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**"Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;"**



Photograph by Cecil Carson

OUR VISION

**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,

Harvest Services are all about giving thanks and are opportunities to gather together to thank God for all that we have. At this time of the year, as much as any other time, it is good to focus on what we need and what makes us happy. I say this because obviously we live in a society where instead of being thankful we are becoming more and more demanding. The more we have does not mean the happier we are. Often the more we have the more we seem to need!

Our forefathers were not so much thankful for what they had but rather they were thankful in whatever situation God allowed them to be in. When they had a lot, or when they had a little they were thankful. It was just a way of thinking! At the time of festivals or in famine they were thankful. In joy or in misery they were thankful. There is a big difference between being thankful 'for' things and being thankful 'in' all things.

The hymn "Now thank we all our God" was written in 1637 by Martin Rinkart. Rinkart was a Lutheran minister, in Eilenburg, Germany, during the Thirty Years' War. The walled city of Eilenburg saw a steady stream of refugees pour through its gates and soon the Swedish army surrounded the city. Famine and plague soon broke out. It is said that in 1637 when Rinkart wrote this hymn, he buried 4,480 people in Eilenburg, including his wife and his children, who had died of the plague. It is a testament to his faith that, during such misery, he



was able to write a hymn of abiding trust and gratitude toward God.

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven adore
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

The Christian faith affirms that in the midst of everything – in death, in loss, in hardship – we are to be thankful to the Lord. Of all we have or receive the most precious thing is that God blesses us with an abundance of love, and may we share that love with each other.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R J Hall



Harvest Services - Keep Free!

Sunday 8th October 2017

11.00am preacher Rev Dr Isaac Thompson,
Minister Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church,
Cookstown

7.00pm preacher Rev Aonghus Mayes,
Rector of St James Parish, Moy, Co Tyrone

"Come, ye thankful people come"

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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

27th August – Kane Christopher Paul Elliott



"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

Christian Burial

25th August - Mair (Mary) How,
County Care Home,
formerly Tempo Road, Enniskillen.

31st August- Herbert Derek Henry,
408 Loughshore Road, Enniskillen.

1st September- Benjamin (Ben) Hodgins,
34 Tarmon Brae, Enniskillen.

3rd September - Herbie Carson,
Brantwood Gardens, Antrim.
formerly Derrygore Terrace, Enniskillen.

5th September - Ruth Margaret Palmer,
Millcroft Nursing Home
formerly Burnside Park, Enniskillen.

8th September - Edna Patricia Patterson,
Millcroft Nursing Home
formerly Loughview Drive, Enniskillen.

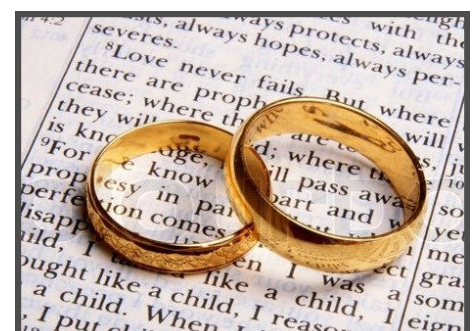


"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Christian Marriage

1st September- Helen Susan McMurray
and David Edward Burton

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



Parish Donations

Flower Fund

£50 In memory of my dear wife Ann Gault, died 4th October 2005.
From her husband Willie and family, 17 Killyvilly, Enniskillen.

Fabric Fund

£100 Donation from Mrs Shirley Johnston, Culkey, Enniskillen.

Cathedral Roof Fund

£100 Donation from Mr & Mrs George Boyd, 4 Irvines Crescent, Enniskillen.
£840 Proceeds from Boat Trip and meal in Killyhevlin Hotel.

Hall Furnishing Fund

£100 Donation from Miss Marie McCordick, Belfast.

Organ Fund

£440 Donation in lieu of flowers in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Carson late of
Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen.

