

Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine



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The Dean writes



Dear Parishioners and Friends

Dean Cecil Orr, the first anniversary of whose death we remember this month (11th November), wrote about two of his teachers at Foyle.

I entered Foyle in 1946. The headmaster, WAC McConnell, encouraged me in reading the Bible at assembly.

I was a member of the Intermediate relay team in 1949, which were Ulster School Champions. Our coach was RJ Macartney, a Cambridge blue, who introduced us to starting blocks, an innovation at that time.

Another encourager! Encouragement goes a long way.

In my Tribute / Address at Dean Cecil's funeral on Tuesday 15th November 2022 I said, **I know that there are clergy serving in The Church of Ireland today because they were encouraged by Cecil. He noticed something in them and spoke at precisely the right moment.**

We often associate Barnabas with the gift of encouragement but I believe that Andrew, whose feast day we observe on 30th November, also was an encourager.

There are three passages of Scripture that tell us about a significant contribution that Andrew made in the life of people.

He brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. (Saint John 1: 40-42).

He 'discovered' the young boy with the loaves and fishes. (Saint John 6: 8-9).

He introduced the Greek pilgrims to Jesus. (Saint John 12: 20-22).

We often hear it said, '**Christianity is taught**', and it is true that Sunday Schools, Confirmation classes and attendance at church services do have a significant role to play in informing children, young people and adults about the Bible. But, I believe – and there is evidence to support this view – that **Christianity can also be caught**. This has happened so often through the actions and encouragement of an individual.

We may not remember the words that someone has spoken but his/her actions can often inspire and challenge us.

Someone has said that more people are brought to Jesus, not through sermon preaching or evangelical crusades, but through a personal contact with another Christian.

I am not denying that when the Bible is taught well a person's faith can be ignited.

He/she can appreciate that what Jesus did on the Cross was for him/her and can be led to embrace the Christian Faith for him/herself.

But the words, the example, the encouragement of someone who knows not only the Word of God but also the Person of God can also have a life-transforming effect.

Do you consider yourself to be '**an encourager**'? Do you use your words and actions to introduce a member of your family or a friend to Jesus and to the Christian Way of life?

Who is the person or persons in your life who have encouraged you?

And will you make it a priority in your life to encourage another person not only in their Christian walk with God but also in all of the activities of their daily lives?

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

THE BISHOPS' APPEAL

A retiring offering was held at all services on Sunday 1st October, Sunday 8th October and Sunday 15th October for The Bishops' Appeal in support of the people of Libya. £875.00 was received. Thank you to all who contributed.



Confirmation 2024

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will (DV) visit Saint Columb's Cathedral in 2024 to administer The Rite of Confirmation. The date of the Service has been arranged for Sunday 9th June 2024

(The Feast Day of Saint Columba) at 11.00 a.m.

Parishioners (young people and adults) who wish to be presented for Confirmation are asked to give their names to the Dean.

Those who wish to be confirmed –

Must be baptised members of the Church.

Must be 13 years and over in 2024.

THE HONOURABLE THE IRISH SOCIETY

paid its annual visit to Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 15th October.

The members of the group were led by Mr Edward Lord OBE, JP, Deputy Governor, who read the Epistle. The other members were Alderman Gregory Jones KC, Mr John Griffiths, Mr Oliver Sells KC, Mr Philip Woodhouse, Mr Hugh Selka, Mr Ian Thomas CBE, Mr Edward Montgomery MBE, Secretary & Representative, Ireland and Mr Duane Farrell, (Designate), Secretary & Chief Executive.

FOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fountain Primary School attended a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Wednesday 4th October 2023. The Service was led by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart and prayers were said by The Reverend Ross Kernohan, Minister of Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church and by The Reverend Peter Morris, Minister of Carlisle Road Methodist Church. The Children's Address was given by Phoebe Nugent. The boys and girls of Fountain Primary School participated by singing harvest themed songs. The Offering in support of The Foyle Hospice was £92.00.

In his closing remarks the Principal, Mr Stephen Torney, paid tribute to the pupils, parents and teaching staff.

There was a special mention of Mrs Donna Best who has served the School for many years and is now retiring from her roles. Donna is, perhaps, best known and recognised as the Lollipop Lady, a role that she has undertaken faithfully for 22 years.

HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS



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

Under Data Protection (GDPR) we **do not** have access to the Hospital Admission Forms, so we can only know that you are a patient in a hospital or a nursing home if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us. Thank you for your co-operation.

THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No 1 St Columb's Court on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes / Articles for the December 2023 / January 2024 issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 26th November 2023.



The children are working in conjunction with Church in that the lessons read are the exact same as those completed by the children, followed then by 6 worksheets based on those lessons, a crossword, word search for example.

The Christmas Tree is coming along nicely and I am sure we will love it. All the children will have an input. We thank most sincerely Brian and Pauline Doherty for their help.
PS. We do not need any more newspapers, thank you!

