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By him their souls with grace are fed, a rich, a boundless store.**

*Hymn 42 based on Psalm 65*



## OUR VISION

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**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,

The Harvest is a time to thank God for his goodness to us; a time to thank God for his gifts to us; a time also to reach out to those who are in need, as well as a time to focus on the spiritual harvest of our life.

When the Rev Robert Hawker in Cornwall instituted the harvest festival thanksgiving as we know it, over a century ago, he was starting a tradition that was to grow and become an integral part of the Church's year.

In our own country we see all around us the goodness of God, of land being ploughed, the seed sown, of warmth and rain supporting the growth, until we see the harvest. However, let us not forget that even in an age where there is a plethora of food variety on supermarket shelves, we are still dependent on the harvest being safely gathered in, whether here or in some other country. The effect of a bad harvest in one part of the world can have dramatic impact on another part, but in the story of Noah, God promised "As long as earth endures, seedtime and harvest.....shall not cease". A main concern for us today is that the harvest (or food in general) needs to be shared.

Shared with those who have none and with those who cannot afford to buy food. The Cathedral charities offer help to both, and we are again making this our Harvest Appeal. Money for our Outreach Charities and food for the Food Bank in Enniskillen.

In giving thanks to God for the harvest – food for our bodies we also need to



be aware that He also calls us, each one of us, to think how we can use our talents to contribute to the harvest. Each one of us is called individually by God to use our talents for the good of others. Each one of us has unique talents – it may be in making, or producing, it may be in singing or organising, it may be in being good with ideas that inspire others – each talent unique, specific to an individual but used to help grow God's Kingdom here in Enniskillen. Our homes, our families, our neighbours and our friends are in our mission field. For our churches today – that is our great challenge – society has changed significantly in the past 50 years, as a church how do we meet people where they are? How do we communicate the Gospel in a way that relates to people? The situations people find themselves in? How do people see us as Christians put our faith in action?

At this Harvest Season may we take time to reflect and to enjoy all that God has given us, but Harvest Thanksgiving means nothing until you give back to God the gratitude due to Him. We need to offer thanks by praying to Him, giving all you have to Him including your time, talents, abilities, possessions, opportunities and most importantly your presence in His Church. We need to commit ourselves to be His faithful disciples, and never take God for granted.

*Good is the Lord, He gives us bread; he gives his people more,  
By him their souls with grace are fed, a rich, a boundless store.  
(Hymn 42 based on Psalm 65)*

Yours very sincerely,



Kenneth R J Hall



### **Thursdays at 11.00am**

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

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## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Bell Fund (to electrify ringing)

£1,500 Anonymous donation.

£50 Donation from Mr & Mrs Raymond Gault on the Baptism of Anastasia.

£100 Donation in memory of Stewart H Scott, from his wife Joyce.

£1,000 Anonymous donation in memory of Jean and John McCusker.

### Choral Scholarship Fund

£100 Anonymous donation.

### Organ Fund

£50 Donation from South East Fermanagh Foundation.

## 400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book

**St Macartin's Cathedral**  
*at the Heart of the Community*

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

The author Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE BAg graduated from Queen's University in 1959. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as churchwarden, glebewarden and has been honorary secretary of the select vestry since 1989. He has written four other books, two on agricultural matters and two on church history. Those dealing with church affairs are titled: *The Church of Ireland Parishes of Tempo and Clabby - a Shared Heritage* and: *Clabby on the Map - The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People*.

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The cup presented by Edward Davis in 1655 to mark the celebration of King Cormac's death in St Macartin's Cathedral. The inscription is Latin: 'Poculum Ecclesiae Macartin' de Enniskillen ex dono Edward Davis Scapuli anno 1655'. Translated into English: 'The cup of the Parish Church of Enniskillen, the gift of Edward Davis, Gent., in the year 1655.'