Garden of Remembrance Fund

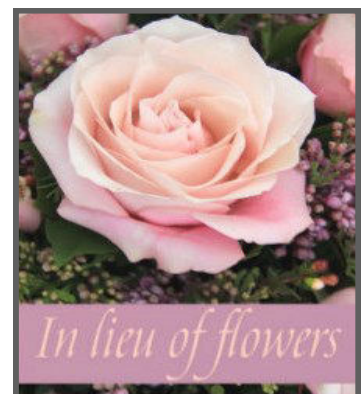
£100 Anonymous Donation.

Kestral Boat Trip

Thank you to Mr Stephen Nixon for donating to the parish a trip on his boat the Kestrel. The proceeds are a welcome contribution to the Cathedral Roof Fund. It was thoroughly enjoyed by forty five parishioners and friends. Our thanks are also due to Ivan and Avril Kee who provided refreshments in their home as a break during the trip. The evening ended with a delicious meal in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

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.



Dedication of Garden of Remembrance



With the increased number of people choosing cremation, St Macartin's Cathedral needed to make provision for the burial of ashes in the Cathedral grounds. On Sunday 17th September our Bishop, The Rt Rev John McDowell celebrated Holy Communion. During the last hymn, accompanied by the Choir and Clergy the Bishop led the congregation outside to St Macartins's Cathedral Garden of Remembrance. Here he was petitioned by the Churchwardens to dedicate the Garden of Remembrance.

A summer seat for relatives to have a private and quiet area in which to remember has been donated and will be dedicated at a later date. The Garden of Remembrance may be of interest to former Cathedral parishioners who have moved away from the area (maybe overseas and large cities where cremations are more common) and may want the Cathedral grounds to be the resting place for their ashes. Please make this widely known and donations would be gratefully received towards this project – 'The Cathedral Garden of Remembrance Fund'.

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Dedication of Garden of Remembrance



Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations

Sunday 8th October 11.00am –
Preacher: Rev Dr Isaac Thompson,
Minister Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown

Sunday 8th October 7.00pm –
Preacher: Rev Aonghus Mayes,
Rector of St James Parish, Moy, Co Tyrone



Sunday morning will bring us our main Parish Harvest Thanksgiving when the preacher will be Rev Dr Isaac Thompson, Minister Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown. The Choir will, as always, have special music prepared for the harvest and the whole parish is invited to make this one of the biggest and best services of the year as we come to give thanks for all the goodness and mercy we have received at God's hand. The service on Sunday evening will be a Community Harvest Thanksgiving when everyone from across the town is invited to join in the familiar hymns and prayers of thanksgiving. The preacher at this service will be Rev Aonghus Mayes, Rector of St James Parish, Moy, Co Tyrone. Please encourage and invite your friends and neighbours to come along and make this a truly memorable occasion.

Harvest Appeal

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

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

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 financially afford and bring it to church, as you make that extra effort to come to God's House to give thanks for His goodness and loving kindness.

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

Cathedral Open Day

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. In order that more people can see and enjoy the harvest decorations this year, the Cathedral will open on Saturday 7th for visitors to come along and view the Harvest decorations. Everyone is welcome to visit during the day or attend any of the services.



Dedication of Plaque in memory of Capt L E G Oates

On Sunday 29th October at 11.00am Morning Prayer we will be joined by a representative of Her Majesty the Queen, Officers of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and their wives when a Plaque will be dedicated in memory of Captain L E G Oates, The 6th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. The preacher will be Revd Fr A E Strachan CF(RC) Chaplain to The Royal Dragoon Guards.

Born 17th March 1880, in Putney, London. In 1898 after leaving Eton, Oates joined the 3rd West Yorkshire (Militia) Regiment, and two years later joined the army, being posted to the 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons. In 1901 he went on active service in the South African War. He served with distinction, and was mentioned in dispatches for gallantry in the field. He was severely wounded in March 1901, and was invalided home for a short period, but returned to the front before the end of the year.

