelly Road, Enniskillen.

18th September – Noel Charles Desmond (Dinky) McFarlane,  
20 Abbey Drive, Enniskillen.

21st September – Sylvia Hariett Kennedy,  
60 Lisgoole 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

### Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

#### **Personal Donations:**

- £100 Donation from Mr William James (Jim) Doogan.
- £100 Donation from Mr Seamus & Mrs Anne Falconer (Enniskillen).
- £200 Donation from Mr Denzil & Mrs Mae Glenn (Ederney).
- £100 Donation from Mr Edgar & Mrs Margaret Bingham (Ballygawley).
- £100 Donation from Mrs Eileen Connelly.
- £40 Donation from Mr Thomas & Mrs Clare Donohue.
- £105 Donation from Mrs Flo Magee (Car Boot Sale in Portrush).
- £50 Donation from Mr Joe Maguire (Vice President of St Vincent de Paul).
- £1,000 Donation from Mr Geoffrey Johnston.
- £300 Anonymous donation.
- £20 Donation from Ms Moira Smyth (Rosslea).
- £100 Donation in memory of Glenn Fawcett from his father David.
- £500 Anonymous donation.
- £100 Donation from Mr Robert Gibson in memory of his wife Cathy, who died 12th September 2020.
- £200 Donation from Lord & Lady Erne.
- £600 Donation from Mrs Kathleen Sloan.
- £100 Anonymous donation.

#### **From Business:**

- £300 Donation from Rebecca's Coffee Shop (The Buttermarket).
- £1,000 Anonymous donation.
- £50 Donation from Mr Thomas McNulty (Silver Swallow).

#### **From Regimental Associations:**

- £2000 Donation from The Royal Dragoon Guards Association.

#### **The Friends of the Inniskillings Museum:**

- £100 Donation from Mr Bill McCauley (Co Donegal).

### **Amount received in Yellow Envelopes - to date £56,232**

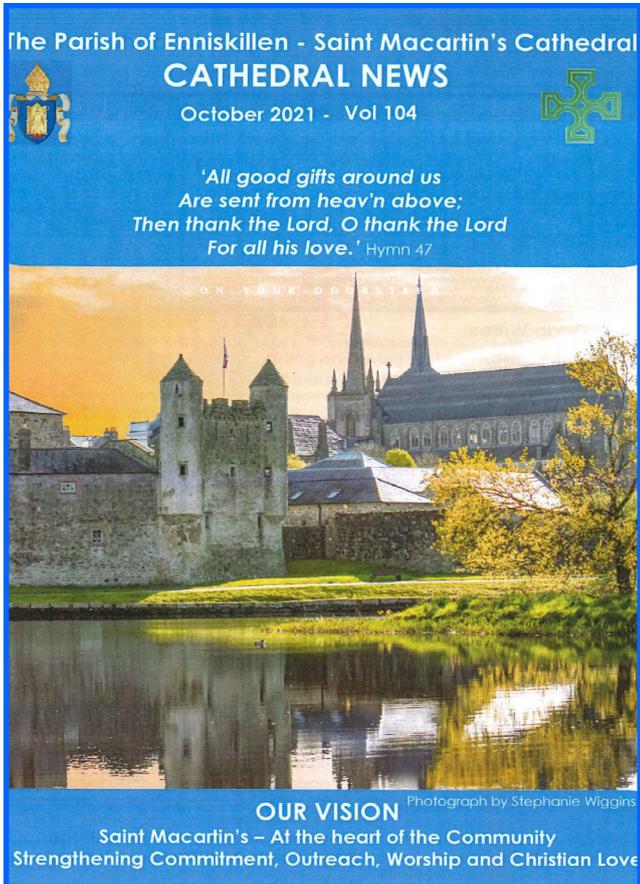
(These names will appear in the Financial Report or remain anonymous if already requested). Thank you to all who are contributing.