This book in its 42 chapters, records the establishment and development of the Church of Ireland Parish of Enniskillen and its church, now St Macartin's Cathedral. The church was established as part of the plan for the Plantation of Ulster but it also has an inheritance from the ancient Celtic Church. The church's history dates from the early 1000s and since then its clergy and people have experienced many political, social, military and economic challenges. Enniskillen men played an important role in supporting King William against the army of King James II. The conflict led to the arrival in 1702 of the British Army in Enniskillen, leaving the villages of the town, Enniskilling, the cathedral's home for many of the laid up soldiers and members of their families and without their loved ones in the lines killing the garrison's Chapel. In more recent times, St Macartin's Cathedral has made a major contribution in developing community relations and has been at the heart of many people in the United Kingdom and in kind acts of charity, humanitarian and thanksgiving. Today, St Macartin's is committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

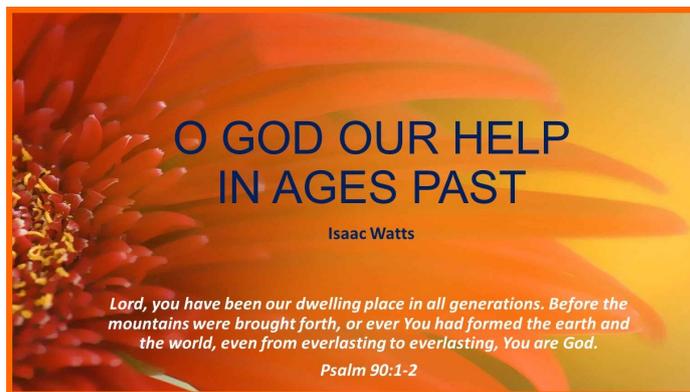
A number of St Macartin's 400 Years of Parish History by Samuel B Morrow are still available at the launch price of £20.00. These would make ideal gifts for family members and friends, especially those who were baptised, confirmed or married in the Cathedral, and for those who have had relatives buried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

## HYMN: The story behind ... O God, our help in ages

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Still may we dwell secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure...

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night,  
Before the rising sun.



Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) is often called the 'Father of English hymnody'. Certainly, before his hymns came along, congregational singing was a tedious business.

Watts was born in July 1674 in Southampton. (At the time of his birth, his father, an educated deacon in a dissenting Congregational church, was briefly in prison for his non-conformist beliefs.) As a boy, Watts showed outstanding ability with language (learning Greek, Hebrew, Latin and French). He also had an unusual ability for easy rhyming in English. (At the age of five, when scolded for giggling in family prayers, it was because he had seen a mouse on the bell-rope, and instantly composed the line: 'There was a mouse, for want of stairs, ran up a rope to say his prayers!')

Watts' literary ability, combined with his interest in theology, made him very unhappy with the congregational singing of the day, which focused almost entirely on strict metrical versions of the psalms. One Sunday after church, Isaac complained to his father about this. His father challenged him to write something better. Though only 18, Watts accepted the challenge, and produced his first hymn – which was duly sung the following Sunday.

It was such a success that he wrote new hymn texts every Sunday for the next two years. In all, he went on to write more than 600 hymns. Some of them are still well-loved today: from this one, 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past', which is a paraphrase of Psalm 90, to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross', and the Christmas carol 'Joy to the World'.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving, in which we give thanks to God for his generous provision, will be held on **Sunday 8th October** at the usual time of **11.00am**. The special guest preacher at this service will be The Very Rev Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick (born and raised in the Parish of Gowra, Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh). 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 ser-

## 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

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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 food-**

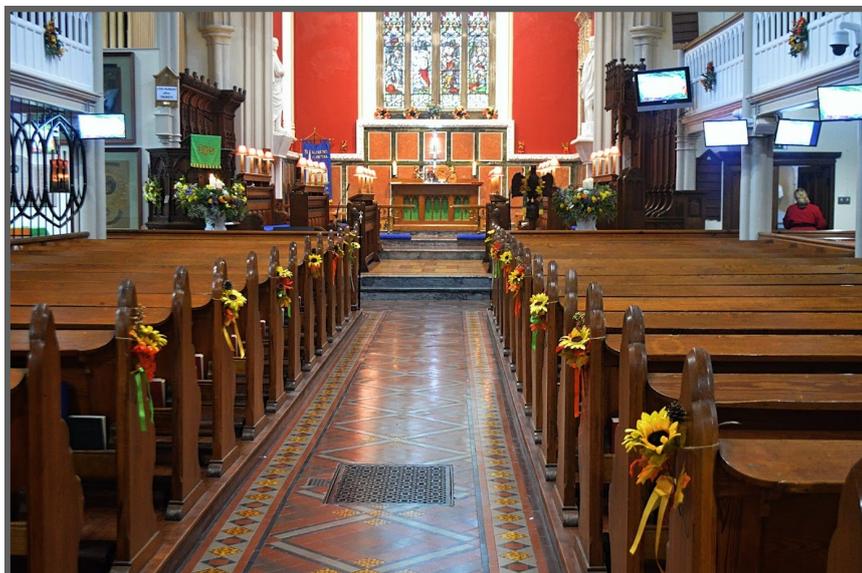
**bank as part of your Harvest offering?** You can bring along food items - cereals, soup, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, custard/rice pudding, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, Dolmio type sauces/tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, juices, tinned meat and fish, pasta, rice, noodles, biscuits, tea, coffee, and 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.



