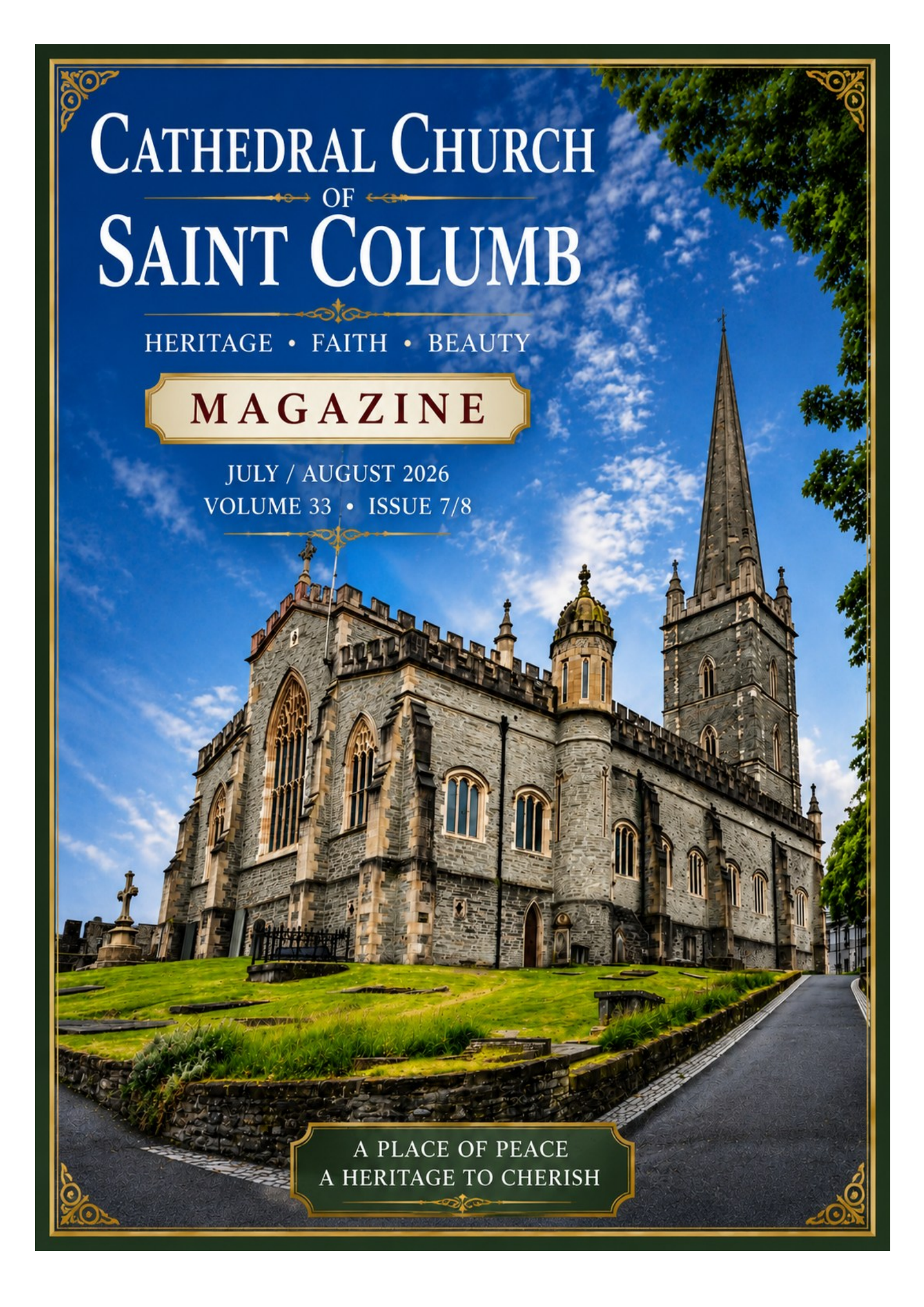


The background of the cover is a photograph of the Cathedral Church of Saint Columba. The church is a large, historic stone building with a prominent, tall, dark stone spire. It features Gothic-style windows with pointed arches and intricate stonework. The church is set on a green lawn, and a paved path leads towards it. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The entire cover is framed by a dark green border with ornate gold-colored corner decorations.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT COLUMB

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A PLACE OF PEACE
A HERITAGE TO CHERISH

The Dean writes.....



