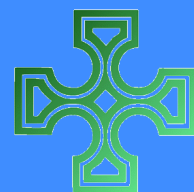


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*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.  
Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith'  
(Hebrews 12:1-2)*



## 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,

Over the summer we saw the UEFA Euro 2020 and the Tokyo Olympics, having been postponed from last year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This brings to mind a number of New Testament letters referring to sport, including Hebrews: *'Therefore, since*

*we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith'* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race, but despite the struggles and obstacles, there is a great crowd of witnesses cheering us on. We have a heavenly Father who loves us and a Saviour who has run the race before us. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, He will enable us to finish the race.

During the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, the British athlete Derek Redmond was running in the semi-finals of the 400 metres. About 250 metres from the finish his hamstring tore. He fell to the ground in pain and stretcher bearers came over to him. However, Redmond was determined to finish the race and so he started hopping toward the finishing line. Suddenly Jim Redmond, Derek's father, ran out of the stands towards him. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek, to which his father said, "We're going to finish this together." They completed the lap with Derek leaning on his father's shoulder. As they crossed the finish line, the spectators rose to give Derek a standing ovation. Although he did not win an Olympic medal, Derek Redmond finished the race with his father at his side.

In our race of life let us make sure we keep our eyes on the finishing line - the finishing line might be closer than we realise! Let us not forget the encouragement we have to finish the race, and let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and



the prize he has promised us of eternal life! Let us also not forget others who, like Derek, might be struggling along the race of life!

Many people and their lifestyles are continually changing and not all change is for the better of the Christian Church. There are many families living in the Enniskillen area who now have no church connections – children are not being baptised, they have civil marriages, and non-religious funerals. If God has become less relevant in peoples' lives where is the hope for the future? I am not just thinking of their future in this world but their future in the next world! This is a growing factor, and everyone needs to be on the alert not to fall victim to growing secularism!

We need to be faithful to God and show faithfulness in our everyday life and to be a regular attender (if able) at church. Stay connected, connect, or reconnect but do not disconnect! A Sunday or two missed at church, leads to three or four, which in turn leads to months, and finally to years missed. At that stage reconnections are hard to make – then secularism wins!

With the ministry we offer in St Macartin's Cathedral no one should feel judged by their circumstance or feel 'left out in the cold' – we are open and available to welcome everyone regardless of situation or circumstance! You may know better than I know of people who feel weary with life, troubled with one problem or another, have felt isolated or hurt by others, and need help in the race of life. These are those people you need to extend the hand of friendship to and assure them that they are valued and welcome in our Cathedral –

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Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love'*

As we begin the Autumn season, please make this widely known and invite others you know to join or re-join our church.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth R.J Hall



## 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.



## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

- 11th July - Olivia Violet Curry  
31st July - Florence Stella Armstrong  
1st August - Harper Jayde Elizabeth Gault



*"Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* Matthew 28:19

### Marriage

- 31st July - Lucy Mary Geddes and Adam Donald Finlay  
14th August - Rachel Martine Black and Peter James Hayes

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



### Burial

- 2nd July - William (Bill) Toal,  
36 Cherry Walk, Enniskillen.  
14th July - Dorothy Catherine Kerr,  
17 Mullaghmeen Road, Enniskillen.

### Cremation

- 21st June - Lewis David Crawford,  
41 Feddan Road, Enniskillen.  
8th July - Hester Elizabeth Elliott,  
F6 Portora Wharf, Enniskillen.

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



## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Roof Repair Fund

#### **Donations in lieu of flowers:**

- £2,000 Donation in memory of Mrs Jean McCusker.  
£845 Donation in memory of Mrs Beatrice Kenny.

#### **From Business:**

- £500 Donation from John McKeegan Funeral Undertaker Ltd.  
£200 Donation from Mr Gabriel & Mrs Sheila Stewart, Stewarts Butchers.

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## Parish Donations Cathedral Roof Repair Fund continued

### **Personal Donations:**

- £1,000 Donation from Mrs Kathleen Sloan.
- £1,000 Donation from the Vennard family in memory of Robert Gerald Vennard, Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.
- £100 Donation from Hazel Carruthers.
- £100 Donation from Mrs E A Scott.
- £500 Donation from Miss Margaret McClure.
- £200 Donation from Mr Neville & Mrs Alison Armstrong.
- £100 Donation from Mr Jimmy Elliott.
- £20 Donation from Mr Noel Kells (Lisnaskea).
- £1,000 Donation from Mrs Hope Kerr (in appreciation of ministry).
- £400 Donation from Rev Canon Desmond & Mrs Pat Kingston.
- £400 Donation from Mr Shane & Mrs Ursula Kingston.
- £100 Donation From Mrs Letta Noble in memory of her parents Alfie and Judy Robinson.
- £100 Donation from Mr George Caskey.
- £100 Anonymous donation.
- £100 Donation from Mr Noble & Mrs Anna Hutchinson.
- £100 Donation from Mr David Robertson.
- £50 Donation from Mr Ronald Ferguson.
- £400 Donation from Mr Noel & Mrs Pat Kells & family in memory of Dorothy Kerr.
- £100 Donation from Canon Dr WJ Johnston.
- £100 Donation from WD Parker.
- £180 Anonymous donation.
- £200 Donation from Mr Marshall & Mrs Ruth Coalter.
- £2,000 Donation from Dr William Holmes.
- £100 Donation from Mr Kenny & Mrs Jennifer Little.

