

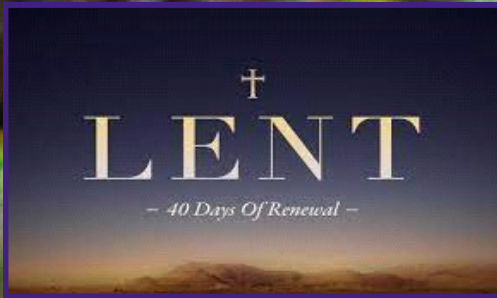


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Helleborus Orientalis (Lenten Rose)
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OUR VISION

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Strengthening Commitment, Outreach, Worship and Christian Love

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The Dean Writes:

Dear Parishioners,

During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection and repentance when we seek to literally 'turn around' and realign our lives and focus towards God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus.

In its most traditional form, Lent serves as a time of preparation in the run-up to Easter and is observed from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The bright colours which followed Christmas will be replaced by the more somber colour of purple, and the Hymns will also reflect the mood of the season. On Easter day the brightness of the flowers, the church colours, the Hymns of praise with the Gloria and alleluias re-instated will add to the joy and celebration of the day!

Lasting forty days, many Christians draw inspiration from the account of Jesus being tempted in the desert. Where for forty days Jesus was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing and at the end of the time 'was hungry'. For Jesus, this time in the desert immediately pre-fixed what is seen as the start of His ministry, it was for Him, a time of preparation.

Lent should not be viewed as a legalistic or compulsory act, rather as a



fantastic opportunity to set time apart for spiritual cleansing, renewal, and preparation in our own lives. During Lent as well as the Sunday Services there are two other midweek services at 7.30pm on Wednesday nights and at 11.00am on a Thursday mornings – maybe you could attend one of these? They only last 30 minutes! The Iona Room (Prayer Room) is open from 8.30am to late Monday to Friday – see article on pages 16 and 17.


Use the season of Lent to re-connect with your bible and with prayer. A good start may be to read over the events in the Gospel accounts which build up to Holy Week - Christ's arrest, trial, crucifixion and glorious resurrection. Focus your attention on the suffering that Christ went through, and the purpose of that suffering. Explore Christ's amazing grace and love. In view of this why not pause to consider your own faults and spend time in prayers of confession and repentance? Use the Reflections Booklet for Lent 'The Way of Love' that is available from the Cathedral Office or Cathedral Porch – see page 6.

If you are giving up things for Lent why not put the money you save to good use? Give it away or be a little more generous with what you put in your FWO Envelope. If we are true to Christ's teaching we should be more generous to His work. Why not support our Lenten appeal? – see page 8. Take a Missionary Box from the Cathedral Porch or a Gift Aid Envelope and return these during Holy Week. Why not set yourself the target of doing one random act of kindness each day?

Finally, why not make every effort to support all our special events this month? The Confirmation Service on 2nd March, The Ash Wednesday Service, St Patrick Day Service (Sunday 16th) and Mothering Day Service on 30th March. We have a very busy Parish with lots of activities, but nothing is successful without a good attendance so please make every effort to be there!

Let us all have a Holy and refreshing Lent and God Bless you!

Yours very sincerely,



Kenneth R J Hall



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Parochial Registers

Holy Baptism

23rd February - Keanu Alan Mourtay

"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



Burial

12th February - Dorothy (Doe) Osbourne
44 Sandhill Gardens, Belfast.

Cremation

17th January - Geraldine Clyde,
The Tilery Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

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



Parish Donations

Choral Scholarship Fund

£200 Donation in loving memory of Joseph and Margaret Doogan.
From their daughter Renee.

Fabric Fund

£390 Donations in lieu of flowers in memory of Cecil Elliott.

£120 Donation from the Beresford family in memory of their parents,
Moira and Glen Beresford, husband and brother Derek, and sisters
Lilias, Pearl and Hazel.

Webcam Fund (in appreciation of viewing online)

£100 Donation from Doreen Gamble.

Cathedral Organ Fund

£200 Donation from Alan Devers.

Solar Panels Fund

£200 Donation from the Morning Bowling Club.

