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'I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.' 2 Timothy 4: 7



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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September, and we pray for King Charles III – both as he mourns the death of his mother and settles into the hugely demanding role of being our King. Over this past month, we have heard – time and time again – of Her Late Majesty's faith: the witness she bore to her faith, and the actions that sprung from her faith – her love of her country, her devotion to duty, and her desire for reconciliation.

The reign of the Queen was not a performance, but rather the character of one who lived up to the oaths she took. While so much of her life was dominated by protocol and civil duties, we recognise that she set something quite different before us. For seventy years, through turbulence and change, she has sustained the qualities we admire, and remained the person we respect. She promised at her Coronation to devote her life to principle, not power; to law, to justice, to mercy, and to faith. She kept her promise; she ran the race. It was sustained and it was demanding. It could be truly said in those words of St Paul to Timothy: 'I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.'

Can the same be said of us concerning our faith? At baptism, we became a member of Christ and a child of God, with a promise to continue on the Christian journey and a prayer that we may bear witness to Christ by a life of service to others. Queen Elizabeth certainly kept the faith and bore witness to Christ by a life of service to others. We should follow her example. She always



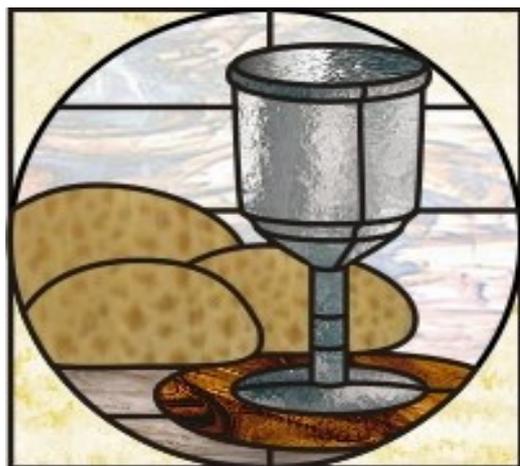
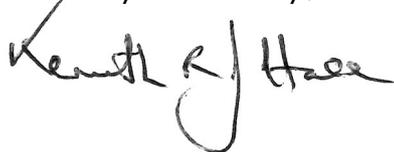
endeavoured to look at the world with the eyes of Christ.

During this Harvest Season as we look around us, it is my prayer that we will see through new eyes each day the ways God has blessed us and never take God or those blessings for granted. This year, as we celebrate the Harvest Thanksgiving, may we each see God for who he really is and see ourselves for who we really are. People who have been blessed beyond measure need to give thanks to the Giver of all good gifts, and give a little more to those in need. We often don't realise how blessed we are - and hence how thankful we ought to be - until what we have is threatened to be taken away.

With the rising prices of almost everything, including food and heating bills, we as a church need to reach out to those in need. We have already started that process by recycling School Uniforms, opening our Cathedral Halls on Tuesdays to allow parishioners to save on heating bills, and holding Supper at Six to provide a substantial meal. Another way to help would be to provide some food for Enniskillen Food Bank (see the article on page 7), as well as to contribute to our Harvest Appeal.

During 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 offer thanks by singing to and about him, praying to him, giving all that we have to him – including our talents, abilities, possessions, opportunities, and most importantly our presence in his Church. We need to commit ourselves to be his faithful disciples, and never take God for granted; for such was the pattern set by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Yours very sincerely,



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

Marriage

3rd September - Rosanna Caroline Graham and
Thomas Joe Sodzawiczny

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



Burial of Ashes in the Garden of Remembrance

26th September - Margaret Helen Thomas,
36 Algeo Drive, Enniskillen.

Burial

20th September - Alison Hadingham,
15 Dairies Road, 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.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union meeting which was planned for Monday



12th September was cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The next meeting is on Monday 10th October when a talk on 'Beekeeping' is planned.



Parish Donations

Organ Restoration Fund

£100 Donation in memory of Hazel Beatty from her partner Sam and sons Alan and Nigel.

£100 Donation from Mr Bryan and Mrs Wendy Graham.

Fabric Fund

£30 Donation from the friends of Professor Dot Leonard, after a tour of the Cathedral on her birthday.

Webcam Fund

£50 Donation in memory of Gerry Vennard (died 8th September 2020) from his wife Violet.

Redecoration Fund

£20 Donation from Ms Anne Speight.

£200 Donation in memory of Stewart H Scott from his wife Joyce.

Choral Scholarship Fund

£500 Anonymous donation.

£630 Anonymous donation.

Supper at Six

£500 Anonymous donation.

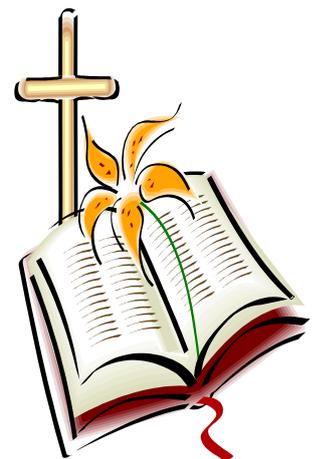
Bible Reading Notes

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 verse 105



Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving, in which we give thanks to God for his generous provision, will be held on **Sunday 9th October** at the usual time of **11.00am**. The special guest preacher at this service will be the Rt Revd Patrick Rooke. Bishop Patrick recently retired as the Bishop of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry in the West of Ireland. 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, seedtime 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



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, 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

Harvest Appeal

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.

