



# Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine

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The Dean  
writes.....



Dear Parishioners and Friends

The phrase 'out of sight, out of mind' means that people quickly forget someone if he or she goes away. It is a phrase that could apply to the disciples when Jesus ascended to Heaven. For 40 days from when He was raised from the dead on Easter Day they had seen Him on different occasions and in different settings. When Jesus died on Good Friday the world of the disciples was turned upside-down. Their emotions were many and varied. Sadness, Joy, Doubt, Disbelief. Each time that they saw Him they, perhaps, thought that He was going to stay with them for ever. On the Ascension Day as the cloud took Him out of their sight they could have been forgiven if they soon forgot Him and all that He had said and done. But they had lived and worked with Him so closely for three years that it was going to prove difficult to forget Him and Jesus, Himself, had ensured that His words and deeds would not be forgotten. He had arranged that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would rest upon the disciples ten days later. The Holy Spirit helped the disciples to remember all that Jesus had meant to them and He enabled them never to forget Jesus. His words and His deeds would always be remembered as they continued to teach, to preach and to heal in His name. As we follow Jesus in our daily lives we also need the presence of the Holy Spirit to remind us that we are not alone. Jesus has gone into Heaven but He has not abandoned us. Because He is out of sight does not mean that He has forgotten us. Scripture (Romans 8: 34) tells us that **Jesus is at the right hand of God and is interceding (praying) for us.**

I find that this is a wonderful image, knowing that I am in the mind of Jesus who knows me and my needs and is praying for me.

There is a lovely picture in these words from Isaiah 49:16- **See, I have written your name on the palm of my hands.** God has my (your) name always in front of Him.

He is always thinking about me (you).

As we meet a new day, a new week, a new month let us be encouraged as we remember that 'out of sight' does not have to mean 'out of mind' and let us find renewed hope in the belief that God is always thinking about us and that Jesus is always praying for us.

May this encourage us to approach His throne with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart



## CHAPTER NEWS

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order Two) at 11.00 a.m. on SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 will be The Reverend Canon Colin Welsh, the Rector of The Parish of Castledawson. The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order One) at 11.00 a.m. on PENTECOST (Whitsunday) 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 will be The Reverend Canon Robert Clarke, the Rector of The Parishes of Edenderry and Clanabogan, Omagh and the Prebendary of Cumber on the Chapter of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

### INSTALLATION

The Installation of The Reverend Mervyn Peoples as a Canon of Saint Eunan's Cathedral is to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. in Raphoe Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### THE GENERAL VESTRY

The meeting of the General Vestry of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) was held in The Chapter House of Saint Columb's Cathedral on MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024.

The following appointments were made.

Rector's Churchwarden	Mr William Lynn
People's Churchwarden	Miss Muriel Hamilton
Rector's Glebewarden	Mr Charlie Ferguson
People's Glebewarden	Mr William Lynn
Rector's Supplemental Glebewarden	Mr Brian Doherty
People's Supplemental Glebewarden	Mr Maurice Brown

#### Members of the Select Vestry

Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Mr Ian Bartlett, Mr Maurice Brown, Mr Garth Doherty, Mrs June Fields, Mr Louis Fields, Mr Morris Forbes, Mrs Irene Hewitt, Mr Graham Hunter, Mrs Ray Mace, Mr Robert McGonigle, Mr Simon McGonigle.

#### Sidespersons

Mr Garth Doherty, Mr Charlie Ferguson, Mr Maurice Brown, Mr Graham Hunter.

We welcome **Mr William Lynn** as Rector's Churchwarden and thank **Mr Morris Forbes** for fulfilling that role last year. We welcome **Ms Jacqui Armstrong** as Honorary Secretary and thank **Mrs Ray Mace** for fulfilling that role in past years. We thank **Mrs Mildred Deans** for her contribution to the parish through her membership of the Select Vestry.

Following the meeting of the General Vestry a meeting of the newly-elected members of the Select Vestry was held in The Chapter House.

The following appointments were made.

Honorary Secretary	Ms Jacqui Armstrong
Honorary Treasurer	Mr Louis Fields
Assistant Treasurers	Mr Alan Thompson, Miss Muriel Hamilton
Gift Aid Secretary	Mrs Ray Mace

#### Sub-Committees

##### Schools Committee

The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart, Mr Robert McGonigle, Mr Charlie Ferguson, Mr Ian Bartlett, Mr William Lynn

Representative on the Committee of The Friends of Saint Columb's Cathedral  
Miss Muriel Hamilton

Select Vestry Representative on the Committee of The Cathedral Choir Association  
Mrs June Fields, Mr Simon McGonigle, Mr Morris Forbes

### A MEETING OF THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No 1 St Columb's Court on TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

## THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer, Mr Louis Fields, presented the Financial Report. He gave a breakdown of the money that is paid into the Cathedral and the money that is paid out during the year and he explained that in the past year **there was a shortfall of £40,000.**

He suggested a number of ways that this shortfall could be addressed, including if parishioners would consider increasing their giving through Free Will Offering Envelopes and/or Standing Order.

**When was the last time that you increased your giving to the church?**

**Are you giving the same amount as you did five or ten years ago?**

**If you do not contribute by FWO or Standing Order is this something that you would consider doing?**

**To obtain a set of FWO Envelopes, talk to Miss Muriel Hamilton.**

**For advice about Standing Order, see Mr Robert McGonigle.**

**For information about Gift Aid, contact Mrs Ray Mace.**

On behalf of the Select Vestry I ask you to consider this appeal prayerfully and carefully and to respond in whatever way you can.