We welcome newcomer Harlee Kilgore.

The MindMatters Conference in Dublin showcased the work of the Sunday School children and teachers and was well praised by all in Dublin. I had a great catch up with Dean William and Rosemary Morton. The day started with Matins in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. There were 25 choristers and the music was just fabulous and set the tone for the day.

Archbishop Justin Welby did a live stream from Jerusalem and apologised but he was needed more in the Middle East in the current climate. Our prayers go out to everyone impacted by the terrible atrocities.

After the presentation we were delighted with the feedback we got and it is a great reflection on the "Connection Programme" we have here in Saint Columb's Cathedral.

I also saw our old friend (The Reverend Canon) David Gillespie!

When we return after the Halloween Break we will be working towards our Christmas presentation which will be different to normal so we need everyone to be in class.

The Rite of Confirmation will take place on

The Feast Day of Saint Columba, Sunday 9th June 2024 at 11.00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

5th	Sunday School in No 1 St Columb's Court
12th	Remembrance Sunday (Sunday School in No 1 St Columb's Court)
19th	Sunday School in No 1 St Columb's Court
26th	Family Service

ULSTER PROJECT:



We are delighted that the following boys have been selected for the project 2024.

Elliot, Sam and Joseph will be great ambassadors for our church and we look forward to supporting their fundraising efforts.

Our thanks to the Church for the use of No.1 St Columb's Court for our meetings and a special thank you once again goes to Linda who does all of our photocopying. It is really much appreciated.

Irene & Malcolm



Ewan Copestake
Alesha Hamilton/Williamson
Harry Brown
And our very own Gail who celebrates her birthday on 18th

NOVEMBER

VISITING CHOIRS

On Sunday 22nd October, we welcomed to Choral Evensong the Organist, Mr Simon Neill, and the Choir of The Parish of Finaghy (Saint Polycarp), Belfast. The Lessons were read by the Rector of The Parish of Finaghy, The Reverend Louise Stewart.



The Cathedral Choirs will be taking a break on Sunday 5th November, so we will welcome the Organist, Mr Louis Fields, and the Choir of The Parish of Agherton (Portstewart) who will attend Choral Eucharist (Order Two) at 11.00 a.m. and Choral Evensong at 4.00 p.m. The Preacher at the morning service will be The Reverend Malcolm Ferry, the Rector of The Parish of Agherton.

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, we will welcome to Choral Evensong Cantemus Choir.

I would strongly encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend Choral Evensong on these Sundays and to give a strong welcome to these visiting choirs.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The customary Act of Remembrance will be held at The War Memorial in the Diamond on Sunday 12th November 2023 at 10.50 a.m.

We will then look forward to the Service in Saint Columb's Cathedral at the slightly later time of 11.30 a.m.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have given their lives for our freedom in two World Wars and in more recent conflicts.

At this service the offering will be in support of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club, affiliated to First Derry Presbyterian Church, will meet on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lower Lecture Hall, First Derry Presbyterian Church. The Speaker will be Mr Christopher Sherrard. His topic is entitled '10 years' experience as a taxidermist'.

All men in the city and surrounding area will be made most welcome.

Light refreshments will be served after the talk.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order One) at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 19th November 2023 will be The Reverend Canon Paul Hoey, the Rector of The Parish of Faughanvale (Eglinton).

DIOCESAN SYNOD

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod was held at The Everglades Hotel, Londonderry on Wednesday 25th October 2023. The representatives from The Parish of Templemore were—The Dean, Mr Simon McGonigle, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Miss Muriel Hamilton and Mrs Elizabeth Fielding. The Diocese at Large was represented by a number of clergy and laity including, from The Parish of Templemore, The Reverend Canon John Merrick, The Reverend Mervyn Peoples and Mr William Lynn.



It was lovely to see so many of you at our October meeting when we took the plans for our entry into the Christmas Tree Festival to the next stage. Many thanks to Pauline for coming up with the idea and to Brian for helping to make it a reality. Brian was also our guest speaker and with admirable skill and patience

showed us how to do our part by making origami butterflies. Great fun was had by all! After tea we held our Bring and Buy Sale to raise funds for the Mothers' Union Overseas activities and raised £176 so thanks to all who brought and bought. We also received a generous donation and were able to use our existing funds to make up a total contribution of £300 to this invaluable work.

Thank you to Doreen and all who helped with the delicious supper and to the School of Music for their help.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November in No. 1 St Columb's Court, when our speaker will be Joanne Millar from the Church Army.

Please bring along any donations for the Women's Refuges, vouchers for shops that sell food and clothing are particularly useful. Also your butterflies!

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Irene, Pauline and Margaret

CITY OF DERRY INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

On Sunday 22nd October, as part of The City of Derry International Choir Festival Sacred Trail, we were delighted to welcome **The Norwegian Student Choral Society from Norway**.