Tuesday club

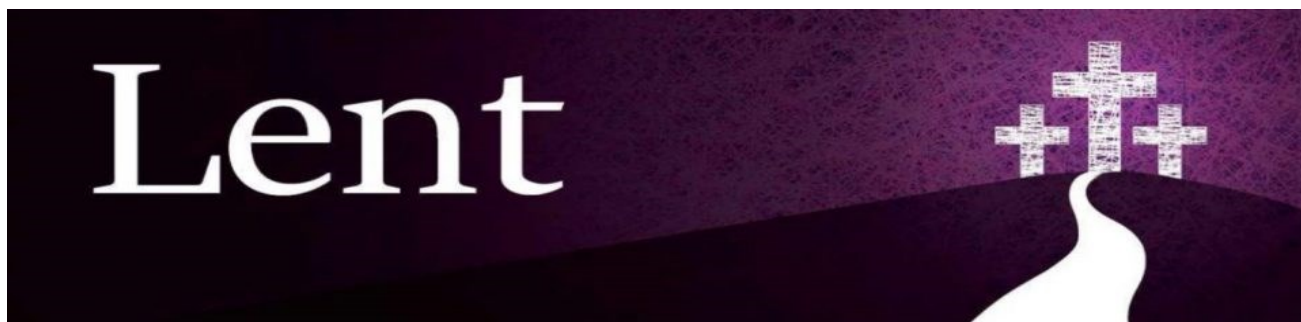
The first meeting of 2025 was on 28th January. Dean Hall opened with a bible reading and prayer. Leader Valerie Watson welcomed all in attendance. A very lively 'Beetle Drive' followed, well done to Eleanor, Irene and Joyce who scored top points and were rewarded with a small prize.

It was a delight to wish one of our members, many congratulations on reaching a significant birthday. Happy birthday Jean. Tea & birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is on 25th February at 2.00pm in the Eniskeene room when Norma from 'Chest heart & Stroke' will organise a game of Bocce. We look forward to seeing you all there and new members are most welcome.



Lent



Wednesday 5th March 7.30pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday 6th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm – Compline (Magnificat)

Thursday 13th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 19th March 7.30pm – Compline (Venite)

Thursday 20th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 26th March 7.30pm – Urbs Fortitudinis)

Thursday 27th March 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 2nd April 7.30pm – Compline (Benedicite)

Thursday 3rd April 11.00am – Holy Communion

Wednesday 9th April 7.30pm – Compline (Nunc Dimittis)

Thursday 10th April 11.00am – Holy Communion

Lenten Series

This year's series of Lenten compline services embodies the theme of a life of faith, from conversion to death, explored through the canticles: the Church's ancient songs of worship. We begin with the Magnificat: the song of a rejoicing teenage girl, filled with enthusiasm and praise for her God, looking eagerly towards the future and reflecting on just how God Incarnate's involvement with the world might well upset the established human order. We move then to consider the Venite, that great summons to set the world aside as we worship, moving on in our journey with God, knowing more fully God's promises and nature. Next we consider the Urbs Fortitudinis, as we become secure, established believers, filled with the peace of God. Then we consider the Benedicite, where the songs of all creation remind us that we, the believers, give voice to the praises of the unspeaking parts of the world, helping us to understand the breadth and inclusivity of God's church. Finally, with Simeon in the Nunc Dimittis, we face the prospect of the end of earthly life, after a pilgrimage dedicated to the glorification of God, through all the seasons of rejoicing, and pain, of patience and busyness, as we look towards the fulfilment of God's promises and our reward in heaven.

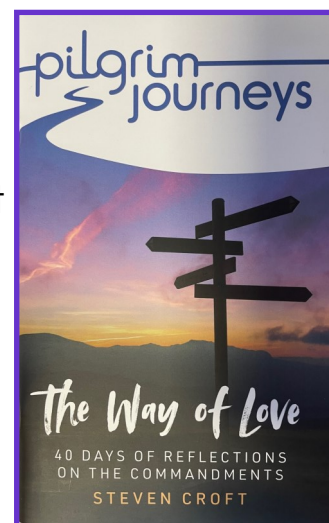
Daily Reading for Lent

Pilgrim Journeys: In three of the four gospels, Jesus is asked which commandment is the most important. Jesus answers not with one commandment but with two: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.

These two commandments give a heartbeat, a rhythm and a shape to our lives. We are called into a deep relationship of love with God who has made us. We are also called to live a life of love with our neighbours: those who are like us and those who are not. The daily readings in this booklet help us to explore this Way of Love:

The meaning of the commandments for today. The Pilgrim Journeys booklets are ideal for anyone to use daily in Lent but can be used at any time of the year. There are 40 daily reflections. Each day offers: A **theme** for the day; A suggested short Bible **reading** exploring the theme; An invitation to **reflect**; A suggestion of how to **pray**; A prompt to **act**.