## THANK YOU

I wish to thank Canon John Merrick, the churchwardens, the readers, the organists, the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Chamber Choir, the Cathedral Girls' Choir, the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Choristers for their help and support at Services in Holy Week and on Easter Day.

Also to those who provided and prepared the floral arrangements and the Easter scenes in the Porch.

### READERS ON PALM SUNDAY

Jacqui Armstrong, Simon McGonigle, David Bell, Canon John Merrick and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

### READERS ON GOOD FRIDAY – 'AN HOUR AT THE CROSS'

Muriel Hamilton, Simon McGonigle, David Bell, Canon John Merrick and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

### READERS ON THE EVENING OF GOOD FRIDAY

Muriel Hamilton, Jacqui Armstrong, Simon McGonigle and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

## VOCATION SUNDAY

On the Sunday between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost – **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – clergy and diocesan readers are being encouraged to set aside some time in their services

To consider the call of God in our lives and to ask parishioners

whether this means a step forward for them into a particular form of ministry.

Vocation Sunday is an annual initiative from The Commission on Ministry to encourage conversations and discussions about vocation and ministry.

Anyone with an interest in exploring a vocation to ordained ministry is encouraged to speak with their rector in the first instance.

A range of resources for services is available at [www.vocations.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.vocations.ireland.anglican.org)

The logo for Vocation Sunday features the word "vocation" in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, the word "Sunday" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font, set against a teal brushstroke background. A large, light blue cross is positioned to the right of the text.

## THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

Will be held in The City Hotel, Armagh, **FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

## THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes / Articles for the June 2024 issue of the Cathedral Magazine are due by **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024.**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Dates for the May diary

- 5th Sunday School in the Diocesan Centre  
- Party time Irene's birthday and celebrating 45 years teaching
- 12th Family Service
- 19th Sunday School in the Diocesan Centre
- 26th Sunday School in the Diocesan Centre

Thank you to Simon, Pauline, Heather & Trevor for assisting at the Family Service in April. The prayers were read by Katie and Sam who have both taken the lead with the worship in church and it is great to see two young confident readers. They are also brilliant working as a team with the younger children bringing the Bible stories alive.

Our "Adopt a Grandparent" project is still going strong and over Easter we did a quick shout to over 16 homes, dropping off a wee treat for them. We were delighted when I was successful at receiving funding for this year from The Church of Ireland Priorities Fund which was set up in 1980 to support areas of ministry and social responsibility which were deemed to be in need. We thank all involved with the Priorities Fund and promise to make the most of this year.

In May 1979 I joined the Cathedral as a teacher when Trafford McIntosh and Harry Robinson asked me to join the team. I had previously taught in St Augustine's prior to moving to the Cathedral when I married. Then in 1992 Trafford asked me to take over the role of Superintendent. Anyone who knew Trafford would know when he gave you that smile and look you could not - would not - say no to him.

When I think back to those days, we had Beetle Drives, Christmas Parties, and the most enjoyable excursions, with sandwiches and buns in a bag round the back of Barrys.

Sadly those days are long gone and now a memory.

We recently moved Sunday School to the Diocesan Centre and we have the use of the kitchen, the children enjoy the juice bar and biscuits after their lessons.

We follow the exact same readings as used in church, using the Sermons4kids.

The readings are child friendly and they then have worksheets to complete (that's the incentive to getting to the juice bar).

We are also preparing the Senior Class for the Rite of Confirmation: this year Ewan, Robbie, Sean and Freddie will be joined by Ellen from the girls' choir and Wendy who is taking her class with the Dean. Canon Merrick and myself meet the class in Church after Sunday School to help them prepare for their day.

It's funny that I have now taught 3 generations of females in one family and many mothers and daughters, and fathers and sons. I was once told never to work with children – but you learn so much from them – some have no filters and tell all – I love it.

Sunday School prepares your child for adult life in the Church and beyond and it is sad to say the attendance has fallen badly over the last few years. We have the same preparation work; we tag all the mums in Facebook page and we text those who are not on social media.

We have a dedicated team of teachers who have given years of their time to teach the Word of God. Gail, Lynsey, Katie and Sam along with Malcolm who is the key holder for us. We all do our best to share the story being told in Church. But we cannot do that without your child, so please parent:

*Your Sunday School  
needs - your Child*

**Irene & the teachers**





# Confirmation 2024

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will (DV) visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on **SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024** (The Feast Day of Saint Columba) at 11.00 a.m. to administer The Rite of Confirmation. Please pray for Ewan Copestake, Ellen Duffy, Sean Graydon, Robbie Hamilton-Williamson, Freddie McIntosh and Wendy Jackson.



At the time of going to press our teens Sam, Elliot & Joseph will have 9 weeks until travel. During their time away they will do service projects, food bank, car washes, water stations and charity shops, worship – attending services at many different types of church to what they are used to here and recreational activities: some will visit Washington DC, some will do White Water Rafting, and all will do theme parks and swimming to name but a few.

We had a great time at the Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th April and thank everyone for their support so far. We look forward to the teens sharing their experiences with you on their return home.