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. Last year, the local foodbank distributed 3,290 food parcels; 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 to the foodbank as part of your Harvest offering?** 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, and we will pass your donations on. Your gift of food can make a real difference.

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

Cathedral Open

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 come along and view the Harvest decorations. Everyone is welcome to visit and to attend any of the services.



Presentation to Scott Elliott

Vocation Sunday (4th September) carried with it mixed emotions, as it marked Scott Elliott's final Sunday before commencing training for ordination in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Dublin. On the one hand, we are excited to see what God has in store for the next stage in Scott's life and ministry. On the other hand, we are sad to see Scott leave and will miss his presence with us in the Cathedral at our regular services. Scott was the special guest preacher at the service. During the sermon, he emphasised that the word "vocation" carries the sense of "being called", and stressed that "everyone has a calling" as "we are all united with the mission of the Church" in Baptism. He spoke of his own sense of calling to priestly ministry. In the prayers, the Curate Assistant prayed that Scott's sense of calling would be renewed as he begins training for ordination. At the end of the service, the Dean used words from a Robert Frost poem to describe life as a journey with many roads which we must travel along, and with many alternative paths which we must choose between; he offered Scott his well wishes as he took "the road less travelled". The Rector's Churchwarden, Nathan Clyde, presented Scott with a cheque on behalf of the people of the Cathedral as a token of our appreciation of his ministry. Please continue to keep Scott in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead.



Scott is pictured with Nathan Clyde, Churchwarden; The Dean; The Curate, Rev Chris West; and Richard Cochrane, acting Churchwarden.

Guest Preacher at the Family Service on 23rd October

The Rev Nick McKee tells us a little about himself:

I was born the youngest of five children to John and Grace McKee. I went to Jones Memorial Primary School and then Portora Royal School where Stephen Nixon was one of my contemporaries. At school I was rubbish at rugby but not bad at rowing. My Fermanagh childhood has given me a deep love of the outdoors and I regularly drag my family up mountains and across lakes. After school I went to Nottingham to study engineering and then spent a decade in the oil and chemical industry before entering training for ordination. The call to ordained ministry had come much earlier, shortly after I'd stopped wanting to be a lorry driver aged about seven, but I was a bit slow on the uptake. While still working in industry I found my way into the Church of England in Brussels and from there I entered training for ordination in Cambridge. Cambridge was followed by a curacy in south Manchester and an incumbency in Bolton, just north west of Manchester. After a decade of parish ministry I moved to my current role as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Blackburn.

I'm married to Jo, who is also ordained and is the vicar of a parish in north Manchester, and we have one daughter called Hannah who is an A Level



student. With two clergy for parents, Hannah has to be one of the most understanding teenagers on God's good earth.



Rev Nick McKee is pictured extreme right with the Dean and two other former Portora Royal School Oldboys, Rev Brian McConkey and Rev Michael Hutchinson.

The Death of Queen Elizabeth II



Press Release 8th September 2022

Right Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, St Michael's Church (Roman Catholic), Enniskillen

Very Rev Canon Kenneth Hall, Dean of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen

With the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we pause in prayer to remember her family in their moment of renewed bereavement. The death of a parent and grandparent, even after a long life, is a painful loss. During the Platinum Jubilee of her life as Queen, her regnal qualities were widely remarked and acclaimed: service, duty and devotion. She did not disguise the roots of these qualities in her Christian faith but gave sterling witness to a practical belief in God, something for which Christian

leaders like ourselves are especially grateful in time of changing culture. In Enniskillen, we experienced something of this at first hand. As was also evident in her visit to the other part of this island, she well understood the cause of division and the consequent ongoing need for reconciliation, something which her 'crossing the street' visibly demonstrated. She made a point of speaking about continuing to rise to this challenge when she met us personally in 2012.

God our Father,
we give thanks for the life and service of Queen Elizabeth the Second.
As she so willingly answered your call in life,
so may your generous mercy and grace enfold her
beyond death in new and eternal life.
May those who most closely mourn her loss
have the comfort of faith in eternal life.
At this time of change,
strengthen all our hope in your lasting goodness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Death of Queen Elizabeth II



Photographs from the Queen's visit to Enniskillen in June 2012 during her Diamond Jubilee year.



Cub Scout Wesley Noble, accompanied by the Dean and George Irvine, laying a floral tribute at the war memorial garden in memory of Queen Elizabeth II.