Dear Parishioners and Friends

As I sit down to write this note, I do so with a sense of gratitude, humility and hope. The Service of Institution and Induction was a truly memorable occasion, and I have been touched by the warmth extended to me and my family by so many people throughout the grouped parish, the wider church family and the local community as my role changes and develops. It was a privilege to gather together in worship as we marked the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our churches. Such occasions remind us that while ministries begin and end, God's faithfulness remains constant. We are part of a much larger story of faith, witness and service that stretches back through generations and continues into the future under God's gracious hand.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the service such a meaningful and uplifting occasion. Thank you to the clergy who took part and offered their support and encouragement. Thank you to the Cathedral Choir for leading our worship so beautifully and helping to create an atmosphere of prayer and praise. Thank you also to the bell ringers whose ringing announced the celebration so joyfully to the wider community. Many others worked diligently behind the scenes. I am grateful to the cleaning team who prepared the church and the halls so carefully, to the administrative team for their considerable planning and organisation, and to those who arranged the flowers which added such beauty and colour. The welcome offered at our refreshments afterwards was greatly appreciated, and I am thankful to all who helped set up beforehand and cleared away afterwards. Every contribution, large and small, played a part in making the evening such a special one.

As I begin this new chapter of ministry, I do so conscious that I am building upon strong foundations laid by faithful clergy and parishioners over many years. The ministry of a church is never the work of one individual. Rather, it is a shared calling in which many people offer their gifts, their time and their prayers in the service of God and neighbour. I am thankful for all that has gone before, for those whose faithfulness has sustained our churches through changing times, and for the legacy that has been entrusted to us. The challenge and privilege before us now is to continue that work together. We are called not simply to preserve what we have inherited, but to discern how God is leading us in the present and into the future. Every generation is invited to respond afresh to God's call. My prayer is that together we may grow in faith, deepen our discipleship, strengthen our fellowship and continue to be a grouping that welcomes all, serves generously and proclaims the love of Christ with confidence and compassion.

As we move through the summer months, we are mindful too of the wider life of our city and community. For many people, summer is a season of enjoyment, rest and celebration. Yet we also know that this time of year can sometimes bring tensions and divisions to the fore. As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers. We are called to model calmness where there is anxiety, respect where there is disagreement, and understanding where there is mistrust. The Church has an important role to play in encouraging all that builds us up for the common good.

In our conversations, our actions and our prayers, may we seek to reflect the character of Christ. Let us continue to pray for our city, for community leaders, for those charged with maintaining peace and good order, and for all who seek to build bridges of understanding between people. The words of the Apostle Paul remain as relevant today as ever:

"If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." (*Romans 12:18*)

As July and August unfold, I would also like to thank the many groups, organisations and volunteers who contribute so much to the life of our churches throughout the year. Whether through worship, music, youth work, pastoral care, outreach, fundraising, community engagement or practical service, your dedication enriches our fellowship

and strengthens our witness. The life of the church is sustained not only by what happens on Sundays but by the countless acts of service and kindness that take place throughout the week. Thank you for all that you do.

I look forward to meeting many more of you in the months ahead, learning your stories and discovering together the opportunities and challenges that lie before us. Above all, I look forward to sharing with you in worship, prayer and service as we seek to follow Christ faithfully in this place.

May God bless our parish grouping, our community and all who worship in our church buildings. May He grant us wisdom for the future, courage for the challenges we face, and hearts always open to His leading.

