

Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine



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The Dean writes.....



Dear Parishioners and Friends

November is often referred to as **'the month of remembrance'**.

There is **The Feast Day of All Saints** (1st November) when we remember our nearest and dearest who are now in God's nearer presence.

There is **Remembrance Sunday** (9th November) when we remember, with gratitude, those who served in two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts, and those who serve their King and Country today in distant parts of the world.

In our personal lives we pause to recall those whom we knew and loved – those **'who once were comrades of our way'**. It is, perhaps, a member of our family; a friend from school; a colleague from work; a member of our church or community – someone who walked with us and shared some of life's experiences with us – that we most remember. This month – as I'm certain we all do at many times during the year – we pause and say, **"I thank my God every time I remember you"**.

(Philippians 1: 3).

What is it about them that we remember most of all?

Is it what they said? We would have to have a very good memory if we were to recall every word that someone said to us during a lifetime! We may recall some of the conversations that we shared with our friends – but not all of them.

Is it what they did that we remember most of all? The answer is **"Yes!"**

It is a fact that when our words are long forgotten our actions will still be remembered.

The kind and helpful action that was done when we were sick or in trouble.

The gentle embrace or handshake at a time of loss that conveyed the message, **"I care"**.

These are some of the things that we remember about our good friends.

It is not always what they said that made the greatest impact on our lives.

It is what they did – and the way that they did it – that meant so much to us at the time and that has continued to make a positive impression upon us.

That was the legacy that they left us. **What legacy are you and I going to leave behind us?**

When the day comes that you and I have to leave this place and time, what are the memories that our family and friends will have of us? What words will they recall?

What actions made the greatest impact on their lives?

As we spend whatever time is left to us here on earth let us do so in such a way that in time to come our family and friends can remember us and say with complete honesty, **"I thank my God every time I remember you"**.

**I expect to pass through this world but once;
any good thing, therefore, that I can do,
or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature,
let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.**

Raymond Stewart

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The customary Act of Remembrance will be held at The War Memorial in the Diamond on **SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025 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.**

The Preacher will be The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

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.



FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS NOVEMBER / DECEMBER / JANUARY

Sunday 9th November / Remembrance Sunday

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

11.30 a.m. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Preacher: The Right Reverend Andrew Forster,
Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe

**Monday 24th November – Saturday 20th December
Christmas Festival 2025**

Saturday 29th November

10.00 a.m. Annual Christmas Sale at Saint Columb's Cathedral

Sunday 30th November / The First Sunday of Advent

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

Saturday 6th December

2.00 p.m. The Apprentice Boys of Derry Service of Thanksgiving
for the Shutting of the Gates

Monday 8th December

7.30 p.m. The Joint Emergency Services Northwest Community Carol Service

Wednesday 10th December

7.30 p.m. Celebrating Christmas Together at Saint Columb's Cathedral
Cathedral Youth Club and Saint Eugene's Cathedral

Sunday 14th December / The Third Sunday of Advent

6.00 p.m. Inner City Churches Carol Service at Saint Columba's Church, Long Tower

Sunday 21st December / The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Presentation

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

Wednesday 24th December / Christmas Eve

11.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Thursday 25th December / Christmas Day

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

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

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

**Sunday 28th December / The Feast Day of The Holy Innocents
(The First Sunday of Christmas)**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

11.00 a.m. Matins

Wednesday 31st December / New Year's Eve

11.00 p.m. Eucharist (Order One)

Sunday 4th January 2026 / The Second Sunday of Christmas

4.00 p.m. Carols of the Epiphany



Sunday School

We did enjoy fruit tubs at Harvest which went down a treat. After our harvest lessons we played Alphabet Fruit which was quite difficult even for the adults joining in.

FAMILY SERVICE: We had posted in last month's magazine about the attendance at the family service. We were pleased that not only were families there but they joined us at the front of the church. To those who were there thank you. We know that a few families had other commitments, but we hope that you will all be at the next Family Service.

HALF TERM: We are now on half term break and we will return to the Diocesan Centre on Sunday 16th November. We are in church on 9th November Remembrance Sunday.

CHRISTMAS: On our return it will be all systems go for our Christmas Nativity which this year is totally different to anything we have done so far – we know you will love it. The children will be working hard until then so please can we have full attendance.



Archie Mitchell 3rd November

Our very own Gail celebrates her birthday on 18th November

CALENDAR:

November	16 th Sunday School in the Diocesan Centre
	23 rd A FAMILY SERVICE
	30 th Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
December	7 th Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
	14 th Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
	21 st Sunday School Nativity Presentation

We have a great group of children in Katie & Sam's class 9 under 7 who cannot wait to tell you their Christmas Story.