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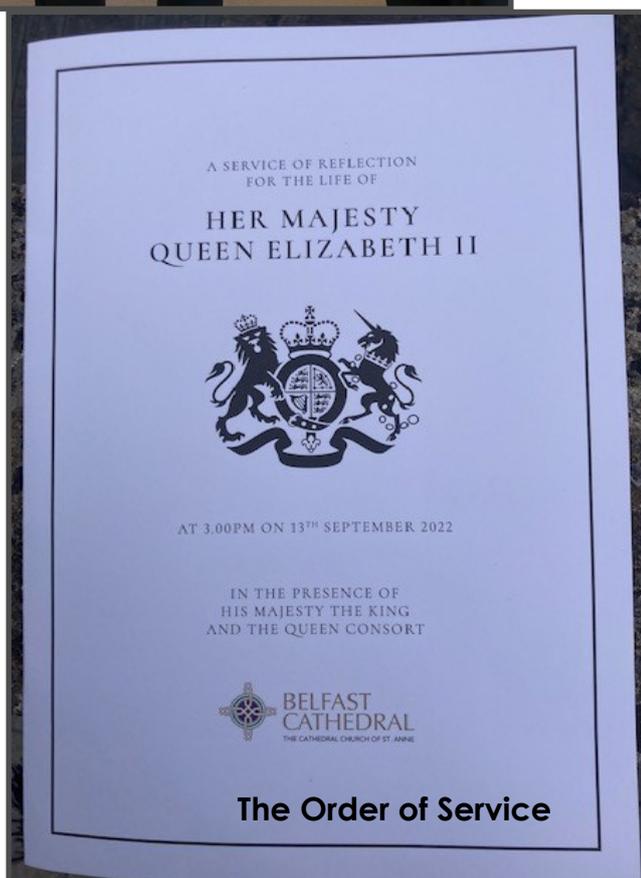
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The Dean and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly were invited to be present at Hillsborough Castle on Tuesday 13th September when the new monarch, King Charles III and Queen Consort, Camilla, visited. They were privileged to be among a group of approximately sixty people, including the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Stormont party leaders. A message of condolence was led by the Speaker of the N Ireland Assembly, Alex Maskey. Those in attendance then had an opportunity to meet the Royal couple at a reception. Sam Morrow, the Hon Secretary of the Select Vestry, was also honoured to be invited to attend the service of reflection in St Anne's Cathedral in the afternoon where the King and Queen Consort met leaders of all the major faiths in N Ireland.



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Service of Prayer and Reflection



Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the community of Enniskillen came together for a Service of Prayer and Reflection, on Sunday 18th September at 6.00pm, beginning in St Macartin's Cathedral and following in her footsteps to end in St Michael's Church. The service ended with an act of commitment, in which those gathered committed themselves to carrying forward Her Late Majesty's work for peace and reconciliation.



Service of Prayer and Reflection



Lady Belmore and her son Monty.



Lord Anthony Hamilton, who escorted the Queen 'across the road' in 2012, with Lady Erne.

Quadricentennial Celebrations/Events

- 8th October Family Fun Day (10.00am-12.00noon)
- 9th October Harvest Thanksgiving (11.00am) *with special guest preacher, the Rt Rev'd Patrick Rooke (former Bishop of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry)*
A Festival of Hymns and Readings for Harvest (7.00pm)
- 20th October Messy Church Programme Launch: Tell (4.00-6.00pm) *with special guest speaker, the Rev'd Mark Gallagher (Rector of St Michael's, Trory, and Priory Church, Killadeas)*
- 23rd October Celebrating St Luke: Caring and Sharing (11.00am)
A service for families, giving thanks for those who care for us
Choir Concert (7.00pm)
- 27th October Supper at Six (6.00pm)
- 6th November MU Service (11.00am) *with special guest preacher, Mrs Sheran Harper (Worldwide MU President), Mrs June Butler (All Ireland MU President), and the commissioning of trustees*
Remembering Loved Ones (7.00pm)
- 17th November Messy Church: Teach (4.00-6.00pm)
- 20th November Mission Sunday – Local and Global (11.00am)
- 24th November Supper at Six (6.00pm)
- 27th November Family Christingle Service (11.00am)
Advent Carol Service (7.00pm)
- 8th December SANDS Carol Service (7.30pm)
(Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity)
- 13th December Christmas Dinner for Over 60s (6.00pm)
- 15th December Messy Church: Christmas Party (4.00-6.00pm)
- 18th December Parish Carol Service (11.00am)
- 20th December Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Carol Service (7.30pm)

Quadricentennial Celebrations/Events

FUTURE DATES

19th January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service (7.30pm) <i>with special guest preacher, the Rt Rev'd Trevor Williams (former Bishop of Limerick & Killaloe)</i>
24th March	Quadricentennial Anniversary Service (7.30pm)
2nd – 9th April	Holy Week Services
26th-29th May	"Signs and Sayings in John's Gospel": Flower Festival



Quadricentennial Cathedral Prayer

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen. We thank you for 400 years of rich heritage handed down to us from former generations, and we pray that we can hand that on to the generations to come. May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion. Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cathedral family

Peter Booth is joining us for ten weeks as part of his training for ordained ministry. We wish him every blessing in his vocation and ministry.



Tell us about your early life.

I grew up in the parish of St. Michael's Trory, where I was baptised and confirmed and I currently worship in the parish of St. Michael's, Magheraculmoney, in Kesh.

Growing up, I attended Enniskillen High School, Portora Royal Grammar School and Belfast Institute. I confess that I didn't have much interest in school, although I did manage to gain a third level qualification in Software Engineering.

What are you presently doing?