## Mothers' Union



Our MU resumed on 11th September when our Branch Leader, Jenifer, opened with a reading and a prayer.

Jenifer welcomed our speaker, David Watson, who spoke to us on First Aid in the home.

David explained the aims of First Aid were the 3 Ps



1. Preserve Life
2. Prevent Worsening
3. Promote Recovery

During the course of his talk David explained each of these aims. He demonstrated how to use a defibrillator, how to do chest compressions and stressed the importance of keeping the patient's airway opened. He talked about burns and choking in babies, children & adults among many other situations that may arise in the home.

A valuable take home point:

999 is not the only way to access Emergency Services. They can also be accessed by

1. Dialling 112 in an area with no signal or
2. Press the power button on the side of a mobile phone 5 times.

David gave everyone cards to carry to remind us how to respond in an

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emergency situation.

We would like to thank David for a very informative and interactive evening.

Our next meeting is on 9th October at 7.30pm when our speaker will be Peter Scott from RNLI.

Looking forward to seeing you all then and new members will be made most welcome.

EMS Action Plan	
<b>D</b> Danger	Check your safety
<b>R</b> Response	Gently shake the shoulders
<b>S</b> Send For Help!	
<b>A</b> Airway	Check Clear Open
<b>B</b> Breathing	Look-Listen-Feel up to 10 seconds
<b>C</b> CPR	Adult 30:2 Baby/Child 5:30:2
<b>D</b> Defibrillation	Follow prompts



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**Prep for AED**  
Cut clothing from neck to waist,  
Clear chest of all items,  
Dry, Shave,  
Check for ICDs or Pacemakers.

**Place pads onto chest & follow the instructions.**

**Thank you for helping to save lives**

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## Tuesday Club

The season commenced with a service of Holy Communion led by the Rev Colin Brownsmith.

The next meeting will be on 24th October when a tour of the Enniskillen Workhouse Museum has been arranged.

Please meet at 2.00 pm in the Hilliard room as usual where transport to the Museum will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.

## The Bible

At the recent Coronation the King was given a Bible with the words *'the most valuable thing that this world affords'*. Why we should read the Bible?

The Bible isn't a single book, but a library of 66 books, composed by some 44 writers over 1500 years in a range of styles including history, poetry, prophecy, letters and apocalyptic (looking at the end times). Despite having a number of different writers, it claims one authority – God Himself!

*'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work'* (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Bible is inspired (*'the word of God in the words of people'*) and equips us to live for God in every aspect of our lives. We also have the promise of the Holy Spirit to guide us when we read: *'when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth'* (John 16:13).

How should we read the Bible? Let's consider the following guidelines:

*Right time:* We need a regular routine, which will meet our needs. This will vary according to our circumstances: e.g., a mum at home with young children, somebody with a demanding job or a retired person.

*Right Place:* We need to find a space where we can be undisturbed (e.g. lounge, bedroom or kitchen).

*Right Version:* We need a version of the Bible which we can readily understand and use. A number of versions are available (e.g. NRSV, NIV, The Message), as well as Bible apps we can access on our phone.

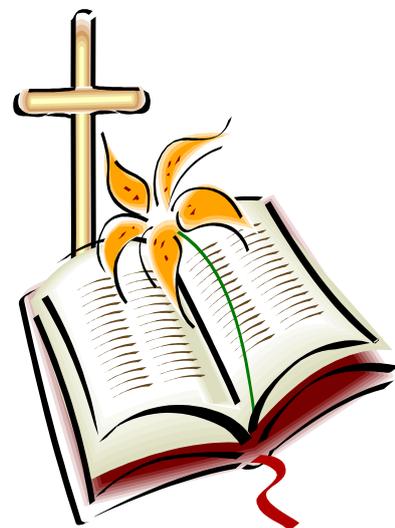
*Right Help:* Reading notes also help us to understand a passage and apply it to our lives - see below

## Bible Reading Notes

Each Sunday all three readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are printed on a Parish Bulletin. The Psalm and Collect are also listed. Make sure you get this sheet each week. If for some reason you are not out, get someone to take one for you. Please keep it and use one of the readings or psalm each day throughout the week in your private prayers.