**Target amount for Yellow Envelopes & Lump Sum Donations £300,000.**

### **Amount received for Slate Tickets - to date £58,760**

**Target amount for Slate Tickets £100,000.**

## Good reasons to have a church magazine



In this day and age should we still bother with church magazines? Yes!

*It is read by lots of people.* If each issue is read on average by two people, then more people see it than ever go to church. So, it is a very good way of putting Christian values and ideas into people's hands, whether they come to church or not.

*It is a service to the community.* Communities need local networks to thrive. Magazines are a great way of binding together the people who live in one place. Just delivering the church magazine is a way to get to know the area and the people.

*It helps build bridges with other Christian churches in the area.* We can

share some details of their meetings and events.

*It can make money.* Well, enough to cover the costs of production! Let's aim for a revenue balanced on voluntary subscriptions.

*It is seen by those outside the church family.* Think of the people just moving into our area, or those who live here already and want to get married or to baptise their child. Our magazine can help them to see the sort of community we are, and that we would welcome them to join us.

*It is read by people who do not go to church, but who know someone who does.* This is a major way of how groups, including churches, grow. Not many people walk into a church off their own bat. Most people are invited, or already have a connection.

So, don't believe it if someone tells you that print is dead. It is not. Many people still prefer to read something they can hold in their hands. The future is not either print or digital, but both. People will flick through a magazine that arrives through the door, even though they may never dream of visiting their local church's website.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations

Thursday 7th October at 11.00am

Preacher: The Rev Canon Desmond Kingston

Sunday 10th October at 9.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 10th October at 11.00am

Preacher: The Dean of Armagh, The Very Rev Shane Forster



Unfortunately this year due to Covid 19 our Harvest Celebrations again will be very different. We cannot ask people to spend hours decorating a window or an area of the church that cannot be viewed by others. It would be appreciated if some would like to give money for a floral decoration for the front of the Cathedral and the porch

area. This year all others are asked to contribute by giving their Harvest Appeal Donations towards the Cathedral Roof Appeal & Repainting Inside Fund – a Harvest Envelope is inserted in this Cathedral News. It is hoped we will get back to a fully decorated harvest celebration next year in a fully renovated and repainted cathedral. Let us look forward with joy to that!

There will be three services, 11.00am on Thursday 7th and 9.00am and 11.00am on Sunday 10th October. The Sunday service at 11.00am will be streamed as usual, and due to having to wear face masks for those in attendance even that service will have to be as short as possible!

### Cathedral Roof Harvest Appeal:

Jesus said 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' (Luke 10:2) In Christian service there is no resting, God has work enough for everyone. Don't just sit back and watch others work—look for ways to help. Help practically, prayerfully and financially.

Harvest Time is an opportunity to pause and think of all the goodness God provides for us in our daily living. Many things that are readily at our hands are taken for granted in this day and age, without a thought given to the provider, not to mention the number of things we accumulate or waste.



**'FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER' –  
2nd Corinthians Chapter 9 verse 7**

## Harvest Time

### Harvest time for YOU

Sometimes a law of nature is very similar to a law of the spirit. Take the whole business of harvest, or 'sowing and reaping'. The Bible tells us: "A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much." (2 Corinthians 9:6)

The most sensitive nerve in our body is the one that runs to our cheque book! Money represents our time, our security, and our hard work. It gives us independence and power. So, when God be-



gins to talk to us about giving more of our money to Him – sowing it in His service – we can feel very alarmed.

The seed a farmer sows in a field may sometimes be lost, but not the seed that we give to God. What we sow with regards to our time, gifts and money in service to others God will make sure we one day reap – in a harvest of spiritual riches that we can never lose.

