

The Parish of Enniskillen - Saint Macartin's Cathedral

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“God has made everything suitable for its time” (Ecclesiastes 3: 11)



## OUR VISION

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Saint Macartin's – At the heart of the Community  
Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love

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## The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

The summer is, for many, a moment to pause; it is a moment to take a break – a time, perhaps, to live in the present moment and to remember, as Ecclesiastes 3:1 states, 'there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.' These words remind us that it is God who has appointed the times, seasons, and events in our lives. Of course, sometimes we may wonder about that; it is easy to doubt that God has it all together when we look at what is going on in the world around us or where our own life has descended into what may feel so often like chaos. However things may appear to us, God has always got everything under control and always has a purpose in everything, even if we sometimes have a tough time understanding what that purpose might be. As the apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Christians in first century Rome: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8: 28). The secret is, I think, to discover, accept, and appreciate God's perfect timing and to remember too, that we live in a world of change. The evidence of change is all around us. Spring becomes summer. Summer will give way to the autumn, and then autumn – in its turn – will give way to the winter. But, in all that change, we can still hold on to the knowledge that God is in control and that change can be a good thing indeed. After all, change helps us to learn and to adapt and to grow



inside; change can stretch us and challenge us by causing us to grow through the ups and downs of life. Change can also keep us from getting bored. Are you the same person you were ten years ago, or five years ago, or even one year ago?

The one constant, of course, is the one who is in control of everything. God does not change, and that means that we can count on him always to be with us and to do the right thing: 'He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end' (Ecclesiastes 3: 11). God has set everything for its time, so take the time to enjoy yourself. Make the best of each event and of each season of change. Enjoy your family and your home, your health, and your holidays. Enjoy coming to church – yes, come to church and enjoy it! After all, God has made everything beautiful in his time and even in the painful things of life God is there. Sometimes all we can see is the middle of God's work and not the end, but he knows the beginning from the end, and he is always with us. So, take some time this summer to enjoy the moment. Hold on, in trust, in every moment to God who is in control. Hold on to the one who loves us and who promises that as we trust in him, he will provide for all our needs.

If you are fortunate enough to get away on holiday, that is good; but if not a few quiet days at home may be just as refreshing. God designed us to need rest at every level of life, from physical to emotional to spiritual. So, I do hope that you all have a pleasant and refreshing summer, whether at home or on holiday, and may you experience the love of God and be able to share that love with those whom you meet.

Yours very sincerely,



**Kenneth R J Hall**

### **Thursdays at 11.00am**

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





## Parochial Registers

### Holy Baptism

2nd June - Pearl Ivy Murray-Clarke

29th June - Oakley Deana Livingston

*"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

29th June - Rory William Robert Gibson and  
Emilie Lunddahl.

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



### Burial

28th May - Alvis Boyd McClelland.  
County Care Home,  
formerly 16 Burnside Park, Enniskillen.

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



## Donations in Lieu of Flowers



The Church can benefit greatly from donations made in lieu of flowers at the time of a death or the anniversary of a death. Please keep this in mind, and we acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have contributed in this way in the past.



## Parish Donations

### Minibus Fund

£100 Donation from the Tuesday Club.

### Fabric Fund

£40 Donation in memory of her mother.  
From Mrs Eileen McKimm (Perth, Australia).

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

### Organ Fund

£500 Anonymous donation.

### Bell Fund

£500 Anonymous donation.

### Choir Fund

£500 Anonymous donation.

## Parish Visitations

The Clergy and the Diocesan Pastoral Assistant are continually making visits around the parish, but these are often prioritised by sickness and be-

reavement calls. As we have now well over 600 families emergency calls are quite numerous. Sometimes we are not in the right place at the right time and that is where you can help. If for some reason you are ill, have been ill or bereaved, please let us know by contacting the Cathedral Office and someone will



call with you. No contact may well result in no visit through no fault of the clergy! If you or a member of your family is in hospital please inform us otherwise we may not know. Help us to help you!



## Mothers' Union





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The MU Festival service was held in Derryvullen Parish Church on Friday 10th May. Jenifer Johnston presented £2,500 to the Mothers' Union Overseas Appeal. This was raised through the Lent appeal for which Mothers' Union wish to thank the Dean for his support and all those who gave so generously. The evening finished with a beautiful supper.