In 1902 he was promoted Lieutenant, and successively served with his regiment in Ireland, Egypt, and India, and promoted Captain in 1906. In 1910, Oates applied for a post on the Antarctic expedition under Captain Robert Falcon Scott. He was accepted and with his knowledge of horses, was put in charge of nineteen ponies, which were to be used for sledge haulage. The expedition sailed in June 1910 on the Terra Nova, and leaving New Zealand in November reached the Ross Sea and established a base at Cape Evans on Ross Island, in January 1911. In November 1911, Oates formed part of the sledging party under Scott, which set out for the South Pole. The South Pole was reached on the 18th January 1912, after an arduous journey, thirty-four days after Roald Amundsen had planted the Norwegian flag there. The return journey was begun the same day, temperatures

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were extremely low and weather conditions were adverse. Oates showed signs of feeling the cold severely, but the party made good progress to the Beardmore Glacier. On the 17th February, Petty Officer Evans was the first to succumb to the cold, and died. The four remaining men in the party continued to the next depot, but travelling conditions worsened and temperatures fell to below minus forty-seven degrees. Survival depended on the ability of the men to reach each depot before their food and fuel supplies were exhausted.

Oates was suffering from frost bitten feet, but he continued for as long as he was able. As travelling conditions worsened, Oates realised he could go no further and asked to be left behind, as he feared he would hold up the progress of the rest of the party, lessening their chance of survival. His request was refused, and for another day he struggled on. On the morning of March 17th, during a blizzard, Oates told Scott he was 'just going outside and may be some time'. He was never seen again. The self sacrifice of Oates enabled the three men to push on, and there was a possibility that, in spite of their extreme exhaustion, they might cover the thirty miles to the food supplies at One Ton depot. However, a heavy blizzard held them up eleven miles from the depot, and, unable to proceed, the three men perished on the 29th March 1912.

A search party found the bodies of Scott, Wilson and Bowers on the 12th November 1912, but never found that of Oates. Near the site of his death they erected a cairn and cross bearing the inscription, 'Hereabouts died a very gallant gentleman, Captain L. E. G. Oates, of the Inniskilling Dragoons. In March 1912, returning from the Pole, he walked willingly to his death in a blizzard, to try and save his comrades, beset by hardships.'

Oates Land, part of the Antarctic coastline discovered by the Terra Nova in February 1911, was named in Oates' honour.

Thursdays at 11.00am

Service of Holy Communion (30 minutes), followed by a cup of tea/coffee.

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!



Cathedral Family



**Alan Devers -
A friendly face who
is always warmly
welcomed in our
Cathedral Family!**

It may surprise many parishioners to know that I live in Portrush, not Enniskillen. My working career was spent teaching in Dunluce School, Bushmills, as head of History. I took early retirement five years ago and have never been busier. My wife Lorraine, was born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Lorraine's parents were Fermanagh born and emigrated to Rhodesia in the 1950s, only to return in retirement. We have two children, Tara, currently at Trinity studying medicine, and Shane, in Year 14 at Dalriada School, Ballymoney.

When In Portrush I attend Holy Trinity Church in the town. I am Secretary to the Select Vestry and a member of the choir. Over nine years ago I wanted to get more involved in church services and trained as Parish Reader. This means I read the service at either 11.00 am or 6.30 pm from time to time. On a few occasions I have taken the Compline service (6.30 pm) on my own and even preached.

How did you get involved in the Cathedral?

In one word, nosiness! I had heard there was a new Dean and decided to investigate! Even before the service the Dean had 'nabbed' me and talked me into joining the choir. The next thing I found myself administering the chalice as I do in Portrush. As you all know, the Dean is very persuasive!

Cathedral Family

What is your family background?

As you will gather from my accent I was born in Enniskillen. My father's family worshipped in the Cathedral. I am very proud to say that my uncle Leslie's name is on the Cathedral War Memorial as he served in the Royal Navy during World War Two. My father was too young for the war but my uncle Jim served in the Royal Navy for 25 years, post war. My mother's family had always attended Rossorry and after their marriage the family went there, as we technically lived in Rossorry Parish.

What are your hobbies/interests?