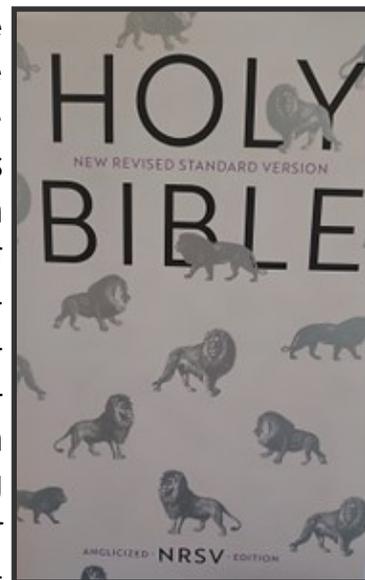
Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of the Church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them and have them sent directly by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting, and relevant to every day life.

*'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path'* (Psalm 119: 105)



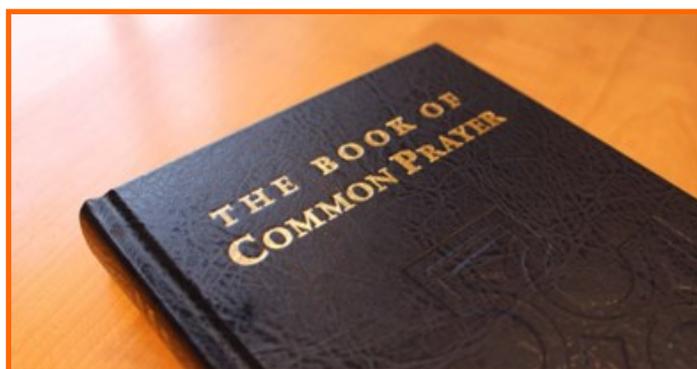
## NRSV Bibles

The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible was first published in 1989, and is today one of the world's most acclaimed translations of the Bible. It is the version we read from during corporate worship, as it is authorised for use by Churches throughout the Anglican Communion. The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCC) invited committees of scholars to undertake a revision of the Revised Standard Version (RSV) Bible to reflect the latest biblical scholarship. The committees operated under a number of important principles laid down by the NCC: 1) to continue in the tradition of the King James Version, offering a good balance of "word for word" and "thought for thought" translation; 2) to depart from that tradition only when required for clarity and current English usage, with the result to be "as literal as possible, as free as necessary"; and 3) to reflect parts of the original texts which were intended to be inclusive (using "brothers and sisters" instead of "brothers", for example). As reflecting on Scripture – in both private devotions and public worship – is an essential part of discipleship, copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £15.00. A copy would also make an excellent gift!



## The Book of Common Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer is a source of unity within the Churches of the Anglican Communion, and is an expression of a liturgical language, traditional and modern, which over the years has captivated people by its beauty and spiritual power. In Anglican Churches, we see a direct relationship between common prayer and the teachings of the Church: the words that Church members themselves pray and own become the expression of what the Church itself believes. Do you have a copy in your home? If not, you should have! Everything in it is based on Scripture, and it is a vital tool for everyday living, daily prayer, and enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through copies of it, you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00. They would also make a wonderful gift!



## Cathedral Family

### Joanna McVey OBE B Mus DL

Joanna McVey is a choir member. She was awarded an OBE in the Queen's honours list and also served as a Deputy Lieutenant.



#### **Tell us about your family background**

I was born and reared in north London. I attended school in London and then studied music at Trinity College Dublin. My father was a GP and my mother was Joan Trimble who, with her sister Valerie, performed for many years as a two-piano duo. They played extensively on BBC Radio and at concerts during the War years and up until the 1960s. My mother's hometown was Enniskillen, where my grandfather, William Egbert Trimble, was proprietor and editor of The Impartial Reporter. When Egbert passed away in the late 60s my mother commuted to Enniskillen for a few days every fortnight, thus maintaining the Trimble family connection. My parents eventually moved permanently to Enniskillen in the late 1970s.