We had a large attendance at our Summer Outing to the Killyhevlin. The Dean opened our evening with Grace. We had a superb meal with exceptional choices including a delightful trio of desserts. Claire prepared a fantastic quiz based on Summer Holidays. The competitiveness and creativity flair for producing a beach costume was to the fore! A great night of fun and friendship was had by all. We wish Linda all the best for July as she awaits the birth of her baby. Wishing everyone a lovely summer and let's hope the sun will shine.

Date for the diary: 8th September for enrolment of new members.



## D-Day Commemorations

### Message From His Majesty The King

On 6 June 1944, following an intense period of preparation uniting military planning and civilian industrial ingenuity, nearly 160,000 young men landed under enemy fire on the beaches of Normandy. Each of these courageous sailors, soldiers and aviators risked his life so that others might live in freedom and in peace. Many were never to return. Eighty years later, it remains our solemn duty to continue to honour the outstanding gallantry, service and sacrifice of those who took part in that perilous mission.

We do so with the most profound admiration and respect, and with everlasting gratitude. CHARLES R



A special community service to mark the 80th anniversary of D Day took place in St Macartins Cathedral on Thursday 6th June. The service also

celebrated the 75th anniversary of the local County Fermanagh Branch, Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA). During the service the Dean dedicated new cords for The County Fermanagh Branch RAFA's standard which signified their 75th anniversary. These cords have been donated by the Eames family in memory of Bill Eames, a former President of the County Fermanagh Branch.



## D-Day Commemorations



Among the dignitaries attending the service were His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, The Rt Hon Viscount Brookeborough and representatives from the America and Polish Consulate. The Dean and Curate led the service and the preacher was The Bishop, The Rt Rev Dr Ian W Ellis. The lessons were read by Mr Ray Hall and Viscount Brookeborough. Rev Edwin Aiken, Rev Trevor Homfray-Cooper (Padre), Rev Steve Kennedy, Rev Lorna Dreading and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly led the prayers. The Dean and Air Commodore Stu Stirrat dedicated the Cords. The Act of Remembrance was also led by Air Commodore Stu Stirrat.



## Tuesday Club



Tuesday Club had their outing on 28th May. The day began in the Cathedral Hall with tea, coffee and scones, served by our Caretaker, Andrew McCabe, before being entertained by Valerie Watson, who read some very appropriate poems, and Geraldine Morgan, who instructed all in chair exercises. This left everyone ready to head to Arch House for a beautiful meal served by Rosemary Armstrong. We will resume again on 24th September.