### **From Local Organisations:**

- £1,000 Donation from Old Portora Union.
- £100 Donation from Ardess Historical Society.
- £500 Donation from The Ely Centre.
- £30 Donation from Inniskilling LOL 622.
- €50 Donation from Cuan Mhuire Addiction Centre, Ballybay.

### **From Suppliers:**

- £100 Donation from Jim's Paper & Paints.
- £250 Donation from Envelope Systems.

Continued  
overleaf

## Parish Donations

### Cathedral Roof Repair Fund continued

#### *From Regimental Associations and RUC GC and associated members:*

##### **Royal Inniskilling Fusilers:**

- £500 Donation from Enniskillen Branch.
- £500 Donation from Limavady Branch.
- £100 Donation from Ballymena Branch.

##### **Ulster Defence Regiment:**

- £500 Donation from Enniskillen Branch.
- £1,000 Donation from Lisnaskea Branch.

##### **Royal Irish Regiment:**

- £500 Donation from Co Fermanagh & South Tyrone Branch
- £200 Donation from The Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards Association.
- £1,000 Donation from the RUC(GC) Association
- £200 Donation from Major & Mrs Jack Dunlop.
- £1,000 Donation from Mr & Mrs WJ Canning.
- £100 Donation from Sir Denis Desmond KCVO.
- £20 Donation from Mr William Harper.
- £40 Donation from Lord & Lady K Maginnis.
- £250 Donation from Mr David Montgomery MBE.

##### **The Friends of the Inniskillings Museum:**

- £50 Donation from Mr T Maguire (Basingstoke).
- £30 Donation from Mr LF Favret (Tunbridge Wells).
- £75 Donarion from Major Keith Swaffer (Renfrenshire).
- £50 Donation from Mr RJ Walker (France).
- £100 Donation from Colonel John Heard (East Sussex).
- £100 Donation from Mr JM Sides (Omagh).
- £100 Donation from Mrs Betty Parke (Derrygonnelly).
- £100 Donation from Mr Frederic Elliott (Portballintrae).
- £250 Donation from The Viscountess JE Brookeborough.
- £200 Donation from Mr Norman Black (Dorset).
- £50 Donation from Brigadier (Retd) Adrian PMJ Naughten MBE MA (Hillsborough).
- £50 Donation from Major (Retd) Michael Johns (Devon).
- £100 Donation from Mr Brian Hassard (Middlesex).
- £100 Donation from Mr HPM Chambers (North Yorkshire).

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## Parish Donations

£100	Donation from Mr Eric & Mrs Valerie Brown (Lisnaskea).
£100	Donation from Colonel Derek Dowey (Isle of Wight).
£100	Donation from Mr David Twigg (Co Antrim).
£100	Donation from Mr Charles Plunkett (Lisbellaw).
£50	Donation from Mr AMT Moody (Salisbury).
£100	Donation from Colonel (Retd) John Cochrane (London).
£50	Donation from Mr Mervyn Hall (Enniskillen).
£200	Donation from Mr Robin Russell (North Yorkshire).
£100	Donation from Lord Anthony Hamilton.
£50	Donation from Lieutenant Colonel IJ Holmes (Winchester).
£30	Donation from Mr JP Crompton (Wakefield).
£25	Donation from Mrs Joy Colhoun (Omagh).
£100	Donation from Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) George Archer (Somerset).
£100	Donation from Mr James A Gallagher (Coleraine).
£50	Donation from Mr John Chapman (Hertfordshire).
£25	Donation from Mrs AE Hiles (York).
£50	Donation from Mr Norman J Gray (Belfast).
£50	Donation from Mr Jonathan Mellor (Hertfordshire).
£100	Donation from Mrs WEM Cullimore (Kent).
£100	Donation from Dr JR Brown (Enniskillen).
£50	Donation from Mr Austin Lunny (Derrylin).
£100	Donation from Mr Arthur Martin (Eglington).
£1,000	Donation from Mr Mark Scott (Enniskillen).
£50	Donation from Mr Richard Kinsella-Bevan.
€50	Donation from Mr Michael J Stewart (Dublin).
€100	Donation from Ms Pamela Semple (Dublin).
£300	Donation from Mr Gordon Johnston.
£25	Donation from Mr Bert McDowell.
£150	Donation from Major (Retd) George Stephens.

### **Amount received in Yellow Envelopes - to date £43,697**

(These names will appear in the Financial Report or remain anonymous if already requested). Thank you to all who are contributing.

**Target amount for Yellow Envelopes & Lump Sum Donations £300,000.**

### **Amount received for Slate Tickets - to date £54,490**

**Target amount for Slate Tickets £100,000.**



## Cathedral Restoration Project



Work on the high part of the cathedral roof is progressing well. The old slates, felt and battens were removed, the old slates being carefully stored so that the best of them can be used in reroofing the lower roofs. Any defective structural timbers

have been replaced. Generally the roof timbers were in good condition although one section of wall plate, which had rotted, has been replaced with new treated timber. New roofing felt and treated timber battens were then fitted. The new Welsh slates were then placed across the roof area in convenient lots in preparation for the slating process.

The new Welsh blue slates came with holes for the securing nails already punched and ready to be fixed on the roof. The slates are affixed to the battens using copper nails. As an additional security measure, each slate has a clip to



**The copper nails and clips used to secure the slates.**



**The new slates placed on the roof.**



## Cathedral Restoration Project

Mr David Hall, Harold Graham's site manager, showing a new slate with the copper nails and clip in position.