I am married to Diane and am a father to three beautiful daughters (thankfully they take after their mother in the looks department). I am currently working part-time for a private company repairing and modifying wheelchairs for the NHS. Alongside my work, I am studying part time for a Master's Degree in Theology with The Church of Ireland Theological Institute and Trinity College Dublin which provides the training pathway for ordination. All this takes up the majority of my time, so unfortunately at the moment a hobby is something that time does not allow.

Cathedral family

All being well I will be with you all for ten weeks as part of my training for ordained ministry and am looking forward to meeting everyone in my short time with you.

What are your ambitions?

My ambition, in the short term, is to complete my theological training over the next 3 years and then, God willing, enter into fulltime ordained ministry somewhere on the island of Ireland, although I am hoping to remain somewhat local following successful completion of my studies. Long term, I want to enable people to get to know God better and show people the love, grace and forgiveness that God has shown me in my life. I want to fulfil the calling that God has placed upon my life so that when I leave this earth, I will be able to hear those words that every Christian wants to hear, 'well done good and faithful servant'.

Favourites in life?

Outside of spending time with my wife and children, I love reading books about God. I especially enjoy reading books written by an American pastor called Timothy Keller. I would highly recommend a book called 'Walking with God through Pain and Suffering'. I also enjoy watching different series on TV. I am currently watching a series called 'Brooklyn Nine-nine'. It is a comedy which makes me laugh out loud at times and I know we all need a good laugh from time to time.

Have you a favourite Bible verse?

My favourite verse in the Bible is Revelation 21: 4. It says, 'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed'. This verse constantly reminds me that this world is only temporary; that, because of our faith in Jesus Christ, we can hold onto the hope that one day he will return and make all things new.

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 27th October**, please fill in the slip on the information flyer available in this Cathedral News and return it by **20th October**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



St Macartin's Cathedral
SUPPER AT SIX
THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2022
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 20th October 2022 to book your place. Due to expected demand, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

CONTACT NAME: _____
CONTACT NUMBER: _____
NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____



Study on the Holy Communion: Part 7 – The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Rev Chris West

The Liturgy of the Sacrament follows the Liturgy of the Word. It includes some of the parts of the service we have mentioned previously - the offering of the eucharistic elements (bread and wine) - as well as the consecration of the elements during the eucharistic prayer and the reception of the consecrated

elements. Here, it is important to stress that we must not confuse the act of reception with the whole liturgical action; this arguably telescopes total participation down to one part of the liturgy, hugely significant though that part is.



There are two additional points we would do well to note. First, there is the doctrine of “concomitance”. Anglican priest Andrew Davison explains that this refers to the “sense that the whole of what the Eucharist offers is present in each of the elements, bread or wine”; Christ cannot be divided. For this reason, a person need not receive from the chalice and may still be considered a full participant in the celebration, and a very ill person may be communicated by a single drop from the chalice.

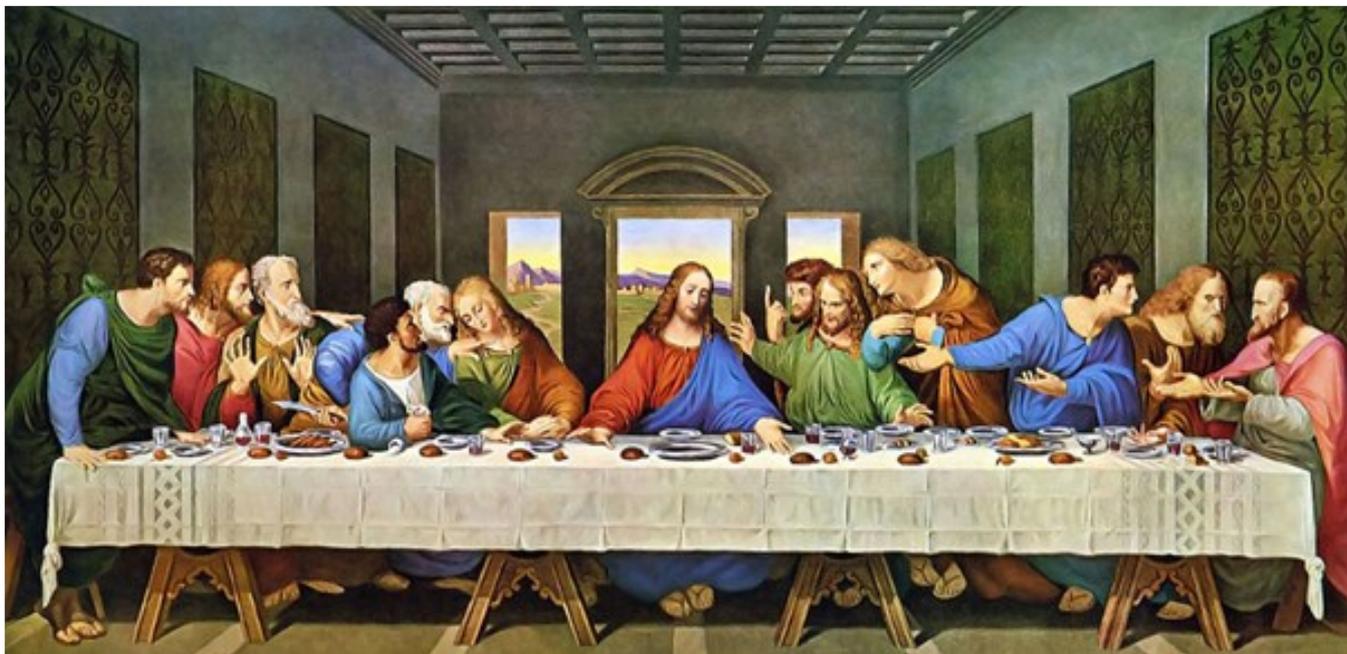
Second, there is the ancient Christian practice of making a “spiritual communion”. When prevented from receiving the eucharistic elements or attending a celebration, people may - as one saint put it - express “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received him”. The Church of Ireland makes pastoral provision for such spiritual communion: “Those who are incapable of receiving the sacrament are to be assured that, although not receiving the elements in the mouth, they are by faith partakers of the body and blood of Christ and of the benefits he conveys to us by them” (look at page 440 in *The Book of Common Prayer*).