Yours in Christ,

The Very Reverend Nigel Cairns

Dean of Derry

Rector of Templemore and St Augustine's

Thank you, but not Farewell

When asked by Bishop Forster to assist Canon Merrick during the interregnum at the Cathedral, I had no hesitation in agreeing to help out. It was a great privilege to be part of a ministry team at this historic site where Almighty God has been worshipped for many centuries. My six months with you has just flown by. I wish to thank you all for your love and support over my time with you. There are many memories I will cherish for years to come, not least the wonderful choral music which seems to reach new heights every month. There are so many people who work quietly in the background without ever seeking recognition for their efforts. It would be wrong of me to try and name them all because so many people would be left out. Sufficient to say thank you to all who make the Christian witness of this Cathedral a reality. However, I do wish to mention Canon Merrick who has been and remains a stalwart in the parish. It has been a privilege to share ministry with him. I also wish to take the opportunity to wish our new Rector and Dean, the Very Rev Nigel Cairns every blessing as he embarks on a new chapter in his ministry. I also wish to acknowledge the generous gift voucher and touching letter I received on my final Sunday. Of course Dianne and I will remain parishioners of St Columb's. May God continue to bless you all in the years ahead.

Canon Mervyn Peoples

HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS

If you or a relative is admitted to, or discharged from, hospitals or nursing homes please let The Very Reverend Nigel Cairns or The Reverend Canon John Merrick know if you would like a Pastoral Visit.

Thank you for your co-operation.

DAILY OFFICES at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday: Holy Communion with Intersessions for the sick

Friday: The Litany.

The Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion (Order Two) with intercessions for the sick is celebrated in the Sanctuary of the Cathedral.

Holy Communion on Saints' days and holy days is celebrated in Bishop William Alexander Chapel.

Those who conduct the daily services would be delighted to have your support.



Sunday School

September	6	A FAMILY SERVICE/The Presentation of School Prizes & Awards
	13	Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
	20	Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
	27	Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre

As we start a new term we welcome some of our Confirmation Candidates who have agreed to become volunteers on a rota basis as helpers in our Sunday School. It is great that this has been their choice and we welcome them.

We wish all those who have been confirmed Gods blessing and we welcome some new pupils. Callum Large, Amelia Doherty.

We commence our new term with our Prize Giving and would like to thank most sincerely all those who have given Prizes in memory of loved ones. These are much sought after and competition between the pupils is always stiff, attendance is always then the deciding factor. I am sure we all look forward to inviting Dean Nigel to one of our classes during the term to meet pupils and parents alike.

Enjoy the break and see you all at our Presentation on the 6th September.

Irene & the teachers



Birthdays!

Sunday School Birthdays

July

4th Rylee Dazell

14th Callum Large

23rd Mark Hewitt

August

11th Ijeoma Agoha

September

4th Harlee Kilgore





SAINT COLUMB'S
CATHEDRAL
LONDONDERRY

BIODIVERSITY TIPS FOR JULY / AUGUST

*"God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good."*

Genesis 1:31



WATER FOR WILDLIFE



Provide a Water Source

Shallow dishes, bird baths, or small ponds are essential for birds, bees, and hedgehogs to drink and cool off.



Create Bee Drinkers

Fill a shallow dish with water and add pebbles or marbles to provide perches for bees to drink without falling in.



Top Up Daily

Check bird baths and ponds daily during dry weather and clean regularly.



HELP NATURE THRIVE



Deadhead Strategically

Leave flowers such as sunflowers, lavender, and teasels for birds to feed on in autumn, but deadhead plants such as salvia and dahlias to encourage continued nectar production.



Plant Late-Summer Nectar Sources

Plant late-flowering species such as asters, salvias, and sedums to support butterflies and bees in late summer and early autumn.



Build a Bug Hotel

Use logs, bamboo canes, pinecones, and hollow stems to create habitats where insects can shelter and breed.



Collect Seeds

Gather seeds from wildflowers such as foxgloves on dry days to sow for next year.



Propagate Plants

Take softwood cuttings from pollinator-friendly plants such as fuchsia and penstemon to share with others or replace older plants.



BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT 2026

Count Yourself In!

17 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2026

Spend 15 minutes in a sunny spot counting butterflies and moths and help gather vital data to support their recovery.