Now that the work is progressing well, the bills are coming in and have to be paid. It would therefore be very much appreciated if parishioners would make every effort to make their monthly contribution through the Yellow envelopes to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover the payments that will have to be made.

On a sad note, one of Mr Graham's valued team members, Mr Aidan Monaghan, who had worked on the cathedral project, died suddenly, aged 44. Mr Monaghan leaves a wife and young family. The thoughts and prayers of the cathedral community will be very much with the Monaghan family and Mr Monaghan's work colleagues at this sad time.



The specialist slaters have made a good start on fixing the slates on the south facing slope of the cathedral's high roof.

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## Cathedral Roof Fund Raising

### Slate Tickets

The book of Slate Tickets that was issued to each Family in March provided you with an opportunity to sell slates for the Cathedral Roof to non-parishioners - eg family, friends or neighbours. If every family helped out this fund raiser could raise £100,000, but if some do not we will fall short in our target to do so.

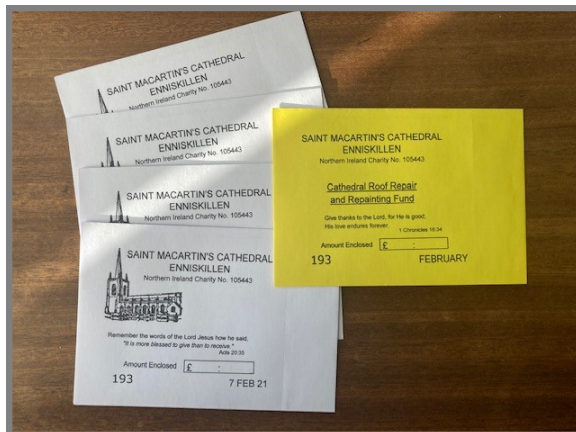
If you have not already made your returns please do so as soon as possible?



### Total Costs

The full cost of reroofing is in the region of £450,000, and unfortunately over this past year we were unable to run any fund-raising activities so we are depending on each family playing their part and helping out.

### Yellow Envelopes



It is also vitally important that parishioners use the Yellow Envelopes for their own personal giving to the roof fund. The project started the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June and will end on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, therefore all the expenditure will come in this Financial Year.

### Summary

Yellow Envelopes – your own personal giving

Slate Tickets – an opportunity for you to collect money from others.

This is your Cathedral, please help!

### Please note

If for some reason you have not received a book of 'Slate tickets' and would still like to assist with providing 20 slates for the Cathedral Roof please contact the Cathedral Office or the Churchwardens. 30 books are still unsold and available.

Your help and assistance would be very much appreciated.



## Organ Recital & Fund Raiser for Cathedral Roof Appeal



One of the most promising young pianists and organists in Northern Ireland, Orly Watson is Director of Music at Dromore Cathedral, and Official Accompanist at Queen's University. A published composer, he is currently undertaking doctoral studies in that field at Queen's. He was trained at Armagh's two cathedrals by Theo Saunders and Baron George Minne, and sang in the choir of the Anglican cathedral for a number of years. A graduate of Oxford University and of the Royal Academy of Music

in London, Orly has performed extensively in Ireland and England and has worked for the Royal Irish Academy of Music and for Northern Ireland Opera. He is one of the leading upcoming accompanists in Ireland and was awarded the 2018 Peter Rankin Pianist Internship by NI Opera.

For his first concert appearance in Enniskillen, he will perform a programme of favourite organ works framed by congregational hymns. Incidentally, Orly has long-standing family connections to the cathedral, with numerous relatives having been confirmed members before the family largely moved away in the earlier part of the last century.

***Please come and hear this talented musician and support this first fund raising concert for the Cathedral Roof.***

***Suggested Donation - minimum £8***





## Wilde Island Town: Home of the Happy Prince



### The flight of the little golden Swallow

World-wide, Oscar Wilde is second only in familiarity and popularity to the name of William Shakespeare, yet there is no single heritage destination in the world that proactively associates itself with Wilde in the way that Stratford does with Shakespeare. Wilde spent seven years in Enniskillen at Portora Royal School. His most popular short story, *The Happy Prince*, is directly inspired by Enniskillen's heritage assets, most notably Cole's Mon-

ument. There is no current interpretation of Wilde's childhood presence in Enniskillen beyond a blue plaque at the former Portora Royal School yet, the town and landscape of Enniskillen and Fermanagh and his schooling here, which ignited his love of Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece, undoubtedly impacted on the imagination of one of the world's most loved writers.

There is an opportunity to reanimate the Wilde story with Enniskillen, one to be shared throughout the whole community and materialized into a home for Oscar Wilde and his compelling story - hence WIT: Wilde ISLAND TOWN *Home of the Happy Prince*. In the story the Swallow becomes the companion of the statue of the Happy Prince, distributing the jewels and fine gold leaf from his statue to alleviate the suffering of the people in the town, and promises to stay with him always. The story of the Happy Prince and the little Swallow embodies the values of compassion, empathy and diversity. The Happy Prince has a particular resonance in these times, as the Swallow stays to give something back to the town, much like the local businesses and community has shown resilience and hope for a brighter future in a time of national crisis. Inspired by the story of *The Happy Prince*, Arts Over Borders (AOB) has commissioned 150 swallows to mark the 150th anniversary of Wilde's last year in Enniskillen. The swallows will adorn the buildings of the environs of Enniskillen; its businesses, cultural sites and schools. The little golden Swallow will weave a flight path from East to West catching the light and the eye of people passing through the town. This bespoke Spot -Lit tourism project for Enniskillen aims to bring in visitors to see the swallows who will then stay and shop.

