

CATHEDRAL NEWS

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'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.' Roman 15: 13



OUR VISION

Photograph by Dr William Holmes

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,

As we enter this season of harvest, we are called to reflect on the goodness of God and the blessings He has bestowed upon us. The familiar hymn reminds us that 'All good gifts around us come from heaven above'. Harvest time invites us to think not



only of our personal blessings but also of those in need within our parish and community. It is a time to care and share—not just our material resources but also our talents and gifts. By sharing our abilities and inspiring others to grow in faith, we embody the love of Christ in the world.

Attending church on Sundays, when and if possible, is a vital expression of our faith. It allows us to come together as a community, offering our prayers and thanksgiving. In this sacred space, we are reminded that the most precious gift we receive is God's unconditional love and blessings. If you are unable to attend due to health problems, please watch online (see page 8)

Jesus loves us deeply, and in return, we are called to trust and love Him above

all else. This relationship with Christ gives us hope and strength that sustains us through life's challenges. As we nurture our faith, we become more aware of the divine presence in our lives and the call to share that love with others. The act of giving thanks during harvest time encourages us to examine how

we can be more generous with our time and money. Whether it's in your

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financial giving, volunteering, sharing a meal, or simply offering a kind word, these acts of kindness reflect our faith in action. By reaching out to those in need, we not only bless others but also enrich our own lives. In this season, let us also remember the importance of spiritual growth. Sharing our faith, participating in church activities, and engaging in prayer can inspire others and strengthen our community. Together, we can create a Cathedral environment where faith flourishes, and God's love is evident in all that we do.

As we reflect on the blessings of harvest, let us keep in mind the promise of our final harvest home in the kingdom of heaven. This hope gives us purpose and encourages us to live with joy and gratitude.

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'

Roman 15:13

Yours very sincerely,

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Kenneth R J Hall, Rector and Dean

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 at church, 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 di-

rectly 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)

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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

14th September - Charlie Graham Flack

20th September – Oliver Hugh Bradley

28th September - Levi Geoffrey Dawson Kennedy



"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

19th September - Ellen Lorna Anne Hallawell and

Seamus Dominic Walsh

27th September - Keren Margretta Hampton and

Roc Richard Hodges

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



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

Fabric Fund

£1,805 Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Denis Gault.

£805 Donations collected on the Parish Boat Trip

Bells Fund

- £100 Birthday memories of Jonathan Watson (18th August). From his mum, Ethel.
- £25 Birthday memories of Jonathan Watson (18th August). From his sister, Carol Long.
- £100 Donation in memory of Stewart H Scott (27th September). From his wife Joyce.

Choral Scholarship Fund

£2,000 Anonymous donation.

Harvest at the Cathedral

Each year a great deal of work and effort is invested in decorating the

cathedral so beautifully and colourfully for the Harvest Thanksgiving and yet these decorations are only seen briefly by those attending the services. The Cathedral is open daily for visitors, so please invite others - family members, neighbours and friends to come along and view the Harvest decorations. Everyone is welcome



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 midweek pause and praise with God!



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Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving, in which we give thanks to God for his generous provision, will be held on **Sunday 12th October** at the usual time of **11.00am**. The special guest preacher at this service will be Rev Maureen Hassard (Methodist). At **7.00pm** on the same day,

we will have another opportunity to thank God for his promise that "as long as the earth endures, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease." Much like the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas, this service will give us an opportunity to reflect on inspiring hymns and readings but with a Harvest theme. Refreshments, as well as apple tarts with fresh cream, will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the service. All are warmly welcome to attend both services.



Harvest Appeal 2025



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 good things 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,

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Harvest Appeal

without a thought given to the provider, not to mention the number of things we accumulate or waste.

Here is an opportunity to give thanks to God in appreciation of his

goodness to you. You will find enclosed with this Cathedral News a Harvest Appeal envelope. Please contribute what you can and bring it to church, as you make that extra effort to come to God's House to give thanks.

	SAINT MACARTIN'S CATHEDRAL
	Harvest Offering
	Sunday 12th October 2025
	at 9.00am, 11.00am and 7.00pm
Name	
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	Offering Number

Enniskillen Food Bank

We want to make sure that no one in our local community goes hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. This year, we have already seen a major increase in need. The foodbank relies on the support of the local community for food donations,



and this is where you can help:

Might you consider donating food to the foodbank?