- ✓ Record what you see
- ✓ Help scientists monitor species
- ✓ Support conservation efforts

Find out more and register:
[campaigns.butterfly-conservation.org/
big-butterfly-count-2026-pre-register](https://campaigns.butterfly-conservation.org/big-butterfly-count-2026-pre-register)

A Prayer for Creation

Creator God, help us to be faithful stewards of the world you have entrusted to our care.
May we cherish the beauty of your creation, protect its diversity, and nurture all living things.
Teach us to live gently upon the earth and to leave a rich natural inheritance for future generations.

Amen.



CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Psalm 24:1



PLANT FOR POLLINATORS

Provide nectar and pollen for bees and other insects.



COUNT BUTTERFLIES

Take part in the Big Butterfly Count and make your count count!



PROVIDE WATER

Keep fresh water available for birds, bees, and wildlife.



CREATE HABITATS

Offer shelter and homes for insects, birds and small mammals.



LET NATURE FLOURISH

Leave seed heads and allow areas to grow wild.



PROTECT NATURAL SPACES

Care for our churchyard, gardens and local green spaces for wildlife.

SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL
ENVIRONMENTAL & BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE



"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Genesis 2:15

Working together to make our Cathedral grounds, gardens, and community spaces welcoming places for wildlife throughout the year.



Supporting wildlife, nurturing habitats, and celebrating the beauty of God's creation throughout every season.



MU CEO RETIRES: Our MU Chief Executive, Bev Jullien, has just retired. Bev worked tirelessly on our behalf and in extremely challenging economic times, brought a freshness to whatever she undertook. Always willing to listen, to understand and to adapt, she oversaw many difficult decisions, together with managing teams that led on many advocacy issues and wonderful outreach projects and programmes that are continuing to transform communities worldwide. We wish Bev well, and thank her for her dedication, time and commitment.



Worldwide 150th MU Anniversary Celebration Service

Jacqui was privileged to attend this milestone celebration in St. Paul's Cathedral, London in early June.

'It was truly wonderful to join with 1,500 members and partners in St Paul's Cathedral for such a beautiful service. The service was deeply moving, featuring a vibrant procession of banners and inspiring words from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally. Together with our Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, we reflected on Mary Sumner's lasting legacy and our shared passion for tackling poverty and injustice through prayer and kind action.'



With its incredible journey from a small parish start to a global family of four million, this special anniversary service was a lovely way to honour our past while looking forward to a bright future of supporting families and advocating for change together.'



Ireland to celebrate Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary

On Sunday 9th August a group from the diocese will attend the 150th anniversary service in Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin. We look forward to reconnecting with Lady Eames, the special speaker, past MU Worldwide President and Diocesan President of Derry & Raphoe.

150 PSALMS for 150 years: the All-Ireland President's fund-raising challenge for the 150 years of Mothers' Union. Please continue to enjoy the psalms broadcast each evening at 7pm on the All-Ireland Mothers' union Facebook page. In late August and September, look out for three members of Templemore MU who will read a psalm and give a short reflection.



Summer Gatherings

Our branch enjoyed a summer visit to The Orangery at Drenagh Estate. The lunch was delicious, topped off with a browse around the shop and a most delightful stroll around the garden. (Missing from photo – Noeleen and Jane)

Members from around the diocese gathered in Tobermore Parish Hall on Saturday 27th June for the annual Diocesan Summer Gathering – an afternoon of fun, faith and fellowship, with this year's tea party celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union.

Wednesday 5 August **Mary Sumner Prayer Walk:** Carrick Parish Hall at 2pm

Tuesday 8 September **Derry Girls: Women and the Shirt Factories**, 7.30pm; DC

We wish our members and friends a happy and a restful summer season.

May God's love and kindness shine on you like the sun that rises in the sky.

Luke 1:78



A fun packed summer programme for all age groups will run during the month of July. The young people will be spoilt for choice when they see the wide variety of activities and workshops available to them.