These booklets are available for £3.00 at the back of the Cathedral or the Cathedral Office.



Lenten Project – Mission Focus Mothers' Union Overseas Fund



One of the aims of Mothers' Union is 'to help those whose family life has met with adversity'. The Mothers' Union Relief Fund is founded upon this principle. It enables grassroots Mothers' Union members to be a source of hope in their local communities when emergencies strike, wherever they find themselves in the world. When an emergency situation suddenly destabilises family life – either natural disaster or man-made conflict – local Mothers' Union groups can receive a grant from the Relief Fund which helps them provide support to meet the most urgent needs facing communities.

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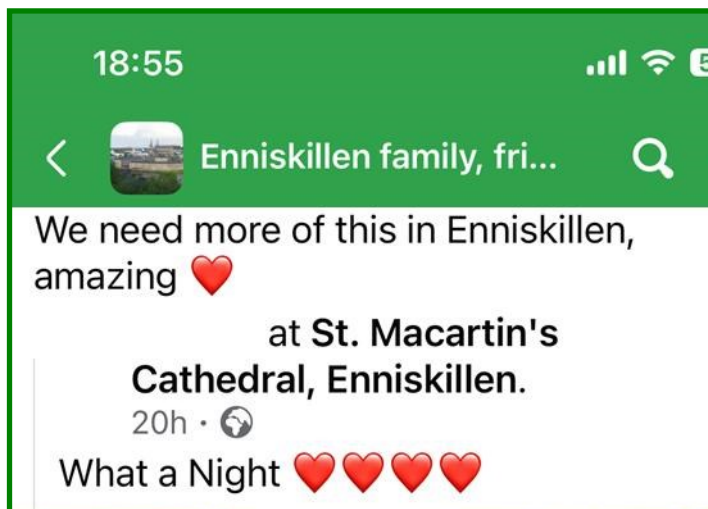
Dedication



On Sunday 2nd February a beautiful Visitor Donation Box and Table, gifted by the Elliott family in memory of their father, Cecil Elliott, was dedicated by the Dean at the 11.00am service.



The Illuminated Orchestra (London)



Was at it last year, fabulous 🙌🙌

A fabulous night.. thoroughly enjoyed.

It was fantastic !

It was amazing!!

Really enjoyed last night 🙌🙌

Amazing!



Four well attended performances on 12th and 13th February. Comments courtesy of Facebook, Enniskillen Family and Friends.

Mother's Day



**WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR MUM THIS
MOTHERING SUNDAY...??
IS SHE FED UP WITH CHOCOLATES
AND FLOWERS...??**

GIVE YOUR MUM A SPECIAL TREAT...

**Come with her and the whole family
to our special**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE
30TH MARCH AT 11.00AM**

Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held on
Sunday 2nd March 2025 at 11.00am.

Sunday School

March 2025

2nd March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service

9th March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service

16th March: Half Term Holiday

23rd March: Sunday Lights and Café - children leave during the 11.00am service

30th March: Family Service - Mothering Sunday



Mothers Union

The February meeting was held in the main hall, with a good attendance, on 10th February 2025.

Jenifer, our branch leader, opened with Psalm 100 and prayer.

Jenifer introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Rev Lorraine Capper, who talked to us about fashion and style. Rev Lorraine showed us some beautiful pieces from her wardrobe and how to wear various pieces of clothing with style. It was a very uplifting night with a lot of laughs!

Thank you Rev Lorraine. A welcome cup of tea/coffee was then enjoyed by all.

We finished the evening by noting various dates for our diaries.

The March meeting will be our visitors night, taking place on 10th March in the main hall, when Clodagh Dunlop from Magherafelt will be the speaker. Clodagh suffered locked-in syndrome after having a stroke and is coming along to share her journey with us. This will be an inspiring story



Above: Rev Lorraine Capper



to hear. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

The evening closed with the Mothers' Union prayer.

Left: Locked-in syndrome survivor Clodagh Dunlop

Cathedral Family - Former Curate: Rev Chris MacBruithin

The Rector of Castlerock and Dunboe, Rev Chris MacBruithin, will be leaving the parishes in late summer to take up a new role as Lecturer in Systematic Theology at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI) in Dublin. The news was shared with parishioners Sunday services in both churches.