You can bring along food items - cereals, soup, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard/rice pudding, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, Dolmio type sauces/tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, juices, tinned meat and fish, pasta, rice, noodles, biscuits, tea, coffee, and snacks – to any of our Harvest Thanksgiving Services. Your gift of food can make a real difference.

'FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER' –
2 Corinthians 9: 7

Guest Preacher at St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick



The Dean had the pleasure to be the guest preacher at St Mary's Cathedral in Limerick at their Patronal Festival on Sunday 7th September. The visit was made all the more special as The Dean met up again with the Curate of Limerick Cathedral, the Rev Scott Elliott - a very familiar face from our cathedral!

Watching Online

The 11.00am Sunday service is online for those who are unable to attend. The 'Live link' for the services can be found on the home page of the Cathedral website at www.enniskillencathedral.com.

Please make it widely known among your family and friends who have moved away from home, but would still like to watch a Cathedral service.

If you know someone who is housebound, maybe a very generous thing to do would be to get them set up with an iPad or Tablet and internet, so that they could join in our Worship at home. Help bring 'Church on line' to them!

We thank Ronnie Carson, William Holmes and Karen Graham, who faithfully put the service on the screen for both parishioners and viewers each week, and livestream services including weddings and funerals.

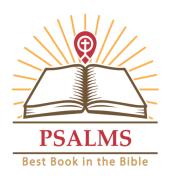


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Psalm

Psalm 24 is a psalm of David and here we see King David noting in the first and second verses that God created everything and "established it on the waters." The verses have echoes of Genesis and recalls to us God's role as creator and of the Book of Job where Job is confronted with the majesty and mystery of a God who created



all of nature, where God asks Job the rhetorical questions "who shut up the sea behind doors?" and "have you seen the gates of deepest darkness?" (Job 38.8, 38.17). The psalm reminds us that all of creation is part of the Fall but it is also included in God's salvation plan. Verses three and four speak of the importance of purity and in forsaking idols.



This can be read in terms of God's people holding on to a reverence and respect for themselves, for others and for all of nature. Care and respect for nature is one of the many ways in which we can show God's love here on earth, whether that is through good stewardship of nature, gardening, conservation work or teaching the next generation about the wonder of the natural world.

Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Spirit and Soul

All are welcome to join Revd Edwin on selected Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm in the Hilliard Room as together we explore different expressions of Anglican Spirituality and prayer. Our sessions will range from Ignatian readings of scripture to the spirituality of topics as diverse



as gardens, art history, mysticism and darkness. Each meeting will start with a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. All contributions are welcome, but you don't need to say anything unless you want to! Meetings will end by 9.00pm. Keep an eye on the Sunday announcements for dates!

Youth and Children's Ministry

Messy Church

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

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

Participants must complete a registration form on the day.



Sunday Lights and Café



Sunday Lights and Café, at which we use interactive and creative forms of teaching to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, discussion, songs, games, and crafts) resumes on Sunday, 5th October. The children leave during the 11.00am service, after the singing of a family hymn for their own activities, and will attend and take part in monthly Family Services. Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-4, and Sunday Café welcomes children in P5-Year 8.

Family Services

The next family service is on Sunday 26th October. The key to understanding these services is thinking about them as 'family time' (the family of the Church), not as time for the children with the adults present. It is an allage time - all are welcome to attend these services!



Parish Boat Trip



The parish boat trip was on Thursday 11th September. Those who attended were served a salad meal, followed by a sweet and tea or coffee. Then everyone had a trip on the 'Kestral' starting with a glass of prosecco before sailing to Devenish Island and then around the town, arriving back at the Round 'O' about 8.00pm. It was a most enjoyable evening. We wish to thank Adele Moore and her helpers who provided the beautiful meal in the Hall, Andy McCabe for driving the minibus and David and Christopher NIxon for making the Kestral available for this fund-raiser which has raised £805 for the Cathedral Fabric Fund.

Cathedral Family (extended family connections)



The Dean was pleased to accept an invitation to the presentation of a new Standard for The Royal Dragoon Guards at Warminster.

There are four founding regiments of The Royal Dragoon Guards, one of which is The Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The Dean was invited to represent Enniskillen and St Macartin's Cathedral for the presentation of their new Standard by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edin-

burgh, on Friday, 12th September.