The Programme kicks off on Wednesday 1st July with "Circus Comes to the Cathedral Youth Club." Circus Acts, Bouncy Castles, Fun in the Multi Usage

Games Area with Shannon Dunne Derry City Football Coach, BBQ

and of course the Ice Cream Van will be on hand to distribute treats for everyone.

The Registration fee is £15 per child for the four weeks. Lunch will also be available as needed on the days the young people are in the club.

The programme contains trips to beaches Portrush, Castlerock, Rose Park Farm, Brunswick super bowl, cinema, Swimming Pool, Climbing Wall, Art and Crafts and also Football Fun Factory daily at the MUGA.

I am sure you will agree this is a brilliant programme which will keep the kids busy during the summer holidays. If anyone would like a programme, they available at cathedral youth club on the day of registration.

We were delighted to welcome Dean Nigel Cairns to our first Management Committee on Monday 15th June. We hope he enjoys his time with us and is welcome anytime to pop in and enjoy a game of pool with the young people.

Have a lovely summer

Jeanette, Project Manager.



**Plumber available
for weekends
and afternoons!**

**Any enquiries
contact Jake Hewitt.**

07752 305304



"I will build them up and not tear down; I will plant them and not uproot them." Jeremiah 24:6

Stephen McCartney, the Support Engagement Officer who was our speaker in St Columb's on Sunday 18th January told us of his work with the Leprosy Mission and his forthcoming

visit to India. We have recently received the following report of his visit.

While in India, Stephen had the pleasure of meeting a group of young men affected by leprosy. This was organised by TIM India workers. One of those he met was named Dinesh Karri and this is his story as told by Stephen.

Dinesh is a confident young man, full of joy and he was delighted to meet me. He was so thankful for all the support he had received and the opportunities he's enjoying.

Dinesh will be 23 years old in July and he's currently working while studying for the final year of his degree. Dinesh is a shining example of opportunity taken when it was given but his life could have ended up very differently.

He is the eldest in his family, with a younger sister and brother. Dinesh enjoyed school and was doing well but was troubled by strange patches on his skin. He didn't know it at the time but this was an early sign of leprosy in his body. Thankfully a worker from The Leprosy Mission came to his school (Dinesh, pictured opposite, with Deepthi our worker!) She shared using a poster what the early signs and symptoms of leprosy look like and was able to refer Dinesh to get the help he needed. Dinesh was diagnosed and cured early.

Thanks to this, leprosy didn't cause any major damage to his nerves and he didn't receive any mistreatment or discrimination.

This is a story of hope, and now Dinesh is hopeful he can complete his degree and prepare for government exams. Sadly Dinesh's father passed away recently, and as the eldest child he, has taken responsibility for his family. He gives 70% of his salary to support his mother and two siblings. This generosity and care is a testament to his character, and it is thanks to your support that Dinesh was found and cured early. Dinesh is able to help his family today and have a bright future without fear of leprosy.

Thank you

To bring you up to date. St Columb's Cathedral has this year forwarded £670.60 to the Leprosy Mission. Eighteen parishioners made contributions. As we read the above account, all donations make a very significant difference to the lives of those suffering from Leprosy. Thank you for being part of this worldwide effort to combat Leprosy.

THE LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during His earthly life. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease. Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients.

Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work in accordance with your will and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to – and through – staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners. May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.

May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world.

May His Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. **Amen.**



2026 ORGAN CONCERT SERIES

ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

1.10PM - 1.50PM

FREE ADMISSION

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

DAVID MCGUCKIN

ORGANIST, FIRST DERRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

STUART NICHOLSON AND VICTORIA GREEN

MASTER OF MUSIC, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

THURSDAY 16TH JULY

MATTHEW OWENS

MUSIC DIRECTOR, THE ULSTER CONSORT

THURSDAY 23RD JULY

VENERABLE PETER THOMPSON

ASSISTANT ORGANIST, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, ARMAGH

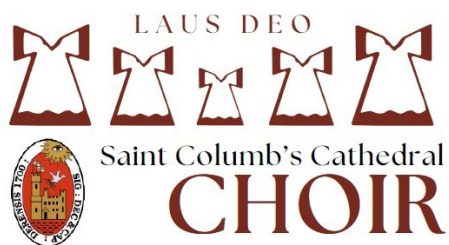
THURSDAY 30TH JULY

DAVID LEIGH

ORGANIST AND ASSISTANT MASTER OF MUSIC, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
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Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSratha Báin
Derry Citty & Strabane
Destrack Cooncil