This is a dangerous question to ask. I have always been a railway enthusiast. I am heavily involved in Headhunters Railway Museum. This year marked the 60th anniversary of the closure of the Fermanagh railways on 30th September 1957. I also enjoy reading and gardening.

Do you like to travel?

Yes I do. In the last few years my family and I have cruised the Mediterranean. In 2017 we deviated and took a Baltic cruise, visiting the beauties of St. Petersburg and its Russian Orthodox churches.

Have you a favourite hymn or bible verse?

I am particularly fond of the Book of Psalms. The 150 Psalms deal with all aspects of life and reveal that people in those far off times were no different from people today, sometimes praising God, at other times critical and nasty. Probably Psalm 121, 'I lift up my eyes to the hills' is my favourite, with its big question 'from whence.....cometh my help' - and the answer, verse 2.

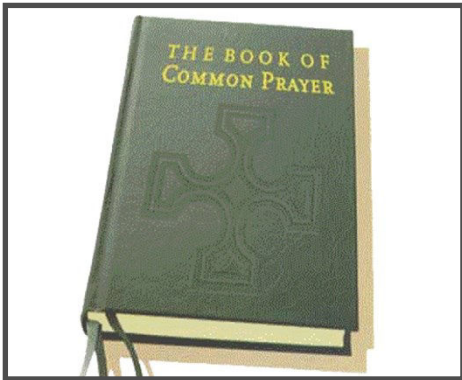
As for hymns, I like so many of them, particularly when the organist, Glenn Moore, gives them his treatment! Good examples are 'Nearer my God to thee' and 'Be thou my vision'.

As an outsider or part-timer, what strikes you about the Cathedral?

That is easy to answer: the friendliness. The Dean sometimes refers to the choir as a family and it really is. The choir is a particularly friendly and supportive place in good times and in bad. People don't take themselves too seriously and enjoy a bit of fun; even my odd sense of humour. Glenn, the organist, and Jayne, our conductor, are very professional but yet run the choir in a lovely light-hearted, joyful way. Finally, can I thank the Dean for all his support to me and my family since I got to know him. (No, he didn't add this sentence!)

Collect of the Month by Rev. Chris Mac Bruithin

Our series exploring some of the Church's most beloved prayers continues with the collect appointed for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.



Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in
you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The nub of this prayer is a quotation from St Augustine's *Confessions*. Born in North Africa in 354 AD, Augustine was a brilliant scholar. As a young man, he boasted of his pleasure-seeking exploits and many lovers. However, Augustine later converted to Christianity, admitting that his hedonistic lifestyle in fact did not satisfy him. What did bring him contentment was God. In his own words, 'our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you'. This former party animal became one of the most impacting teachers in ancient Christendom.

Like all collects, this one begins by calling on God by name. 'Almighty' in Scripture means that no one has any power over God. Some find it difficult to call God 'Almighty' because of the suffering we experience. If God is almighty, why do cancer and earthquakes exist? There are no easy answers. C. S. Lewis, another convert to Christianity, grappled with this question all his life, especially following the death of his wife, but continued to trust in God. All we can do is trust that since no one can thwart God's ultimate plan, and since He is wholly good, God is in loving control despite appearances.

Then follows God's action in the world: He has created us for Himself. We owe our existence to Him; He designed us and knows us intimately. He understands what makes us tick, and so it is no wonder that we only find pure contentment when we discover our purpose in life: to know God. Until then, our hearts are restless, no matter what else we try to fill our lives with. A casual reading of this collect might wrongly lead to the conclusion that the petition expresses salvation by works, which is of course what the Reformation rejected 500 years ago. But 'service' here does not mean good works performed in order to curry God's favour. Rather, 'service' is

the right relationship we have with God when we find our rest in Him (note the pleasing poetry of the contrasting pair *rest* and *service*). It expresses submission, but also loyalty and trust.