The old Standard was marched on to "Fare Ye Well, Enniskillen" and marched off to "Auld Lang Syne." The new Standard was brought on, consecrated by the Chaplain General, the Rev Canon Michael D Parker, and presented to the Colonel-in-Chief, The Duke of Edinburgh. The Enniskillen Sword was carried on parade by the Commanding Officer. This sword was presented to the 5th Royal



Inniskilling Dragoon Guards by Raymond Ferguson, the



Cathedral Family (extended family connections)



Chairman of Fermanagh District Council, in 1981. The Dean was pleased to tour the head-quarters, the officers' mess, the Oats Centre, and the beautiful grounds. He was welcomed upon arrival by Major Graham Green (Retd), a regular visitor to Enniskillen, and assigned an escort for the day, Captain Tom Dreaning (son of the Rev Lorna). It was also nice to see Maeve Cadden, the curator of the Inniskilling Museum, present. After the official proceedings, it was a pleasure for the Dean to meet and chat with The Duke of Edinburgh, who was certainly familiar with the En-

niskillen link to the Regiment and his mother's visit to Enniskillen.





The New Standard (left) with Capt Tom Dreaning, Maeve Cadden, Capt Ollie Grell and The Dean.

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Knit Wits



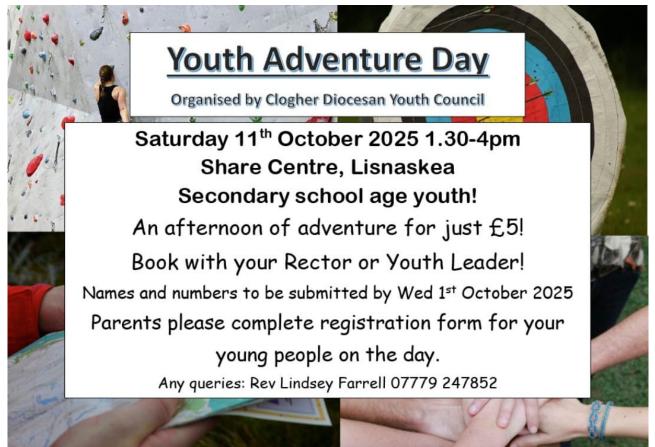


Members of the Knit Wits group proudly display their wonderful creation for the Longest Yarn Two Exhibition, which officially opened in Southwell Minster, Nottingham on 3rd September. Also pictured are the Dean; Joshua Martin; Adele Moore Parish Reader; and Rev Colin Brownsmith, offical handy man and Chaplain to the Knit Wits!

Knit Wits



Claire and Willie Holmes delivered the panel to Southwell Minster, where it will remain until the end of September. Claire is pictured above with the boxed panel. The exhibition showcases eighty panels, exploring life in Britain during World War Two. It will be on display in various locations across the UK and will be in St Macartin's Cathedral for the month of February 2026.



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Parish Organisations

Parenting Wellness Group

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group are excited to gather on Saturday 4th October at 'Austin and Annie's Place' which is located at 24, Tempo Road, Enniskillen. The event will start at 2.00pm and it is suitable for children aged 3-11 and their parents who will supervise and take



part in the fun also.
Refreshments will be provided. It will be a packed 90 mins of classic and new games, cloud dough making, disco props and dancing! For more information or to book a place, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

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 October**, please fill in the slip on the information flyer available in this Cathedral News and return it by **16th October**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



Answers to Crossword on page 14

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19. Egypt. 20, Hair.

ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

Ulster Project

Ulster Project celebrates 50 years of cross-community youth work with public Service of Thanksgiving in Enniskillen

The Ulster Project, the volunteer-run organisation that for fifty years has brought together young people and volunteers from different traditions to build friendships and understanding, will mark its golden anniversary in Enniskillen from 29 October to 1 November 2025. Current leadership from across the United States and Northern Ireland will gather for the Ulster Project International Conference, culminating in a public



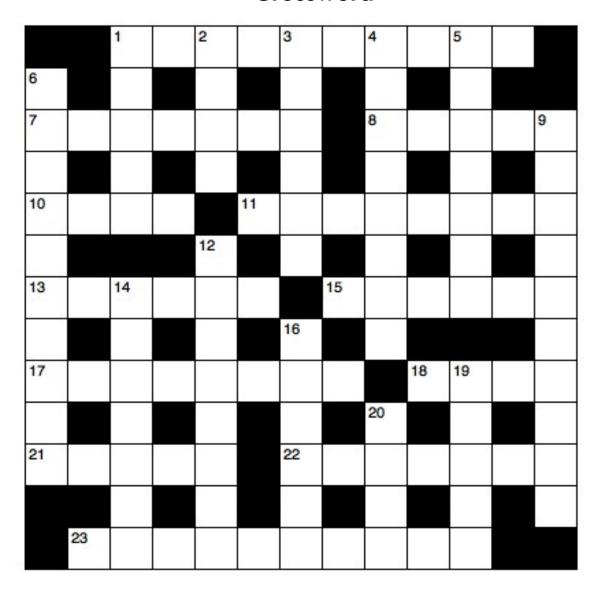
Service of Thanksgiving at 2.00pm on Saturday 1st November.