THURSDAY 2ND 1.10-1.50 JULY SERIES LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

David McGuckin

Organist First Derry Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY 5TH 11.30 HOLY COMMUNION (order 2)

398, 587, 103

THURSDAY 9TH 1.10-1.50 JULY SERIES LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Stuart Nicholson and Victoria Green

Master of Music, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

SUNDAY 12TH 11.30 MORNING PRAYER

491, 294, 492

THURSDAY 16TH 1.10-1.50 JULY SERIES LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Matthew Owens

Director of Music Ulster Consort

SUNDAY 19TH 11.30 HOLY COMMUNION (order 1)

647, 657, 443

THURSDAY 23RD 1.10-1.50 JULY SERIES LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Venerable Peter Thompson

Assistant Organist, Armagh Cathedral

SUNDAY 26TH 11.30 MORNING PRAYER

536, 544, 373

Service & Music List

July / August 2026

THURSDAY 30TH 1.10-1.50 JULY SERIES LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

David Leigh

Organist and Assistant Master of Music,

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

SUNDAY 2ND 11.00 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

635, 421, 576

SUNDAY 9TH 11.30 HOLY COMMUNION (order 2)

365, 553, 612

SUNDAY 16TH 11.30 MORNING PRAYER

522, 433, 514

SUNDAY 23RD 11.30 HOLY COMMUNION (order 1)

666, 517, 493

SUNDAY 30TH 11.30 MORNING PRAYER

346, 503, 108



SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

SAFEGUARDING TRUST PARISH PANEL



YOUR SAFETY, OUR PRIORITY

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of the children in our parish please contact any of the following people:-

**The Very Reverend
Nigel Cairns**



Tel: 028 7126 2746



Mrs Elizabeth Fielding



Tel: 028 7134 6330

Mr Malcolm Hewitt



Tel: 07522781108



Working together to keep
our children safe.

LISTEN | SUPPORT | PROTECT | REPORT





The four Cathedral Choirs rounded off the year with a Choir BBQ on Friday 19th June. Our thanks to the Dean and Mrs Cairns for the use of the Deanery Yard. We also extend our thanks to Curran's Bakery & Coffee Shop for their delicious food on the night! The very next day, the Cathedral Choristers enjoyed their annual Chorister Trip to Portrush. We visited Curry's in Portrush, followed by some fun at the beach! It was a very enjoyable day, and a nice way to say thank you to our Choristers for all their hard work throughout the year.

During the BBQ, Tom Fairclough was voted Boy Chorister of the Year 2025/26 by his fellow Boy Choristers. Ellen Duffy was voted Girl Chorister of the Year 2025/26 by her fellow Girl Choristers. We extend our congratulations to both! Chorister of the Year Awards are based upon attendance, progression made throughout the year, commitment to their Cathedral Choir, how helpful you are to fellow Choristers etc..

The Cathedral Choirs are looking forward to a much deserved summer break throughout July and August, and will return the first Sunday of September.

Our thanks to all our singers, supervisors, parents and supporters! See you all soon!

Nicky





The Men's Society brought the 2025/26 season to a close with a very successful trip to Donegal Town. Nineteen members travelled, enjoying a weaving demonstration at Magee of Donegal, visits to Donegal Castle, Donegal Town Parish Church and Donegal Railway Museum, and dinner at Keys of Ballybofey to conclude the day.