### The Design:

Designed to fly discreetly in single, double or triple formation through the Enniskillen townscape catching light at different times of the day, The flight of



## Wilde Island Town: Home of the Happy Prince



the little golden Swallow will weave its way from Cole's Monument to Portora (now Enniskillen Royal Grammar School) via shops, banks, Lough Erne, Town Hall, narrow lanes and other urban sites. The Swallows have been designed with flat planes for maximum reflection of light from the 23ct gold leaf on their surface. The Swallows will be specially mounted for longevity but also in such a way, sitting out from



their anchor, that they will cast shadows across buildings at particular times of day.

Oscar Wilde is mentioned in our Cathedral History Book on page 200 along with Samuel Beckett and Henry Francis Lyte who being former pupils of Portora School would have attended St Macartin's Cathedral during their school days.

***The Dean is pictured climbing the ladder to mount a little golden Swallow on the wall of the Cathedral under the clock.***



## Cathedral Family

Liz Robertson is a familiar face in the Cathedral being a faithful member of the Choir and a Lesson Reader. Incidentally she is also a member of the Knitwits gang!



### **Tell us about your early days.**

I'm originally from Bangor County Down and was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church where my father was an elder. I went first to Trinity Primary School and then to Clandeboye Road Primary School when my father was appointed Head Teacher there. My secondary education was at Glenlola Collegiate School. From there I went to Trinity College Dublin to study French and German. It was a four year course but I ended up doing five because after the third year I took a year out to work as a teaching assistant at a school in Berlin.

### **What brought you to Enniskillen?**

I had been working in libraries for a couple of years around Jordanstown and Ballynahinch while training to be a librarian, but decided that it wasn't for me. I had the good fortune to be offered a teaching post at Enniskillen Collegiate School. While I was there I met my husband David who was teaching history in Portora at the time. In 1983 we left Fermanagh and moved to Dublin when David was offered the headship of King's Hospital School. We were there until 1986, when he decided to return to full time teaching in Wilson's Hospital School in Mulfarnham near Mullingar. Meanwhile I did quite a bit of supply teaching around various schools in the area. Latterly I decided to work towards a Music Teacher's Diploma, which enabled me to take private piano pupils but also to work part time at a day centre for adults with special needs, involving keyboard, percussion, singing and dancing, something that I found extremely rewarding. In 2004 we retired back to Enniskillen which held a lot of very happy memories for us.

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

I have always loved music and sung in choirs since I was about 8 years old. As I haven't a portable instrument I find that choral singing gives me the opportunity



to indulge my love of music and make a joyful noise! I am a member of the Fermanagh Choral Society and St Macartin's Cathedral Choir. I particularly enjoy the camaraderie and the support of the other choir members. A couple of years ago I joined the Knitwits which was set up and hosted by Claire Holmes, also a choir member. Because of Covid we were unable to meet but kept in touch with each other via WhatsApp which has been a wonderful lifeline. I also dabble in painting and drawing with occasional success. As we moved house recently I have also enjoyed helping to create a new garden. I'm no expert but I get a lot of good tips from my friends.

### **Do you travel/ hope to travel?**

It would be nice to think that travelling will be possible before too long, especially as I have two brothers who both live abroad, also nieces and nephews. We have travelled extensively in Europe in the past, also to Pennsylvania where we did a house exchange, and to Canada and New England to visit friends and relatives. Just before the first lockdown we made a trip to Kerala in Southern India which was wonderful. In the past we have been to Cuba and South Africa and I also had a hilarious short trip to Lisbon a couple of years ago with the Knitwits. At present we are both very happy to travel to Donegal where we enjoy the scenery ( and even some sunshine occasionally!) We also love walking with Tory our chocolate labrador on the beaches.

### **Favourites in life - food/film/books.**

Food - I enjoy eating just about anything but I really like a good Sunday lunch followed by a delicious dessert, like lemon meringue pie or a fruit crumble. Film - Quartet, which is set in a residential home for retired musicians. It's very funny but also quite poignant. Book - I have two all-time favourites, Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, and Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird. I like the fact that this presents a child's view of the shocking racism endemic in her community in Alabama in the thirties. Scout, her brother Jem and their friend Dill also have to battle with their own demons and often false assumptions about their neighbours. In a way the two novels, though very different in style, have a similar theme, as Austen first wrote Pride and Prejudice under the title False Impressions.

### **What is your best day?**

My best day was the 28th July 1978 when David and I were married.

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

Bible Verse - Romans 8. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword.

Hymn - Rejoice The Lord is King. It was one of the hymns at our wedding, and though it isn't specifically for a wedding, I love the message.

### **Any challenges**

Probably rather a trivial one just now - having had much too good a lockdown I need to lose a good deal of weight!

## 'Tears of Gold' Art Exhibition 19th –26th June



Enniskillen Rotary Club hosted an exhibition by artist and humanitarian activist Hannah Rose Thomas to mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations and Rotary International's supporting role in its formation.

The theme of the exhibition -which was entitled 'Tears of Gold' – a peace building and conflict prevention.

Hannah Rose Thomas's work draws on her previous experience organising projects for Syrian refugees in Jordan; Yazidi women in northern Iraq; Royhingya children in refugee camps on the Myanmar border and the survivors of Boko Haram and Fulani violence in Northern Nigeria.