The Choir is the official male voice choir at The University of Oslo.

The Choir sang an Introit, and three anthems at the end of the Service.

Frontals for the Season of Advent

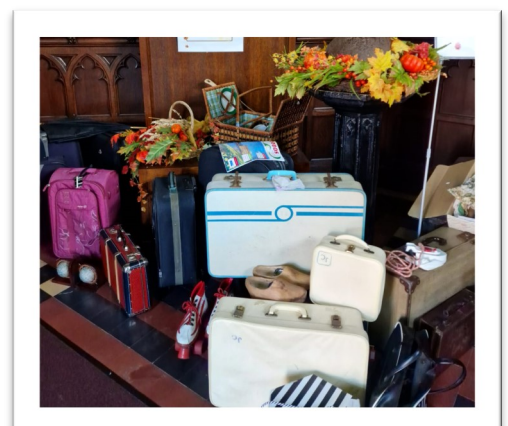
St Polycarp's Parish Church choir not only lifted our hearts at Evensong on Sunday 22nd October but their Rector The Reverend Louise Stewart brought back the newly renovated violet frontals ready for the Season of Advent.

Hopefully they will not need attention for the next 50 years at least. They were in a bad condition despite the earlier repairs carried out by Anna Molloy which had extended their life by a few decades. The Reverend Louise was very impressed with the very expensive material she used in the repair. The Cathedral is like the Forth Bridge and as soon as you get one thing sorted a queue has formed up behind. Our fabulous green frontals are nearly at a stage where they may not be able to be used and will involve a lot more work than the violet frontals. Just putting it out there for consideration.

Homecoming!

We were delighted to have so many people with us for Harvest Festival and our 'Going Home' celebrations. Thank you to all who sent thank you cards, provided decorations- some coming from as far away as Bangor. To those who provided food and to those who cleaned and decorated the Cathedral. The Sheaf of Corn was especially appreciated and baked by Vivien Keys.

The decorations caused people to stop and think and an American woman reflected on the theme of 'going home; and then said, "I will be 'going home' to my church when I get back to the States". This was after her husband had an in-depth discussion about the American flag and the political situation here! The Food Bank received £220 in donations as well as your gifts of food which was greatly appreciated; they did mention that sugar is a staple that they are often short of. We are grateful to Joan Crossan who donated a trunk and case which was on display and later sold raising £40 for funds.



Volunteers – Your Cathedral needs you!



Christmas Tree Festival

The Cathedral's second Christmas Tree Festival will launch on Friday 17th November 2023 with an Opening Ceremony in the evening.

If you are available to volunteer your help in any way please contact **Robert 07794666754** or email **ctf2023@stcolumbs.net**

Help!

Now that we are at the business end with only 21 days to go to the Christmas Tree Festival, Bobby Sloane and his team have been working on getting the structure and the electrics sorted but the Cathedral needs a Christmas clean before we put up trees. We are going to open from 6.30pm on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November for anyone who can come along to help and perhaps bring a vacuum cleaner. Wood silk will be provided for polishing. We hope to have other teams operating during the day. We hope that a lot of the preparation work will be done on Saturday 11th November when we expect to be busy. We are excited and we hope that you will enjoy the Festival. You can contact, Doreen, William, Sharon, Robert, or Elizabeth with offers of help and any questions you may have.

HARVEST 2023 – ‘GOING HOME’

Harvest Sunday was celebrated on Sunday 1st October 2023.

Thank you to everyone who donated interesting items (suitcases and trunks etc.) for decorating the Porch, to those who provided flowers, fruit and vegetables for the display in the Cathedral and to those who came along and helped to decorate.

Also to those who donated non-perishable food or gave gifts of money in support of Foyle Food Bank.

Thank you, also, to The Reverend Canon Aonghus Mayes, the Rector of The Parish of Drumachose (Limavady) who preached the Sermon.

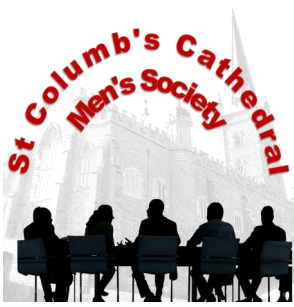
A special word of thanks from the Dean (and parishioners) to the small group – members of The Events Working Group – who spent many months preparing for the Harvest Celebrations by inviting former parishioners to 'come home'. Your work was well rewarded as many people did accept the invitation and had the opportunity to renew friendships after the Service.

Thank you to those who provided soup, sandwiches and tray bakes, tea and coffee and who served these in the Chapter House where people were able to chat to each other and later to view Cathedral School records, Sunday School books, Confirmation records, baptism, and marriage records in the side aisles of the Cathedral. Many positive and encouraging comments have been received for a wonderful service.