**Weaving Demonstration
at Magee of Donegal**



Donegal Castle

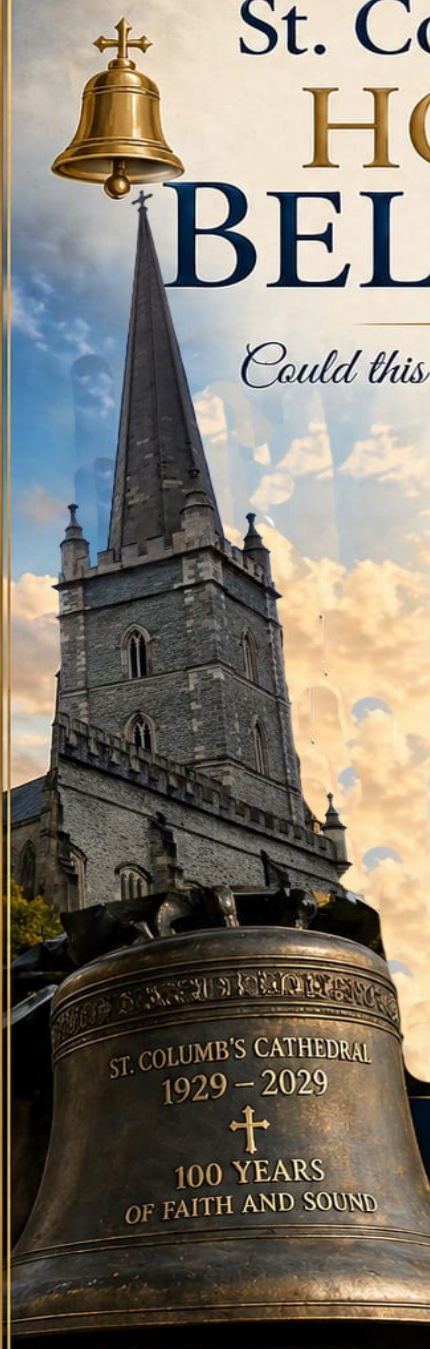
We wish all members a very pleasant summer and look forward to meeting again on Tuesday 16th September. Details of the new programme will be emailed to all members in advance.



Donegal Railway Museum

A box of photographs, an album and Cathedral guides from the 1930s, belonging to Dean Stephen Cave, former Rector of Saint Columb's Cathedral and later Rector of Donegal Parish Church and grouped churches, and Dean of Raphoe Cathedral, was presented by Archdeacon David Huss to Dean Nigel Cairns. The Archdeacon welcomed the Men's Society to his parish church and delivered a most interesting talk on its history and some of its notable parishioners.





St. Columb's Cathedral HONORARY BELLRINGERS

Could this be the right time to give bellringing a try?

With 2029 marking the 100th anniversary of the recasting of our cathedral bells (1929), we are beginning to build a team of **trained bellringers** to celebrate this special occasion.

We would love to welcome new members – no experience needed, just a willingness to learn!

TEACHING/PRACTICE SESSIONS



Saturdays: 13:30 – 15:00

Mondays: 19:30 – 21:00

Our traditional practice night is Monday, as registered with the IACR, but we can be flexible depending on availability.

➔ GET IN TOUCH ➔



Email: garth_bells@stcolumbs.net



Tel: 028 7134 5093

(leave a voicemail with your contact number)

JOIN US

Help us prepare for a **historic milestone** and become part of the **living tradition** of bellringing at St. Columb's Cathedral.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

Garth and the Ringers

THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes and Articles for the September 2026 edition
of the Cathedral Magazine are due by SUNDAY 22nd August 2026

THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in The Diocesan Centre, London Street, Londonderry on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Bible Readings for July 2026