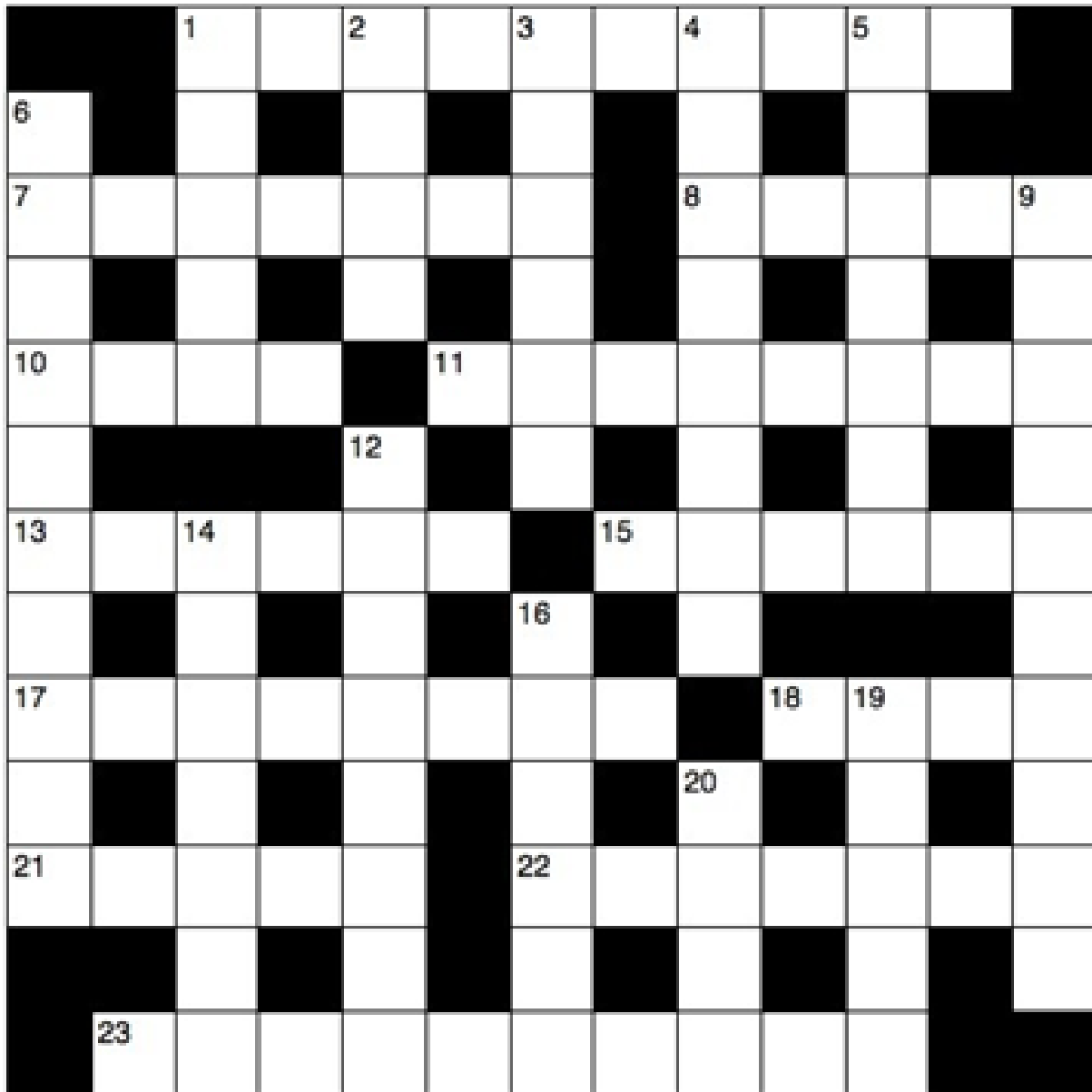


## Sunday School

On Saturday 1st June, Sunday School had an outing to the Cinema. They then enjoyed a McDonald's meal in the Cathedral Hall. Thank you to all the Sunday School leaders and helpers. You are very much appreciated.



**Crossword**



**Across**

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1-6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)

### Crossword

- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)  
21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)  
22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)  
23 Last book of the Bible (10)

#### Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)  
2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)  
3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)  
4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)  
5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)  
6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)  
9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1-11) (10)  
12 Abusive outburst (8)  
14 Are loud (anag.) (7)  
16 Printing errors (6)  
19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)  
20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

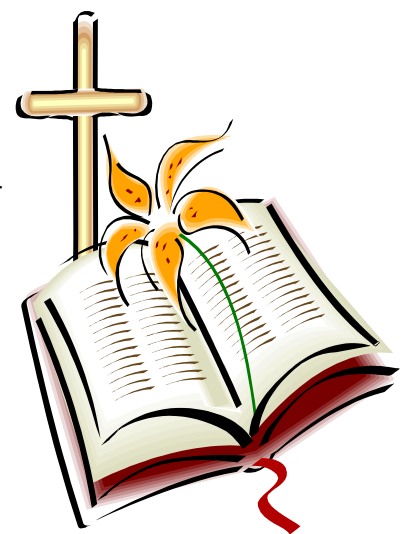
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### Bible Reading Notes

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

Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of the church.

Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them and have them sent directly by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting, and relevant to every day life.



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



## Knowing your Cathedral - The East Window

The Church has taught since ancient times that Eden was in the East, and that the second coming of Christ will happen in the East, and so the special significance of this cardinal direction for church buildings is marked in many ways. In St. Macartin's Cathedral we have a splendid East Window which draws on this tradition by depicting four scenes of resurrection from the Bible. Our curate, Revd Edwin, will be writing about each of these scenes over the coming months.

Reading the window from north to south the stories show a sense of progression: from someone just dead, to someone being buried, to someone who has been in the grave, to Christ himself, dead and resurrected.

The third panel depicts the story of the raising of Lazarus, as told in St John's Gospel. It's a story that raises a lot of challenging questions. Jesus's response to his friend's death is perhaps not what we would expect: he seems to miss an opportunity to prevent the death altogether by not healing the sick Lazarus, and then raises him from the dead in a most remarkable way.