Hannah, who is a UNESCO scholar and is currently studying for a PhD at Glasgow University will also host a series of art workshops for the families of Syrian refugees living in Enniskillen.

While Hannah's portraits have been shown in the Houses of Parliament, European Parliament and Westminster Abbey, this was the first time they were be on display in Ireland.

Three of her paintings of the Yazidi women were chosen by HRH The Prince of Wales for his exhibition 'Prince and Patron' in Buckingham Palace in 2018.





## 'Knitwits' Summer Garden Get-together



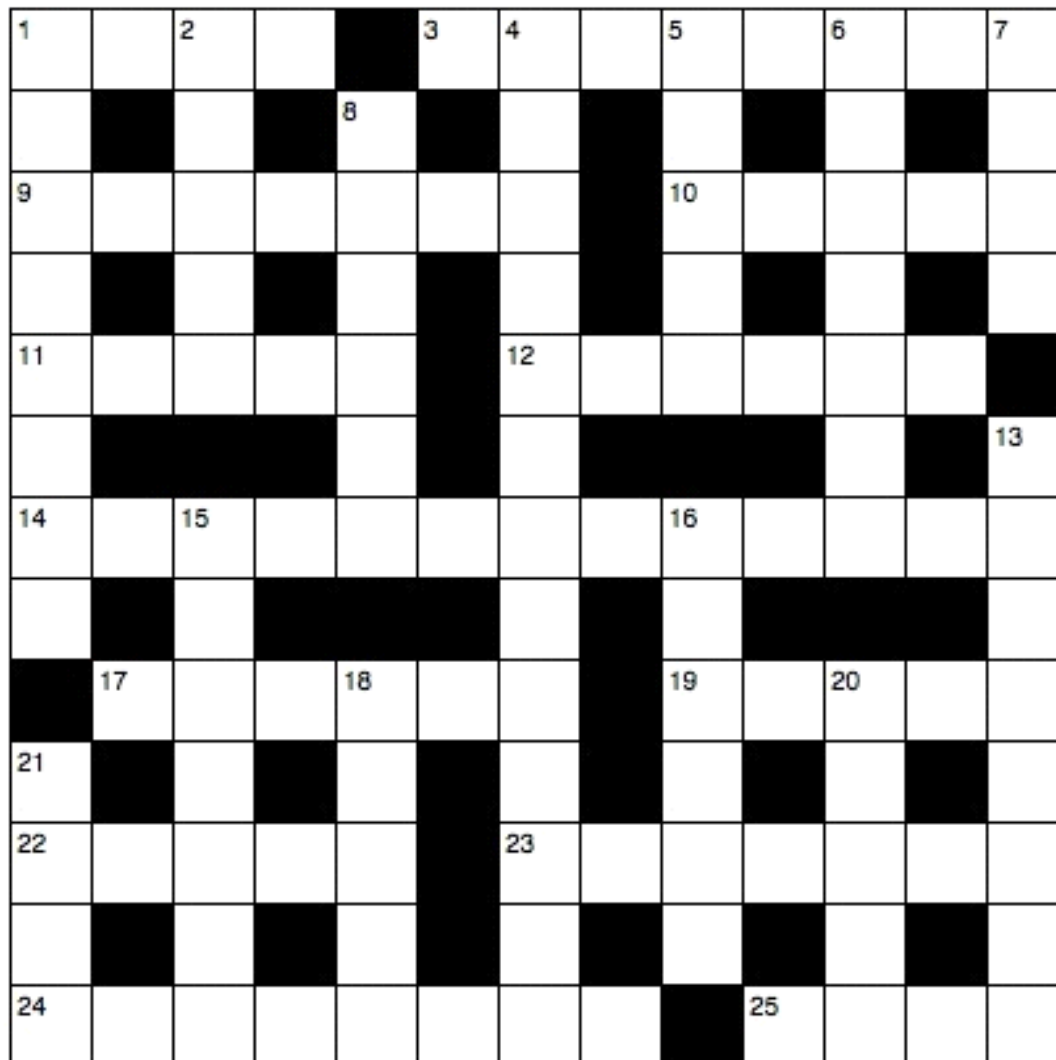
The "Knitwits" is the name of the cathedral's knitting group - a term coined by John Owens, whose wife Margaret is a member. The group used to meet regularly on Saturday afternoons from Autumn till Spring, but thanks to Covid-19 lockdowns, its activities have been severely curtailed. This meeting in June 2021, in the garden of Willie and Claire Holmes, was the first gathering since early 2020.



During the afternoon, Claire presented a cheque for £300 for the NI Air Ambulance to Myrtle Irvine. This money was raised by the group during a number of Saturday afternoon knitting sessions. From left, Linda Corrigan, Violet Vennard, Margaret Owens, Claire Holmes, Myrtle Irvine, Beth Rennick, Liz Robertson, Dorothy Pendry and Ruth Young.