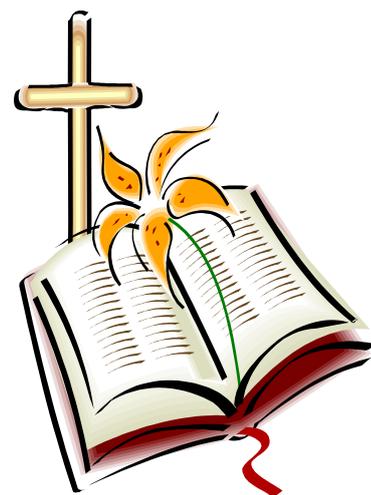
## Bible Reading Notes

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



## Cathedral Restoration Project

The restoration work on the cathedral is progressing satisfactorily under good weather conditions. The high roof with its new slates, and new gutters, is largely complete. The pinnacles at the east end of this roof have been re-pointed and re-leaded as necessary.



The re-slatted high roof.

The condition of the structural timber in the high roof was generally very satisfactory, although a section of wallplate that had decayed required replacement.



**Rotted wallplate required replacement.**

New secondary glazing has been fitted on the north side of the cathedral. This will provide protection for the stained glass, improve insulation, and, looking from the inside, will result in much brighter stained glass.

## Cathedral Restoration Project



**Mr Dermot Ferris and Mr Pat O'Neill with two panels of the secondary glazing before fitting.**



**The secondary glazing panels fit neatly into the stone window frame.**

The next stage of the restoration process is to remove the scaffolding from the high level roof to the lower roof level. This will enable the lower roofs to be stripped of slates. The battens and breathable felt will then be replaced. This will lead to the major task of picking the very best of the old slates taken from the high roof and from the lower roofs for re-slating the lower roofs. As the re-slating progresses the existing copper valleys between the lower roofs and the walls supporting the high roof will be replaced with new lead valleys.

Meanwhile, work has been undertaken on the four stone pinnacles on the tower. These pinnacles have been in position since 1842 and over time have become loose. Three of them required dismantling and then rebuilding including replacing the corroded iron dowels used to stabilise the structures with stainless steel rods. This was a very difficult and skilled undertaking which involved the erection of a complex and very strong scaffolding structure so that the sections of the pinnacles could be removed and put back into position using block and tackle equipment.

## Cathedral Restoration Project

**Stonemasons Raymond McConnell and Timothy Edgar examine a pinnacle before dismantling.**



**Two sections of a dismantled pinnacle showing the orifice into which the stainless steel dowels will be placed.**

### Outside Painting

The spell of good weather provided an excellent opportunity to repaint the cathedral gates and railings. The Wilson lamp will require specialist cleaning before it is painted.

### Finance

As the work progresses on the cathedral restoration the contractors involved require stage payments. This puts pressure on parish finance which depends largely on parishioners continuing to contribute generously. This should secure the structure of the cathedral as a place of worship for the parish, community, and diocese. It is also of course the most significant building in the streetscape of Enniskillen.



**Mr Jonny Woods applying a coat of paint to the cathedral entrance gates.**

## 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.

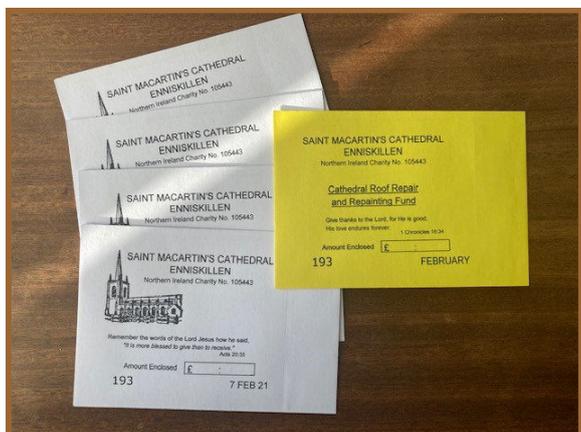
We need to gather in all the stubs or unsold tickets. Please make your returns as soon as possible.