Study on the Holy Communion: Part 7

At this stage in our reflections, an explanation of the word "sacrament" might also be needed. The most well-known definition of the term "sacrament" - given in the Catechism included in *The Book of Common Prayer* (see page 785) - is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace"; thus, a sacrament has two parts, an outer sign and inner meaning. In the Holy Communion, the outer sign is the eucharistic elements, bread and wine; the inner grace - while open to a variety of different understandings in our Anglican tradition - is the presence of Christ in a very powerful way.

As a general rule, it is true to say that a sacrament consists of four parts:

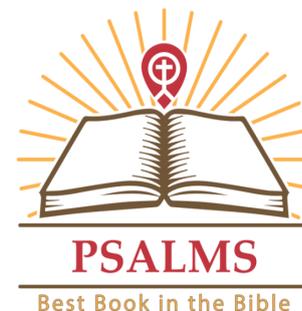
1. **A physical element:** water, bread, wine, oil.
2. **A likeness:** for example, wine and blood.
3. **Authorisation:** Christ gives the Church the authority to use the sign.
4. **Efficacy:** the ability to communicate and confer grace.



In relation to the last part, we should always bear in mind that the efficacy of the sacrament does not depend on the mood or "worthiness" of the believer - or indeed the mood or "worthiness" of the celebrant. The grace of God is freely offered in the Holy Communion, regardless of our response. As one Church of Ireland bishop famously said, "Saying you can't receive the Holy Communion because you aren't worthy is like saying you can't eat your dinner because you're too hungry." After receiving the eucharistic elements, there is usually a period of silence whilst communicants reflect upon the presence of God in their lives.

Psalm 126

Psalm 126 is the seventh of the Songs of Ascents, which would have been sung by Jewish pilgrims as they made their way up the hill to the holy city of Jerusalem for the major religious festivals. As it is a song of thanksgiving, it is often associated with Harvest. The psalm relates to the *past* - it recalls past deliverance in verses 1-3; the *present* - it prays for help with ongoing need in verses 4-5; and the *future* - it expresses confidence that God will indeed deliver those in need in verse 6.



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. (Verses 1-3)



The psalm begins by recalling God's deliverance in the past, most likely the return from Babylonian exile, when the captives were permitted to return to their home country. Home was, for the people of God, a great symbol of belonging. As the poet Robert Frost puts it, "home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in". It is "something you somehow haven't to deserve". "The whole life of the good Christian", Saint Augustine writes, "is a holy longing for home". Elsewhere, he writes, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you". Our ultimate home is found

in the presence of God.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. (Verses 4-5)

Giving thanks for God's deliverance in the past inspires confidence to ask for God's help in the present. Restoration from captivity meant more than a physical return to the land for the people of God; God's presence was still needed. The south of Israel is dry, and in a rainstorm the watercourses become dangerous floods. The psalmist uses this kind of imagery to describe the restoration brought about by the presence of God.

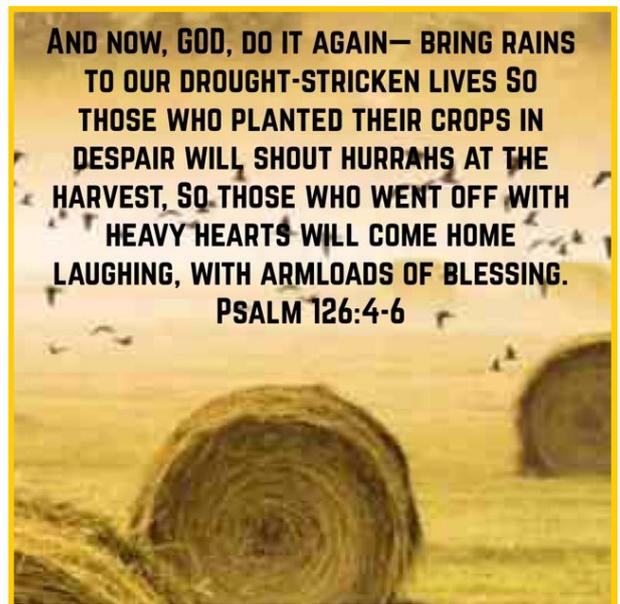


Psalm 126

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. (Verse 6)

The psalm ends with a promise for the future. When American rock group REM released the music video for their song "Everybody Hurts" in 1993, the visual images used were accompanied by written commentary at the bottom of the screen. At one point, this verse is displayed. The point of the song - and of the psalm - is that suffering is sadly an unavoidable part of life. The tears and the joy belong together in the life of faith; or, in New Testament terms, we always live simultaneously as people of the cross and people of the resurrection.