This story can't really be understood without its wider context: coming as it does as the last miracle in Christ's public ministry we must read it as a preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus himself. In the gospel it is immediately followed by the Pharisees and chief priests' decision to kill Jesus. One death and resurrection prefigures another.





## Knowing your Cathedral - The East Window



While the window depicts the moment where Jesus calls out to Lazarus, the real core of the story is in Jesus's conversation with Martha. She is the whole of the nation of Israel, and speaks in the tradition of lament: expressing the pain of death. Jesus responds with one of the great 'I am' statements: 'I am the resurrection and the life', and in these two different ways he brings comfort not only Martha, but to countless believers since. Jesus not only promises, and goes on to amazingly demonstrate resurrection from the dead, he also assures full and satisfying life before death. Martha's creed-like response of 'I believe' is in our minds at every service, as we turn to face the East to affirm our own faith. But, ultimately, Jesus's response to the miracle ('for the sake of the crowd standing here'), proves that our faith is not about theological statements, but about an ongoing loving relationship that transcends death.

*Photos Dr Willie Holmes*

## The Psalm

### Psalm 103

We often hear people speak of God in the Old Testament as a figure of anger, wrath and harsh judgement and as believers we are often put on the spot with questions about how we can reconcile this with the loving Christ of the New Testament. Psalm 103 is where we can begin to understand just how it all holds together and see just how much our God loves us.

God is our loving parent and so must live in a continual tension between exacting obedience from us and forgiving our constant lack of obedience. The psalmist points to this suspension of judgement: 'The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,' (v. 8) just as God deliberately and graciously removes our sin from us, 'as far as the east is from the west,' (v. 12), all while knowing that we are sinners who can offer nothing to God. This problem, this apparent inconsistency in God's character, is what we can rejoice in, even if it baffles our minds. Our God is just, but also merciful.

The cross, that ultimate site of God's justice and mercy, is where this problem is most obvious. Here God's justice is satisfied, but by human rebellion rather than human obedience. For us the cross really serves to underline the point that however hard we try we cannot earn our own salvation. And so we do not put our hope in the idea that we might somehow be worthy of eternal life by our goodness; our hope is rather in the extraordinary excess of love that God lavishes upon us.

Our God can hold justice and mercy in a beautiful creative tension. These are the balances and tensions inherent in a life of faith; and it's not just God who experiences tension in dealing with human beings: it's also a feature of humans dealing with each other. The Bible tells of people whose lives are a constant round of dealing with people who are different from them: Jew and Gentile, Rich and Poor, Insider and Outsider, Self and Other, and the lives of Bible characters, like our own lives, are an endless round of negotiating and coping with these differences. There are of course also the more spiritual tensions between good and bad, light and dark, life and death. Putting all of these together we ultimately end up with the composite of the material and spiritual that all of our lives are, as we choose each day to live for Christ in the world, which reminds us that Christianity is not simply a religion, it's a way of life.

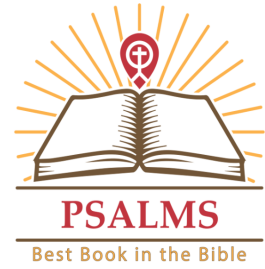


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## Children's Page



How many days did the Lord  
tell Joshua to march around  
the city of Jerico?

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*Joshua 6:3*



What did the priests  
carry that were made  
from rams' horns?

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*Joshua 6:4*

What was carried  
along behind the priests?

The \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua 6:4*

On the seventh day  
how many times did  
they march around Jerico?

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*Joshua 6:6*

Who was saved from  
Jerico along with  
her family?

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*Joshua 6:17*

**READ**  
the story  
in *Joshua*  
5:13-6:27

Word search grid:

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DAWN • SHOUT • CITY • WALL • FELL • FLAT • FIRE • BURN • DESTRUCTION

Find the question answers in the word search too!