Malcolm

## BROWNING PARENT CLUB OF THE APPRENTICE BOYS OF DERRY

The Browning Parent Club of The Apprentice Boys of Derry will attend a Service of Remembrance for the life of Colonel Henry Baker and the life of Captain Michael Browning in Saint Columb's Cathedral on **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024** at 11.45 a.m.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week will be observed from **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY – SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**. A retiring offering for Christian Aid will be held at all services in Saint Columb's Cathedral on **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY**.

## THE RITE OF HOLY MATRIMONY

We will welcome **Emma Moore and Simon Wells** and their families to Saint Columb's Cathedral on **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024** for The Rite of Holy Matrimony.



## FROM THE ARCHIVES – MAY 1999

Looking back at some of the Cathedral magazines of 25 years ago, I discovered the following articles of information. They may bring back memories for some people.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to green-fingered **Stephana Young** who won prizes at the Horticultural Show in St Peter's Hall – first for Flowering Shrub, Pansies, Skimea and Tulips and a second for Hyacinths.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Dr Moyra Haslett** who has won a top prize from the Council of the British Academy for a book she has written – "Byron's Don Juan and the Don Juan Legend" which has been published by Clarendon Press. Moyra received the Rose Mary Crawshay Prize which was established in 1888 and is awarded annually to women.



On Tuesday 9th April we were guests of the CCCSMP branch in the Acorn Centre. Our speaker was Avril Meehan who told us the fascinating story of her father's experiences as part of the airborne forces involved in the Battle of Arnhem. Like many ex-soldiers he had found it difficult to talk about these experiences but had agreed to write them down for his family. Deciphering and researching these notes was a true labour of love for Avril and her sister and has resulted in an exciting and moving account of bravery in the face of the realities of war. Our hosts provided us with a delicious supper and a chance to chat with friends old and new. Many thanks to Linda and her members for making us feel so welcome.

Our Spring Coffee Morning held on 20<sup>th</sup> April was a great success. The sunshine streaming in through the windows of the Diocesan Office added to the cheerful atmosphere of the event and £535.00 was raised for Mums in May 2024. Many thanks to those who helped in any way, those who sent donations and all those who came along on the day and supported us.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 14th May will be a visit to Foyle Family Justice Centre which promises to be very interesting. We will send out further details nearer the time.



## **IRISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS**

**The Northern District will hold a Practice in Saint Columb's Cathedral  
on SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

## **COME AND SEE!**

**The bellringers of Saint Columb's Cathedral extend an invitation to any person (male or female) who would like to know more about bellringing and to experience bellringing for themselves to come to a Taster Session in the Cathedral on SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.**



SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

 **FESTIVAL**  
*of* **CLOAKS**

**14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**

Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm

**EXHIBITION OF CEREMONIAL CLOAKS**

including St Brigid's Commemorative Cloaks



*"Give me as much land as my cloak will cover"*

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS  
WEAVING WORKSHOPS  
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES



# FESTIVAL OF CLOAKS AND WORKSHOPS

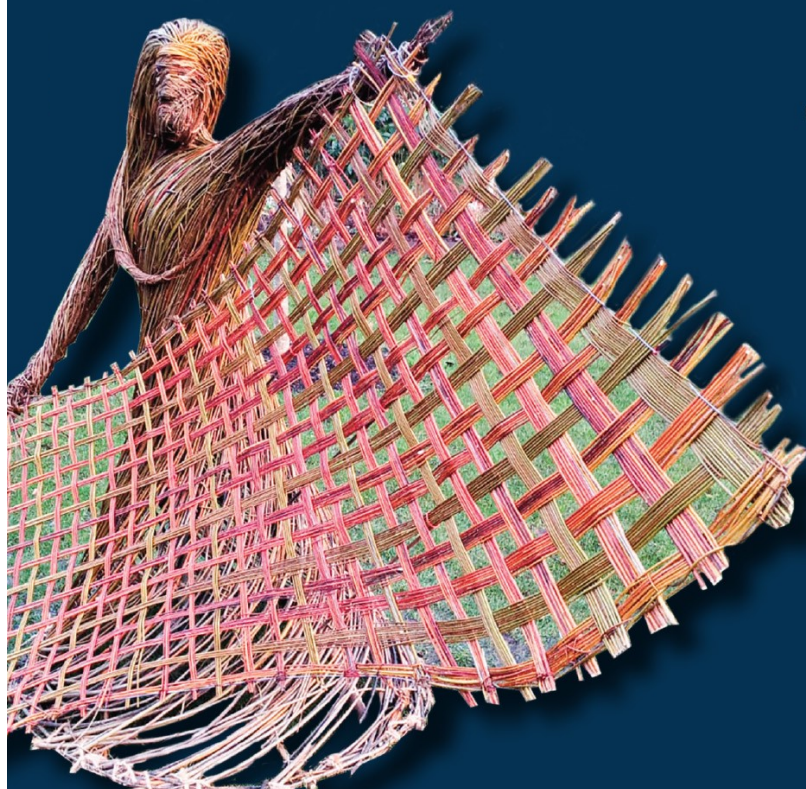
The main body of the Cathedral will house the wide range of cloaks and musical performances and the workshops will be held in the Cathedral Chapter House/ Museum

## Featuring;

- Four Art works depicting St Brigid's Cloaks, designed for the St Brigid's 1500th Anniversary celebration
- Creative Workshops **14th to 29th June**
- Basket weaving workshops open to public **28th and 29th June**
- Display of Cloaks from various civic organisations, churches, industry
- Musical performances from soloists, musicians, choirs etc

## We will invite schools to the festival in the last two weeks of June.

- Children will have access to the oldest building in the city and learn of its history.
- They will learn about St Brigid and the background to the four cloaks which represent the Four Provinces of Ireland
- They will be exposed to the wide and diverse range of cloaks that exist and are seldom on display.
- Introduction to heritage crafts.