This psalm is, in short, three-sided. It is about the past: we could call that faith. It is about the future: we could call that hope. It is about the present: we could call that love. The good news is that the offer of forgiveness for the past and eternal life for the future we find in Christ takes away the fear that overshadows so much of our present, and frees us to live in the present.

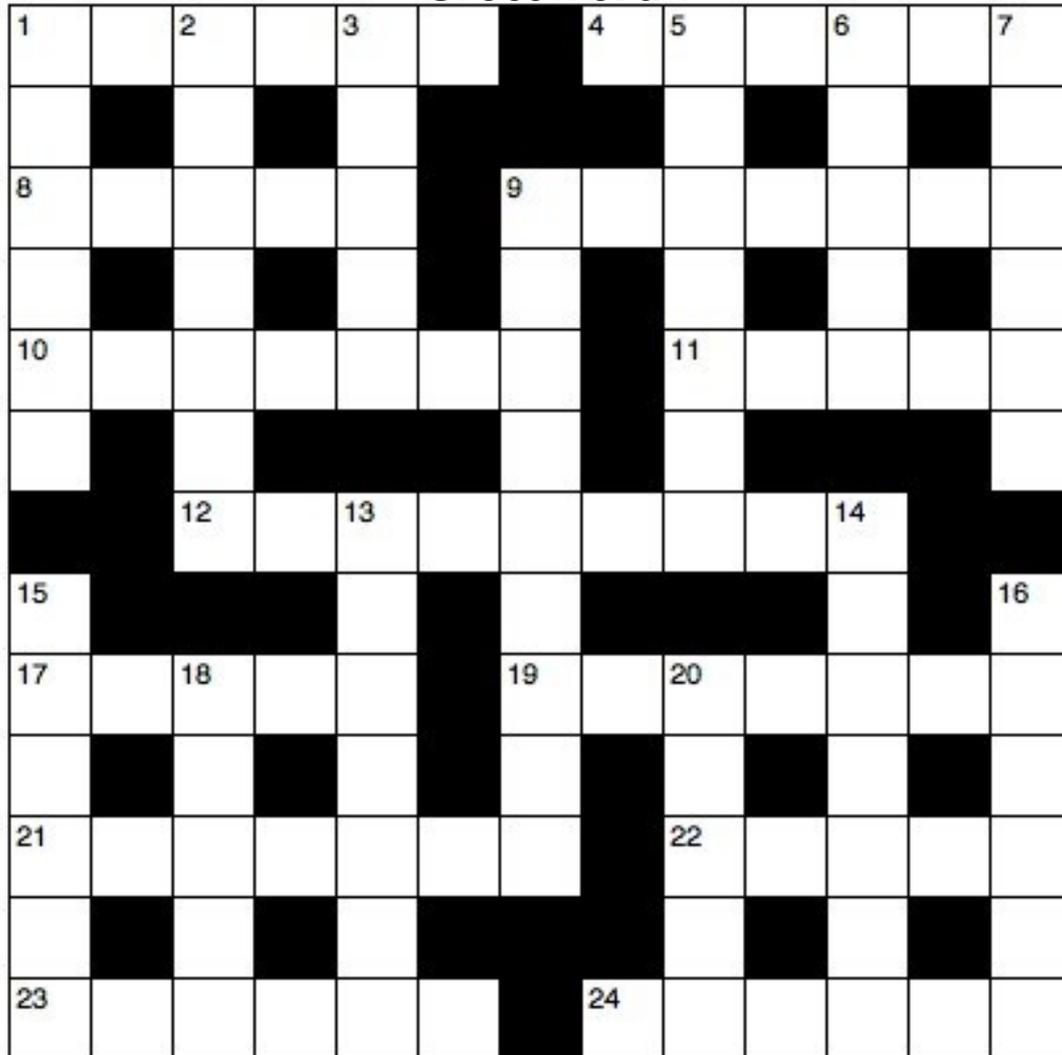


Tuesday drop in

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 to 6.00pm, the Hilliard Room in the Cathedral Hall will be open, where people can chat, study, read the newspaper, knit, and drink tea and coffee, saving money by reducing energy usage in our homes. You are welcome to make use of the tea and coffee making facilities in the adjacent kitchen. On the last Tuesday of each month, the Tuesday Club will meet in the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm, and you would be welcome to join them. Members of the Tuesday Club will meet again on 25th October.



Crossword



Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)

Crossword

22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)

23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)

24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

Down

1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)

2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)

3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)

5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)

6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis17:15) (5)

7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)

9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)

13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)

14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)

15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off' (Mark9:43)(6)

16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)

18 Track(Job41:30)(5)

20 Religious doctrine(5)

Would you like to knit socks?