The results of such a relationship with God are two-fold. Firstly, in this life we experience peace. No more rebellion like the younger Augustine; no more anxiety about earning one's salvation like many in the pre-Reformation Church. In the words of St Paul, 'Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ' (romans 5:1). Secondly, in the world to come, we will see God face to face. Those we love and who have gone ahead of us into God's nearer presence experience this already: rest in God.

Collect Competition!

This competition is open to all children and young people in primary or secondary school. Your task is to compose an original collect on a contemporary theme. Judges will take into consideration structure, content, poetry and originality.

Remember the different parts of a collect as described in the September magazine. (1) Address God, (2) say something relevant about God's character or His action in the world, (3) say what you are asking God for and why, (4) end by giving glory to God or asking in His name, and (5) finish with 'Amen'.

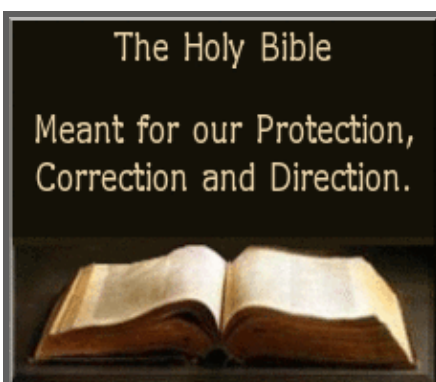
Two prizes will be awarded, one for P1-7 and one for Year 8-14.

Closing date: 31st December 2017.

Entries should be typed or neatly hand-written. They can be left in the Cathedral Office in an envelope clearly marked 'Collect Competition', or you can email your entry to criostoir316@gmail.com.



Bible Reading Notes



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 direct by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and even relevant to every day life.

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' Psalm 119

Forming Faith at St Macartin's



Last month, Xplore got up and running again with a Confirmation Class of 2016/17 Reunion. We had fun catching up about life after Confirmation, and how the Cathedral can continue to be part of our young people's lives.

On **Monday 30th October**, young people in Years 9+ are invited to take a **Walk in the Dark** ... if you dare! We will tell stories from Enniskillen's spooky and grisly past! But did you know that Halloween (All Hallow's Eve) is really a Christian festival? And you might be surprised to know that it's all about LIGHT and LIFE! Bring your friends, wrap up warm, and wear sturdy shoes.

Time: 7:30-9 pm Venue: Meet in the Cathedral Hall



LOVEFORLIFE

informing choice

In November and December, Xplore is teaming up with *Love For Life*, a youth organisation which works to help young people navigate the world of sex and relationships. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and carefully put together in an age-appropriate way. They deal with issues such as safety online, social media, peer pressure and what makes for healthy relationships. Two different programmes will run simultaneously, 'Game On' for 12-14 year-olds and 'Picture This' for 15-16 year-olds. We think this will be an invaluable opportunity to keep our young people safe, happy and healthy.

For more information, you can go to loveforlife.org.uk or contact Rev. Chris.

Dates: Sunday 5th November, Sunday 19th November, Sunday 3rd December

Time: 7-9 pm Venue: Rossorry Parish Church Hall

Forming Faith at St Macartin's

Messy Church

Come along to Messy Harvest and say thank you to God for his wonderful creation! Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, food and lots of fun for children of Primary School age and their parents and guardians. Invite your friends!

Time: 4-6 pm Date: Thursday 19th October

Venue: Cathedral Halls

Remember – no child without an adult – no adult without a child!



Confirmation



A Confirmation service will be held in the spring of 2018 for young people of school year 9 and above. Those who expect to be confirmed should regularly attend church with their families. There is no logical sense in being confirmed if you are not a regular attendee at 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.