#### **Tell us about your career**

After TCD I returned to London and worked in publishing for a few years. I came to live in Enniskillen some 40 years ago and followed my mother into the newspaper, eventually taking on the role of Managing Director. I was the fifth generation of Trimbles to have been involved with the newspaper since it was founded in 1825. The paper passed out of the family in 2006.

#### **Tell us about your family**

I have two wonderful daughters, Liz and Lucy, by my first marriage; and two exceptional stepdaughters, Jayne and Sarah Saunderson. Liz and Sarah

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live in Enniskillen; Lucy is in London and Jayne in Surrey. Between them there are eight grandchildren. My beloved second husband, Ken, passed away in 2017. He is still very much alive in all our hearts and we were so thrilled when he was the first to be interred in the new plot for burial of ashes in the Cathedral graveyard. It is a very special place for me.

### **What are your hobbies/interests?**

Music has always played an important part in my life. I love being part of the Cathedral choir and Fermanagh Choral Society. Many years ago, along with Ken and others, I played keyboard in 'Jazzwyse', a light jazz group. We were very much in demand! Now I am involved with Music in Fermanagh, a charity which organises classical music concerts at Ardhowen. Over the years I have been immersed in support for community and voluntary activity, the highlight of which was as a founding trustee of The Fermanagh Trust, a role from which I stepped down earlier this year. And I've joined the Knitwits! It's a privilege to be attached to such a talented and warm hearted group, especially as I am still fumbling after a decades long break from knitting!

### **Favourites in life – food, films, books, holidays?**

I like my food to be simple and enjoy lots of fish and vegetables. My taste in films is eclectic and I love going to movies with the grandchildren. As far as books are concerned, I can't resist a good detective story but also enjoy the classics and many Irish writers. I was very lucky to have some wonderful holidays with Ken (including a memorable trip to Galapagos) and also with my late sister, Caroline, with whom I visited countries such as Ethiopia, Georgia, Jordan and Oman. My brother, Nick, lives with his family near San Francisco and we've enjoyed some lovely Thanksgiving reunions together. I also had two amazing working trips with Habitat for Humanity, in Chile and Mozambique.

### **What are your best days to date?**

The birth of each grandchild, new lives coming into the world, beats everything. But the best days continue as one witnesses those babies, now aged 14-23, develop their personalities and individual talents and negotiate their place in the world.

### **Have you a favourite bible verse/hymn?**

There are so many beautiful hymns but if I have to choose just one it has to be 'Dear Lord and father of mankind'. St John's Gospel 14:27 is a verse I turn to for comfort and strength. It is like a laying on of hands.

## Confirmation 2024

A Service of Confirmation will be held in St Macartin's Cathedral in Spring of 2024. If you have not already registered collect a registration form from the Cathedral Office and register now. Year 9 and above.



### 1. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite at which those who have been baptised seek the blessing of the Holy Spirit for their growth as Christians. The confirmation candidates first confirm the promises of their baptism. Then the bishop lays hands on them, praying that God's Spirit will confirm, strengthen and guide them to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

### 2. Why Confirmation?

As children we often adopt our parents' beliefs and practices but as we grow older we develop our own opinions and beliefs. This is part of the transition into adulthood, which is marked by many different stages – moving to secondary school, becoming a teenager, wanting to choose our own styles of clothes and music. In the Christian faith there is also a stage of transition when young people may feel that they want to make their own declaration of faith and commit their life to Christ. This transition is normally marked by confirmation. It is a service in which the young people confirm for themselves, and publicly before family, friends and the wider Church, the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. However, confirmation is not just something for teenagers but can take place whenever an individual desires to make a faith commitment. Sometimes young people come before they reach their teens and others come as adults.



### 3. What happens at Confirmation?

The candidates renew their baptismal vows before the bishop; and as in baptism, the congregation is asked to support the candidates in their life of faith. The bishop then asks each candidate by name, *'Do you ... believe and*

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*accept the Christian faith into which you are baptized?'*

The candidates then affirm their faith, together with the congregation, in the words of the

Apostles' Creed. After this, they kneel before the bishop, who lays hands on each one, praying,

*'Confirm ... O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue to be yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he/she comes to your eternal kingdom. Amen.'*



### 4. How is Confirmation related to Holy Communion?

Holy Communion or Eucharist is when Christians draw especially close to God. In some parts of the Anglican Communion individuals who have been baptised do not have to be 'confirmed' to receive Holy Communion. In the Church of Ireland, admission to Holy Communion has usually presupposed confirmation.