The St Macartin's Knitwits are taking part in a cross-community project called 'Knitting the Land' and plan to create a 'Sock Tree' installation in the church to share the joy and blessing of making socks.

To achieve this, they are starting a Sock Club commencing on Saturday 1st October at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall. This is open to anyone who would like to knit socks – learner

and experienced knitters are equally welcome. Yarn, needles, sock pattern and guidance will be provided. For further information contact Claire Holmes claire.holmes4@gmail.com.

The Pilgrim Course

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians developed short, simple summaries of the faith. These short statements became known as "creeds". Two creeds in particular were developed in the early centuries of the Church, which have remained important to the Church and are regularly used in our worship today: the



Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. People who were preparing for Baptism in the early centuries of the Church learned a short summary of what Christians believe. One version became accepted as the Apostles' Creed, because it was thought to include the essential teaching of the 12 apostles, Jesus' earliest followers; and it was into that faith of the apostles that Christians were, and still are, baptised. Would you like to explore this faith with us? Following on from the popularity of our Lenten booklets of daily reflections, we are holding a Pilgrim Course that explores the Christian faith in greater depth through these creeds. The course will be inclusive and open to all, whether you are exploring the Christian faith for the first time or simply want to grow in your understanding of what you believe. Sessions will be held in the Cathedral Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, with the next sessions being held on 11th and **25th October** at **7.30pm**. A warm welcome awaits you, and refreshments will be served at each session. We look forward to journeying with you.



Fashion Show

Karisma Boutique is hosting a fashion show in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall on Friday 7th October at 7.30pm. There will also be a modelling of wedding dresses from the past. You may see some very familiar faces! All are welcome. Admission is £6 and all proceeds are to the Air Ambulance NI Charity.

Answers to Crossword on page 20

ACROSS: 1, Lawyer. 4, Balsam. 8, Caleb. 9, Jehoram. 10, Sparrow. 11, Exile. 12, Excellent. 17, Act in. 19, Endemic. 21, Slavery. 22, Galil. 23, Silent. 24, Tarsus.
DOWN: 1, Locust. 2, Welfare. 3, Ember. 5, Athlete. 6, Sara. 7, Member. 9, Jewellery. 13, Condemn. 14, Temples. 15, Causes. 16, Scales. 18, Trail. 20, Dogma.

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 ten Choral Scholarships; ideally at least 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.

The cost of this programme is £6,300 as the students get £630 each towards the cost of the singing lessons. If you would like to support this very worthy scheme, donations would be very welcome.

Scouts

1st Inniskilling Scout Group will recommence after the Summer break on Monday 26th September. Beavers and Cubs will meet on Mondays from 6.45 - 7.45pm and new members will be most welcome.

We hope to start the Scout section again but in order to sustain this we would require some new leaders.

Anyone interested in becoming a leader in any of the sections should contact George Irvine 07864889672 or any of our existing leaders.



Youth and Children's Ministry

Messy Church

A colorful poster for the Messy Church Launch Event. The background is a collage of craft supplies including beads, buttons, string, and fabric. A large white circle in the center contains the event details. The 'Messy Church' logo is in the top left corner of the circle. The text inside the circle reads: 'LAUNCH EVENT', 'TELL: "/>

Sunday Lights and Café

Sunday Lights and Café, at which we use interactive and creative forms of learning to help the children learn about the Christian faith (telling Bible stories, discussion, songs, games, and crafts) will return from Sunday 2nd October onwards. The children will 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 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 all-age time - all are welcome to attend these services! On Sunday 23rd October - the Sunday following St Luke's Day (18th October) - we will be holding a special service for families, giving thanks for those who care for us, as - according to the New Testament - Luke was a doctor who accompanied St Paul on some of his missionary

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journeys. The special guest preacher for the service will be the Rev'd Nick McKee. You can read about The Rev'd Nick McKee on page 9.

Xplore

Xplore is a relaxed group for young people in Years 9-12. We want the young people of St Macartin's Cathedral to know that they are valued, and have a safe space to ask questions about life and faith. We ask our young people to keep the evening of Friday 21st October free for our Xplore outing: bowling, pizza, and ice-cream will feature. Watch out for more information in Pew News soon!



Family Fun Morning

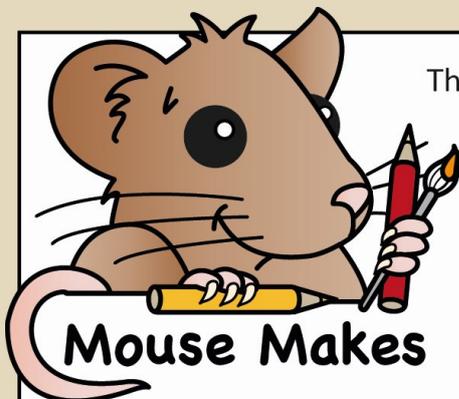
A Family Fun Morning, open to all young families, will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday 8th October from 10am-12noon. Activities for children, as well as refreshments for parents and guardians, will be available. All will be made very welcome!

Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held during Eastertide 2023 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.