Rev MacBruithin, who's been the incumbent in the north coast group of parishes since 2019, described it as a "bittersweet" moment, but said the family would be leaving one beautiful part of the island for another. The institute's located in the leafy Dublin 14 district where Chris spent three years studying in preparation for his ordination. He graduated in 2016 with a Master's in Theology with Distinction.



The move south will be something of a wrench for the MacBruithin family. Chris's wife, Sarah, says it'll be sad to leave a parish where they have so many friends. And while the couple's young son will be disappointed not to finish in Hezlett Primary School, Chris says Noah is excited at the prospect of living closer to the Aviva Stadium.

"The plan is to move sometime in August," the Rector said. "As a family, we feel really sad to be leaving Castlerock because, even though we know it is God's calling, we really love this place and its people. We'd absolutely no idea that this was coming. There certainly was no desire or intention to leave the parish." Chris said learning that he had been appointed to the lecturer's position at CITI came as something of a shock. "When I saw the advert, I said to Sarah, 'It's a pity that didn't come up in a few years' time because I would apply,' and I wasn't going to apply originally, because I thought it was too soon. And then I did [apply], thinking this kind of thing doesn't come up very often. I thought, well if people in theological circles see that I'm interested in it, maybe some other time in the future they'll recognise the name. I was shocked and surprised to be offered the position. I feel really privileged."

The lectureship at CITI will take Chris into a new area of ministry in which he has long been interested. "I have always felt a calling to theological education. I'm from a teaching background. I've always felt comfortable in the classroom. I've always loved teaching – not just telling people information that they need to memorise but helping people to learn and develop, and seeing them come on. So, I had a feeling I might end up doing something like this down the line, I just didn't think it would come any time as soon as this."

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Chris's new job description will include responsibility for training aspiring OLM ministers. "It's really exciting because it's an exciting time in the life of the Church of Ireland. There's a lot of change afoot, new things like pioneer ministry and ordained local ministry, so ministry looks different and the challenges are different – the relationship between church and wider culture – it's all very different, with more patterns of ministry.

"I think that we need more good theology because it's not a matter just of lifting the prayer book and conducting the service, there'll be lots of contexts where it takes a bit more innovation or creativity and so ministers [will] need to know what they're doing. I think we need good theology to resource all the good things that are happening in the wider church. And I think it's exciting because, in that light, theology's not just ideas in books, it has to be connected with real life. We need to be able to talk coherently and engage with the questions people are asking. Our theology has to be more flexible and more creative, it's not just memorising facts, it's being able to innovate and be creative in a way that's faithful to the unchanging truth of God."

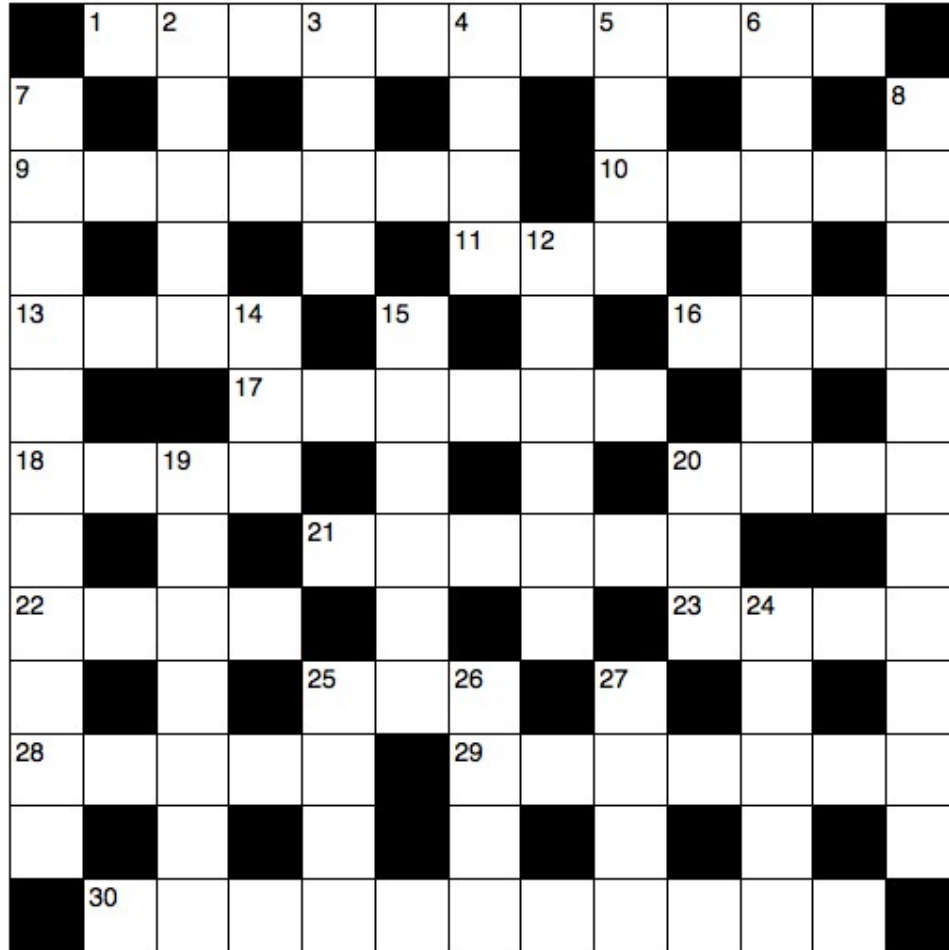
While news of the CITI appointment came suddenly and unexpectedly, it won't interfere with Chris's participation in March's parish mission trip to east Africa, which has long been in the planning. "I'm still going to Rwanda next month," he says. "We go out for two weeks and it'll be a bit of a dry run because I'll be lecturing in theology at the East African Christian College [in Kabuga], I'll be teaching theology to ordinands, so it'll be good practice for starting in August or September."