**The Festival will be open to everyone from Mid-June until the end of August 2024**

FOR WORKSHOP INFORMATION  
& BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT  
**[linda@stcolumbs.net](mailto:linda@stcolumbs.net)**

PLEASE JOIN US ON THIS SUMMER  
FESTIVAL OF CULTURE, ARTS  
AND WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES





## Congratulations to three Saint Columb's Cathedral Choristers

Ben awarded 1st for Moore's melody winning James MacCafferty medal.  
 1st place 12-14 own choice song and 3rd place sacred solo age 12-16. 3rd place yr 8 poem.  
 David 1st 10-12 own choice song, 2nd place P7 English song and 1st place under 12 musical theatre.  
 1st place P7 boys poem.  
 Winner of Derry Credit Union 'Rising star award'.  
 James 1st place own choice song 8-10yr and 3rd place P4 boys poem.

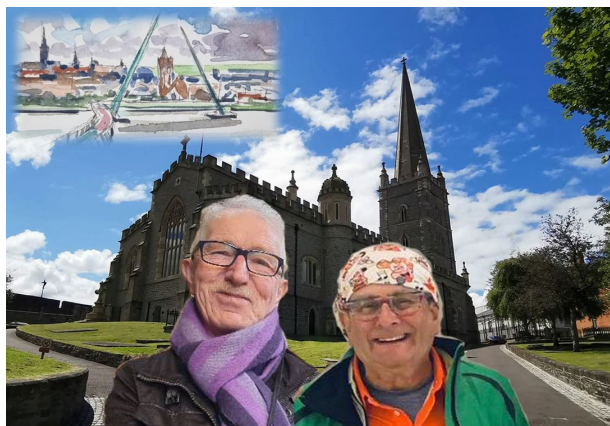
Also congratulations to all of the St. Columb's School of Music students who competed at the Derry Feis over Easter and proudly represented the school!

## Timmy Mallett visits Saint Columb's Cathedral

as part of an epic cycle around the North in memory of his late brother Martin, who had Down Syndrome and died in 2018.

Timmy said: I've been invited to meet Dean Raymond of St Columb's Cathedral. Bobby gave me a tour. We looked at the solid Irish silver chalice and vessels. There are some unusual things in the Chapter House.

The original lock and keys to the city gates, a kidney shaped desk brought to the city from India by a previous Bishop; a child's strange chair, and the portrait of the lady who wrote 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'Once in Royal David's City'.



## VISITORS

We welcomed visitors to Saint Columb's Cathedral on **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**.

The Reverend Alan McCormack (Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London) the Dean of Goodenough College and a group of 15 students/members from Goodenough College joined with us for worship.

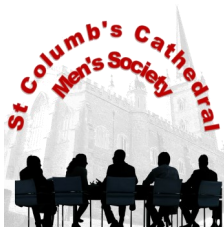
The Reverend Alan McCormack (a son of The Church of Ireland) read the Second Lesson. During the service he explained that Goodenough College is a residential community for postgraduate students in the heart of London. It was founded in 1930 by Mr Frederick Crawford Goodenough, the Chairman of Barclays Bank.

Today the College is home to 700 students/members from 100 countries of the world. The group of 15 members that visited Londonderry included Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Jews and Christians.

During the weekend they had visited The University of Ulster and The Nerve Centre in Londonderry. Before coming to Saint Columb's Cathedral they had attended Mass in Saint Eugene's Cathedral.

Following the service the group, along with some local clergy, enjoyed fellowship and refreshments, kindly hosted by The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, in The Diocesan Centre, London Street.





The Men's Society meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, was a visitation to the Glendermott Parish Men's Shed. The Men's Shed is located in a very large polytunnel at the back of Parish Hall car park and also includes a couple of small out buildings for equipment and a kitchen for the volunteers. This is an extremely impressive project manned by volunteers, led by Mr Richard Edgar and carved out mainly by hand in an un-used area at the back of the car park which runs down to a stream. The polytunnel hosts a wide variety of vegetables that are available to the public and also distributed to the community through 'Another Chance' located in the Glendermott Valley Business Park. The growing procedure is almost entirely self-sustainable, environmentally friendly, and also uses rain water for all its operations. This was a very enjoyable and informative visit even though we were challenged to hear Richard above the noise of the rain on the polytunnel, as it was quite wet during his talk! All in all, this is a very adventurous and successful project and our congratulations would go to all those involved who now live their 'vision' following on from what must have been extremely challenging at times. Thank you to Richard and his team and the ladies of the parish who provided a splendid supper in the Canon Kelly Hall to finish off a lovely evening. Our May meeting will also be 'on the road' as we will travel to Cutts House in Coleraine, the official residence of The Honourable the Irish Society. Mr Edward Montgomery, recently retired secretary, will give a talk on the history and work of the Irish Society. The visit will be followed by a dinner at a location to be decided. Details will be issued to all members when finalised but the date will be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May and this will be an afternoon visit leaving at 1:00pm.

