

The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral

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*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

Psalm 122:1

Welcome back!



Photograph by Roy Crawford

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,

These past six months have been an extraordinary time, and I believe the first period without public worship and the sacraments in about 800 years – even during two world wars the churches continued to function. It was a real joy and delight to reopen our doors and have a reopening service on the very day we were permitted to do so, Monday 29th June (The Feast Day of Saint Peter). During the first three weeks of lockdown I read Morning Prayer in a building empty of people, but with the presence of the Lord. Then on Easter Sunday after the installation of a webcam we went live to the world, and I am very grateful to Jane McKinley for joining with me every Sunday since then to enhance our worship with her most talented and beautiful voice. I know many of you also appreciated that and thank you for your kind comments to both Jane and myself as we carried on worship.

Even though the Cathedral doors were closed a lot of work went on behind the scenes. Beth (Secretary) and Andy (Verger & Cathedral Hall Caretaker) continued to work through the crisis. Beth moved the Cathedral Office to her spare bedroom and Andy completely cleaned the Cathedral Halls and the Cathedral – the floors are sparkling! Thank you to Ronnie Carson and Willie Holmes who were very supportive and towers of strength to me amidst all our technology difficulties in the early days of streaming our services (beyond our control) and for ensuring in latter weeks that all was running smoothly. We are grateful that while confined to their homes, both our Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary carried on their duties, and Laura and Sophie for posting youth material on line. Thanks also to the Glebewardens and Churchwardens for preparations to reopen, adhering to all the regulations and guidelines.

As parishioners begin to come together again, even at a physical distance, I know that many will be understandably cautious for a period of time. We will not be returning to normality overnight, it will be a step by step process as there are still restrictions, and we must all still do everything we can to limit the spread of the virus. Having the webcam installed should greatly benefit those



who have internet access and are shielding, or are more cautious about mixing with crowds at this stage. The online services will continue every Sunday. This has been an incredibly difficult time for the whole country, especially for those who have been ill, who have suffered financial hardship or the loss of livelihoods and indeed, for many, the loss of those they love. We know that it is not over yet and the Church has a task ahead to bring consolation and hope. We in St Macartin's, as in many other churches, have risen to the recent challenges finding new ways of doing worship, of serving our neighbours, and of reaching new people with the love of God. The challenge before us now is to take the next steps carefully and safely, without forgetting all that we have discovered about God and ourselves on the way.

We reopened on the Feast Day of St Peter's Day – the rock on which Christ was to build his church. So, it is important that as we reopen, we need to re-dedicate our lives in the service of the Lord, who has been the rock of stability to us during this crisis. We all need to come together in witness, in service and in worship. For 400 years this Cathedral has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians, and today it is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God no matter who they are – we make no difference in anyone!

More now than ever we need your support to get this Cathedral fully functioning again with people, and with finance. Our income understandably has suffered a severe decrease and we hope that the generosity of our parishioners and others will help us to make up that shortfall. Let us show by our company as well as by our character that we are followers of God and that we, like Peter, are never ashamed to confess our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the Living God. Let us continue to pray that this defeat will be turned into victory and once more normality will be returned. Then it is even more important in the days ahead, that when we are delivered into the freedom we so long for, that we will not forget the deliverer!

Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R.J Hall

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry will be held in the Main Hall to allow for social distancing on Monday 7th September at 7.30pm. All registered vestry members are welcome to attend. The only business will be to carry out the necessary elections. This meeting was to have been held on Monday 30th March but was postponed because of the Corona Virus: Covid 19.

The logo for the Vestry, featuring the word "Vestry" in a stylized font. The "V" is dark red, and the "estry" is blue. A grey cross is positioned below the "y".

Parochial Registers

Christian Marriage

25th July - Lisa Margaret McComb and
Stephen Darrell Alexander

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



Christian Burial

22nd February - Robert Matthew George Ellis,
86 Greenhill Road, Maguiresbridge.

1st March - Doris Moore,
3 Sunnyside Court, Enniskillen

2nd March - Margaret (Gertie) Robinson,
The Graan Nursing Home,
formerly 13 Cherry Walk, Enniskillen.

5th March - Desmond William Ramsey,
Slieve Na Mon Nursing Home, Omagh,
formerly of Derrychara, Enniskillen.

7th April - Ronnie Kemp,
39 Tattymacall Road, Lisbellaw.

9th April - Emma Elizabeth Craig,
14 Old Station Park, Ballinamallard.

15th April - Robert Cyril Robinson,
3 Glebe Park, Enniskillen.

4th May - David Cinnamon,
Kings Lodge Care Home, Camberley
formerly of Floraville, Enniskillen.

7th May - William Cyril Geddes,
10 Cherry Walk, Enniskillen.

2nd July - Baby Joshua Oliver Duncan.

14th July - John Thomas (Tommy) Whyte,
5 Scaffog Park, Enniskillen.