GETTING READY FOR THE 'TREES'!





The Men's Society met on Tuesday 17th in Cathedral House at 7:30pm and our guest speaker was Mr David Douglas of 'Derrie Danders'. David delivered a really enlightening talk on the Blue Plaques of the City, the people honoured by them and their locations. Despite there being a smaller than usual turnout of members, it was thoroughly enjoyed, and David has offered to come back and finish his talk as there was too many to cover in the allotted time.

Our guest speaker on Tuesday 21st November will be Dr Keith Munro who will give a talk on his great aunt Greta Cousins who was a pioneer

of the Suffragette movement and the first female Chief Justice in India.

Our Treasurer, William Lynn will be collecting subscriptions from those who were unable to attend in October. New members always welcome.

Robert McGonigle
Secretary



As we approach the Christmas Season of Festivities we have taken time to give thanks for all the good things that have happened in our lives throughout the past year. Working towards raising funds for Macmillan Cancer by 24 able bodied people attempting to climb Mount Errigal in Donegal was a huge feat to accomplish but we did it. A Community Garden Party which encouraged people to come together, renew old friendships and make new ones was another success as we ate lovely food enjoyed good music and the warm sunshine.

A Coffee Morning and Sale also created an interest in once again encouraging people who felt lonely and isolated to come along and join in the fun.

We were privileged to welcome three choirs to our centre on Thursday evening as part of 'The Choir Festival' in the City. This was a truly inspiring evening and the singing was a real treat. Our sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to them for taking the time to make so many people happy. Many thanks to Annie Shiels, our own resident pastry cook who once again came up trumps with her selection of homemade shortbread.

This year we will be looking towards the homeless people in our City, of which there are many. We will be collecting warm scarves, gloves, hats, socks and anything else you can spare which we can deliver and make sure they find a good home. All items can be left at the Youth Club any day between 9.00am - 9.00pm. Many of us have plenty so I am sure we can manage to give a small gift to those not as well off.

This also teaches the young people to care for others!

We look forward to taking part in The Christmas Tree Festival event in our beautiful Cathedral.

The theme for our tree is 'Christmas Carols'!

Thought For The Day - *Remember it is better than to give than receive!*

Jeanette



Sunday 5th November,
Choral Eucharist and Choral Evensong
with the Choir of The Parish of Agherton (Portstewart)

Sunday 12th November
(Remembrance Sunday)
Choral Evensong
with Cantemus Choir

Music List November 2023

Sunday 5
11am

The Fourth Sunday before Advent
Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
The Choir of the Parish of Agherton (Portstewart)
Communion Service, Louis Fields
Look at the world, John Rutter
Ave Verum, William Byrd

4pm

Choral Evensong The Choir of the Parish of Agherton (Portstewart)
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D major, Herbert Brewer
Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel Faure

Sunday 12

The Third Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday

11.30am

Special Service Order The Cathedral Choir
Let us now praise famous men, Vaughan Williams
So they gave their bodies, Peter Aston

4pm

Choral Evensong Cantemus Choir, Coleraine
How beautiful upon the mountains, John Stainer
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G major, Charles Villiers Stanford
I was glad, Hubert Parry

Sunday 19

The Second Sunday before Advent

11am

Choral Eucharist (Order One) The Cathedral Choir
Communion Service in F major, Herbert Sumsion
Panis Angelicus, Cesar Franck

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Thomas Morley
Light of the world, John Dankworth

Sunday 26

The Sunday before Advent / The Kingship of Christ

11am

Family Service The Cathedral Choristers
King of Glory, King of Peace, Johann Sebastian Bach

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D major, Ernest John Moeran
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Johann Sebastian Bach

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER / JANUARY

Sunday 5th November / The Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two) with the Organist (Mr Louis Fields) and the Choir of The Parish of Agherton (Portstewart)

Preacher: The Reverend Malcolm Ferry, the Rector of The Parish of Agherton (Portstewart)

4.00 p.m. Choral Evensong with The Organist and the Choir of The Parish of Agherton

Sunday 12th November / Remembrance Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

10.50 a.m. An Act of Remembrance at The War Memorial, The Diamond

11.30 a.m. The Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

4.00 p.m. Choral Evensong with Cantemus Choir

Friday 17th November

7.00 p.m. The Launch of the Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 25th November

10.00 a.m. Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale in Saint Columb's Cathedral

Saturday 2nd December

2.00 p.m. The Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Shutting of the Gates

Sunday 3rd December / The First Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend Andrew Forster,
Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe

7.30 p.m. Candlelight Advent Procession / From Darkness to Light

Monday 11th December

7.30 p.m. The Joint Emergency Services Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 17th December / The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

11.00 a.m. Sunday School Extravaganza

7.30 p.m. Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th December / The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

11.00 a.m. Choral Matins

11.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Monday 25th December / Christmas Day