Irene & the Sunday School teachers



ULSTER PROJECT:

At the time of going to press we are interviewing nearly 40 teens from across the city and beyond for 16 places in this year's project, not an easy task by any means and we are sorry some will be disappointed but we are just so over subscribed which is great for ourselves but not for the teens applying.

We will have a full calendar of events again this year and the closing service will be in Saint Columb's Cathedral.

Ulster Project Board Members

Confirmation 2026

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on SUNDAY 10th MAY 2026 to administer The Rite of Confirmation.

Parishioners (young people and adults) who wish to be presented for Confirmation are asked to give their names to the Dean, to Canon John Merrick, or to Mrs Irene Hewitt.

Those who wish to be confirmed –

Must be baptised members of the Church.

Must be 13 years or over in 2026.



Saturday 29th November

Craft Sale, Official Opening Ceremony and Coffee Dock

Experience the Cathedral as it was in 2023 and 2024 with creatively designed trees and also Christmas craft creations such as wreaths, quilts, tree skirts, table centres and more all sparkling in every nook and cranny

Our model Victorian Christmas Village will return but larger and even more stunning than last year

There will be a Cecil Frances Alexander Christmas sitting room reflecting on times past.

Innovative tree creations and craft designs delivered by businesses, community groups, schools, musical groups and sports organisations using all types of material

Christmas Movie Evening and Matinee on the big screen in a beautiful seasonal setting with all sorts of goodies available from our coffee dock to enjoy while relaxing with your family

A programme of christmas Music throughout from schools, adult choirs, soloists and music groups

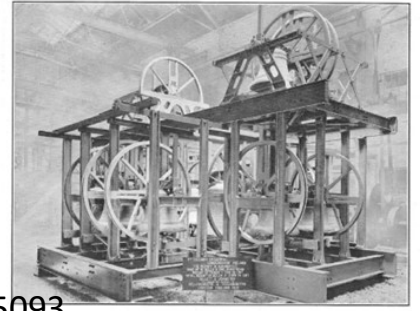
FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT robert@stcolumbs.net

St. Columb's Cathedral Honorary Bellringers

We are thinking this might be the right time to start building our number of Bellringers with a view to having some Service Rings over Christmas and into the New Year.

We are also conscious it is only four years until 2029 which marks the 100th anniversary of the recasting of the bells in 1929, so it would be great if we had a team of Bell Ringers trained and ready to mark the anniversary.

If you are willing to give the bells a try please let us know, our email address is garth_bells@stcolumbs.net or you can leave a voice message including contact Tel number on 02871345093.



The Recast and augmented Peal of 13 Bells, as now mounted.

Initially we can arrange for learning sessions to be held on Saturdays between 13:30 and 15:00 and Monday nights between 19:30 and 21:00. Traditionally our normal practice night has always been Monday nights as registered with the IACR but we can be flexible depending on availability. We look forward to hearing from you.

Garth and the Ringers.



"Over the past few months, I've been tasked with writing and illustrating a book, and it got launched a few weeks ago. For the past year and a half I've been working at the New Gate Arts and Culture Centre just down the road, and I was approached by Andrew Lynch of the Londonderry Bands Forum - he had told me that a mascot had just been designed for the forum, and was wondering if I would like to write and illustrate a book about it, given that I have a passion for creativity. The result was "The Adventures of Bandie", a short children's story about a bass drum called Bandie, who wants to join a band, and does his best to find his place and fit in with the other instruments. The book was published and launched at a book reading upon completion where I got to read the story in front of a group of children at the Foyle Street Library, and it was amazing seeing them all take a shine to Bandie himself as well as his struggles. Even my wee niece can't get enough of him! I don't think there's a more satisfying feeling than seeing people of all ages get engrossed in these kinds of stories, and I can safely say the effort was worth it." **Ross Duncan**

THE MEN'S CLUB

A meeting of the Men's Club, affiliated to First Derry Presbyterian Church, will be held in The Lecture Hall of First Derry Presbyterian Church on **THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2025** at 7.30 p.m.

Mr Richard Doherty, a well-known local historian and writer is the guest speaker. The talk is entitled 'Remembrance'.

This is a most interesting and timely topic and I know that Richard will give a fantastic talk. The Men's Club is open to all men and, on this occasion, women in the City are also invited. So, please come along and bring your friends. You will be made most welcome.