Date	Bible reading	Title
1 st July	2 Corinthians 1 : 1 – 11	Effective comfort
2 nd July	2 Corinthians 1 : 12 – 22	Tension surfaces
3 rd July	2 Corinthians 1 : 23 – 2:11	Speaking truth in love
4 th July	2 Corinthians 2 : 12 – 3: 6	Written on their hearts
5 th July	Psalms 92	Sabbath delight
6 th July	2 Corinthians 3 : 7 – 18	Ever-increasing glory
7 th July	2 Corinthians 4	An undeniable claim
8 th July	2 Corinthians 5 : 1- 10	Groaning and longing
9 th July	2 Corinthians 5 : 11 - 6 :2	Christ's mouthpiece
10 th July	2 Corinthians 6 : 3 – 18	Commending character
11 th July	2 Corinthians 7 : 1 – 16	Trust restored
12 th July	Psalms 93	There is no other
13 th July	Numbers 3 : 1 -13	Substitutes
14 th July	Numbers 9 : 1 -14	Inclusion
15 th July	Numbers 9 : 15 – 23	Trusting God's guidance
16 th July	Numbers 11 : 1 – 15	Not happy campers!
17 th July	Numbers 11 : 16 – 35	God does the impossible
18 th July	Numbers 12 : 1 – 16	God's judgement and mercy
19 th July	Psalms 94	An avenging God
20 th July	Numbers 13 :1- 3 , 17 - 33	Confusion
21 st July	Numbers 14 : 1 – 25	Rebellion
22 nd July	Numbers 14 : 26 - 45	Consequences
23 rd July	Numbers 20 ; 1 – 13	The last straw!
24 th July	Numbers 20 : 14 – 29	Ancient enmities
25 th July	Numbers 21 : 1 – 9	History repeats itself
26 th July	Psalms 95	Learning lessons
27 th July	Matthew 13 : 1 – 9	Seeds of the kingdom
28 th July	Matthew 13 : 10 – 23	All is revealed
29 th July	Matthew 13 : 24 -30	In or out of the kingdom?
30 th July	Matthew 13 : 31 – 43	Planting and reaping
31 st July	Matthew 13 : 44 – 52	Treasures of the kingdom

Readings are taken from Daily Bread brought to us by Scripture Union

Bible Readings for August 2026

Date	Reading	Title
1 st August	Matthew 13 : 53 – 58	Familiarity breeds contempt
2 nd August	Psalms 96	A song fit for a king
3 rd August	2 Kings 2 : 1 – 22	Recognising the clues
4 th August	2 Kings 4 : 1 – 7	The Lord surely provides
5 th August	2 Kings 4 : 8 – 37	Faith in hope and despair
6 th August	2 Kings 5 : 1 – 14	The humility to receive help
7 th August	2 Kings 5 : 15 – 27	The Lord surely sees
8 th August	2 Kings 6 : 8 – 23	The Lord is surely with us
9 th August	Psalms 97	The Lord surely reigns
10 th August	2 Kings 17 : 1 – 23	The Lord surely judges
11 th August	2 Kings 18 : 1 – 16	An example to follow
12 th August	2 Kings 18 : 17 – 37	The Lord will surely deliver
13 th August	2 Kings 19 : 1 – 19	That the kingdoms may know
14 th August	2 Kings 19 : 20 – 37	The Lord is surely in control
15 th August	2 Kings 20 : 1 – 21	A stumble at the finishing line
16 th August	Psalms 99	The Lord is surely worthy
17 th August	2 Corinthians 8 : 1 – 15	Desiring and doing
18 th August	2 Corinthians 8 : 16 – 9: 5	Through another's eyes
19 th August	2 Corinthians 9 : 6 – 15	An upward spiral
20 th August	2 Corinthians 10	Two sides , one coin
21 st August	2 Corinthians 11 : 1 – 15	Behind the mask
22 nd August	2 Corinthians 11 : 16 – 33	Upside – down PR
23 rd August	Psalms 100	Worship without bounds
24 th August	2 Corinthians 12 : 1 – 10	Places of grace
25 th August	2 Corinthians 12 : 11 – 21	Undented love
26 th August	2 Corinthians 13	To one end
27 th August	Titus 1	Walking the talk
28 th August	Titus 2	A beautiful example
29 th August	Titus 3	Where we've come from
30 th August	Psalms 101	Hope for holiness
31 st August	Amos 1 : 1- 10	The roar of the lion

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2. Scan the QR code displayed below.



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Unseen, unheard, but always
near, so loved,
so missed, so very dear.*

— Anonymous



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