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster, has congratulated Rev MacBruithin on his appointment, even though it comes as sad news for the Castlerock Group and for the diocese. "I congratulate Chris on his appointment to this new role at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. I am delighted that the institute is getting someone with such theological wisdom and pastoral experience. He will, I'm certain, prove a great blessing to CITI in the critical work of preparing ordinands for ministry in a changing and challenging world.

"I'm sure that Chris's parishioners will be sad to lose him and certainly we, as a diocese, will be sorry to see him go. Our loss will be a considerable gain for God's church on this island, though, and I take consolation from that. I pray that Chris, Sarah and Noah will settle quickly in their new surroundings, and that Chris's ministry at CITI will prove personally fulfilling and fruitful for our church."

We also want to congratulate Rev Chris and wish him, Sarah and Noah every blessing as they move to Dublin, where Rev Chris will take up his new position, and the family start a new chapter in their lives.

Crossword



Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)

Crossword

29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)

30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)

3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4

4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)

5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)

6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)

7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)

8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)

12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)

14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)

19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)

20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)

24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)

25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)

26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Parish Visitations

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



Knowing Your Cathedral

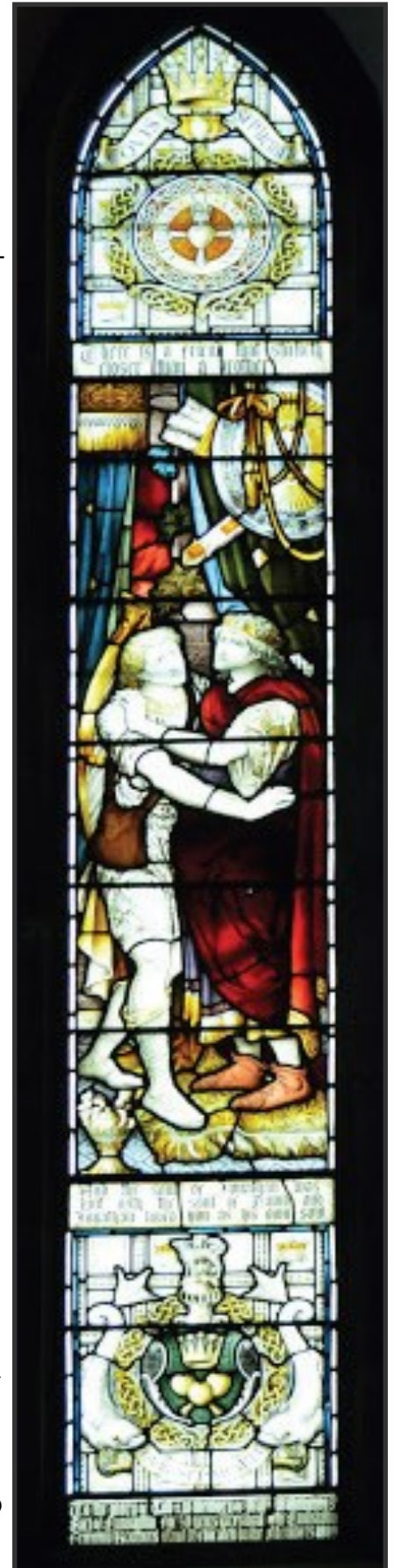
The Friendly Brothers' Window

The window on the North side of the chancel featuring David and Jonathan bears the inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Willm. Willoughby 3rd Earl of Enniskillen, for 50 years President of the Enniskillen Friendly Brothers Knot, dedicated by Members, 1889.'