## Crossword



### Across

- 1 Sent out three times on a reconnaissance mission from Noah's ark (Genesis 8:8–12) (4)
- 3 'The vilest — who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives' (8)
- 9 Described by the 19th-century MP Sir Wilfred Lawson as 'the Devil in solution' (7)
- 10 'Whoever — his life for my sake will find it' (Matthew 10:39) (5)
- 11 King of Gezer (Joshua 10:33) (5)
- 12 Gideon's home town (Judges 6:11) (6)
- 14 The area under the jurisdiction of a primate, for example, Canterbury, York (13)
- 17 To him God promised that David would be king (1 Chronicles 11:3) (6)
- 19 A descendant of Aaron who was not allowed to offer food to God (Leviticus 21:20) (5)
- 22 'If any of you — wisdom, he should ask God' (James 1:5) (5)

## Crossword

23 I gain me (anag.) (7)

24 Relating to the armed forces (1 Chronicles 5:18) (8)

25 Title given to 2 Down (abbrev.) (4)

### Down

1 Greek coins (Acts 19:19) (8)

2 Church of England incumbent (5)

4 What Epaphroditus was to Paul (Philippians 2:25) (6-7)

5 Mother of David's sixth son (2 Samuel 3:5) (5)

6 'We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in — ' (2 Corinthians 4:8) (7)

7 It destroys treasures on earth (Matthew 6:19) (4)

8 It threatened Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:35) (3,3)

13 Well-known Reference Bible that espoused dispensationalism (8)

15 Where the choir sits in a parish church (7)

16 Real do (anag.) (6)

18 'Martha, Martha... you are worried and — about many things' (Luke 10:41) (5)

20 'One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day — ' (Romans 14:5) (5)

21 A place with twelve springs and 70 palm trees where the Israelites camped (Exodus 15:27) (4)

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## Prayer Books

Do you have a Prayer book in your home? If not you should have! We are a Prayer Book church and the Prayer Book should not just be on those shelves at the back of the church for use on Sunday, but there should be a copy of a Prayer Book in every home. Everything in it is biblically based and it is a vital tool to everyday living, for daily prayer, and for nourishment and for enriching our daily walk with God. As you leaf through the Prayer Book you will find services and prayers for daily use, and for every situation and worry in life. It is a marvellous resource so use it. Copies are available from the Cathedral Office for £20.00 and would make an ideal gift!



THE BOOK OF  
COMMON PRAYER

## Mothers' Union



I hope all our members have enjoyed the glorious weather over the summer months and have been able to spend long overdue time with family and friends.

Our September meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th September at 8pm (depending on Government Guidelines) with guest speaker David Bolton. This should be a very interesting evening and new members are most welcome.

Mothers' Union members are not all mothers, or even all women, but are single, married, parents, grandparents or young adults who are just beginning to express their social conscience. For all 4.1 million members in 83 countries what Mothers' Union provides is a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community through prayer, financial support and actively working at grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.



## 1st Inniskilling Scout Group

It has been a very trying 17 months for the Group with meeting being cancelled for most of the time. If the current trend on lockdown continues it is hoped we can return to regular weekly scouting activities in early September.

The year will commence with a registration evening the date yet to be decided.



Beavers age between (6-8), and Cub Scouts (8-10 1/2).

If you have children in the above age groups and would like them to join, come along and talk to the leaders and complete the necessary paperwork or contact any of the leaders.

All sections are in need of extra leaders if you would like to have a go at this worthwhile volunteering experience, please talk to any of the leaders or contact



## Saint Andrew

Saint Andrew only gets a short mention in scripture. Upon meeting Jesus, he immediately goes to his brother Simon Peter to tell him that he has found the Messiah. After introducing his brother, the future rock on which Christ used to build his church, Andrew sinks into the background. Even the few mentions Andrew gets afterward are almost always in reference to his brother. But instead of going on an emotive rant about his superior sibling, Andrew simply takes his place among the other Apostles, following Jesus and spreading the Gospel. Indeed, if Andrew had constantly compared himself with Peter, he might have become unthankful for his own gifts and ended up looking on his brother with envy or disdain. Andrew is a wonderful example of what it is like to be a Christian. Let us all quietly introduce others to life in the Cathedral in hope that they too will be followers of Christ!

## Join or Rejoin?

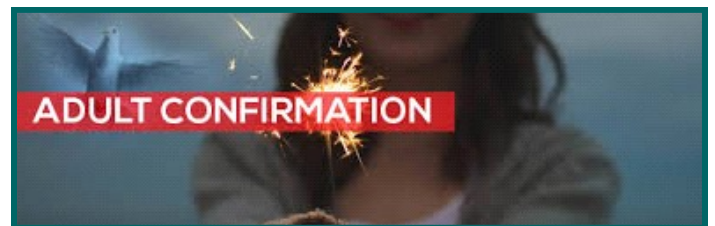
If anyone wishes to join or rejoin the Cathedral Parish now is the time to do it! Please ask them to call into the Cathedral Office or why don't you collect the necessary forms for them from the Cathedral Office? I would make a guess that every family knows at least one other family who don't belong to any church! Get them connected – be like Saint Andrew.



## Confirmation

### Adult Confirmation

An Adult Confirmation Service will be held mid September for any adults in the Diocese who wish to be Confirmed. If you are over 16 and were never Confirmed and would like to be, please contact the Dean? The service is kept low-key and as confidential as possible with only close relatives in attendance (if invited by the candidate).