**ROBERT MCGONIGLE**  
**SECRETARY**





## Music List for May



Sunday 5	The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Rogation Sunday	
11am	Choral Eucharist (Order Two) The Cathedral Girls' Choir and The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir Third Communion Service, William Mathias Fairest Lord Jesus, arr. Martin How	
4pm	Choral Evensong Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb major, Charles Villiers Stanford God be in my head, Walford Davies	The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Thursday 9	The Ascension Day	
7.30pm	Choral Eucharist (Order Two) Third Communion Service, William Mathias The Lord ascendeth up on high, Praetorius arr. Alan Bullard	The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Sunday 12	The Seventh Sunday of Easter—Sunday after The Ascension Day	
11am	Family Service Pray that Jerusalem, Charles Villiers Stanford	The Cathedral Choir
4pm	Choral Evensong Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F major, George Dyson God is a spirit, Sterndale Bennett	The Cathedral Choir
Sunday 19	The Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday	
11am	Choral Eucharist (Order One) Little Organ Mass, Joseph Haydn Like the murmur of the dove's song, Alan Smith	The Cathedral Choir
4pm	Choral Evensong Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor, George Dyson Come down O love divine, William Harris	The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Sunday 26	Trinity Sunday	
11am	Choral Eucharist (Order One) Communion Service in F major, Herbert Sumsion Hymn to the Trinity, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	The Cathedral Choristers
4pm	Choral Evensong Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, Charles Wood Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Alan Smith	The Cathedral Choir

**Thursday 9 May  
The Ascension Day  
Choral Eucharist (Order Two)  
7.30pm**

**The Cathedral Girls' Choir**

*Third Communion Service, William Mathias  
The Lord ascendeth up on high, Praetorius arr. Alan Bullard*



**ASCENSION DAY**

Peace be Upon Us



St Columb's Cathedral  
Londonderry

Lunchtime  
Organ  
Recitals

July 2024

Thursdays 1.10pm - 1.50pm

4<sup>th</sup> Derek Collins

11<sup>th</sup> Nicky Morton

18<sup>th</sup> Jack Wilson

25<sup>th</sup> Stephen Hamill



ADMISSION FREE





## **OLD SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE**

The Old School building, which has lay dormant for too many years, is almost ready to be signed across to In Your Space Circus (IYSC) as our new tenant. An Agreement for Lease was signed off with IYSC in March 2023, with the full lease agreement to be signed off on receipt of sufficient funding to allow the project to proceed as a viable project. In June 2023, £140K was allocated to IYSC from Heritage Lottery Funds and that allowed the engagement of a design team and fund raising facilities, opening the way to an application for funding to commence enabling works. Mullarkey Pedersen Architects were successful and prepared the documents.

In March 2024 IYSC was awarded £601,540 from the Community Ownership Fund (Department of Levelling up, housing and communities). This will finance an 'Enabling Works Package' for the Cathedral School and will include:

- o Tanking the damp retaining walls
- o Installing floors
- o Constructing core walls and circulation areas
- o Fire proofing
- o Architects construction and working drawings
- o Planning application and building control

The 'Enabling works' will activate the full potential of the project, providing a tangible realisation of the IYSC vision to other funders and supporters, championing the highest quality delivery in circus education and performance. The grant also includes revenue funding to support project management costs. It is also envisaged the old spiral staircase will be reinstated in this phase of the works.

All this means we are now well ahead of schedule, and it is envisaged that the full lease will be signed off during May. IYSC will continue to seek funding for the next stage which will complete the full restoration of the school and the addition of the original spire shown on the photograph which was recently uncovered. It is believed the spire has not been seen on the building for some time and we are also not aware of what happened to it! All very exciting times for the future of the building and the Cathedral Quarter and we will keep you updated.

**Robert**





As we approach the busy time or crazy time of our Calendar year in Cathedral Youth Club the young people are excited to be involved in a cross-border project with young people from Carndonagh. Together they will be exploring what life is like in other communities.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm - 8.00pm** sees the launch of our Tiling course at The North West College Springtown campus. We have still places available if anyone would like to try their hand at learning to tile.

John Crowe commences his six-week Cooking programme on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. John has facilitated many programmes and is an absolute pleasure to work with or indeed sit back and learn plenty of tips, create new recipes for all the family or yourself.

Would you like to have beautiful nails. Well the place for you is here at Cathedral Youth and Community Centre on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm - 8.00pm**. Enjoy a little therapy!

**Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May** Cathedral Youth & Community Centre will be hosting a variety of events Celebrating their Community.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am - 12.30pm**. The Women into Irish History group facilitated by Trevor Temple would like to invite you to come along and experience one of Trevor's informative and detailed talks.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** we will be officially opening our Art Exhibition. The paintings exhibited have been painted by local artists who attend the art classes at Cathedral Youth Club every Tuesday and Thursday. We would recommend a visit to see for yourself the local talent out in the community. There will also be stalls of 'New to You Garments', handbags, books, and Bric a Brac. Teas and of course a raffle in aid of Alzheimer's. Norman Rosborough will round off the proceedings with a sing-a-long!

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Praxis Group will enjoy a visit to Destined Railway Museum in Foyle Road, followed by lunch. Followed by story telling at Cathedral Youth Club listening to Hazel Philson sharing her wonderful stories which is sure to keep everyone enthralled.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** Mothers Babies and toddlers come together to enjoy an hour of playtime facilitated by Sure Start. It is always a real treat to see the tiny tots taking part in playtime.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** an event everyone will really enjoy sharing a tasting session of food from Tunisia, Italy, France, India, Ireland, Africa and China. Please come along and try as many tasty dishes as your stomach will allow. Tea and Coffee will be served.