### 5. What happens after Confirmation?

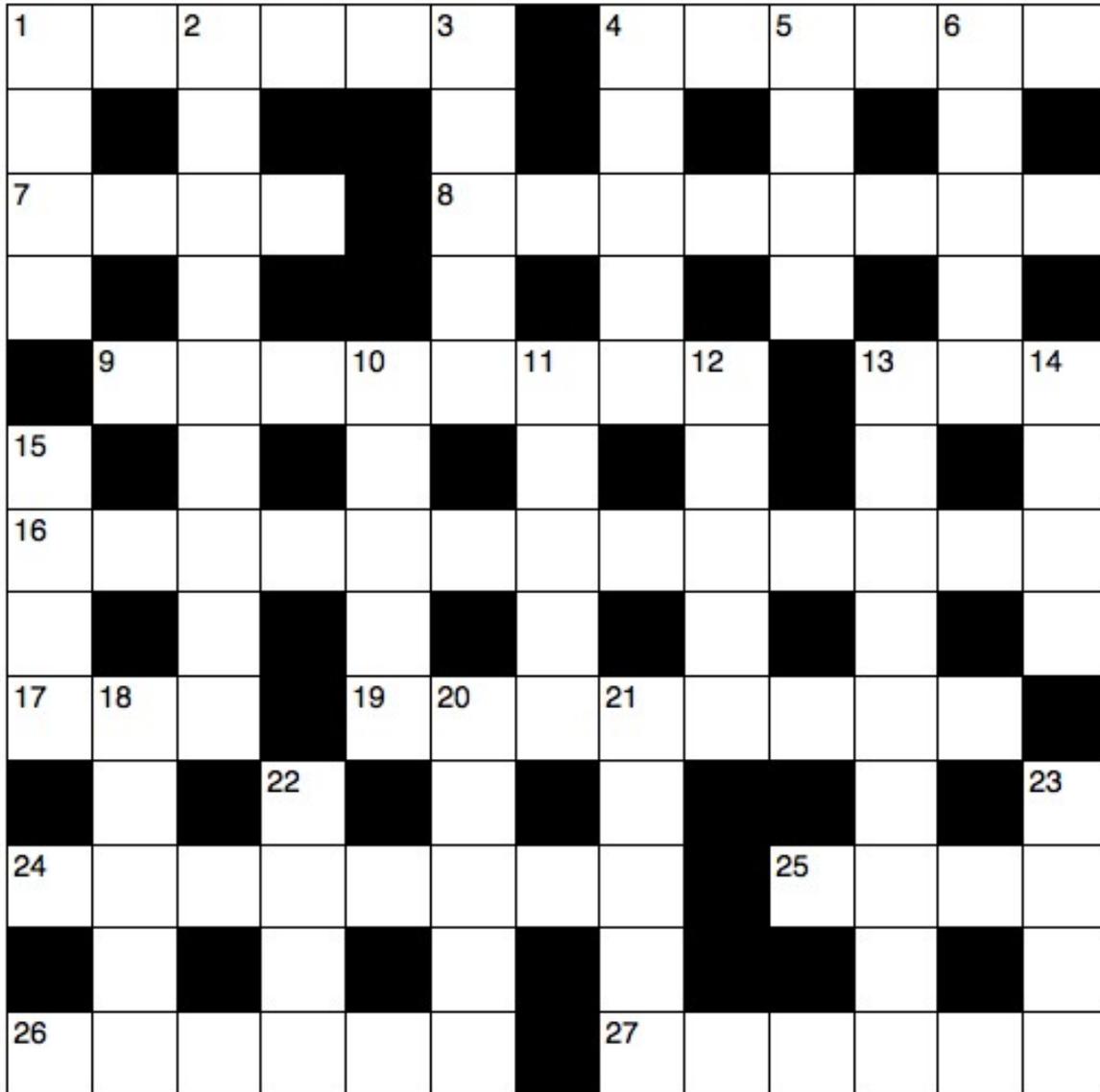
By making a public affirmation of faith the candidates take responsibility for themselves as members of Christ's Church. When the bishop asks, '*Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?*' and '*Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?*', the candidates respond, '*With the help of God, I will*'. This demonstrates both their commitment and their recognition of their dependence on God to live a Christian life.