Cremation

7th May - Ruth Kathleen Bailey,
Boa Island, Co Fermanagh.

7th July - Kathy Yvonne Barnett
44 Mill Street, Enniskillen.

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

Parish Donations

Cathedral Roof Repair & Repainting Inside Fund

£50 Donation from Bryan and Naomi Gray.

£250 Donation from Henry and Helen Saville.

£50 Donation from Philip and Shirley Rowland.

£300 Donation from Ruth Young.

£500 Donation from Ivan and Avril Kee.

£100 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.

£100 Donation from Wesley and Hester Elliott.

£500 Donation in memory of my husband Victor and my Mother and Father from Mrs Eleanor Lynn.

Fabric Fund

£75 Donation in memory of our parents French and Laura Johnston.
From Barbara, Jim and Alan.

Flower Fund

£100 Donation in memory of our dear son, brother and uncle Robert.
From Robert and Etta Loughlin, Elaine and Erin Coates Loughlin.

£50 Donation in memory of my mother and sister. From Pat Kells.

Outreach Fund

£200 Donation from W E Vaughan.

Installation of Webcam for Live Streaming

£1,000 Anonymous donation.

£100 Donation from Billy Dixon.

£100 Donation from Alan and Beverley Elliott.

£1,000 Donation from Ivan and Avril Kee.

Just before Easter we installed a webcam and now every Sunday at 11.00am the main service will be streamed on the internet and this will continue in the days ahead for the housebound who have internet access. If you have internet access, you can join the 11.00am service each Sunday. You will find the 'Live link' on the home page of the Cathedral website www.enniskillencathedral.com.

It is truly amazing that over 15 weeks from the installation we have had well over 20,000 viewing devices watching and since more than one person may be viewing the same device it accounts for a lot of people! The total hits on the website for that period were 26,900.

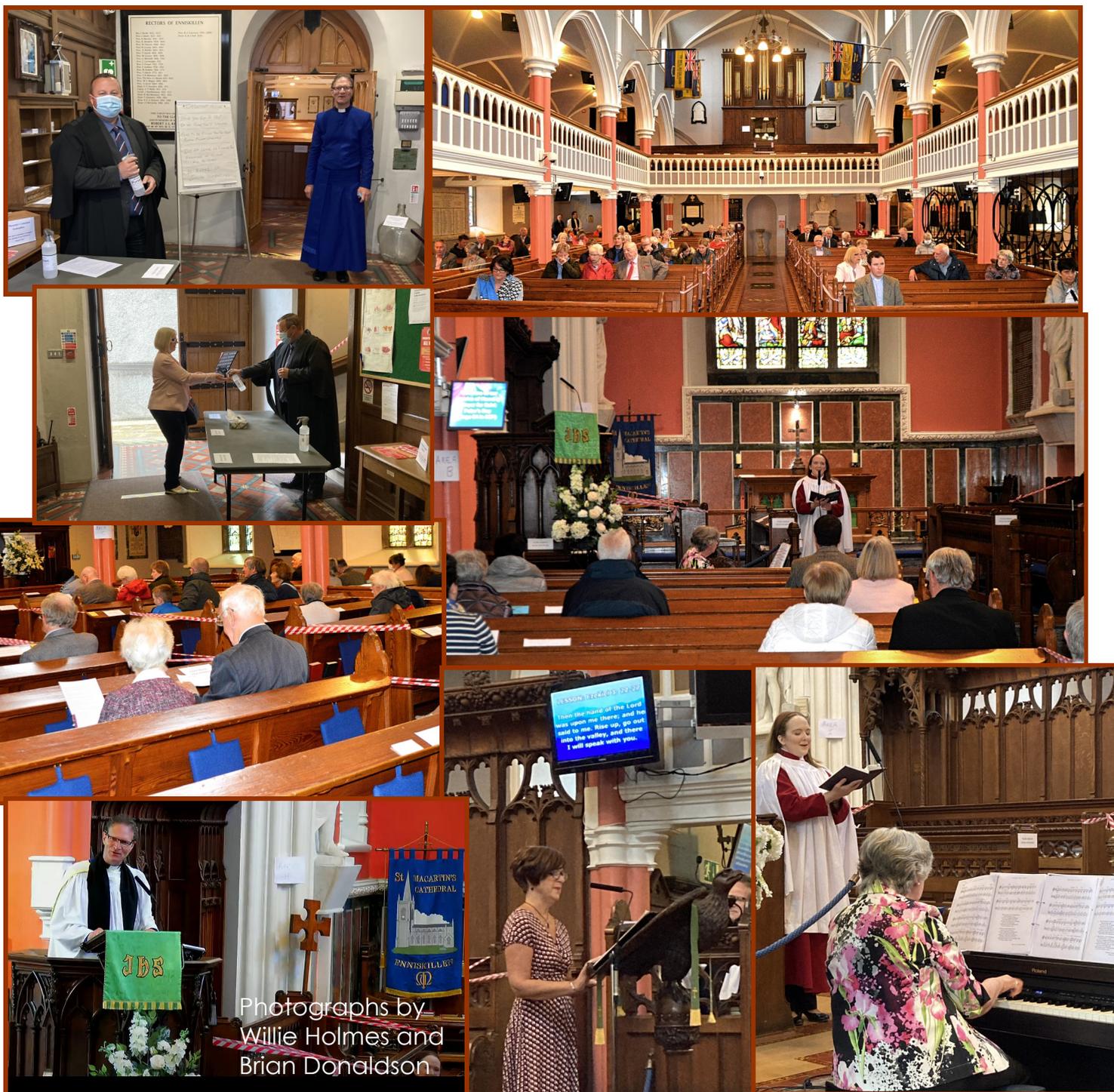
Donations towards the cost of the installation would be very welcome.