Michael Parker



Your Christmas gifts of shoe boxes need to be with us in the next week- at the very latest Sunday 9th November. They can be left in church on Tuesday morning or Parish office Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. Contact Elizabeth 07761100940 to make other arrangements. We hope you are as blessed as the children who receive them.

THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes and Articles for the December 2025 / January 2026 edition of the Cathedral Magazine are due by **SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025**

THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in The Diocesan Centre, London Street, Londonderry on **TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025** at 7.30 p.m.

AUTUMN LECTURE AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.30 p.m. / Images of Old Derry

Speaker: Ken McCormack

THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

The Magnificent Monsells of St. Columb's Speaker: Grace Ui Niallais

The lecture series is sponsored by Derry City and Strabane District Council and all events are free.

Light refreshments will be served at each of the lectures and everyone is welcome.

CHAPTER NEWS

The members of the Chapter of Saint Columb's Cathedral will be joining the congregation at The Service of Holy Communion (Order Two) on **TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025**.

Following refreshments a meeting of the Chapter will be held in The Chapter House.

MR DAVID BELL

David Bell was commissioned as a Diocesan Reader in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 8th September 2016. He had been, previously, a Parish Reader for some years. At the beginning of my ministry as Rector and Dean David read the Daily Office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and he assisted at Choral Matins and Choral Eucharist. He is a regular and faithful member of the Lent Bible Study Group where his knowledge of the Scriptures brings new insights to familiar, and not so familiar, Bible passages. In recent years, health issues have prevented David from fulfilling his role as Diocesan Reader and, in fact, he resigned from that role recently. Now, thankfully, he is feeling much better and wishes to return to the role of **Parish Reader**. As a parish we are delighted that the diocese has given its permission for this to happen, and David will be seen and heard more often in the Cathedral over the coming weeks and months.



Congratulations to Lady McFarland from all at Saint Columb's Cathedral

Seventy years after starting her studies, Lady Maryette McFarland finally graduated from university with a degree in English Literature. At 90 years old she was the oldest of more than 300 graduates at the Open University's ceremony in Belfast on Tuesday 14th October 2025. All her friends at the Cathedral were delighted to see Maryette being featured on BBC news.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

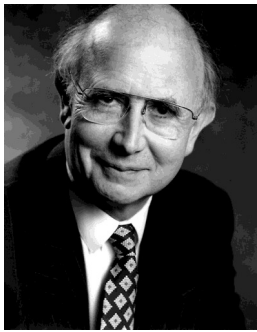
The Annual Inter-Denominational 'Walk in the Light' was held on

THE FEAST DAY OF ALL SAINTS, SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2025. The Walk began at The Salvation Army, Carlisle Road at 7.00 p.m. and travelled to Saint Columb's Cathedral, First Derry Presbyterian Church and Saint Columba's Church, Long Tower.

The Walk included a prayer, a bible reading, a short meditation and a hymn at each venue. Refreshments were served at Long Tower Primary School where everyone was able to enjoy fellowship together.

Cathedral Youth Club & Saint Eugene's Cathedral
Celebrating Christmas together in Saint Columb's Cathedral
Wednesday 10th December
7.30pm-8.30pm





A TRIBUTE TO DR MARTIN NEARY 28th March 1940 – 27th September 2025

I am grateful to Dean Raymond Stewart for inviting me to write a few words as a tribute to the late Dr. Martin Neary in the November 2025 edition of the Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine. Before I do so, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to everyone at Saint Columb's Cathedral. I cherished every moment of my time there and I look back with fondness on my ministry at Saint Columb's.

Martin Neary was a former Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. I will remember him with great admiration and affection, recalling the many cherished moments we shared both within the Deanery of Saint Columb's and in the Cathedral itself. Martin was an organist and choir director of immense ability with limitless experience and immense insight into the choral tradition of the Anglican Church.

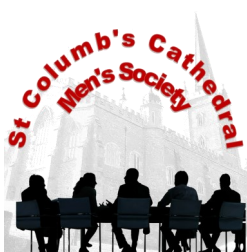
During my time as Dean, I had the privilege of inviting Martin to Saint Columb's on two separate occasions. Each visit was a source of inspiration, as he offered fascinating insights and conducted workshops with the Boy Choristers during their weekly rehearsals. I vividly remember Martin asking the choristers to participate in a memorable activity: he held a candle at a safe distance from each chorister's mouth and asked them to sing a phrase. If they could sing without blowing out the candle, it demonstrated that they had control over their breath and could produce a clear, breathless tone - an impressive and instructive exercise.