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of June and will end on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union had their first meeting since March 2020 on Monday 13th September. Twenty two members got together in the Eniskeene Room, Cathedral Hall for a short meeting. It was lovely to be together and have a catch up after such a long time. Branch leader Jenifer Johnston gave a wedding present, on behalf of the members, to fellow member Jeanette Wilson who was getting married to Select Vestry Member, Richard Cochrane on Wednesday 15th September. Myrtle Irvine also gave a gift on behalf of the NI Air Ambulance where Jeanette volunteers. The next meeting will be on Monday 11th October at 8.00pm.

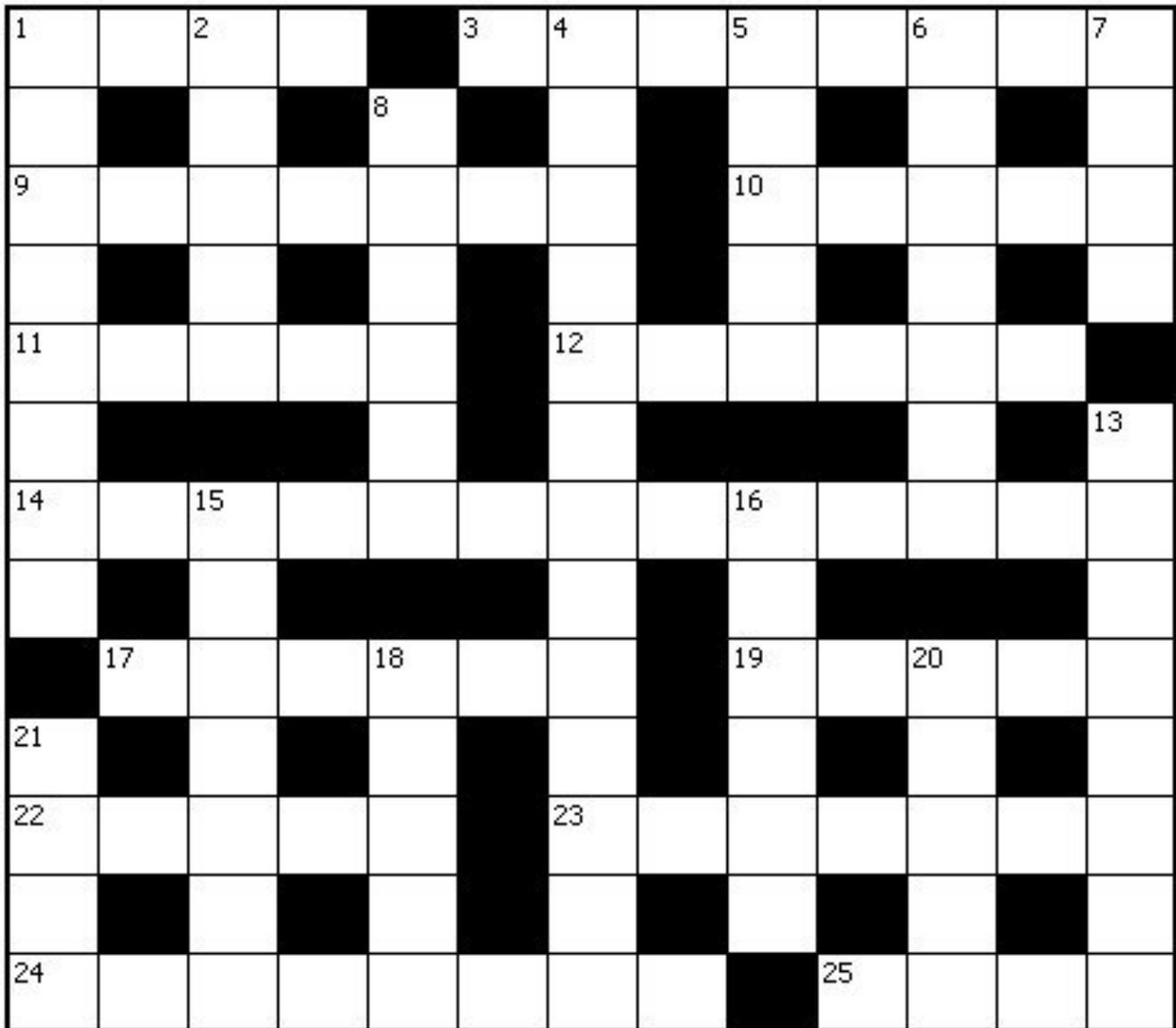


## Mothers' Union



The new  
Mr & Mrs Cochrane

Crossword



**Across**

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)

## Crossword

- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)  
24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)  
25 Note (anag.) (4)

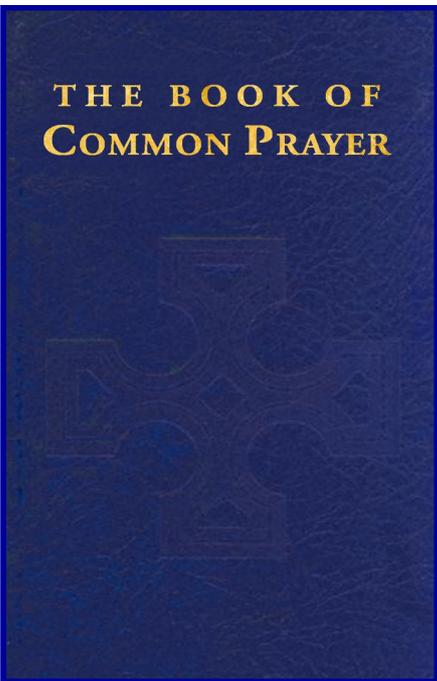
### Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)  
2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)  
4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)  
5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)  
6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)  
7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)  
8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)  
13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)  
15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)  
16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)  
18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)  
20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)  
21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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## 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!



THE BOOK OF  
COMMON PRAYER