Jonathan and David had much in common: strong faith in God and a deep love for God and that was an ideal basis for friendship between the two men. Even though Jonathan was a mighty prince and nearing 50 years of age, while David was but a humble shepherd and likely not yet 20 years old, those differences proved unimportant. The covenant they made was a real protection for their friendship. The example of their story, told in I Samuel 18 has been used as a typology for the friendship that exists among the Friendly Brothers of St Patrick, whose aim is to promote moral and social virtues. Their mottoes, *Fidelis et constans* and *Quis separabit* also feature in the design of the window.

The Ancient and most Benevolent Order of the Friendly Brothers of St Patrick is an ancient order, whose origins likely extend as far back as the seventeenth century. In addition to promoting moral, charitable and social virtues the Order had the excellent aim of suppressing the barbarous practice of duelling, which is unknown in the politest and bravest nations.

The basic unit of the Order is referred to as a Knot and there are currently twelve knots in Ireland and four in England. Knots usually meet each quarter and enjoy dining together. St Patrick's Day is a major festival for the Order when the members attend a service in the National Cathedral in Dublin, where they have their own pews. The Dean is a Chaplain to the Enniskillen Knot.



Visit to Clongowes Wood College



Clongowes Wood College and the former Portora Royal School have had a very close relationship for many years. That relationship has continued with Enniskillen Royal Grammar School. Each year Clongowes visit Enniskillen for a Remembrance Service, as both schools suffered tragic losses during the war years. The Royal School makes a visit to North Kildare in the early months of each year (this year on 9th February). Both schools also share the Blessed John Sullivan, who attended Portora Royal School and St Macartin's Cathedral before becoming a barrister and then entering a teaching career in Clongowes Wood. The Dean was the preacher at Clongowes on this visit.

The Dean is pictured above with the Principal of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School, Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, other staff members and pupils of both schools.

The Longest Yarn Exhibition



The Longest Yarn Exhibition has proved to be very popular. At the time of going to print approximately 16,000 visitors have been through St Macartin's Cathedral to view the display. Out of those seventy five percent have travelled more than fifty miles, with fifty percent travelling more than one hundred miles to St Macartin's, the only place in Ireland to host the Exhibition. On 29th February the display will leave for Peterborough before going to America where it will be on display for the next two years.

We want to thank everyone who helped, in any way. Those who were there to unload and set up on 12th January and to pack up on 10th February before the Illuminated Orchestra Concert on 12th and 13th and reinstating on 14th February. To the stewards who manned the exhibition throughout the seven weeks it was here. Also those who supplied provisions, home baked goods and catered on the weekends when refreshments were offered in the Cathedral Hall. This was all a momentous undertaking but thanks to all involved the exhibition has been a great success.

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The Iona Room (Prayer Room in Cathedral Hall)

When we decided to renovate and extend our Cathedral Halls we realised it would become a busy centre of many activities in the centre of Enniskillen. In the midst of busyness sometimes we need a place of peace and quietness to withdraw to! Where better than to that of a prayer room?

What is a Prayer Room?

A prayer room is a quiet location set aside in a busy public place (hospital, university, airport, etc.) where people can pause and spend time in quietness or prayer.

Why a prayer room?

A prayer room gives an opportunity to draw aside, take time out and meet with God. It is a dedicated space where people can go to pray and spend time with God. Even Jesus

withdrew to pray (Mt 14:13; Lk 5:12-16; Jn 6:14-16), not at the expense of serving the Father but in order to be more effective in that.

The key is not about the physical space but about making space for relationship with God who from the beginning of time longs to be with His people and connect with them. We know that God is everywhere and we can meet with God anywhere and everywhere, but a Prayer Room with time and place set aside can be an important part of growing in relationship with God. It's a great addition to our Cathedral Hall and very helpful as a place with no distractions!

Why is it called the 'Iona Room'?

Iona is an Irish name. St. Colmcille founded his monastery on Iona, the island between Ireland and Scotland in 563 AD and thus the name is associated with "blessed." The island is famous for quiet spiritual retreats.

Why not make use of such a facility?