## Adult Confirmation

Any adults who were never Confirmed and would like to seek Confirmation please contact either The Dean or the Cathedral Office for details. This will take place at a private location with other adults from the Diocese on Ascension Thursday.

**Crossword**



**Across**

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end' (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the — ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)

## Crossword

- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)  
26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)  
27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a —  
!' (John 2:16) (6)

### Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)  
2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)  
3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)  
4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ' (John 3:3) (5)  
5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)  
6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)  
10 Ruses (anag.) (5)  
11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)  
12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)  
13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)  
14 'This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)  
15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)  
18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)  
20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)  
21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)  
22 Bats (anag.) (4)  
23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

## 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 26th October**, please fill in the slip on the information flyer available in this Cathedral News and return it by **19th October**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



The flyer features a blue and white striped border. At the top, it reads 'St Macartin's Cathedral' in a cursive font, followed by 'SUPPER AT SIX' in bold capital letters. Below this, the date and time are given as 'THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.00PM'. A small paragraph explains the meal's purpose: 'Supper at Six' is a monthly meal in the Cathedral Hall, open for all, with an anonymous voluntary contribution encouraged but not obligatory. It notes that places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. A dashed line separates the text from a form area with the following fields: CONTACT NAME, CONTACT NUMBER, NUMBER OF GUESTS, and DIETARY REQUIREMENTS. An illustration of a fork and knife is at the bottom right.

## Psalm

### Psalm 65

We don't know the occasion of this psalm, but because of its thankfulness and praise connected to flocks and grain, many think it was composed for a harvest festival, perhaps the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall season.

(Verses 1-3) The psalmist David described a wonderful picture, the idea that **praise** was waiting to be given unto God in Jerusalem. The sense is that when God came to meet His people, He would be received in an atmosphere of praise. God's people would gather together in Jerusalem to thank God for answering their prayers and to give sacrifices and praise in fulfillment of vows made.

In the connection between God and man, David knew that God was the cause of the connection. The connection begins when God chooses and then causes a man or a woman to come to Him, that they may dwell in His courts. Once established and enjoyed, the connection between God and man brings satisfaction to men. They experienced God's house as a place of goodness received.

(Verses 5-8) Knowing this great power of God should build our faith when we see the tumult of the peoples and are concerned for God's salvation to reach the ends of the earth. We can think of those at the ends of the earth as those who are farthest off, least known, least thought of, most afflicted,

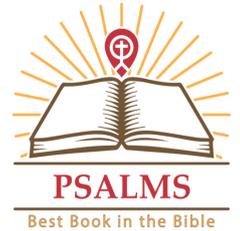
and the hardest to reach. (Verses 9-13) God cares for the earth and makes sure it has what it needs. He provides rivers of water, and grain for the earth. He cultivates the land much more and much better than the farmer does.

The farmer does nothing more to it than break up the ground, and plough, and sow, and then lets it lie. But God must be always attending to it with rain and heat, and must do everything to make it grow and prosper.

, God's people should pray and expect God to move upon both His Church and the world, knowing that they will be barren unless God acts upon them. The earth is full of living, growing things all established and blessed by God. This is another aspect of His power and care for the earth.

**'You crown the year with Your goodness:'** "A full and *plentiful harvest* is the crown of the year; and this springs from the unmerited goodness of God.

David looked out over the land and saw hills covered with livestock and valleys full of grain. It seemed that creation itself shouted for joy and sang to God. The hills and valleys are happy and joyful before God because of His great power and care for them. David understood that the people of God have those same reasons to praise God.



## Knitwits



The St Macartin's Knitwits meet every week during the autumn and winter, to enjoy knitting, crochet and other creative crafting. Earlier this year, the Knitwits installed in the Cathedral a 'Sock Tree' - covered in socks that were hand knitted or crocheted by Knitwit members. This was our contribution towards the St Macartin's Cathedral 400th year anniversary celebrations. The tree has now been dismantled and the socks will be measured and sized before being donated to local charities, particularly those supporting palliative care and cancer patients.