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Cathedral Re-Opening - 29th June 2020



St Macartin's Cathedral was allowed to reopen on Monday 29th June after 15 weeks of closure. To mark this date a reopening service was held on that very day, Monday 29th June at 11.00am. The First Minister, The Rt Hon Arlene Foster attended. Jane McKinley was the soloist and Diane Simpson played the clavino as congregational singing and the pipe organ are not allowed as yet. Jenifer Johnston read the lessons. At all our services the guidelines will be adhered to and those attending will be asked to follow the instructions of the churchwardens and the verger.

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Lockdown - Complete Standstill!



What We Did During Lockdown



The Dean is pictured left conducting a service of morning prayer (as he would normally do on Sunday mornings) but to an empty Cathedral during lockdown due to the Corona-virus: Covid 19.



Hospital Chaplains

The South West Acute Hospital Chaplains are pictured meeting for a hospital blessing on Thursday 9th April. The Very Rev Kenny Hall (Church of Ireland), The Rev David Cupples (Presbyterian), The Rev Lorna Dreading (Methodist), and Rt Rev Monsignor Peter O'Reilly (Roman Catholic) prayed at the entrance to the hospital for all staff, patients, those bereaved and the community at this time of crisis due to the Corona Virus: Covid 19.

What We Did During Lockdown



Jane McKinley and the Dean in the Cathedral getting ready for the first streamlined service on Easter Sunday.

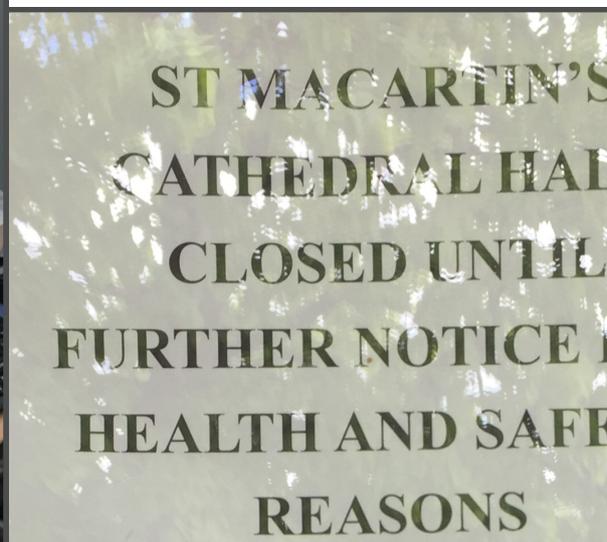
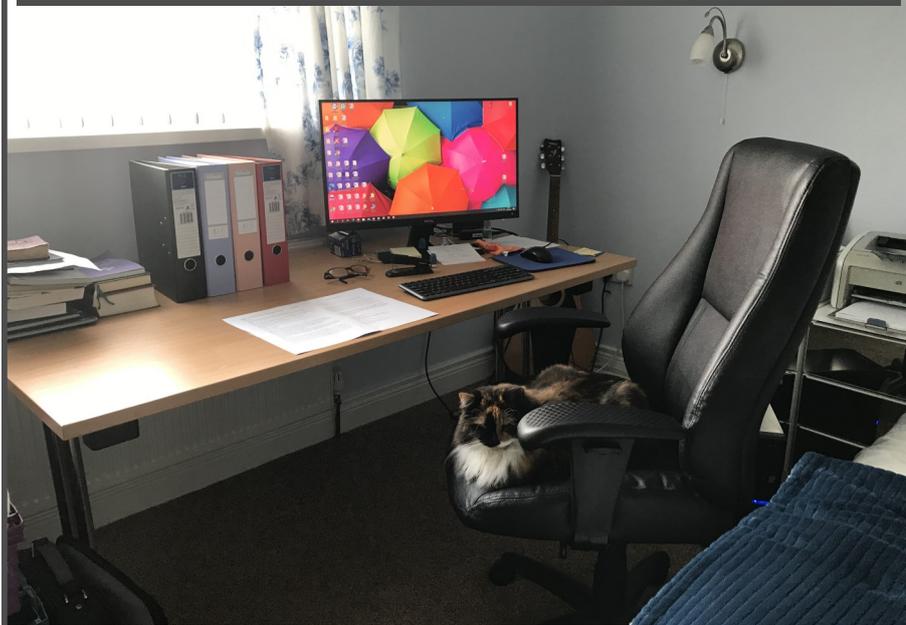


The new normal... a notice to all coming into the Cathedral... 'Please help to minimise the spread of infection. Please sanitise your hands when entering and leaving this area.'