### 2022 Confirmation Group

We hope to begin Confirmation Classes again in November with a Confirmation Service in the Spring of 2022. This group will be made up from Years 9 and 10. Those wishing to be confirmed should contact the cathedral office by email for an application form. Email [stmacartins@btopenworld.com](mailto:stmacartins@btopenworld.com)

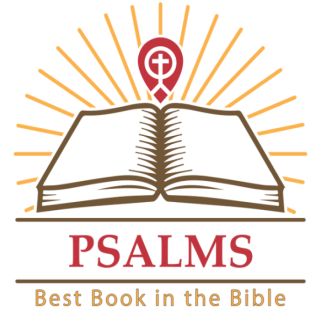


## Psalm

### Psalm 123 - Looking to the Lord for mercy in affliction



**1) Where to look** – *'Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens.* The psalmist declares his intention and action – to lift up his eyes to the Lord. This means that his eyes are not on his circum-



stances or himself, but on the Lord. It is good to have someone to look up to. The Psalmist looked so high that he could look no higher. Not to the hills, but to the God of the hills he looked. By remembering where

God is, the psalmist grows in trust and confidence. Earth may have no mercy or help, but heaven has plenty of mercy and help.

**(2) How to look** – *'As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters... So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy on us'* The example pictures a waiter or a butler standing behind his master seated at dinner. The servant looks to the hand of his master for the slightest indication of need or want, to instantly meet the need. With that same intensity, devotion, and steadfastness, the psalmist looks to God. He does not demand an immediate answer but will persevere patiently until the Lord extends His mercy.

**(3&4) The request for mercy** – *'Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us!*

*For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.'* The psalmist was not content to only wait for mercy; he begged for it. He demonstrated that waiting on the Lord is not a passive thing. He repeated the request for mercy, showing the intensity of his plea. The Master he looked to would

look upon him and help. Sometimes others show contempt to us, and it just rolls off like drops of water. Other times we take contempt from others and we let it fill us – sometimes until we are exceedingly filled. These times lay us low and make us feel that only the mercy of God can save us!

***So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until He has mercy on us'*** (verse 3)



## September



September is the time of year when we get back to normal routine after the summer break. It's an opportunity to ask how God wants us to make the most of the time He gives us. Although we can't always choose how we use our time, we can control our attitude towards it. How can we use our time wisely?

Firstly, **see time as a gift from God**. Each day is an opportunity to know God better and serve Him. Time isn't inexhaustible, as someday our time on earth will end. 'Teach us to number our days, that we may

gain a heart of wisdom.' (Psalm 90:12). The first thing we can do when we awake is thank God for the gift of another day.

Secondly, **commit your time to God**. Time is not to be wasted, but to be used for God's glory. We are accountable to God for the way that we use our time: 'Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity' (Ephesians 5:15,16). We should ask God to help us organise our time more wisely, to reflect His concerns.

Thirdly, **set aside time for God, others and ourselves**. How often can we go through a whole day without thinking about God or ignoring someone who needs our help? This is because we relegate God to our spare time, so He ends up at the bottom of our list of priorities. Jesus said, 'Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness' (Matthew 6:33). If we prioritise our time for God, people and our needs, the rest of life will fit around them.



Answers to Crossword on page 16 of the July/August edition

**Across:** 1, Ambush. 4, School. 8, Tired. 9, Famines. 10, Citadel. 11, Endor. 12, Atonement. 17, Avert. 19, Oracles. 21, Married. 22, Lance. 23, Rhythm. 24, Hys-sop. **Down:** 1, Attach. 2, Biretta. 3, Sided. 5, Compete. 6, Owned. 7, Lustre. 9, Falsehood. 13, Ostrich. 14, Talents. 15, Farmer. 16, Asleep. 18, Early. 20, Alley.

Answers to Crossword on page 18

**Across:** 1, Dove. 3, Offender. 9, Alcohol. 10, Loses. 11, Horem. 12, Ophrah. 14, Archbishopric. 17, Samuel. 19, Dwarf. 22, Lacks. 23, Imagine. 24, Military. 25, Revd. **Down:** 1, Drachmas. 2, Vicar. 4, Fellow-soldier. 5, Eglah. 6, Despair. 7, Rust. 8, The mob. 13, Scofield. 15, Chancel. 16, Ordeal. 18, Upset. 20, Alike. 21, Elm.

## St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin



The Dean of Clogher, the Very Rev Kenneth Hall pictured with the Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, the Very Rev William Morton following his installation to the Prebendal Stall of Tassagard in the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of Saint Patrick, Dublin on Sunday 4th July. The service was very low-key due to the Covid restrictions in place at that time. The place on the Chapter of St Patrick's became vacant on the retirement of Rev Canon Samuel McVeigh who was Rector of Limavady, and Dean Hall was elected by the other Chapter members to fill his place.

A poster for a Harvest Service. The text is centered and surrounded by a decorative border of various fruits and vegetables, including apples, pears, grapes, corn, and pumpkins. The text reads:

**Harvest Service - Keep Free!**  
**Sunday 10th October 2021**  
**11.00am** preacher The Very Rev Shane Forster,  
Dean of Armagh  
*"Come, ye thankful people come"*



## **HYMN: The story behind 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for His own abode.  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age?...

The year was 1800, and Vienna was under bombardment by Napoleon's troops. The great Austrian composer, Haydn, then old and frail, asked to be carried to his piano. There he made his own defiance of Napoleon, by solemnly playing through his composition 'Emperor's Hymn'. Haydn had composed it for the Austrian Emperor, Franz II's birthday on 12 February 1797. Haydn never touched his piano again, and died a few days later, aged 77.