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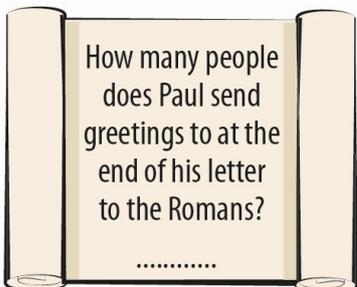
The New Testament has **four gospels, twenty one epistles** and the book of *Revelation*.

The **epistles** are a collection of **letters** that were written by the apostles to the early Christians, they contain teaching, instruction, advice and encouragement.

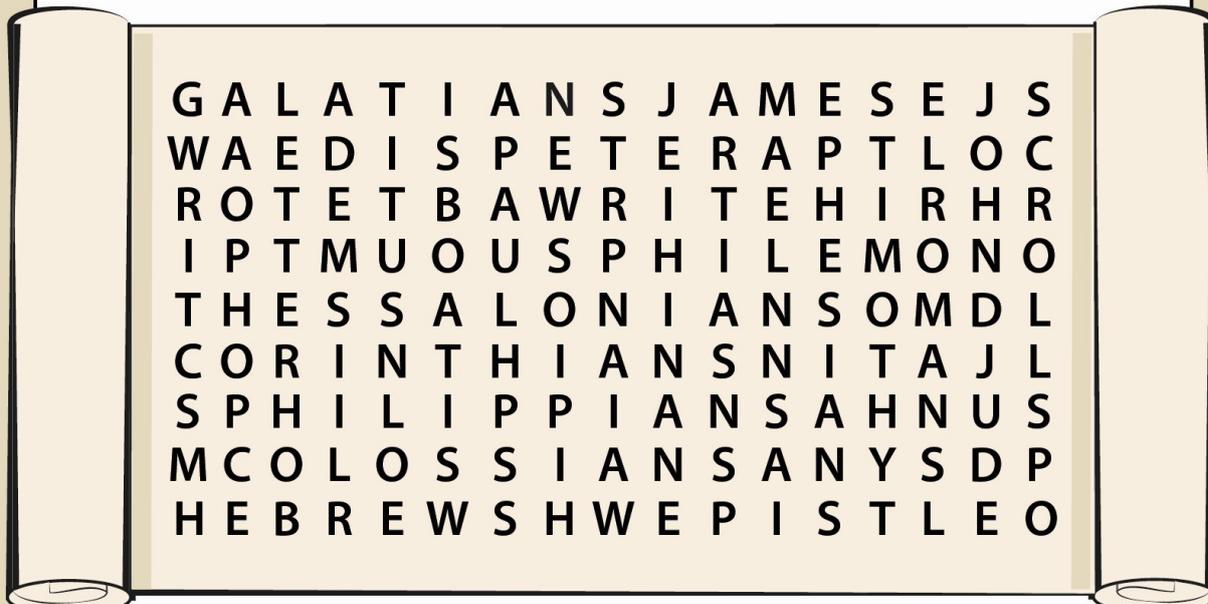
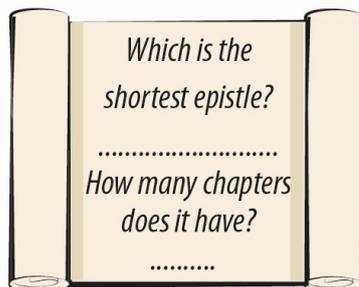
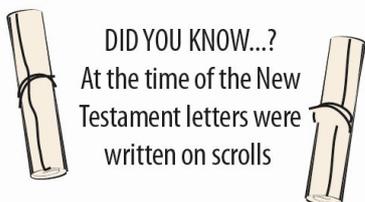
The Apostle **Paul** is thought to have written **thirteen** of the *epistles*...



Look in your Bible to see who wrote the other eight and who they were written to.



The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word **epistolé** which means *letter* or *message*



EPISTLE • LETTER • ROMANS • CORINTHIANS • GALATIANS • EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS • COLOSSIANS • THESSALONIANS • TIMOTHY • TITUS • PHILEMON
HEBREWS • JAMES • PETER • JOHN • JUDE • PAUL • SCROLL • WRITE

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Nathan Clyde and Alanna Williamson

Glebe wardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer), Linda Kingston, Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders, Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Vergers - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

October Lessons and Readers

Sunday 2nd October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Lamentations 1: 1-6 - Linda Corrigan

The Psalm - Psalm 137: 1-6

The Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 - John Graham

The Gospel Reading - Luke 17: 5-10 - The Dean

Sunday 9th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 - Robin Hogg

The Psalm - Psalm 100

The Second Reading - Philippians 4: 4-9 - Margaret Owens

The Gospel Reading - John 6: 25-35 - Peter Booth

Sunday 16th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Jeremiah 31: 27-34 - Myrtle Irvine

The Psalm - Psalm 119: 97-104

The Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5 - George Irvine

The Gospel Reading - Luke 18: 1-8 - Peter Booth

Sunday 23rd October The Fifth Sunday before Advent

Family Service

Sunday 30th October The Fourth Sunday before Advent

The First Reading - Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4 - Isla Rowland

The Psalm - Psalm 119: 137-144

The Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12 - Ivan Kee

The Gospel Reading - Luke 19: 1-10 - The Curate

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 - 6.30pm - 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 - 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

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)

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)