Donations are welcome at each event as all money will go to the named charities which I am sure you will agree is really worthwhile.

To round off the week of events we finish with a tribute night of Garth Brooks performed by Stephen Whoriskey and Adam Luke Holmes. The event will take place in Cathedral Youth Club on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm - 9.00pm**.

In anticipation of your support at some or all of the events many thanks. **Jeanette**



Happy birthday **Irene** from all at Sunday School past & present, all your friends at the Cathedral and Mothers' Union. We wish that you will have a well deserved relaxing day!

# Bible Readings for May 2024

DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	1 Timothy 4	Train yourself to be godly
Thursday 2	1 Timothy 5:1-16	A community of care
Friday 3	1 Timothy 5:17-25	The challenge of leadership
Saturday 4	1 Timothy 6:1-10	Challenge and contentment
Sunday 5	1 Timothy 6:11-21	Discipleship (Fiamē)
Monday 6	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Faith nurturers (Lemau)
Tuesday 7	2 Timothy 1:15-2:13	Families of Faith (Fiamē)
Wednesday 8	2 Timothy 2:14-26	Calling to serve God (Lemau)
Thursday 9	2 Timothy 3	Community of all believers (Lemau)
Friday 10	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Passing the mantle (Fiamē)
Saturday 11	2 Timothy 4:9-22	Farewell blessings (Lemau)
Sunday 12	Genesis 24:15-27	.... winning a bride
Monday 13	Genesis 32:9-21	.... winning a brother
Tuesday 14	Judges 7:9-14	.... winning a war
Wednesday 15	Isaiah 60:1-6	.... winning money
Thursday 16	Matthew 3:1-10	.... making a coat
Friday 17	Matthew 19:16-26	.... making a point (1)
Saturday 18	Matthew 23:13-24	.... making a point (2)
Sunday 19	Acts 1:12-26	All were together
Monday 20	Matthew 16:13-20	Knowing Jesus
Tuesday 21	Acts 6:1-8	Stephen
Wednesday 22	Acts 8:26-40	Baptism on the move
Thursday 23	Acts 9:10-18	Used as an instrument of God
Friday 24	Acts 17:22-34	God gives life and breath
Saturday 25	Acts 18:1-4, 18	Priscilla and Aquila
Sunday 26	Titus 1:1-5	Titus; a loyal child in the faith
Monday 27	Romans 16:1-2	Phobe - A woman of importance
Tuesday 28	Romans 16:3-15	A diverse church
Wednesday 29	1 Corinthians 1:11-17	Trouble and strife
Thursday 30	Philippians 4:1-3	Of one mind
Friday 31	Philemon 1-7	Radical love



# PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2024

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024  
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION DAY  
**Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil)**  
The Most Reverend Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto,  
Primate of Brazil; Bishop of The Diocese of Amazonia.  
**The Church of Ireland**  
The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,  
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.  
**The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.  
**The Parishes of Kilrea, Tamlaght O'Crilly Upper and Tamlaght O'Crilly Lower**  
The Reverend Gary Millar, Rector. Mr Timothy Dowie, Diocesan Reader.

## MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AZERBAIJAN

**Many individuals, churches, clergy and pastors need Bibles in Azerbaijan.**

You can help to supply the Bible to encourage deeper relationships with Jesus and increase the number of Bibles in this challenging context. Bibles and New Testaments are supplied in Azerbaijani and in Russian through a network of church contacts around the country. It is encouraging for the Bible Society to see these relationships grow and develop as more people read and have access to God's Word for themselves. Scripture materials are made available at very affordable prices so that people can hear God speak as they read in their heart language.

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 / THE ASCENSION DAY

FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY – SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024  
The General Synod of The Church of Ireland meets in Armagh

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

**The Anglican Church of Burundi**  
The Most Reverend Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop of Burundi;  
Bishop of The Diocese of Buye.  
**The Church of Ireland**  
The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,  
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.  
**The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.  
**The Parish of Maghera and Killelagh (Swatragh).** The Reverend Jonathan Brown, Rector.

## MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN INDONESIA

**Indonesia ranks third in the world for the number of leprosy cases.**

The Leprosy Mission does not have a staff in Indonesia but works through our partner, Yayasan NLR Indonesia, on three projects on the island of Java. This happens thanks to funds from TLM offices in Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and Belgium.

**Give thanks and praise** for the successful completion of the first phase of the PEPCOM (Post Exposure Prophylaxis in Community) project – funded by New Zealand – at the end of 2023. The NLR Indonesian team has worked effectively with local health teams and communities to implement a programme of preventative antibiotics that will reduce leprosy transmission.

TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 / THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT MATTHIAS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST / WHITSUNDAY

**The Anglican Church of Canada**  
The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, Archbishop and Primate.  
**The Church of Ireland**  
The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,  
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

**The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.  
**The Parish of Ballyscullion (Bellaghy).** The Reverend Brian Hassan, Priest-in-charge.

**MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN BURUNDI**

**Pray for the growing partnership between Glendermott Parish in The Diocese of Derry and The Diocese of Matana. Ask the Lord to bless** The Reverend Jonny Lowden, Curate-assistant of The Parish of Glendermott and New Buildings, and the parish partnership group, including Joanne Miller, Manager of ‘Another Chance’ community shop.