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) with hymns

11.00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend Andrew Forster,
Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe

Sunday 31st December / The First Sunday of Advent (New Year's Eve)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

11.00 a.m. Matins

11.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

Sunday 7th January 2024 / The First Sunday after The Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel

11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

4.00 p.m. Carols of The Epiphany



ST COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL
**CHRISTMAS TREE
FESTIVAL 2023**

17 NOVEMBER - 21 DECEMBER 2023

Email: ctf2023@stcolumbs.net for more information



ST COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL
**CHRISTMAS
TREE FESTIVAL**
2023



17 NOVEMBER
- 21 DECEMBER



LAUNCH 17TH NOVEMBER AT 7^{PM}

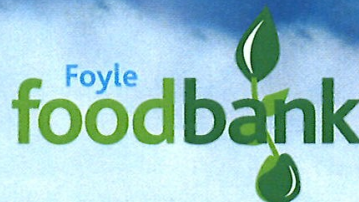
- Coffee Morning Saturday 25th November at 10:00am
- Candlelight Christmas Theme Concerts by Feverup, Saturday 16th December.

For ticketing go to Facebook Page 'Candlelight Concerts by Fever'

- Festival will run from Wednesday to Saturday 10:00am until 5:00pm
- Experience the Cathedral as it was in 2016 with trees twinkling and sparkling in the aisles and in every nook and cranny
- Innovative tree creations delivered by businesses, community groups, schools, musical groups and sports organisations in every sort of material
- Entertainment Wednesday to Saturday each week; leading choirs, soloists, school choirs, In Your Space Circus characters and stilt walkers and music groups



PROCEEDS IN AID OF



FURTHER INFORMATION

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Bible Readings for November 2023

DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	Isaiah 57:14-16	God dwells with the humble
Thursday 2	Micah 6:6-8	Walk humbly
Friday 3	Job 42:1-6	'Words fail me!'
Saturday 4	John 13:12-20	The servant king
Sunday 5	John 3:28-31	'I must decrease'
Monday 6	Luke 14:7-14	Humble or exalted?
Tuesday 7	Luke 18:9-14	Don't be like the Pharisee
Wednesday 8	1 Corinthians 11:17-22	Don't despise others
Thursday 9	Luke 22:24-27	A servant leader
Friday 10	Romans 14:1-6	Who do you think you are?
Saturday 11	Luke 1:45-55	Turning the world upside down
Sunday 12	Mark 8:14-21	Grey-tinted glasses
Monday 13	Exodus 32:1-6, 15-24	Fear can make us stupid
Tuesday 14	Numbers 22:21-35	From the donkey's mouth
Wednesday 15	Judges 12:4-6	There is only us
Thursday 16	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Hope in times of catastrophe
Friday 17	1 Samuel 24:3-7, 11-15	Taking advantage
Saturday 18	Acts 20:7-12	We do go on a bit
Sunday 19	Deuteronomy 5:1-33	Moral law—the law displays God's perfection
Monday 20	Leviticus 1:1-17	Ceremonial law—the smell of forgiveness
Tuesday 21	Exodus 21:1-36	Judicial law—guidance for the grey areas
Wednesday 22	Matthew 5:17-22	The law explained—how can we become righteous?
Thursday 23	Romans 8:1-11	Where the law is powerless, the Spirit has power
Friday 24	Jeremiah 31:23-34	Written on our hearts—the law in our hearts
Saturday 25	John 13:31-35	A new commandment—let there be love
Sunday 26	Exodus 1:15-21	A force of nature (Shiphrah and Puah)
Monday 27	Numbers 27:1-11	Where there's a will (Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Micah, Tirzah)
Tuesday 28	1 Chronicles 12:32	Discerning what's right (the men of Issachar)
Wednesday 29	2 Samuel 21:1-14	Keeping faith beyond death (Rizpah)
Thursday 30	1 Chronicles 4:9-10	Putting oneself in God's hands (Jabez)

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is read in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel,

Monday – Friday, 10-30 a.m.

Monday: Morning Prayer. Wednesday: Morning Prayer. Thursday: Morning Prayer.

Friday: The Litany.

The Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion (Order Two)

with intercessions for the sick is celebrated in the main aisle of the Cathedral.

Holy Communion on Saints' days and holy days

is celebrated in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel.

Those who conduct divine worship would be delighted to have your support.

Foyle Hospice Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed

This role will involve transporting patients to and from their homes to our Day Hospice. We are looking for someone who has a friendly and compassionate nature and can spare a few hours each week.

The role will also require you to hold Category D1 on your driving licence and an Enhanced Access NI check will be required.