Pilgrim

Course Dates: October 3rd and 17th, November 7th and 21st, December 5th in the Devenish Room, Cathedral Hall. Pilgrim Christmas Gathering: December 12th



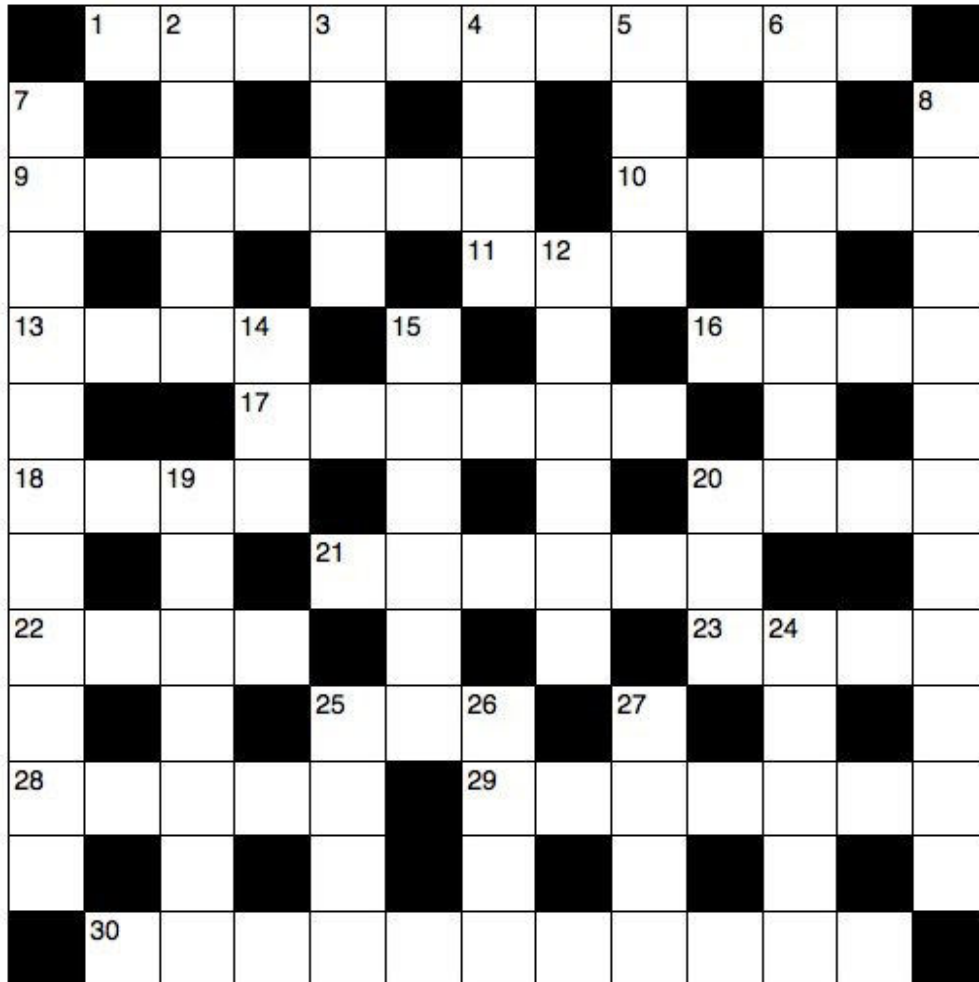
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Crossword



Across

- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)

Crossword

25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)

28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)

29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)

30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)

3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)

4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)

5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)

6 I veto me (anag.) (7)

7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)

8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)

12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)

14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)

15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)

19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)

20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)

24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)

25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)

26 Heroic tale (4)

27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

Welcome Team October 2017

01 October - Helen and Norman Coalter

08 October - Hilary and Raymond Campbell

15 October - Sylvia and Trevor Stevenson

22 October - Avril and Ivan Kee

29 October - Julie and David Nixon

Mothers' Union

Mother's Union recommenced on Monday 11th September with a night of 'Fizz and Fashion'

Stephaine opened the well attended meeting with a bible reading and a warm welcome to members and visitors. We had a very pleasant evening starting with fizzy drinks and then a fashion show provided by Style Fashions and Sloan's Footwear, our sincere thanks is extended to both Management and staff. A special word of thanks to Margaret, Joy and Jackie from Style for all their hard work on the evening and for the fashion voucher. The lucky winner was Gillian Glass. Thanks also to the five models who modelled the clothes and shoes with such flair, and to Andy McCabe for providing music.