The room is beautifully furnished and was greatly enhanced by the very kind gift of a beautiful 'window featured mirror' (erected above the altar) by Ivan and Avril Kee. The room also has a bookcase that contains a library of books. These books were kindly gifted by Miss Marie McCordick and



The Iona Room (Prayer Room in Cathedral Hall)

Mr Jim Kerr, former Diocesan Lay Readers, for reading in the Iona Room or they can be borrowed and returned. So read, pray, meditate or just be silent!

Mark 6:30-34 - *The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.'*

Matthew 6:9-13 - *'Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.'*

Philippians 4:6 - *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

1 John 5:14 - *And this is the boldness we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

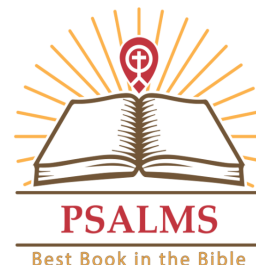


Psalm

Psalm 138

It is our privilege today to listen in to the sorts of songs that the ancient Israelites sang, the sort of stories they told the next generation, the way they coped with life. Psalm 138 is all about coping with life in troubled times, it's all about knowing our human vulnerability and yet carrying on, depending on God. The writer calls out to God for blessing, for grace, for love, for forgiveness, and yet at the same time gives thanks to God for already having all those things. It's what we all get familiar with in life: the now and not yet coming together. No matter how much blessing and grace and love and forgiveness we have, we still need more. This is what being human is like. Our lives are constantly changing, constantly evolving, constantly stretching us further and further. And this is the song about that. And it's not just liturgical, it's therapeutic too. This is giving thanks in spite of the griefs, the haunting memories and the lingering threat of further crises. The therapy is to sing the songs of our lives, reaching back into our pasts and the visions and hopes for our futures. The liturgy is finding our place in the wider story of God's involvement with human beings. As it has become trendy to say, this is deepening our living. This is holiness.

And the songs we will sing as we live this life both comfort and challenge. In Psalm 138 here is all the ambiguity, the messiness, the pain, the struggle of a life of faith. Because our God is always loving and gracious, but always unexpected. In our lives, when the fragility of our humanity weighs us down so that we cannot stand upright, this is our song. This is living in fundamental dependence on God. This is life in all its fullness.



Supper at Six

'Supper at Six' has proved to be a very successful event and has been exceptionally well attended. It has also proved to be an ideal outing for those who live alone and by coming along can enjoy a meal in the company of others in a similar situation. We would like to thank those who have made financial contributions to cover costs and ensure it continues. We also thank Saddlers Restaurant for catering for each event. If anyone would like to make a donation it will be most gratefully received.

The last 'Supper at Six' for this season is on Thursday 27th March. See the flyer inserted in this Cathedral News,



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)

Answers to Crossword on page 14

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abjiah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.


DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightenment. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Aird. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

Ideal Presents 400th Anniversary Year - Cathedral History Book




The author
Samuel Boyd Morrow OBE FRCGS graduated from Queen's University in 1939. His Civil Service career was in agriculture, finishing as Fermanagh's County Agricultural Officer. In his last two years, before retirement in 1996, he served as Principal of Enniskillen Agricultural College in addition to his role as County Agricultural Officer. His education in Fermanagh was at Clabby Primary School and then Portora Royal School. In his youth he worshipped in St Margaret's Parish Church, Clabby. He has been a member of Enniskillen parish since 1966 and a member of its select vestry since 1968. He has served periods as churchwarden, glebewarden and has been honorary secretary of the select vestry since 1989.
He has written four other books, two on agricultural matters and two on church history. Those dealing with church affairs are titled: *The Church of Ireland Parishes of Tempo and Clabby - a Shared Heritage*, and *Clabby on the Map - The Church of Ireland Parish of Clabby and its People*.


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The cup presented by Edward Barty in 1622 is still in use at the celebration of Holy Communion in St Macartin's Cathedral. The chalice is kept in the Pastoral Centre, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. The cup of the Parish Church of Portora, the gift of Edward Barty, 1622, is the same cup.