## July Lessons and Readers

### Sunday 7th July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Ezekiel 2: 1-5 - Fred Watson

The Psalm - Psalm 123

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10 - Margaret Owens

The Gospel Reading - Mark 6: 1-13 - Adele Moore

### Sunday 14th July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Amos 7: 7-17 - Linda Corrigan

The Psalm - Psalm 85: 8-13

The Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 3-14 - Raymond Campbell

The Gospel Reading - Mark 6: 14-29 - Selena Fawcett

### Sunday 21st July The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Jeremiah 23: 1-6 - Brendan McCann

The Psalm - Psalm 23

The Second Reading - Ephesians 2: 11-22 - Brian Rutledge

The Gospel Reading - Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 - Adele Moore

### Sunday July 28th The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 2 Kings 4: 42-44 - Heather Leonard

The Psalm - Psalm 145: 10-15

The Second Reading - Ephesians 3: 14-21 - Alan Devers

The Gospel Reading - John 6: 1-21 - Robert Northridge

#### WELCOME TEAM

##### July 2024

- 07 Karen and Arnold Graham
- 14 Caroline and Trevor Shaw
- 21 Hilary and Raymond Campbell
- 28 Sylvia and Trevor Stevenson

#### WELCOME TEAM

##### August 2024

- 04 Avril and Ivan Kee
- 11 Julie and David Nixon
- 18 Jeanette and Richard Cochrane
- 25 Gwen and Karl Saunders

Answers to Crossword on page 12

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical, 7, Opinion, 8, Laing, 10, Olga, 11, Gallilean, 13, Sardis, 15, Severe, 17, Adultery, 18, Flea, 21, Swazi, 22, Acetate, 23, Revelation, DOWN: 1, Sling, 2, Brim, 3, Annual, 4, Ill-timed, 5, Abilene, 6, Colossians, 9, Gennesaret, 12, Diatribe, 14, Roulade, 16, Errata, 19, Learn, 20, Levi.



## Parish People

Director of Music and Organist - Glenn Moore

Churchwardens - Dwayne Nixon and Ann Little

Glebewardens - George Irvine and Noel Johnston

Hon Secretary - Sam Morrow, Assistant Hon Secretary - Stephen Richmond

Hon Treasurer - Hope Kerr, Assistant Hon Treasurer - David Graham

Select Vestry - David Clarke, Nathan Clyde, Richard Cochrane,  
Linda Corrigan, Vanessa Elliott, Arnold Graham, Ivan Kee, Karl Saunders,  
Audrey Williamson, Jonathan Woods.

Lay Readers - Karl Saunders and Jack Watson

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

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## August Lessons and Readers

### Sunday 4th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15 - Andrew Kerr

The Psalm - Psalm 78: 23-39

The Second Reading - Ephesians 4: 1-16 - Adele Kerr

The Gospel Reading - John 6: 24-35 - Adele Moore

### Sunday 11th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - 1 Kings 19: 4-8 - Raymond Hall

The Psalm - Psalm 34: 1-8

The Second Reading - Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2 - Helen Burton

The Gospel Reading - John 6: 35, 41-51 - Robin Hogg

### Sunday 18th August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Proverbs 9: 1-6 - David Nixon

The Psalm - Psalm 34: 9-14

The Second Reading - Ephesians 5: 15-20 - Jim Nixon

The Gospel Reading - John 6: 51-58 - Adele Moore

### Sunday 25th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

The First Reading - Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 - Gillian Glass

The Psalm - Psalm 34: 15-22

The Second Reading - Ephesians 6: 10-20 - Myrtle Irvine

The Gospel Reading - John 6: 56-69 - George Irvine

## SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am - Holy Communion (first and third Sundays)

Morning Prayer (second and fifth Sundays)

Morning Prayer/Family Service (fourth Sundays)

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

On fourth Sundays they remain in church with their families.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

11.00am - Holy Communion (each Thursday)

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

7.30pm - Lent (each Wednesday)

7.30pm - Holy Week (each evening)

## PAROCHIAL ORGANISATIONS

### MONDAY

Beavers - 6.45pm - 8.00pm

Cubs - 6.45pm - 8.00pm

Confirmation Classes - 6.30pm - 7.30pm (as arranged)

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

Mothers' Union - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (second Mondays)

### TUESDAY

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

Rainbows - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Brownies - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Guides - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bowling Club - 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Bowling Club - 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Choir Practice - 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Bell Ringing Practice - 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### THURSDAY

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

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

### SATURDAY

Parenting Wellness Group (Once per month as arranged)

KnitWits - 2.00-5.00pm (Autumn to Easter)

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