Martin also gave superb organ recitals. I know our son, Nicky, often remembers the times he was privileged to work closely with Martin, turning pages during those performances of challenging works by Bach, Buxtehude, and Franck. Martin's artistry and expertise have rightfully earned him a reputation as one of the most highly regarded organists in the UK and Ireland.

I enjoyed many conversations with Martin in the Deanery, where he would stay during his visits. Over late-night refreshments, he would share stories of his experiences at Westminster Abbey, speaking with warmth and humility. His influence at Saint Columb's was huge; he made such an impression on Ian Mills, the then-organist at Derry Cathedral, and the choir there. Together, we recorded a CD based on the works of Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander, titled "All Things Bright and Beautiful." It was Martin's professional guidance and insight that ensured the success of this project.

Martin Neary's legacy is profound. He has left a lasting impact on Saint Columb's, Westminster Abbey, and the wider musical community. His family, of course, will feel his absence most deeply. I extend my heartfelt condolences to them and continue to keep him in my prayers at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

**With warmest wishes,
William Morton
Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin**



The Men's Society met in The Diocesan Centre on Tuesday 21st October and we were privileged to welcome our guest speaker who was Bishop Andrew Forster. Bishop Andrew delivered a very enthralling account of his visit to the Diocese of Kondoa in Tanzania with his wife Heather. He spoke of the wonderful work being carried out by Bishop Given and his own plan to raise £30,000 in the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe which will go towards building a Diocesan Centre for Kondoa.

Our next meeting will be on 18th November at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Centre.

Our guest speaker will be Dr Aaron Peace DL, who will give a talk on Men's Health.

Robert

As I am writing this the weather has definitely become Autumnal. Halloween is just around the corner and the dark

evenings are on the way. It is good to know that there will be opportunities for fun and friendship at our meetings through the Winter.

On Tuesday 14th October members and guests met in the Diocesan Centre and we were pleased to welcome Bishop Andrew as our speaker for the evening. He gave us a fascinating account of his and Heather's recent trip to the Diocese of Kondoia in Tanzania and of his friendship with Bishop Given who has done so much to build up the Church there. Bishop Andrew is hoping to raise £30,000 across the Derry and Raphoe Diocese towards the construction of a Diocesan Centre for Kondoia.

James and Heather Fielding have generously offered to host a coffee morning in May as a parish fund raiser for this project.

As usual our October meeting was also the occasion of our annual *Bring and Buy* sale. Many thanks to all who brought and bought and to Irene for organising the sale which raised £237.75 for Mothers' Union Overseas projects. Thanks also to Vivien for a delicious supper and to all who helped organise the evening.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th November when we will be hosting a panel consisting of a doctor, a pharmacist and a physiotherapist to answer your questions. It would be very helpful if you could let me know your questions in advance so that they can prepare their answers.

As part of our 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence we will also be collecting donations for Foyle Women's Aid at the November meeting.

Halloween

Autumn colours
Blackbird calls
Closing curtains
Darkness falls

Eager fumbling
Fancy dresses
Ghostly make-up
Hag-like tresses

I must hurry
Just- for- funsters
Kids and parents
Little monsters

Make their way in
Noisy parties.
Outsize spider
Pumpkins carved as

Quirky faces.
Rainbow light on
Sweets a-plenty
That's it; Right on!

Up the drive with
Voices trilling
Witches, warlocks
X-ray's thrilling

Yet more shocking
Zombies knocking!



Looking ahead.....
Derry & Raphoe Mothers' Union in conjunction with The Churches Trust are hosting a 16 DAYS TWILIGHT SERVICE on Sunday 07 December in Saint Peter's Church, Culmore at 4 pm.



Did you know that through.... our worldwide impact

In 2024, Mothers' Union supported **over 2.7 million** people of which MU directly supported **over 481,391** people

MU estimate that this has led to: **over 2 million** people being indirectly supported by MU work



**Plumber available for weekends and afternoons
any enquiries contact Jake Hewitt. 07752 305304**





White Ribbon Day, 25 November 2025 Theme: We Speak Up

*In recent years White Ribbon Day has come to prominence. What is it?
What relevance has it to you and me?*

White Ribbon Day is an international campaign observed on November 25th to raise awareness and end violence against women and girls. It encourages people, particularly men and boys, to actively challenge the attitudes and behaviours that lead to violence, often by taking the [White Ribbon Promise](#) to never use, excuse, or remain silent about men's violence against women.