If you think this is something which interests you or you would like more information, please get in touch with Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Co-ordinator,

(028) 7135 1010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com



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.**



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



TOYS

A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

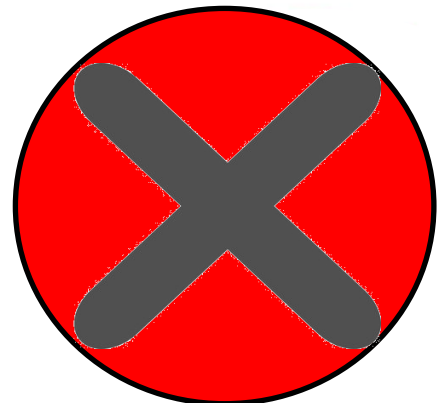


OTHER ITEMS

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.



**NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
14-21 November**

PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2023

WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF ALL SAINTS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico)

The Most Reverend Carlos Touche-Porter, Archbishop of Mexico.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton.

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

The Parishes of Gweedore (Bunbeg) with Carrickfin, and Templecrone (Dungloe)

Rector: Vacant.

In charge during the vacancy: The Reverend David Skuce, Rural Dean.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRIA

The Austrian Bible Society is working alongside the local Church to reach refugees and asylum seekers in their community. They are distributing free Scripture portions, Bibles and evangelistic resources in over seven different languages to people who have fled their own country.

There are also Children's Bibles and audio Bibles for those who need them.

The refugees who receive these free Scriptures include both Christians who are escaping persecution and non-Christians who are seeking hope in a time of need.

These people have found themselves in an unfamiliar country with a foreign language and uncertain of what their future holds.

These Bibles will help them to find comfort and hope in Jesus when they most need it.

The Austrian Bible Society also distributes Scripture materials in prisons and detention centres where, unfortunately, many asylum seekers end up due to fake documents.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2023

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY / THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
(The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola)

The Most Reverend Carlos Simao Matsinhe,

Acting Presiding Bishop of The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola;

Bishop of The Diocese of Lebombo.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton.

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

The Parishes of Ardara, Glencolumbkille, Glenties, Inniskeel (Portnoo) and Lettermacaward

The Reverend Robert Wray, Bishop's Curate.

The Reverend Michael Classon, Non-Stipendiary Ministry

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN RWANDA

Give thanks for the global visit of Bishop Jered Kalimba (The Diocese of Shyogwe) to Ireland in September. Ask God to bless the many friendships he has strengthened with clergy and supporters in link parishes in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

The Church of The Province of Myanmar (Burma)

The Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo,
Archbishop of The Church of The Province of Myanmar; Bishop of The Diocese of Yangon.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton.

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

The Parishes of Inver, Mountcharles, Killaghtee and Killybegs

The Reverend Susan Elliott, Rector. Mrs Georgina Armstrong, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN NORTHERN IRELAND

TLM Northern Ireland has a small and passionate team of six who are supported by over 200 volunteers.

Praise God for the amazing kindness of our supporters. Despite the challenges of recent years they have continued to be faithful and have not forgotten those affected by leprosy.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023

THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT / THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

The Most Reverend Henry C. Ndukuba,
Metropolitan and Primate of all Nigeria; Bishop of The Diocese of Abuja.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton.

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

The Parishes of Drumholm (Ballintra), Kilbarron (Ballyshannon) and Rosstown

The Reverend Canon Brian Russell, Rector. Mrs Esther Russell, Diocesan Reader

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN SOUTH SUDAN

Thank God for the Annual Week of Witness in The Diocese of Yei in October.

Pray for those who received Jesus Christ and heard the word of God.

Pray too for the outcomes of the Standing Committee that God will continue to grow His Church in Yei.

THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2023

THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT ANDREW

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Church of North India (United)

The Most Reverend Bijaya Kumar Nayak,
Moderator, The Church of North India (United).

The Church of Ireland

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

The Representative Church Body of The Church of Ireland

Staff at Church House, Dublin; Church House, Belfast;
and RCB Library, Dublin.

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

The Parishes of Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

The Venerable David Huss, Rector. Miss Nuala Dudley, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN MALAWI

The local Church informed The Bible Society of Malawi that many families were struggling to read God's Word together. This problem was especially serious in rural areas where families simply did not have enough money to purchase their own copy of the Bible. The Bible Society of Malawi partnered with the local Church and Scripture Union to produce 'Family Scripture Engagement' packs. Each of them includes a Bible, a Children's Bible and a Bible Reading Guide. This project has been life changing for families – they are able to read the Bible together, understand it and grow in their faith. Over 1,000 homes – most of whom live in extreme poverty – have been impacted by this project to date. The programme was especially vital over the last few years as stay-at-home restrictions prevented families from attending church together. Without their own access to Scripture these families would have been cut off. Nevertheless, it remains a much-needed resource today.

Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard, but always
near, so loved,
so missed, so very dear.