What We Did During Lockdown



The Cathedral Office moved to Beth's spare bedroom complete with cat. The cat wasn't always a good work colleague though as she liked to sit on the paperwork if she wasn't getting enough attention!



The Cathedral Hall was deserted and the Car Park empty, while Hall's Lane was devoid of traffic.



What We Did During Lockdown



Cathedral Family



Glenn organized a Zoom Quiz for the Choir members who were missing choir practice.

Cathedral Family



I'm told it was great fun!
David Baxter won.

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VE Day 75th Anniversary 8th –10th May



Celebrations had to be mostly abandoned but lights shone in the night sky over Enniskillen as we remembered the enormous sacrifices that were made by so many during the Second World War and to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Peace in Europe.

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If circumstances had been different, there would have been a parade and a packed Cathedral with some war veterans in attendance,



for the Service of Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. Instead we were blessed to be able to join together virtually in God's name!



Showing Appreciation for our Key Workers

The siren was sounded on Thursday 7th May to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE day and in appreciation of Key Workers, outside ERGS, Portora, Enniskillen.



It became the highlight of the week to clap for heroes on Thursdays at 8.00pm. This was in appreciation of NHS staff, shop workers, delivery persons, bin men, postal workers and all other key personnel who worked to ensure all were looked after.



Prayers were said by The Dean in appreciation of front line workers at the County Care Home on Thursday 14th May 2020.

Use of St Macartin's Cathedral Hall during Lockdown

We have had correspondence from Matt Gillespie, Supply Chain Manager, NI Blood Transfusion Service regarding the use of the Hall during the pandemic.

"We very much appreciate the use of the hall at St Macartin's. We rely on the use of such venues, which are often popular community hubs. The staff out on session say that the hall looks really well since its refurbishment and that they enjoy working at donation sessions held there. A nice environment makes the donation experience so much more pleasant for our staff and donors and helps encourage donors to return.

We collected 221 units of blood over the 18th and 19th May at St Macartin's which is amazing during such difficult times.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and co-operation with our donation sessions at Enniskillen Hopefully this will continue and we will have many more successful blood donation sessions at St Macartin's."

Mr Gillespie stated that 800 units of blood are required each week so St Macartin's contribution was significant.



A prayer during the time of COVID-19

When human life is disturbed, disrupted, and threatened by the novel coronavirus, we pray to you, God of life. Grant us the compassion, humility and self-discipline to value, care about and protect each life.

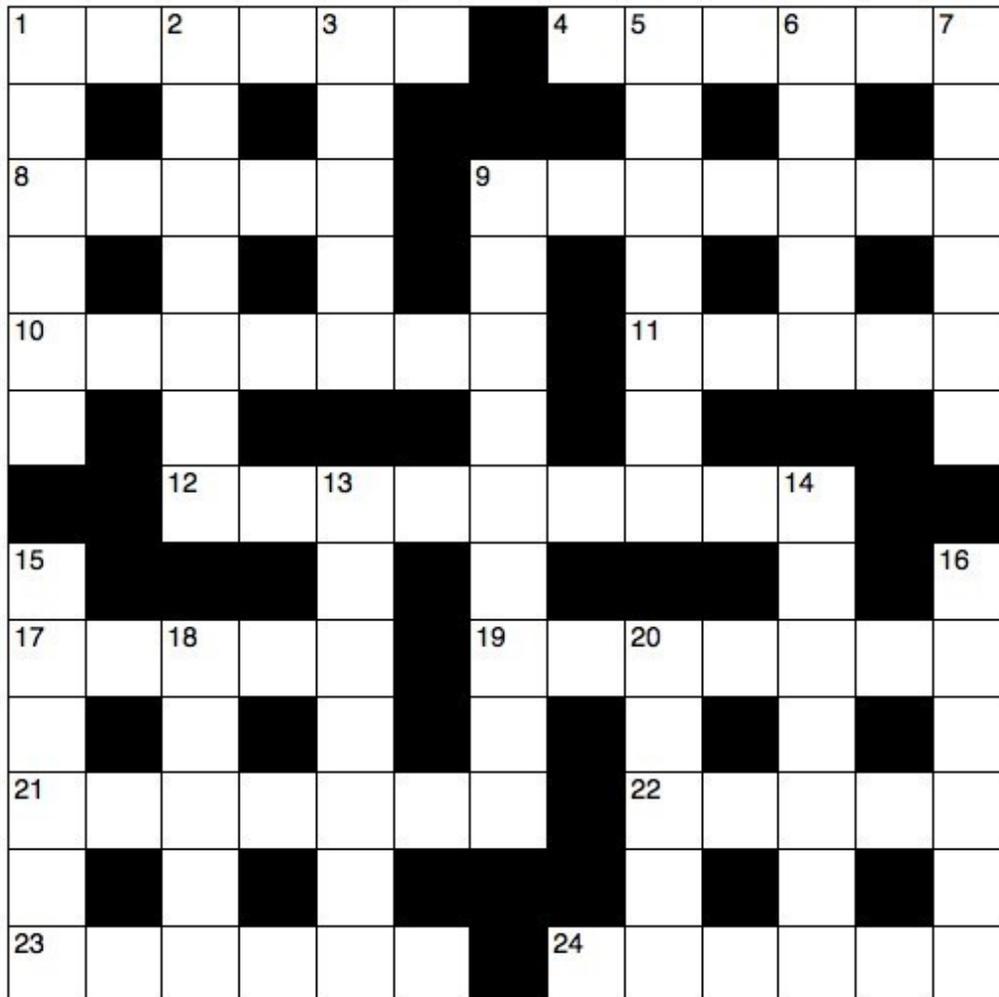
We pray to you, God of mercy, for all who have suffered directly and indirectly during this global pandemic. May you sustain, console, and heal them.