The day also launches **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**.

Purpose:

To end violence against women and girls by engaging men and boys, women and girls as allies in challenging harmful cultural norms and behaviours.



Symbolism:

Wearing a white ribbon symbolizes a commitment to non-violence and a pledge to be part of the solution.

Activities:

Events include educational workshops, church services, and campaigns to promote healthy relationships and challenge gender stereotypes.



Join in - Speak Up Now!

Sexist jokes, catcalling, staring, and comments might seem harmless, but they are serious because women and girls are at risk and can lead to violence and abuse. For White Ribbon Day 2025, White Ribbon encourages everybody to speak up and create a world where women and girls are safe, equal, and respected.

How people are speaking up...

'I speak up by not laughing at sexist 'jokes' or 'banter'.'

'I speak up by backing up others who call something out.'

'I speak up by removing myself from group chats where sexist comments are made.'

'I speak up by saying 'that's not on' if someone says something disrespectful towards women.'



Use [#WeSpeakUp](#) on social media to spread the word.
Together we can inspire everyone to speak up!

LinkedIn: White Ribbon UK
Instagram: @whiteribbonuk

Facebook: White Ribbon UK
www.whiteribbon.org.uk/wespeakup

What can I do

Start the conversation, wear a white ribbon, to 'join in' to speak up for change, 'to make the world a safer place to live and flourish in. Where love, equality, respect and kindness are signposts to a greater world to come.'



BOYS OF THE ISLAND CONCERT

**Wednesday
5th November 2025
7:30pm
St Columb's Cathedral**

All along the Western Front there lingers a serenity and a tragic beauty — a landscape that still carries the memories and secrets of a lost generation of young men from across this island.

They came from different traditions and held different faiths, yet on the battlefields of France and Flanders they stood side by side. In courage and in sacrifice, they fought and died together.

Join us for a commemorative concert featuring renowned composers and award-winning musicians Tracey McRory, Richard Laird, members of the Hamilton Flute Band, acclaimed piper Darren Milligan, Sollus Highland Dancers, and a host of talented performers from the Maiden City.

Presented as part of the War & Peace Project by the North West Cultural Partnership, this special evening

of music, reflection, and remembrance will honour our shared history. Set within the magnificent St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, a landmark at the heart of the city, the concert takes place in a space steeped in Derry's heritage. Its soaring architecture, rich history, and enduring presence provide the perfect setting for reflection, remembrance, and celebration of community through music. As the melodies fill these walls, we are reminded not only of the courage of those who came before us but also of the connections that continue to bind the people of Derry together today. This concert stands as a testament to courage, sacrifice, and unity. Through melody, movement, and memory, we honour those who gave their lives and reaffirm our commitment to building peace and understanding for generations to come.

**Model PS pupils
were World War
II Classmates**



P1 pupils from the Model Primary School surprised Jean Peoples and Aileen Clarke (both 94 years old) with flowers and certificates! Jean and Aileen were P1 pupils in the 1940's!



SUNDAY 2ND **11.00**
4th Sunday before Advent Hymns

HOLY COMMUNION (order 2)
9, 421, 637

16.00

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

SUNDAY 9TH **11.30**
Remembrance Day Hymns
Boy and Girl Choristers Introit
and Lay Clerks Psalm
Anthem

SPECIAL SERVICE ORDER
326, O Valiant Hearts, 467, 496
Guest For the Fallen
47
Lloyd-Webber *Pie Jesu*

Boy and Girl Choristers **16.00**
and Lay Clerks
Hymns
Responses
Psalm
Canticles
Anthem

CHORAL EVENSONG
AND THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM
586, 597, 583
Stewart
126
Stanford in B flat
Aston So they gave their bodies

SUNDAY 16TH **11.00**
2nd Sunday before Advent Hymns
Boy Choristers and Setting
Lay Clerks Motet

CHORAL EUCHARIST (order 1)
327, 145, 10
Darke in F
Franck Panis Angelicus

Service & Music List

November 2025

SUNDAY 16TH

Lay Clerks

16.00

Hymns

Responses

Psalm

Canticles

Anthem

CHORAL EVENSONG

AND THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

586, 491, 660

Plainsong

93, 97

Lees in *E minor*

Wood View me Lord

SUNDAY 23RD

Sunday before Advent

Girl Choristers and

Lay Clerks

11.00

Hymns

Canticle

Anthem

FAMILY SERVICE

248, 244, 240, 247

Benedictus

Campion *Never weather-beaten sail*

Cathedral Chamber Choir 16.00

Hymns

Anthem

CHORAL EVENSONG

AND SERVICE OF

THANKSGIVING TO MARK

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE DEATH OF KURT KONIG

325, 32, 361

Ives *Listen Sweet Dove*

SUNDAY 30TH

Advent Sunday

Boys and Girls Choristers

Lay Clerks

11.00

Hymns

Responses

Canticle

Psalm

Canticle

Anthem

CHORAL MATINS

119, 140, 143

Stewart

Venite (Stanford)