Supper was served by the committee.

The Dean addressed the meeting with an update from the meeting which was held in Killyhevlin Hotel regarding the future of our Stroke Unit in SWAH.

Our next meeting will be on 9th October with the theme Hazel's Travels.



Mothers' Union



Men's Harvest Supper

7:30pm - Thursday 5th October 2017

in the Saddlers Restaurant

with guest speaker

Rev Rob Clements



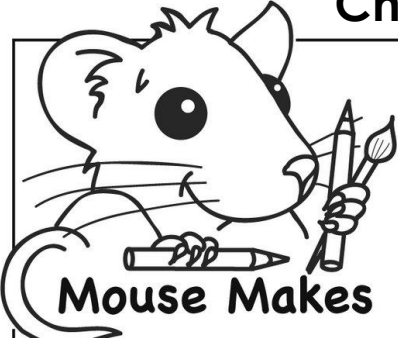
On Thursday 5th October we launch our new Men's Life group. Our hope is to regularly bring together all the men of the parish for an evening of fellowship, activities, and guest speaker. We are delighted that the Revd Rob Clements has agreed to come and speak at our opening event, a Men's Harvest Supper, and we look forward to hearing about his life and his faith.

Admission is free, but as we need to confirm numbers for supper, you are asked to reserve a place in advance by contacting Gordon Jackson, Karl Saunders, Ewan Richmond or David Graham.

... the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart [1 Samuel 14]