We pray to you, God of grace, for all good efforts to rescue life and to maintain people's health. May you strengthen, guide and protect all who have committed to fight against this disease.

We pray to you, God of righteousness, for justice to prevail. May you lead us to combat racism, discrimination, stigmatization and xenophobia with courage in the midst of this health crisis.

We pray to you, God of love, for an early end to the transmission of COVID-19 that is harming all, and for life, health and peace for all, through your mercy, grace and loving care, and through human solidarity, integrity and mutual support. **Amen.**

Crossword



Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25(2,3))
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Crossword

Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- 15 The human mind or soul (6)
- 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- 20 Bared (anag.) (5)

Parish Visiting

Since parish visiting will not be possible for some time yet, I would appeal to parishioners to let us know if you are unwell or know someone who is unwell. We can arrange some form of contact to be made depending on what restrictions are in place at that time.



Thursdays at 11.00am

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Thursday at 11.00am. Those who usually attend the early Sunday morning and Sunday evening services should consider (if not working) attending the Thursday service, as it is much quieter than the 11.00am Sunday morning service. The 9.00am and 7.00pm services can no longer be held to comply with the recommended guidelines. The 9.00am Sunday morning service will return as soon as allowed.

Forming Faith at St Macartin's before Lockdown!

Messy Church

In February Messy Church had a fun and messy session all about Lent! We made stained glass windows, played with paint and even got to decorate (and eat!) pancakes before learning about the true meaning of Lent. We ended the day with some delicious food provided by the Mother's Union- we truly would be lost without them!

Messy Church is open to children of primary school age and of all denominations. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **The rule is: no child without an adult and no adult without a child.** Sessions are held once a month on a Thursday from 4.00-6.00pm and will return as soon as allowed. We look forward to seeing you all for More Messy Madness and Mayhem!

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." – Proverbs 22:6, NIV



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Laura and Sophie
Richmond

Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café

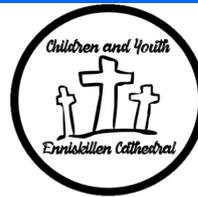
Sunday Lights and Sunday Lights Café take place on Sunday mornings when our children leave during the middle of our 11am service. They head down to the Cathedral Hall to spend time together learning about the Bible, listening to stories about Jesus and His life, singing songs and participating in crafts and games facilitated by an amazing team of leaders. (Photographs on right)

Sunday Lights is open to anyone in P1-5 and Sunday Lights Café welcomes children in P6-Year 8. **Both will recommence when the regulations and guidelines allow.**

Everyone is welcome and we always love to see new faces!

If you want to get involved or join our team of leaders please get in touch- on Facebook or Instagram, or you can contact Beth in the Cathedral Office!

Forming Faith at St Macartin's before Lockdown!



"He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." -Matthew 18:2-5

For young people, our Youth Ministry can be found on our Facebook page – Children and Youth at Enniskillen Cathedral.

Forming Faith at St Macartin's before Lockdown!

Xplore

Our youth group, Xplore, meets on the last Monday of each month. For February's Xplore our group put on their best chef hats and experimented with making pizzas! It was a delicious success- but did spark the age-old debate... Does pineapple belong on pizza?

Xplore meet from 7.30-9.00pm for fun, food and fellowship. Everyone in Year 9 or above is welcome- so come along and bring a friend!

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." -Joshua 1:9, NIV



Parish Organisations

Please note that all Parish organisation will be unable to meet again until they are allowed to do so and all the regulations and guidelines are adhered to. We will keep you fully informed through the Cathedral News and Pew News.