122

Stanford *Benedictus in C*

Rudolph *Veiled in Darkness*

The Cathedral Choirs

19.30

ADVENT PROCESSION

Special order of service



The last few weeks of October have been a busy time for the Choristers! The Boys, Girls, and Lay Clerks performed at the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem on October 25th, following a kind invitation from Archdeacon Robert Miller.

On Sunday, October 26th, the Boy & Girl Choristers took part in the City of Derry International Choir Festival. Louis and I were beyond proud as the Choristers finished 3rd in their competition!

This is the first time that we have entered a competition and we were up against some of the finest National Youth Choirs from both North and South of the Border.

Being one of the youngest choirs in the competition (some Choristers as young as seven!) we gave up an advantage in both age and experience. Our congratulations to Cor Linn from Dublin on winning the competition - an auditioned choir made up of 14-18 year old singers.



The Cathedral Choirs will take a well-deserved break from singing duty on Sunday 2nd November. However, the Boy and Girl Choristers will enjoy a Halloween Fun Day at Crescent Link Fire Station on Thursday, October 30th.

Looking ahead to November, we hope to introduce a couple of new Boy Chorister recruits – stay tuned! We are also looking forward to marking Remembrance Sunday on Sunday, November 9th. As November comes to a close, Advent begins, and we eagerly anticipate the popular Advent Procession Candlelight Service on Sunday, November 30th.

Additionally, the Choristers will perform at the Cathedral's Christmas Festival 2025 Launch on Saturday 29th November.

A quiet enough November before a crazily busy December kicks in!

Nicky



CITY OF DERRY INTERNATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

On **SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER**, as part of City of Derry International Choir Festival Sacred Trail, we were delighted to welcome **The University College Cork Singers**.

The Choir sang three pieces during the Administration of Holy Communion and a further two pieces after the final hymn.

The Singers are a competitive mixed-voice choir founded in 2014 as part of The University College Cork Choral Society. They are currently Ireland's Choir of the Year, having won the title at The Cork International Choral Festival.

Congratulations to the Cathedral Choir of Boy and Girl Choristers!

They took part in their first ever competition, performing in City of Derry International Choir Festival Youth Choir category – and we are so proud that **they were awarded 3rd place with a score of 88.1.**

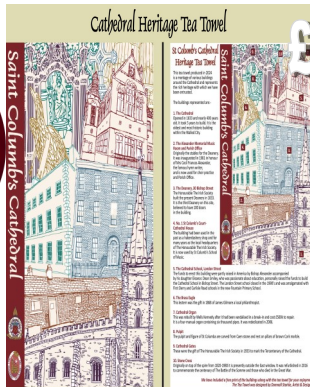
This was an incredible achievement against some fantastic and well-established youth choirs, and our young singers rose to the occasion.



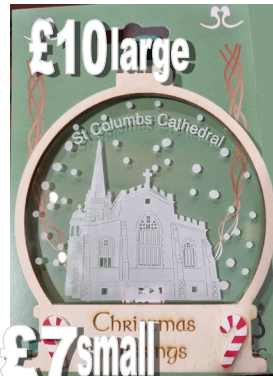
Ideal gifts for family and friends



£10



£10



£7 small



Church mice

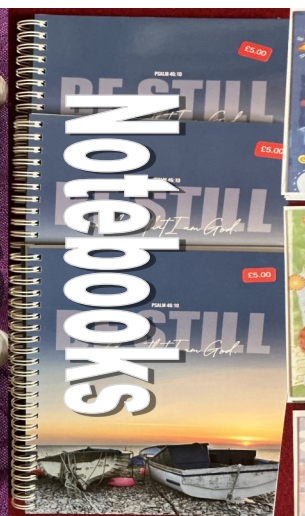


Prayer cubes

£3

Cross

£3.00



Notebooks



Birthday cards



Mugs

£8



Luxury Christmas cards



Luxury Christmas cards



Cross keyrings



Ceramic decorations



Christmas cubes



Cathedral Themed Stock

We are delighted to have new stock available for sale, the gift of generous donors. These are items which would make nice gifts for family. They have the Chapter Seal on them- these include small notebooks, beanie hats, and adult fleeces.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2025

SATURDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2025: THE FEAST DAY OF ALL SAINTS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2025

THE FEAST DAY OF ALL SAINTS (by transfer)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

The Church of The Province of West Africa

The Most Reverend Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith,
Primate of The Church of The Province of West Africa;
Bishop of The Diocese of Asante-Mampong.