St Macartin's Cathedral
at the Heart of the Community



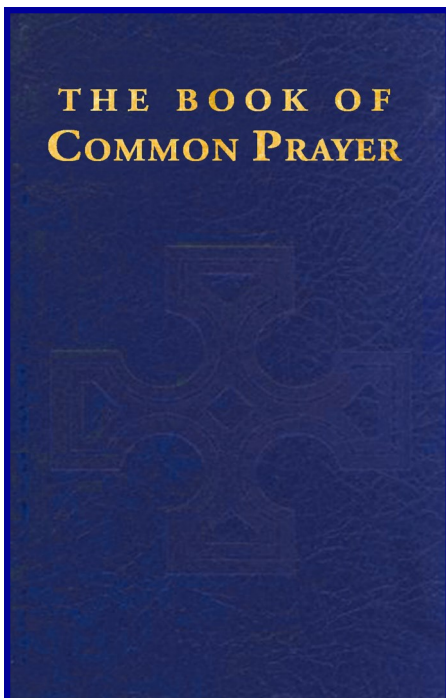
Over 400 years of Parish History
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St Macartin's Cathedral by Samuel B. Morrow

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

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!

Parenting Wellness



Colin Tinsley from 'Hope For Youth Ministries' will visit The Parenting Wellness Group in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, on Saturday 15th March at 2.00pm.

Colin's presentation will be about the Easter Story and there will be lots of fun activities including quizzes and singing. All ages of children and their parents are very welcome to attend. To reserve a

place, please send a message to Linda Kingston on 07342045474.

"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." 1 Cor 15:3

Messy Church

The remaining Messy Church Meetings this year will be held at 4.00pm in the Cathedral Hall on: Thursday 20th March and Thursday 15th May

Book your place with Gwyneth on 07753522324 or via email, gwyneth.blair@gmail.com.

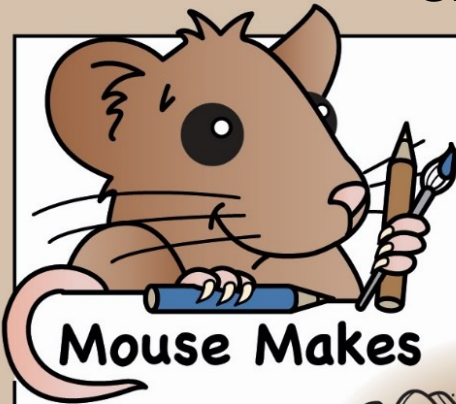


Bowling Club

The Bowling Club are running their Mixed Pairs Tournament in the Cathedral Hall on Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and the finals on Friday 21st March 2025, at 7.30pm each evening.



Children's Page



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

Luke 4:1



For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

What happened after the temptation of Jesus?
see Luke 4:14-15

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8



READ
the story in
Luke 4:1-13



Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12



JESUS • LED
WILDERNESS
DESERT
TEMPTATIONS
DAYS • DEVIL
HUNGRY • SON
STONE • ROCK
KINGDOMS
WORLD • GLORY
WRITTEN
SCRIPTURE
WORSHIP • ONLY
SERVE • LORD
JERUSALEM
HIGH • TEMPLE
THROW • DOWN
JUMP • ANGELS
HANDS • HOLD
LIFT • FOOT

R W O R S H I P H A N D S D
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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

Verger - Andrew McCabe

Hall Caretaker - Andrew McCabe

March Lessons and Readers

Sunday 2nd March: The Sunday before Lent - The Transfiguration Confirmation Service

Sunday 9th March: The First Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 - Wendy Graham

The Psalm - Psalm 121

The Second Reading - Romans 10: 8b-13 - Brian Graham

The Gospel Reading - Luke 4: 1-13 - Adele Moore

Sunday 16th March: The Second Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Deuteronomy 32: 1-9 - Linda Kingston

The Psalm - Psalm 145: 1-13

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 1-12 - Robin Hogg

The Gospel Reading - John 4: 31-38 - The Curate

Sunday 23rd March: The Third Sunday in Lent

The First Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-9 - David Nixon

The Psalm - Psalm 63: 1-9

The Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 - Jim Nixon

The Gospel Reading - Luke 13: 1-9 - Adele Moore

Sunday 30th March: The Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday



WELCOME TEAM

March 2025

**02 Gwen and Karl
Saunders**

**09 Myrtle and George
Irvine**

**16 Doris and Gordon
Jackson**

**23 Jenifer and Noel
Johnston**

**30 Marie and Sam
Morrow**

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)

Men's Group - 7.30pm - 9.30pm (third 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

Rangers - 6.30pm - 7.45pm

Word & World - 7.30pm (alternate weeks)

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

Xplore - 7.30pm (last Wednesday of month, October to March)

THURSDAY

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

Scouts - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Supper at Six - 6.00pm - 7.30pm (fourth Thursday, September to March)

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!**