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 / TRINITY SUNDAY**

**The Church of the Province of Central Africa**

The Most Reverend Albert Chama,  
Archbishop of The Church of the Province of Central Africa;  
Bishop of The Diocese of Lusaka.

**The Church of Ireland**

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,  
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

**The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

**The Parish of Castledawson.** The Reverend Canon Colin Welsh, Rector.

**MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN BELGIUM**

**Under the impetus of Dr Pierre Toureille and The Reverend Silvano Perotti, TLM Belgium was established in 1972 as a Belgian bilingual charity.**

TLM Belgium endeavours to reach new supporters and find new active and dedicated volunteers by increasing the number of church visits to make the work of TLM better known in Belgium.

**Pray for active and dedicated volunteers who can provide digital support for the website and social media.**

**FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY 2024**

**THE FEAST DAY OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2024 / THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America**

**(The Anglican Church of the Region of Central America)**

The Most Reverend Juan David Alvarado Melgar, Primate of IARCA;  
Bishop of The Diocese of El Salvador.

**The Church of Ireland**

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,  
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

**The Dioceses of Down and Dromore.** The Right Reverend David McClay.

**The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

**The Parishes of Desertmartin and Termoneeny (Knockloughrim).**

The Reverend Philip Benson, Rector.

**MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN GUATEMALA**

**Human trafficking is a major problem in Guatemala and across Central America.**

Of the 50,000 victims of human trafficking nearly 60% are children.

For all of the victims, and especially the children, this experience changes their lives.

**“Free to Live”** aims to bring the message of God’s Word to girls and teenagers who have been victims of human trafficking or have been sexually abused, as well as underage pregnant girls who were under such conditions.

Staff and volunteers from The Bible Society accompany these girls through their journey of healing by providing weekly Bible Studies and opportunities to learn from God’s Word. It is the hope of The Bible Society and those involved in this project that hope and restoration into the lives of these girls can be found.





One third of all domestic abuse crime, known to the Police in NI, happens to men. This includes abuse from a family member, a partner/ex-partner or intimate carer. The abuse can be physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, coercive, financial, online, administrative, stalking.

Anyone can be a perpetrator, and anyone can be a victim.

The Men's Advisory Project has been working to support male victims of domestic abuse for 25 years. We are a specialist domestic abuse charity which offers many areas of support to men who have faced or are facing abuse in Northern Ireland.

### **All our services are free.**

We offer a regional support for any man facing domestic abuse. This is holistic support and so we offer support with understanding options available, legal and benefits information and support for anyone who is homeless or at a risk of homelessness from the abuse they have faced.

We offer 1-2-1 counselling from fully qualified counsellors and specialist trauma therapists for those who need support for their mental health needs, and we offer therapeutic, and peer led support for men who have endured abuse.

We also advocate for male victims at every level of government and proudly represent their experiences and needs.

We are based in each Trust area and also offer services online or via telephone for those who cannot leave their home due to fear, rurality or disability.

Contact us via phone on **02890-241 929 (NI)** or **02871-160 001(Foyle)**.

If no one answers please leave a message) or email us on [info@mapni.co.uk](mailto:info@mapni.co.uk)

Our social media on Twitter and Facebook is very active and information can be gained there.



### **Mothers' Union - Bringers of hope and change**

Did you know that people with albinism are among the most marginalised and vulnerable citizens in South Africa? They face daily discrimination, and some are even murdered because they are considered 'lucky charms'.

### **The Diocese of Zululand has taken action to combat this.**

Mothers' Union members assisted individuals in applying for government grants, raised critical awareness in their churches and communities and provided skincare, school

uniforms and more. Bit by bit, they are facing less discrimination, and their lives are improving.

**It's a poignant reminder of the positive influence members of our church have in bringing hope and change to communities in 84 countries worldwide.**

## *With Heartfelt Sympathy*

### **STREET**

We remember Dorothy Street and her family and all of the relatives of **George Winston Street**, formerly of Faughan Crescent, Drumahoe, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Edenvale Care Home, Limavady on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Winston was the dearly beloved husband of Dorothy, the much loved father of Paula, Stephen and Adele, the loving father-in-law of Wilson and Mark, the adored grandfather of Adam, Lewis, Andrew, Hannah, Rachel and the late Leah.

Winston was the dearest brother of Freda and brother-in-law of Sam Burnside to whom we, also, express our sympathy.

### **MURRAY**

We remember John Murray and his sons James and Richard and all of the relatives of **(The Reverend) Elizabeth Ruth Murray** (nee White), The Rectory, Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt who died, peacefully, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Ruth was the Rector of The Parish of Woodschapel and Gracefield since 2006.

### **LUSBY**

We remember Deirdre Lusby and her family and all of the relatives of **Mark Lusby**, Bigwood Road, Ardmore, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Mark was the loving husband of Deirdre; the loving father of Eimear, Odhran and Skye; and a much loved brother and uncle.

### **HETHERINGTON**

We remember Ivan Hetherington and all of the relatives of **Margaret Hetherington** (nee Lapsley), Lincoln Courts, Londonderry who died, peacefully, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We, also, remember Margaret's surviving brothers – George, Billy and Edward.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Hetherington was held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at D & R Hay and Sons Funeral Home, Church Road, Altnagelvin, Londonderry.