— Anonymous

Parish Register

Burial

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

**Hazel Hamilton, Esker Gardens, Caw, Londonderry
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry**

Tuesday 24th October 2023

**Joan Hamilton, Rush Hall Care Home, Brighter Road, Limavady
(formerly of Clooney Road, Waterside, Londonderry)
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry**

Obituaries

Hazel Hamilton 21st July 1941 – 1st October 2023

Many of us gathered in this room just over four years ago; on Tuesday 27th August 2019. We had gathered here to give thanks to God for the life of Billy Hamilton and to support Hazel and the members of the family by our presence and with our prayers.

Today, we meet again in this room – this time to give thanks to God for the life of Hazel and to support you, the members of her family, by our presence and with our prayers.

Hazel was born, just over 82 years ago, on 21st July 1941.

She was the third of nine children born to Samuel and Annie Elizabeth Wray of Victoria Street. Her siblings were Mary, William, George, Samuel, Victor and John.

Two other children died in infancy.

Hazel began her primary education at the Primary School in Bennett Street. Her early Christian formation was at The Salvation Army where she worshipped until she married Billy. She, then, joined the Church of Ireland and The Parish of Templemore.

Billy and Hazel met when they were young teenagers and they were married in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 2nd June 1959 by The Reverend Noel Moore when they were both only 17 years old.

When Billy died four years ago, they had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Billy and Hazel were the parents of four children – Stephanie, Derren, Ryan and Gavin; grandparents to eighteen grandchildren and great-grandparents to two great-grandchildren.

Hazel, like many young girls of the time, found employment

in the local shirt factories. She worked for some time at Welch Margetson, later moving to Ebrington Factory.

She also worked at the Housing Executive and at the old City Hotel.

Married life began in Bishop Street, but at the beginning

of 'The Troubles' Billy and Hazel moved in 1972 to the Waterside – living in Lincoln Courts and Rosstown Park where Hazel devoted her time and energy to being a full time mum, looking after her husband and children.

Apart from her domestic duties, Hazel found time to enjoy a number of hobbies and interests. She was a keen and excellent knitter of Aran jumpers, and these were quickly dispatched to Australia and other parts of the world.

Hazel had a phobia of birds and to overcome it she began to breed budgies.

She also loved dogs, breeding German Shepherds.

Hazel's family remembers her in many different ways but one thing that stands out for you is Hazel's love of animals.

You may be aware that the patron saint of animals is Saint Francis of Assisi, and it so happens that tomorrow, 4th October, is his feast day. He died in Assisi, Italy on 3rd October 1226.

Today, we have shared memories of Hazel, and I hope that these memories will help you as you adjust to life without one whom you loved and cared for in the eventide of her life.

Hazel will not be with you in person but her spirit lives on and in different ways you will feel her presence with you.

Her voice, her words, her smile, her laugh – all of these things will encourage you.

Until that glorious day when you will meet her again and be re-united with those who have gone before.

Jesus has promised us a place in Heaven and, in faith, we believe that that is where Hazel is now. In time, we who believe in Jesus, in His promises, and who have committed ourselves to Him, will be welcomed into that place where pain and suffering, hunger and thirst, even death itself, are unknown and where everyone is safe because they are guarded by Jesus Himself.

That is, we trust, what Hazel is now experiencing and enjoying.

Joan Hamilton
30th January 1939 – 22nd October 2023

We have come here today as family members and friends of Joan Hamilton to thank God for her and to remember her – not only as the person whom illness forced her to become – but also as the person who throughout most of her life was a stalwart member of our Cathedral community – a regular member at worship, an active supporter of many activities, a person whose kindness towards others has been recognised and appreciated.

We remember Joan as the beloved wife of Russell; the loving mother of Anne and Graeme; and the cherished grandmother of Lauren, Dylan and Erin.

To you, (and to Joanne, and to Mona and Tom in America), I express our sympathy and assure you of our prayers in this time of sadness and grief.

Joan was born on 30th January 1939, the youngest of four children born to John and Mary Quigley of 3 Windmill Terrace, Londonderry. Her siblings were Harriet, Armour and Jim.

Joan was baptised in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 15th March 1939 by The Reverend Louis Crooks, the Curate-assistant.

Her early Christian formation was at the Cathedral where she attended Sunday School, where she was confirmed, and where she was a member of the Uniformed Organisations.

Her early primary education was at the Cathedral Schools.

On leaving school Joan was successful in obtaining employment as a part-time Secretary at T S Magee and Son, Building Society, at Castle Street. This remained her one and only place of employment for the rest of her working life.

Joan married Russell Hamilton in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 17th March 1966.

The witnesses being Raymond Hamilton and Gwendoline Price.

The Service of Holy Matrimony was conducted by Dean Leslie Lawrenson.

Joan and Russell began their married life at 1 Clooney Road, Londonderry – and this house remained their home for 54 years.