Parochial Organisations before Lockdown!

Mothers' Union

The March meeting, Visitor's Night "Planting for Spring" with Gladys Fyffe was held in the Enniskeen Room on Monday 9th March. The Dean opened the meeting with a reading and prayer, branch leader Jenifer welcomed visitors and members then introduced guest speaker Gladys Fyffe from Craigville Garden Centre. Gladys brought a quantity of flowers and shrubs suitable for all types of gardens and gave expert advice where and when to plant. An enjoyable evening was had by all with lots of gardening questions all answered in great detail by Gladys. Prizes were won by Anne Love and Rita McVitty. After a superb supper the meeting closed with the Mothers' Union Prayer.

Gladys Fyffe is pictured with MU Branch Leader Jenifer Johnston.

Photographs by Joyce Scott



Rita receiving her prize!
A beautiful, freshly planted basket.

Stephanie Hall received expert
tuition from Gladys.



400th Anniversary

The year 2022 will mark a very significant event in the history of St Macartin's Cathedral. It will be the 400th anniversary of the appointment of the Rev James Slacke as its first rector in 1622. It is therefore important that this very significant milestone in the history of this Plantation church is marked appropriately. When William Cole was granted land by King James I to build the town of Enniskillen, in 1612, one of the requirements was to build a church. As well as providing a church it was also necessary for Cole to introduce the Protestant religion which, in practice, meant the Reformed Catholic faith or Anglicanism. The cathedral we know today, formerly St Anne's Church, is that church which dates from the 1620s. Part of the tower and other structures exist from that time. The Reformed Catholic faith stipulated by King James is what we now know as the Church of Ireland.

The special anniversary in 2022 will be celebrated in many ways in the cathedral – all centred on the worship of Almighty God.

The Cathedral

The present cathedral is a credit to past generations for the fine building which we love. It is now the responsibility of the present generation to ensure that it is passed on in good condition so that its future is safeguarded. Furthermore, the cathedral will need to be looking at its very best for the celebrations in 2022.

The Cathedral Roof

Recent inspection reports indicate that substantial work is required on the roof (the last major repairs were carried out in the 1960s). The roof is a complex structure and the work will be expensive – it may cost up to £400,000. The possibility of obtaining grant aid is being explored without great optimism. The inside of the cathedral is also in dire need of redecoration – it was last painted in 1997 following the fire. If everything goes to plan it is hoped to have all this work completed in time for the 400 year celebrations.

400th Anniversary



Finance

Heavy responsibility rests on parishioners to ensure that funds are available so that this work can be carried out. To this end, it was proposed to hold a Gift Day on the second Sunday in June, but that had to be postponed due to the Corona Virus: Covid 19. Fund raising events will now have to be postponed until 2021. Parishioners in past generations gave generous financial support in maintaining the cathedral and it is anticipated that this generosity will continue in the present generation.

If in the meantime, anyone would like to contribute to the Cathedral Roof Fund or to the repainting of the inside of the Cathedral, all donations would be gratefully received. We need to protect and preserve our beautiful Cathedral. If you are a tax payer we can claim gift aid on your donation.



'God loves a cheerful giver'

Fund Raising in By-Gone Years

Queen Adelaine's support

Throughout its history fund-raising has been a feature when money was needed for the church in Enniskillen. In 1842, when the church was being enlarged, a major fund-raising activity undertaken was a bazaar held in Enniskillen Townhall. Lady Ely, who was a good friend of the Dowager Queen Adelaide, wrote to the Queen seeking her support. The Queen, who was mourning the death of her husband, King William IV, King of Great Britain and Ireland, wrote back to Lady Ely, in her own hand (*extremely difficult to read*) on writing paper edged in black. When printed out the letter read as follows:

Bushy House

18th Sept 1842

My Dear Lady Ely,

I thank you most sincerely for the opportunity which you have granted me and I intend to send you according to your request linens with Texts from Scripture for the Bazaar in aid of finishing the Church of Enniskillen. I hope they will be of some use and prove to you how willing I am at all times to do what you wish of me. I wish they were better written had my hand writing not been really spoilt by writing so much and so quickly for much of time. I truly hope for indulgence. I have also to thank you for having relayed my message to Lord Mayo, from whom I received a letter in answer to my message.

The good accounts from Ireland are very satisfactory indeed I think everything will go on well after the splendid harvests and beautiful summer we have had. I feel all the better for the fine weather and I hope to pass the autumn and winter comfortably in Dorsetshire where I have taken a house for the winter. It is Lord McCauley's House near Wimborne. I shall settle then to finish days in Albion (old name for GB). The Queen (Victoria) is safely returned from and is much pleased with Scotland. I hope she will visit Ireland next year.

With my best compliments to Lord Ely and your daughters, believe me ever my dear Lady Ely.