## Samuel Becket

The **Isle of Enniskillen Beckett Chess Set** is a 21st century public artwork created in bronze by sculptor Alan Milligan and originally commissioned by Arts Over Borders for its 2013 Happy Days Enniskillen International Beckett Festival. It is the world's exclusive chess set devoted to the characters (the back rows) and props (the pawns) from the plays of Nobel Laureate Samuel Beckett (the Isle of Lewis chess set were also human figures with the pawns as geometrical shapes). Beckett's lifelong obsession with chess included titling arguably his greatest play *Endgame*, a nod to the third final part of a chess game. Beckett regularly played with the great artist and chess champion Marcel Duchamp. As a boy Beckett attended Enniskillen's Portora Royal School (1920-23) excelling in the sports of cricket (the only Nobel Laureate in Wisden's Almanac), rugby, rowing, boxing (won the gold medal) – and chess.

To mark the 100th anniversary of Beckett's early 'sporting' years in Enniskillen, Arts Over Borders is gifting its 32 figurative bronzes (value £40,000) as a long-term loan to the island town of Enniskillen, effectively transforming the island town's tight matrix of little shops, pubs and coffee houses, churches and castles into a splendid giant art gallery. Sixty-four of the Enniskillen's island town landscape of community, cultural and socio-political spaces will mark out the 64 squares of the chess board, 32 black and 32 white cube 'shadow boxes' mounted on walls as hosting niches for the Beckett chess pieces.

As an added performative twist to the installation, the Beckett Chess Set will also be a kinetic piece of public art. It is an artwork that will be choreographed to move through the town at three points in the year, Good Friday (Beckett's Birthday), midsummer/August (Happy Days Festival) and December 22nd (Beckett's death), respectively paralleling the three segments of chess: Opening Game, Middle Game and End Game. The moving of the chess pieces will be carried out in response to a secret online chess game between two world grandmasters who send their digital moves through to Enniskillen for local sportsmen and sportswomen – dressed in monk like robes and cowls evoking Beckett's dance piece *Quad* – to move the Beckett pieces walking through the town carrying the heavy bronzes to their next square.