All are warmly invited to attend this public service, which will begin in Saint Macartin's Church of Ireland Cathedral. In a deliberately symbolic act reflecting the Project's long mission of building bridges between communities, those taking part will then cross the road together to conclude the service in Saint Michael's Catholic Church. That brief crossing of the street mirrors the Project's daily work of creating simple, human connections across traditional boundaries — and also remembers the moment when Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II crossed between the two places of worship during her visit to Enniskillen to mark her Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

During the service a commemorative plaque will be unveiled in Saint Macartin's Cathedral honouring the Ulster Project's founder, the late Rev Kerry Waterstone, and his wife Edie, recognising their vision and sustained commitment to the Project over many years. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Hall, where memorabilia and photographs charting five decades of the Ulster Project will be on display.

"This Service of Thanksgiving is a chance for all those communities, volunteers, past participants and friends who have been involved in the work and mission of the Ulster Project to celebrate fifty years of building friendships and to look forward to the next fifty," said James McLoughlin, one of the conference organisers. "The short walk between the Cathedral and the Church is a powerful reminder that simple acts of reaching out remain at the heart of what we do."

Crossword



Across

- 1 He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8 Relieved (5)
- 10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13 'It is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down 'She began to wet his with her tears. Then she wiped them with her ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)

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Crossword

- 21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an -, the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Down

- 1 He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this the whole of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5) 20 See 18 Across

Parish Visitations

The Clergy and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are continually making visits around the parish, but these are often prioritised by sickness and bereavement calls. As we have now well over 600 families emergency calls are quite numerous. Sometimes we are not in the right place at the right

time and that is where you can help. If for some reason you are ill, have been ill or bereaved, please let us know by contacting the Cathedral Office and someone will call with you. No contact may well result in no visit through no fault of the clergy! If you or a member of your family is in hospital please inform us otherwise we may not know. Help us to help you!



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Mother's Union September 2025

We had our first meeting of the 25/26 programme on Monday 10th September. We had a great crowd of 51 ladies.



Enniskillen pipe band came to entertain us with some tunes which we enjoyed very much and Cecil Jones give us a very detailed explanation of the pipes and how they work and the background and history of Enniskillen pipe band. We all got to hold the pipes to see how heavy they were! It certainly was a very interesting and enjoyable evening. The committee then served a beautiful supper which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next meeting is Monday 13th October when Glenn Moore will speak to us about "Living in a 17th Century home."



Mothers' Union Enrolment Service



Choir members who are also Mothers' Union Members

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Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Graham Irvine and Audrey Hopkins

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

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

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

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane, Linda

Corrigan, Vanessa Elliott, Arnold Graham, Ivan Kee, Ann Little, Dwayne Nixon, Jonathan Woods.

Assistant Hon Secretary - Karl Saunders

Assistant Hon Treasurer - Audrey Williamson

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

October Lessons and Readers

Sunday 5th October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Lamentations 1: 1-6 - Gillian Glass

The Psalm - Psalm 137: 1-6

The Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 - Joshua Martin

The Gospel Reading - Luke 17: 5-10 - Adele Moore

Sunday 12th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving

The First Reading - Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7 - Stella Robinson

The Psalm - Psalm 66: 1-11

T: he Second Reading - 2 Timothy 2: 8-15 - Margaret Owens

The Gospel Reading - Luke 17: 11-19 - Joshua Martin

Sunday 19th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 27-34 - Heather Leonard

The Psalm - Psalm 119: 97-104

The Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5 - Trevor Stevenson

The Gospel Reading - Luke 18: 1-8 - Adele Moore

Sunday 26th October The Fifth Sunday before Advent

Family Service

WELCOME TEAM

October

- 05 Eileen and Jim Nixon
- 12 Karen and Arnold Graham
- 19 Caroline and Trevor Shaw
- 26 Hilary and Raymond Campbell



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 (as arranged)

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

Rangers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Spirit & Soul - 7.30 - 9.00pm (selected weeks)

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

Supper at Six –6.00pm - 7.30pm (fourth Thursday, September to March)

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!