The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

Following the Service Margaret was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

### **JACKSON**

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Elizabeth Patricia (Betty) Jackson** (nee Jackson), formerly of Danton Manor, Artigarvan who died, peacefully at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Betty was the much loved wife of the late Albert Jackson; the devoted mother of Alister, Sandra and Allison; the loving mother-in-law of Sue and Ryan; the adored grandmother of Lee, Amber, Amy, Owen, Lucy and Emma; the great-grandmother of Gordon and the dearest sister of David, Sammy and Robert.

### **HUEY**

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Iris Huey** (nee McNair), Drumard Road, Kilrea who died, peacefully, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Iris was the beloved wife of the late William George (Billy) Huey; the loving mother of Gillian, Elaine, Diane, John and Davina; a much-adored grandmother and great grandmother.

She was the daughter of the late Samuel and Rebecca McNair and the sister of Sadie, Sammy, Tom and the late Jackie.

We also express our sympathy to Ian Bartlett who was a cousin of Iris's husband Billy.



## *With Heartfelt Sympathy*

### **McGREGOR**

We remember Christine McGregor and the family and relatives of **Roger William Thomas McGregor**, Sevenoaks, Londonderry who died, after a long illness courageously borne, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Roger was the much loved husband of Christine; the loving father of Carla; the dear step-father of Bryan; the devoted brother of Charmaine; the dear father-in-law of Andrew and the dearest brother-in-law of Archie.

Roger was the son-in-law of Harry and Mary Robinson, Rosstown Gardens, Londonderry to whom we also express our sympathy.

### **LEWERS**

We remember Breidge and the family and relatives of **Trevor Lewers**, Dunboyne Park, Eglinton who died, peacefully, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Trevor was the much loved partner of Breidge and the beloved husband of the late Doreen; the devoted father of Joanne, Jill and John and partner Finlay.

He was the much loved brother of Heather and Mervyn; the brother-in-law of Ian; the devoted uncle of Kerrie, Ryan and Gemma and the great-uncle of Molly Bell.

He will be sadly missed by Paul, Clare, Hannah, Molly and his entire family circle.

Trevor was a son of the late Arthur and Flo Lewers, members of The Parish of Templemore.

## **Parish Register**

### **Holy Baptism**

*“Go and make disciples of all nations*

*baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Adult Baptism**

**Jon Scott Greenwood**, Leigh, Greater Manchester.

**Henry James Greenwood,**

the son of Jon Scott and Natasha Lauren Greenwood, Leigh, Greater Manchester.

Jon's sponsors and Henry's godparents are Megan Thompson, Aimee Moore and Thomas Greenwood.

Following the Rite of Holy Baptism Miss Muriel Hamilton, People's Churchwarden, presented Jon and Natasha with a Dorcas Pack for Henry.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Tommy Gregory Darren Brown-Kerrigan,**

the son of Samuel Kyle Kerrigan, Pennethorne Court, Londonderry and Wendy Karen Brown, Lincoln Courts, Londonderry.

Tommy's godparents are Heather Brown, Lauryn Wannell, Jason Campbell and Kealan Kelly.

Following the Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs June Fields, a member of the Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union presented Samuel and Wendy with a Dorcas Pack for Tommy.

### **Burial**

*“The Lord is my Shepherd.”*

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Margaret Hetherington**, Lincoln Courts, Londonderry  
**Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry**



# In Memoriam

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**In memory of Aubrey Fielding**

From Victor & Vera Goodman

**Thankoffering for Easter Communion**

From the residents of Somme Park

**Donation**

From St Columb's School of Music for the Phil Coulter Concert

**In memory of Canon John Mayes**

From the McKie Family, Eglinton

**In loving memory of my dear wife Carmel**

From John McClelland

**Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our son, Henry James**

From Natasha & Jon Greenwood

**Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our great grandson, Henry James Greenwood**

From Alan & Florence Thompson

**Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our son, Tommy Gregory Darren**

From Wendy Brown & Samuel Kerrigan

**Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our grandson Tommy Gregory Darren**

From Mervyn & Melanie Brown

**Total 1,372.00**



**Saint Columb's Cathedral—Visitor/Tourist Opening Times for Summer 2024**

The extent of opening days and times will depend on the level of volunteers available, but we hope to offer the following:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 29<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday to Saturday 10:00am to 3:00 pm
  - 1<sup>st</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August, Monday to Saturday 10:00am to 4:00 pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday to Saturday 10:00am to 3:00 pm
- This will be subject to change depending on circumstances.



**The Very Reverend Raymond J Stewart M.A.**  
**The Rector of The Parish of Templemore & Dean of Derry**  
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# Saint Columb's Cathedral

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 8.00 am Holy Communion**  
**11.00 am (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month) Choral Eucharist**  
**(2nd Sunday of the month) Choral Matins**  
**4.00 pm Choral Evensong**  
**4th SUNDAY: 11.00 am Family Service**  
**EACH TUESDAY: 10.30 am Holy Communion**

**Services held Monday to Friday at 10.30 am**

## **Organist & Master of the Choristers**

Dr Derek Collins

## **Assistant Organist**

Mr Nicky Morton

## **Rector's Churchwarden**

Mr William Lynn

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Miss Muriel Hamilton

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## **Safeguarding Trust Panel Members**

The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart

Mrs Elizabeth Fielding BEM

Mr Malcolm Hewitt MBE

**Sounding Fire alarm - Vestry members report  
to the churchwardens immediately**

## **JUNE 2024 Magazine**

**Notes / Articles for the June 2024 issue of the Cathedral Magazine  
are due by SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

***The Publication will be available from SUNDAY 2nd June***



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