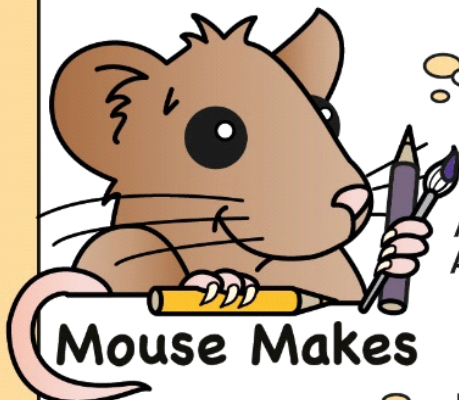
That is where the tune for this well-loved hymn came from. It quickly became the tune of the Austrian national anthem. It was later even adopted by the Germans, as the tune for August Heinrich Hoffman von Fallersleben's (1798 – 1874) anthem Deutschlandslied, which began with the famous words: 'Deutschland uber alles' (Germany before everything). In the ensuing political upheavals, the tune survived in the German national anthem, but was abandoned by the Austrians in 1946.

In the meantime, the tune had also reached England, as early as 1805. It was then that the words of a hymn by John Newton were first paired up with it. This meant that when the Austrian Emperor Franz visited his grandmother Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle, he most likely would have sung his own national anthem tune to English words written by a converted slave trader turned country vicar!

John Newton's inspiration for this hymn comes from Psalm 87: 'Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God' (vs3) and also a text from Isaiah 33:20-21: 'Look on Zion... there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams...'

John Newton's hymn celebrates the joy of knowing that the Church is the new Jerusalem (Zion) where God abides. He rejoices that God protects His people and promises to supply their needs. He leads them into the Promised Land, just as long ago He led the Israelites through the wilderness to their Promised Land. Back then, He led them with a fiery and cloudy pillar; now we have His very Spirit within us, to guide us each step of the way home.

## Children's Page



Read the full story in  
Luke 10:25-37

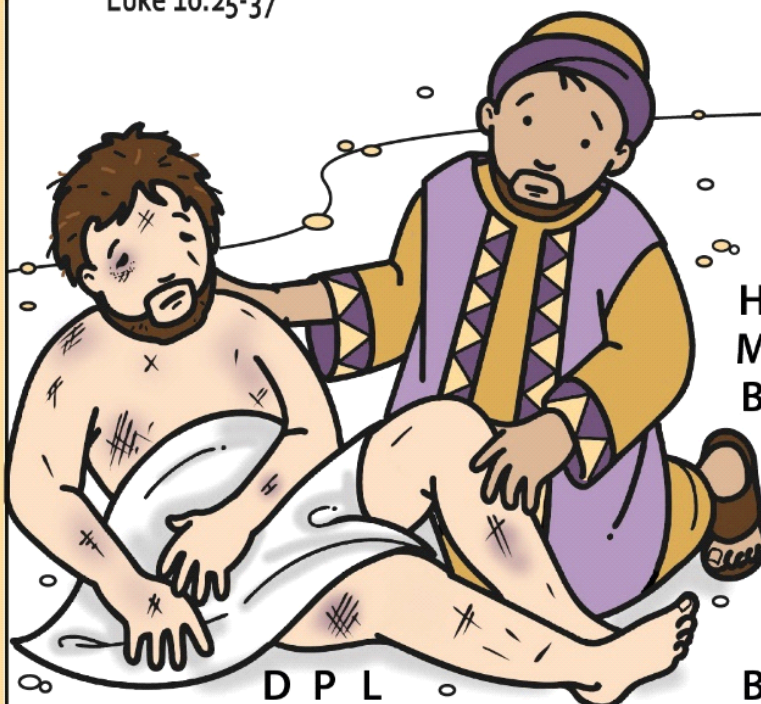
### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus "Who is my neighbour?"  
and Jesus replied with this parable:

A man was attacked by robbers, they tore his clothes, beat him and left him almost dead. A priest saw him but walked by on the other side. A Levite saw him but walked by on the other side. A Samaritan saw him and took pity on him, he poured oil and wine on his wounds and then bandaged them. He lifted the man onto his donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave the innkeeper two denarii to look after the man until he returned.

Which of the three travellers do you think was the neighbour to the man who was attacked?



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## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Linda Kingston and Audrey Williamson

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Select Vestry - Raymond Campbell, David Clarke, Richard Cochrane,

Linda Corrigan, David Graham, Ivan Kee, Hope Kerr (Hon Treasurer),

Sam Morrow (Hon Secretary), Stephen Richmond, Karl Saunders,

Jonathan Woods and Rosemary Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

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## September Lessons

### **Sunday 5th September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

The First Reading - Isaiah 35: 4-7 - Brian Rutledge

The Psalm - Psalm 146

The Second Reading - James 2: 1-10, 14-17 - Linda Corrigan

The Gospel Reading - Mark 7: 24-37 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 12th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

The First Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9 - Julie Johnston

The Psalm - Psalm 116: 1-8

The Second Reading - James 3: 1-12 - Robert Northridge

The Gospel Reading - Mark 8: 27-38 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 19th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

The First Reading - Jeremiah 11: 18-20 - Marie Morrow

The Psalm - Psalm 54

The Second Reading - James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8 - Sam Morrow

The Gospel Reading - Mark 9: 30-37 - Scott Elliott

### **Sunday 26th September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

The First Reading - Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 9: 24-29 - Brendan McCann

The Psalm - Psalm 19: 7-14

The Second Reading - James 5: 13-20 - Margaret Owens

The Gospel Reading - Mark 9: 38-50 - Scott Elliott

### **9.00am Services**

The 9.00am Sunday service will return  
as soon as restrictions allow this  
to be possible.



## 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!**