Joan and Russell were blessed with two children, Anne and Graeme, and as Joan was employed as a part-time Secretary this meant that she was able to be at home when Anne and Graeme were growing up and when they came home from school.

The death of Russell in 2002 left a great emptiness in Joan's life but she quickly began to re-organise her life.

With her children now grown-up and living in England Joan began to form and re-form friendships with people in many different activities.

She played an active part in the life of Saint Columb's Cathedral; as a member of The Widows' Group and The Ladies Choir.

On Tuesday mornings Joan would be found in the Cathedral, joining with other parishioners for the Tuesday morning Service of Holy Communion and later enjoying a chat with her friends over a cup of tea or coffee.

For many years she was a faithful supporter of the annual Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale, an active helper on one of the stalls.

Outside of Cathedral life Joan was a member of The Women's Institute, and she particularly enjoyed the annual trips to many parts of Europe.

Over the past years Joan began to experience ill health in the form of loss of memory.

With regular care it was possible for her to remain at home but about three years ago - at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic – it became more difficult for Joan to remain at home.

She needed more care and she received this as a resident at Rush Hall Care Home near Limavady. This has been her home for just over three years. Here she was cared for and loved by the members of the nursing staff. Here her bedroom displayed many signs of her family life and on those occasions when I visited her my eyes were drawn to a cushion with the photo of one of her grandchildren on it.

Unable to communicate and to have a conversation with me, I never sensed that Joan was ill at ease. She was simply living her life in a world of her own.

As the son of a parent who suffered from dementia I have seen the effects of this illness – and I know that it can rob a family of the person whom they love. The sufferer loses his or her personality and is not the mother or father, son or daughter whom we remember as we were growing up.

The sufferer lives in his and her own little world, communicating not through words but often through contact. Sometimes a glimpse of something from the past is seen, but it is important to continue to love the person even if they do not recognise us – or we them.

Some years ago, in one of my former parishes, I conducted the funeral service for a lady who suffered from dementia.

On the back of the Order of Service the family had printed a poem.

Let me share it with you today.



Do Not Ask Me to Remember

**Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand,
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.**

**I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost.**

**Do not lose your patience with me,
Do not scold or curse or cry.
I can't help the way I'm acting,
Can't be different though I try.**

**Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone,
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.**

For some people death is seen simply as an end; the end of an earthly life, the end of relationships. For those of a Christian disposition death is NOT an end but, rather, the continuation of this life in another place and setting.

At death, life does not end. It is changed and we become new people who now live in the presence of God, safe from the troubles and trials of life on earth and free from the weaknesses of human nature.

It is our belief that today Joan Hamilton is free from the weaknesses of human nature and that she is safe in the presence of God.

We are sad because a person whom we loved has gone from us – but let us be confident in the Christian hope that one day we will meet again.

So today, it is not Farewell or Goodbye but, rather, **Goodnight Joan.**

May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Nesbitt

We remember Tommy Nesbitt and his family and all of the relatives of **Margaret Ruth Nesbitt**, Kingsmere Gardens, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at her home on Friday 29th September 2023.

Ruth was the dearly beloved wife of Tommy Nesbitt; the much loved mother of Ross, Olivia and Scott; a loving step-mother to Richard and Gillian; a sister to Valerie and Ivan.

Ruth was the sister-in-law of Raymond Nesbitt, The Rosses, Kinsale Park, Caw, Londonderry, to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

Hamilton

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Hazel Hamilton** (nee Wray), Esker Gardens, Caw, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at her home on Sunday 1st October.

Hazel was the dearly beloved wife of the late Billy Hamilton; the much loved mother of Stephanie, Derren, Ryan and Gavin, a dear mother-in-law; an adored granny and great-granny; the loving sister of Mary and George.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Hazel Hamilton was held at her home in Esker Gardens, Caw, Londonderry on Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

He was assisted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Tribute / Address. Following the Service, Hazel was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Hamilton

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Joan Hamilton** (nee Quigley), Rush Hall Care Home, Brighter Road, Limavady (formerly of Clooney Road, Waterside, Londonderry) who died, peacefully, on Sunday 22nd October 2023.

Joan was the beloved wife of the late Russell Hamilton; the loving mother of Anne and Graeme and the cherished grandmother of Lauren, Dylan and Erin.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joan Hamilton was held at W J O'Brien and Sons, Funeral Home, Clooney Road, Eglinton on Tuesday 24th October 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

He was assisted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Tribute / Address. Following the Service, Joan was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.



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In memory of David Huey and happy school days

From Shirley & Morris Forbes

25.00

In memory of David Huey

From Ken Gamble

30.00

In memory of Joan Hamilton

From Muriel Hamilton

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From June Fields & family

50.00

From Mrs Helen Parke

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From Adrienne Magee

25.00

From The McLucas family

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From Gwen & David Higgins

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From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart

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(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

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