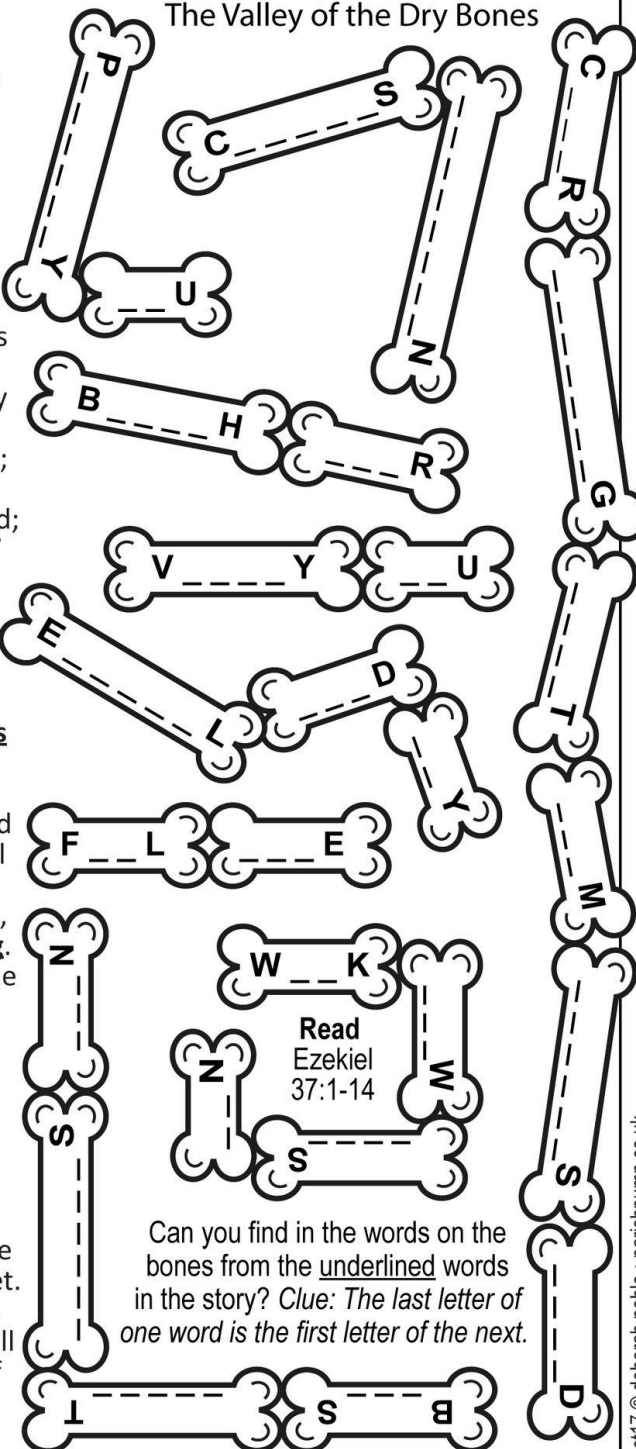
Children's Page



The Valley of the Dry Bones

Mouse Makes

Ezekiel the prophet had a special dream from God. In his dream he stood in the middle of a valley full of a great many bones. God made him walk around them, then God said; "Son of man, can these bones live?" Ezekiel replied; "Sovereign Lord, you know." God told Ezekiel to prophesy over the bones, to tell them; "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord, I am about to put breath into you and you will live. I will put tendons on you and muscles over you and cover you with skin, I will put breath in you and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord." So Ezekiel did as God had said, he heard the sound of rattling. The bones came together bone to bone, then tendons and muscles and skin appeared on them. God told Ezekiel to say to the breath; "Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe on these corpses so that they may live." Ezekiel spoke what God had told him and the corpses came alive and stood on their feet. God explained the meaning of the dream and said; "I will put my Spirit in the people of Israel and they will know I am the Lord and they will live."



Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

Can you find in the words on the bones from the underlined words in the story? Clue: The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next.

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Answers to Crossword on page 18

ACROSS: 1. Bartholomew, 9. Evil one, 10. Adore, 11. Ran, 13. Oreb, 16. Zinc, 17. Entail, 18. Hung, 20. Levi, 21. Joshua, 22. Pity, 23. Wide, 25. Age, 28. Alarm, 29. Partake, 30. Sennacherib.

DOWN: 2. Alive, 3. Took, 4. Over, 5. Onan, 6. Emotive, 7. Jehoshaphat, 8. Melchizedek, 12. A light, 14. Beg, 15. Strong, 19. Not have, 20. Law, 24. Iraq, 25. Amen, 26. Epic, 27. Free.

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Assistant Director of Music - Jayne Haslett

Churchwardens - David Clarke and Richard Cochrane

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Jim Nixon

Select Vestry - Linda Corrigan, Noel Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer), Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J Nixon, Ewan Richmond, Stephen Richmond, Brian Rutledge, Karl Saunders, Jack Spratt and Jonathan Woods

Assistant Hon Secretary - Raymond Campbell

Assistant Hon Treasurer - Jenifer Johnston

Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Jack Watson

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

October Lessons and Readers

01 October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Exodus 17: 1-7 - Gillian Glass

The Psalm - Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

The Second Reading - Philippians 2: 1-13 - T David Nixon

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 21: 23-32 - The Dean

08 October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Harvest Thanksgiving

The First Reading - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 - Margaret Owens

The Psalm - Psalm 19: 1-8

The Second Reading - Philippians 3: 4-14 - Brendan McCann

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 21: 33-46 - Valerie Breen

15 October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Exodus 32: 1-14 - Marie Morrow

The Psalm - Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

The Second Reading - Philippians 4: 1-9 - Jim Stevenson

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 22: 1-14 - The Curate

22 October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Family Service)

29 October The Fifth Sunday before Advent - Dedication of Capt Oates Plaque

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

The Psalm - Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

The Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 22: 34-46

**Welcome Team
October 2017**

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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.
- 7.00pm - Evening Prayer (first, second and third Sundays)
Holy Communion (fourth Sundays)
A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing (fifth Sundays)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- 11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)
- 1.05pm - Healing Service (fourth 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
- Scouts - 7.30pm - 9.00pm
- Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)
- Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)
- Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)
- Mothers' Union - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

- Tuesday Club - 2.00pm - 4.00pm (last Tuesdays)
- Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm
- Pilgrim - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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)
- Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Youth Club (Saturday Night Live) - 7.00pm - 9.00pm

SUNDAY

- Xplore - 7.00pm - 8.30pm (as arranged)

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