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, Bishop.

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

The Parishes of Dunfanaghy, Raymunterdoney and Tullaghobegley (Killult)

The Reverend Canon David Skuce, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN SRI LANKA

Ministry to people with visual impairments and disabilities has always been close to the hearts of those at the Ceylon Bible Society.

This is why the Bible Society is producing the Bible in braille and audio formats. Once complete, the team will distribute the books to Blind Schools, homes, and churches. As the braille Bible is big in size and hard to carry, the Bible Society is finding that most blind individuals are requesting the Bible in an audio format so that they can listen to it anywhere. Unfortunately, the current audio recordings are of an old translation of the Bible, and are also incomplete, making it hard for the visually impaired people to fully understand what the Bible is saying. This has led to the Bible Society working to record new audio of an up-to-date translation of the full Bible to distribute.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY / THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

The Church in The Province of the West Indies

The Right Reverend Philip Wright,
Acting Primate of The Church in The Province of the West Indies;
Bishop of The Diocese of Belize.

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)

The Reverend Arthur Burns (Non-Stipendiary Ministry), Priest-in-charge.
Mrs Norma Burns, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN BURUNDI

Pray for ordinand Robert Ingabire currently in his second year of study at Bishop Batham University College, Kabale, in Uganda. Pray that his training shapes him into an equipped, faithful and humble servant, and for travelling mercies during parish placements.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

The Most Reverend Samy Fawzy,
Archbishop of The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria;
Bishop of The Diocese of Egypt.

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

Rector: Vacant

The Reverend Michael Classon, Auxiliary Priest.

In charge during the vacancy – The Reverend Canon Brian Russell, Rural Dean.

MISSION FOCUS – CROSSLINKS IN EAST AFRICA

Having been a church evangelist in the Anglican Diocese of Kagera in northwest Tanzania for over sixteen years, study partner Yohana Ntabindi has a wide knowledge of and experience in local church ministry which the Diploma in Theology will strengthen. Pray that Yohana will be equipped to take up ordained parish ministry and lead the church in local gospel outreach, particularly reaching children and young people.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2025

THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT: THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Most Reverend Justin Duckworth,

Archbishop of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;

Bishop of The Diocese of Wellington.

The Most Reverend Don Tamihere,

Primate and Archbishop of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

The Most Reverend Sione Uluilakepa,

Primate and Archbishop of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;

Bishop of The Diocese of Polynesia.

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 MOZAMBIQUE

TLM Mozambique trains health workers who help in the process of screening, diagnosing and treating people affected by leprosy. In the area of community development we aim to make communities self-reliant, resilient, and more inclusive. We want communities in Mozambique where no one is left behind.

Pray for the creation of community-based groups that are inclusive of women, persons affected by leprosy, persons with disabilities, and other non-communicable diseases.

Pray that through these groups we can increase awareness and knowledge of leprosy.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2025

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Primate of The Anglican Church of Australia;

Archbishop of The Diocese of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia.

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

Pray for The Reverend Andrew and Joanne Quill.

Pray for wisdom for Joanne as she seeks to encourage those trained as facilitators in Bible-based Trauma Healing to run healing groups in their own areas.

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2025: THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT ANDREW (by transfer)

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Church of Bangladesh

The Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator, The Church of Bangladesh;
Bishop of The Diocese of Kushtia.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

The Most Reverend Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of The Church of Tanzania.
Bishop of The Diocese of Tanga.

The Diocese of Kondoa. The Right Reverend Given Gaula.

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

The Parishes of Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

The Venerable David Huss, Rector / Archdeacon of Raphoe.

Miss Nuala Dudley, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN CAMBODIA

Scripture translation, publishing, and distribution depend on its audience being literate.

To address this issue The Bible Society in Cambodia has partnered with many local churches to offer approximately 500 literacy classes a year to both disadvantaged Christians and non-Christians who have not learned to read or write Khmer.