The origination of the Beckett Chess set and its installation for Enniskillen comes from artistic imagineers Doran Browne (Seán Doran and Liam Browne) on behalf of Arts Over Borders. In recent years, the duo have curated a series of Happy Days Beckett Festivals in Enniskillen, the Opening Year *12 months 12 Books* for the Seamus Heaney HomePlace and the hugely acclaimed festival celebrating the Beatles album *Sgt Pepper @ 50* for Liverpool City Council.



## Youth

Hello and welcome back to all things Children and Youth @ Enniskillen Cathedral! We hope you had a lovely summer and are excited for the activities we have lined up for the coming months.

Unfortunately, things aren't quite back to normal just yet and, to err on the side of caution, we have decided to keep our Children and Youth organisations operating online for now. We will post any updates or changes on our social media pages, here in Cathedral News and in the weekly Cathedral emails. As always don't be afraid to get in touch if you have any questions; our contact details are listed below.

We can't wait to see what the rest of this year brings, and hopefully we'll have lots of fun along the way!

*"All your children shall be taught by the Lord,  
and great shall be the peace of your children."- Isaiah 54:13*

*From all Children and Youth teams*

### 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. Dates for Messy Church sessions for the remainder of 2021.



**Messy Church**

**@ Enniskillen Cathedral**

Cathedral Hall, 4-6pm, FREE for all primary aged children

**(Online) 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**  
Pack pick-up Mon 18<sup>th</sup> October 4-5pm

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Registration now open!**

No child without an adult, no adult without a child  
All children must be registered to participate- registration forms available from the Cathedral website or the Cathedral office.

Children and Youth at Enniskillen Cathedral

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Children and Youth Enniskillen Cathedral

October's session will be **ONLINE** with resource pack pick-up on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October from 4-5pm at the Cathedral Hall**. Please drive around to the back

## Youth

of the hall and a member of our Messy Church team will be there with the packs.

Our hope is to have November and December's sessions in person however this will depend on regulations and restrictions. We will review these 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. All dates 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.

Please see our calendar for the remainder of 2021 below.

October	November	December
3 <sup>rd</sup> SLC	7 <sup>th</sup> SLC	5 <sup>th</sup> SLC
10 <sup>th</sup> SLC	14 <sup>th</sup> No SLC	12 <sup>th</sup> SLC
17 <sup>th</sup> SLC	21 <sup>st</sup> SLC	19 <sup>th</sup> SLC
24 <sup>th</sup> SLC	28 <sup>th</sup> SLC	26 <sup>th</sup> No SLC
31 <sup>st</sup> No SLC		

All sessions in October will be online and posted to our Google Drive. We hope to review the regulations and restrictions for November and December. All updates will be posted to our social media pages, in Cathedral News and will be included in Beth's weekly emails.

Like Messy Church, **Sunday Lights + Café sessions will remain online via our Google Drive for the month of October** with the hope to review regulations for November and December. There will be one session posted each week, with activities suitable for both Sunday Lights and Sunday Café participants. The link to our Google Drive can be found on our social media pages as well as in the weekly Cathedral emails.

## Youth

### Xplore and Confirmation @ Enniskillen Cathedral



We were glad to finally be able to hold our Service of Confirmation for our 2019/2020 class back in June. We thoroughly enjoyed supporting these young people through this transition into adulthood in the church and we look forward to seeing where this journey will bring them.

We hope to run Confirmation classes again from November 2021. 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](mailto: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.

## 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 professional 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](mailto:enniskillen@clogher.anglican.org).

The cost of this programme is £4,000 as the students get £500 each towards the cost of the singing lessons. 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.



## Psalm

### Psalm 125

#### *The people of God and Mount Zion*

Verse 1 - **Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved:**

What follows is a promise made to those who put their trust in the Lord. We cannot properly put our trust in Him until we remove our trust in other things. He alone is our refuge and strength.