Sock knitting, however, remains popular with the Knitwits, and the Sock Club which started up last autumn to teach and promote sock knitting will continue. For those who have had enough of socks, this will instead become a time to learn and try out new techniques and expand existing skills.

We welcome new members – male and female: beginners, experienced or those who are just a bit out of practice – and offer an open invitation to anyone who wants to share in our weekly creative fellowship. If you are interested, please join us in the Cathedral Hall on Saturday afternoons from 30th September 2023:

**2.00-3.00pm Sock Club/Build your skills 3.00-5.00pm Knit and Knatter**

**For further information, please contact Claire Holmes**

**[claire.holmes4@gmail.com](mailto:claire.holmes4@gmail.com)**

## Youth and Children's Ministry

### Messy Church

Messy Church is back on Thursday, 19th 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.



### 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, 1st 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 next family service is on Sunday 22nd 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 all-age time - all are welcome to attend these services!



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

St Macartin's Cathedral Parenting Wellness Group are excited about their outing on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm** to 'Connecting with Horses' in Clogher. There will be lots of activities including grooming, leading, games, riding etc. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

**Coming dates!**

**11<sup>th</sup> November : 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**High Sheriffs visit Enniskillen**

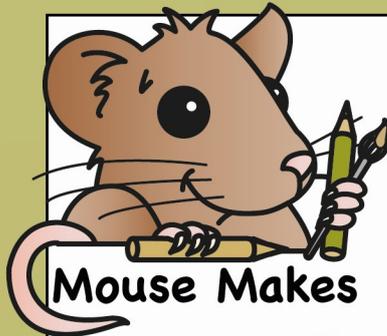


The Dean and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly welcome Northern Ireland High Sheriffs to St Macartin's Cathedral and to St Michael's Church. Left to right. Past High Sheriff of Fermanagh Pat O Doherty, High Sheriff of Tyrone Helen Anderson, High Sheriff of Fermanagh Noelle McAlinden, High Sheriff of Londonderry Angela Thompson and High Sheriff of the Borough of Londonderry Peter Wilson. The High Sheriff of Armagh Gary Dickson apologised for not being able to be present.

Answers to Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Deacon, 4, Appear, 7, Wits, 8, Heavenly, 9, Argument, 13, Mob, 16, Broken-hearted, 17, Ran, 19, Suddenly, 24, Obstacle, 25, John, 26, Enable, 27, Market.  
DOWN: 1, Dawn, 2, Afternoon, 3, Nehum, 4, Again, 5, Prey, 6, All to, 10, Users, 11, Ephod, 12, Trace, 13, Metalwork, 14, Body, 15, Eber, 18, Alban, 20, Uncle, 21, Dream, 22, Stab, 23, Gnat.

## Children's Page



### Mouse Makes



#### CONNECT THE BIBLE FOOD PAIRS

MANNA	HONEY
OIL	WINE
WATER	FISH
LOCUSTS	QUAIL
LOAVES	FLOUR



What drink ran out at the wedding?

\_\_\_\_\_ and what did Jesus use to make more?

\_\_\_\_\_ John 2:3 and 7



What food did God supply for his people in the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Numbers 11:7-9 and 31

After Elijah came to visit, what never ran out?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



1 Kings 17:14

What food did the ravens feed Elijah?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 17:6

What food did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 3:4

What did the boy give Jesus to feed 5,000 people?

Five \_\_\_\_\_

and two \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:9



#### FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

NBO TIBMM OPU  
MJWF PO CSFBE  
BMPOF, CVU PO  
FWFSZ XPSE UIBU  
DPNFT GSPN UIF  
NPVUI PG HPE.

NBUUIFX 4:4

#### DID YOU KNOW?

As Lot escaped Sodom with his family an angel told him not to stop or look back, but Lot's wife did look back and became a pillar of salt.

READ Genesis 19 v15-26



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

Find the words below and the answers to the questions all in the word search

OLIVES • CHEESE  
FIGS • DATES  
MUSTARD  
RAISINS • WHEAT  
SALT • GRAIN  
FRUIT • GRAPES  
VEGETABLES

### WELCOME TEAM October 2023

- 01 Sylvia and Trevor Stevenson
- 08 Avril and Ivan Kee
- 15 Julie and David Nixon
- 22 Jeanette and Richard Cochrane
- 29 Gwen and Karl Saunders



## 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

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)

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