Your affectionate and grateful friend,

Adelaide

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5: 1-12

'Blessed are the merciful'

'One difference between grace and mercy is that grace is getting what we don't deserve (favour), and mercy is not getting what we do deserve (justice).' (R.T. Kendall).

Jesus calls us to show mercy in our everyday relationships: *'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.'* (Matthew 5:7). How are we to show mercy to others?



Firstly, we are to **be merciful to those in need**, as illustrated by the parable of the Good Samaritan. Jesus uses this parable to challenge the lawyer about who showed mercy to the man, who was mugged on the road. *'The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.'* Jesus told him, *'Go and do likewise.'* (Luke 10:37). Our mercy will be demonstrated as we look out for those who are hungry, sick, outcast or lonely and show them

practical love in meeting their needs.

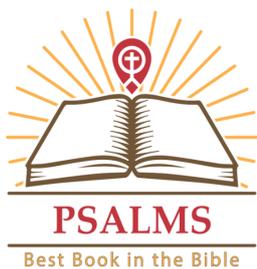
Secondly, we are to **be merciful to those who have wronged us**. The natural response, when somebody upsets or hurts us, is to get our own back and seek revenge. We feel justified when we see things going wrong in their lives. However, we are called to demonstrate the same mercy and compassion that God shows us, leaving the situation in his hands: *'Do not take revenge, my dear friends...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.'* (Romans 12:19,20).

The promise of this beatitude is that those who show mercy who will also receive mercy, for it is a divine quality of God himself.

'The quality of mercy is not strain'd. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice bless'd... it is an attribute to God Himself' (William Shakespeare: The



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Psalm 13

As we struggle with the effects of the global coronavirus pandemic, we might echo the words of Psalm 13: 'How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?' It is one of a number of lament psalms, where the psalmist cries out in pain, because he feels abandoned by God. In our current circumstances, these psalms enable us to talk to God about our fears and frustrations, while renewing our confidence in Him.

What does Psalm 13 say?

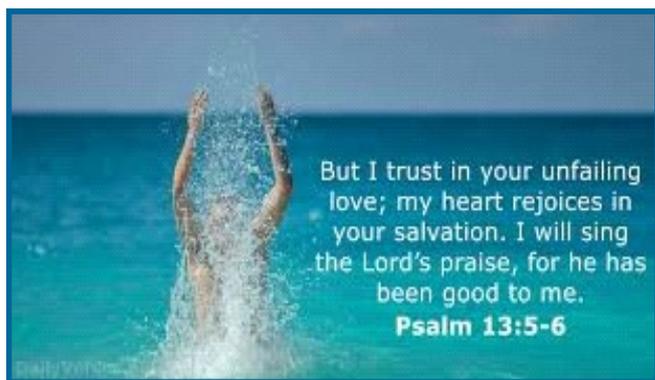
Bring your complaint to God: The psalmist brings his pain and questions to God: 'How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?' (verse 2). He is open with God about his complaints, despite the anger he feels.

Ask boldly for His help: He goes on to ask for God's help: 'Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him...' (verses 3-4). While avoiding despair ('there's no hope') or denial ('everything's fine'), the psalmist is confident in God's power to deliver.

Choose to trust Him: 'But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me.' (verses 5-6). The lament is a journey to the point of renewing our trust in God in the brokenness of our life. The psalms of lament (Psalms 10, 22 and 77) give us a prayer language for dark times. They enable us to be honest with God about what is happening to us and remind us that God has not abandoned us. He is a

God who is both sovereign and good.

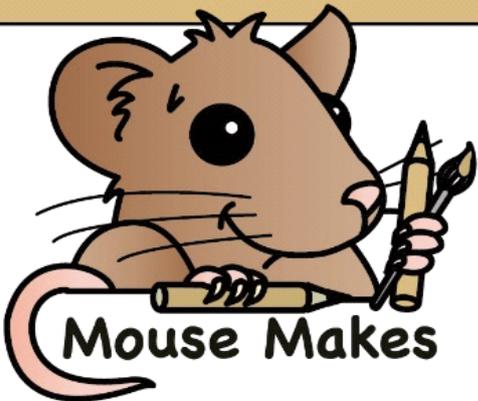
'Laments turn toward God when sorrow tempts you to run from Him.'



Answers to Crossword on page 18

ACROSS: 1, Cosmic. 4, Thomas. 8, In his. 9, Deliah. 10, Falwell. 11, Water. 12, Recovered. 17, Sidon. 19, Radiant. 21, Centaur. 22, Broil. 23, Eleven. 24, Prison. DOWN: 1, Cliffs. 2, Scholar. 3, Issue. 5, Holy war. 6, Moist. 7, Sphere. 9, Deliverer. 13, Candace. 14, Deacons. 15, Psyche. 16, Stolen. 18, Dance. 20, Debar.

Children's Page



When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins he sat down and wept. For days he fasted and prayed before God.

Finally the opportunity came for him to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, but it was not going to be easy...