The pilgrim who came from afar was impressed with the stature and standing of Mount Zion, the prominent hill upon which Jerusalem was established. The one who believes and trusts in the Lord is promised the same security, and he or she abides forever. Our place in His love, His new life, and His gracious purpose lasts forever and cannot be moved.



Verse 2 - **As the hills surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.**

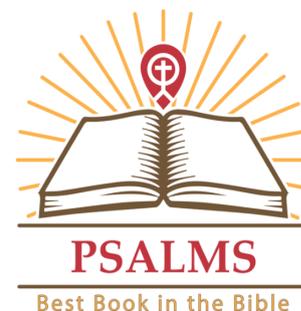
As the mountains surround Jerusalem: Jerusalem is not set upon one hill, but established among a series of hills. God's people can trust that He will surround and protect them as the mountains surround Jerusalem. So the Lord surrounds His people: God promised not only to be present with His people, but also to be all around them. He would surround them, so that nothing can get to them unless it first

pass through Him.

Verse 3 - **The scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity.** For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous: This was the protection God promised to His people who trusted in Him. In Israel's history, that scepter of wickedness only rested on the land when God's people were stubbornly unrighteous and untrusting in Him.

Verse 4 - **Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart.** One of the primary features of the Old Covenant God made with the Israelites at Mount Sinai was the principle of blessing their obedience and cursing their disobedience.

Verse 5 - **Peace be upon Israel:** The Psalm ends with a prayer pronouncing peace upon Israel – essentially, that they would be the good that enjoy blessing and not be the wicked who suffer exile.



## Online viewing

We are grateful to those who have projected our services every Sunday for many years now namely Willie Holmes and Ronnie Carson. They now have the added task of operating the webcam to broadcast our services on YouTube to those unable to attend. We thank them for their loyalty and support each week making sure someone is always there to operate the systems.



Many already know how to access these services through our website at [enniskillencathedral.com](http://enniskillencathedral.com) but some may not. This is where you as a reader of this article may be able to help. Can you ask those whom you know are housebound are they able to do so? Maybe they do not have a suitable device to do so? If not maybe family, friends or neighbours could encourage them to get a suitable device (possibly an ipad)? Maybe family members could club together at Christmas and purchase something suitable? The housebound person may say they would be unable to work with new technology – well that will test how good your powers of persuasion are! Most devices can be set up and easy to operate!

The Christian Life is all about outreach – this could be your means of outreach getting someone viewing on line! It could be a long dark winter (I hope not) but this could be a new means of great encouragement to the lonely or housebound!

***“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”*** 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS  
1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah;  
17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton  
DOWN  
1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13  
children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA



## 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

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## October Lessons

### **Sunday 3rd October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

The First Reading - Genesis 2: 18-24 - John Graham

The Psalm - Psalm 26

The Second Reading - Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 - Gillian Glass

The Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 2-16 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 10th October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving**

The First Reading - Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 - Selena Fawcett

The Psalm - Psalm 22: 1-15

The Second Reading - Hebrews 4: 12-16 - Raymond Campbell

The Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 17-31 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 17th October The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

The First Reading - Isaiah 53: 4-12 - Billy Dixon

Psalm 104: 1-10, 26, 37

The Second Reading - Hebrews 5: 1-10 - Blane Bailey

The Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 35-45 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 24th October The Fifth Sunday before Advent**

The First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 7-9 - Claire Holmes

Psalm 34: 1-8

The Second Reading - Hebrews 7: 23-28 - Willie Holmes

The Gospel Reading - Mark 10: 46-52 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 31st October The Fourth Sunday before Advent**

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 6: 1-6 - Sue Hogg

Psalm 146

The Second Reading - Hebrews 9: 11-14 - Robin Hogg

The Gospel Reading - Mark 12: 28-34 - 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!**