READ Nehemiah's story in the *Old Testament* book of **Nehemiah**, chapters 1-7

Here is Nehemiah's list of all the things that needed to be done to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Fill in the missing gaps on the tower to help rebuild the wall.

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| ○ PRAY | ○ GATE |
| ○ RUBBLE | ○ BEAM |
| ○ REPAIR | ○ BOLT |
| ○ RESTORE | ○ BAR |
| ○ BUILD | ○ STEP |
| ○ WORK | ○ TOWER |
| ○ STONE | ○ HOUSE |
| ○ TIMBER | ○ POOL |
| ○ WALLS | ○ FINISH |
| ○ FLOOR | ○ DEDICATE |
| ○ ROOF | ○ DOOR |
| ○ CELEBRATE | |

Word search grid containing the following words:

- REPAIR
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How many gates were repaired?
Who re-built them?

How long did it take to finish the walls?

Appointment of Jenifer Johnston as DL of County Fermanagh

It is with great joy and excitement that we learned that Mrs Jenifer Johnston has been appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Fermanagh. In the United Kingdom, a deputy lieutenant is a Crown appointment and one of several deputies to the lord lieutenant of a lieutenancy area. Deputy lieutenants are nominated by a lord lieutenant, to assist with duties as may be required, their name presented to and not disapproved by Her Majesty the Queen.



DLs represent the lord lieutenant in his or her absence, including at local ceremonies and official events, from opening exhibitions to the institution of clergy. They must live within their ceremonial county, or within seven miles of its boundary. Their appointments do not terminate with any change of lord lieutenant, but they are legally required to retire at age of 75. So, Jenifer, according to the above, you have a long period ahead of you and we wish you every blessing in your new role. Fermanagh now well and truly honours a native of Tyrone!

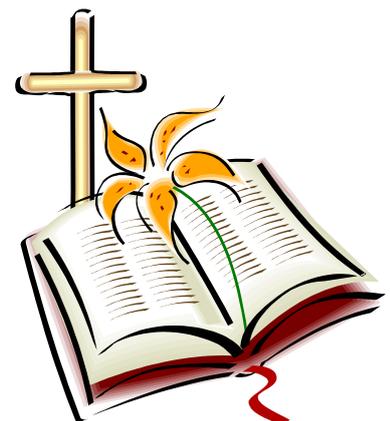
Mrs Johnston DL, is the Branch Leader of St Macartin's Mother's Union and is a member of the Select Vestry.

This appointment is the fifth among our registered parishioners. Mrs Rosemary Wilkinson, Mrs Joanna McVey OBE, Mr Shaun Pendry and Dr John Graham are already serving deputy lieutenants for County Fermanagh.

Our Daily Bread – Bible reading notes

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

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



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

Psalm 119 verse 105

Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - David Graham and Rosemary Woods

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Karen Clyde, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, Jenifer Johnston, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),

Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), David J Nixon, Sandra Richmond, Stephen Richmond and Jonathan Woods

Assistant Hon Secretary - Raymond Campbell

Assistant Hon Treasurer - Karl Saunders

Lay Readers - Jim Kerr, Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

September Lessons and Readers

06 September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Ezekiel 33: 7-11

The Psalm - Psalm 119: 33-40

The Second Reading - Romans 13: 8-14

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 18: 15-20

13 September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Genesis 50 : 15-21

The Psalm - Psalm 103: 8-13

The Second Reading - Romans 14: 1-12

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 18: 21-35

20 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

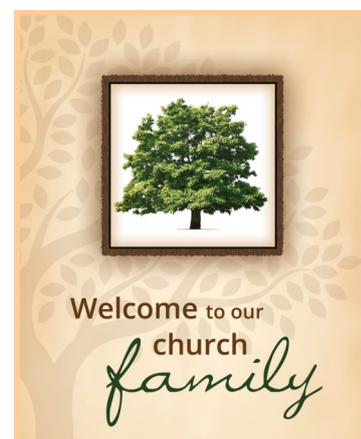
The First Reading - Jonah 3: 10-4: 11

The Psalm - Psalm 145: 1-8

The Second Reading - Philippians 1: 21-30

The Gospel Reading - Matthew 20: 1-16

**27 September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
(Family Service)**



SUNDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

11.00am - Sunday School - Begins in church and children leave for classes.

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

4.00pm - Messy Church (Thursday once per month as arranged)

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS (will resume as soon as allowed)

MONDAY

Beavers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Cubs - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (November - April)

Xplore - 7.00pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

Finance Committee Meeting - 7.30pm - 8.00pm (first Mondays)

Select Vestry Meeting - 8.00pm - 9.30pm (first Mondays)

Mothers' Union - 8.00pm - 10.00pm (second Mondays)

TUESDAY

Tuesday Club - 2.00pm - 4.00pm (last Tuesdays)

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

THURSDAY

Messy Church - 4.00pm - 6.00pm (as arranged)

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Film Club - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (as arranged)

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