Students who finish the course will receive a New Testament and New Reader Scripture Portions. 97% of Cambodia are Buddhist but there is such a hunger to learn to read that they are happy to attend the Bible Society's classes so this is a fantastic opportunity for The Bible Society to evangelise to those to whom they otherwise would not have a connection.

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.**

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 Admissions 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 DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is read in Bishop 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 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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES – NOVEMBER 2000

KING'S CHORALE

A magnificent Evening of Praise was held recently in the Cathedral featuring The King's Chorale, a choir of some 70 men and women from the greater Belfast area, and Mr William Loughlin as the guest soloist. We thank the choir for staging this event for Cathedral funds. The sum of almost £1200 was raised and the Dean would like to thank everyone for their support.

Many thanks also to the Cathedral Social Group who helped with the evening and to everyone who sold tickets. A beautiful meal was provided for all the visitors before the recital and special thanks are extended to all who supplied food and worked so hard on the day.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Ten months have passed since the start of the year and there has hardly been a word about the Millennium and nothing at all about the bug – Y2K. Indeed some people are of the opinion that the Millennium is not until 1 January 2001 when the 2000 years are completed and we start again. Anyway, that is a debate for another day but it does however suit the situation where projects which were to be ready for 1 January 2000 now have a slight chance of being ready for January 2001!

One in particular was the **Quilt Project** discussed by the Mothers' Union during their "Roots" exhibition in 1999-00. This was intended to be a record of all the organisations in the Cathedral during 2000.

Each group would be given a piece of material and asked to put on it some sort of record of their members or activities. Now before you say "I can't draw, sew, embroider, or paint" – if you can write your name, you can contribute. Mind you, if you want to produce exquisite embroidery, quilting or applique (and we do know some men who could), it won't be refused.

Each organisation will be given a set of instructions and a piece of material. If you feel you need help, a workshop will be organised. The deadline for the return of the completed squares will be 25 November, the day of the Cathedral sale. After that date the quilt will be put together. The finished project will be in the shape of an East Window and this will only be possible if **all** the organisations contribute to the pattern we have designed. We will count all the squares out and count them all back to ensure everyone is included in the quilt. All quilters, tea-makers, needle threaders, interested parties will be welcome to come and help us get it ready for 1 January 2001. We are looking forward to starting it but by 31 December we will probably be wishing we had never started it. We feel it will make a lovely wall-hanging that we can all be proud of and which future generations will probably treasure more than us. So what are **you** going to do? (Please let us know). Meanwhile the MU Book Committee will finish the History of Templemore Mothers' Union. It looks like some of us will have to cancel Christmas!!

FOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE

Saint Columb's Cathedral hosted A HARVEST SERVICE FOR FOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL on WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Amongst those who attended were The Reverend Peter Morris, the Minister of Carlisle Road Methodist Church and The Reverend Colin Jones, the Minister of First Derry Presbyterian Church. The Congregational Address was given by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

HARVEST 2025

Harvest Sunday was celebrated on SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 2025.

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order Two) was The Very Reverend Liz Fitzgerald, The Rector of The Parishes of Raphoe (Saint Eunan's Cathedral), Raymochy (Manorcunningham) and Clonleigh (Lifford), and the Dean of Raphoe. She was joined at the Service by her husband Sean.

HARVEST DECORATIONS

The donations of flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables were very much appreciated and added to the beauty of the Cathedral. The addition of 'the farmyard' in the Porch was a lovely attraction. Thank you to all who came along and decorated the Porch and the Cathedral with harvest produce.

SOUP LUNCH

A Soup Lunch was served in The Chapter House after the morning service. Thank you to all who provided the soup, wheaten bread, apple tarts, traybakes and tea/coffee.

A number of parishioners enjoyed the lunch and the opportunity to share in fellowship.

FOYLE FOOD BANK

Donations of food and monetary gifts totalling £220 for Foyle Food Bank were also very much appreciated.

Bible Readings for November 2025

DAY	READING	THEME
Saturday 1	Jude 1:20-25	Blessing
Sunday 2	Exodus 2:23-25	Desperately seeking peace
Monday 3	1 Timothy 6:6-10	Seeking peace in wealth
Tuesday 4	Mark 5:24b-34	Seeking peace in personal suffering
Wednesday 5	Proverbs 3:13-24	Peace in wisdom and understanding
Thursday 6	Psalms 23:1-6	He restores my soul
Friday 7	Zachariah 9:9-10	Peace comes through Jesus Christ
Saturday 8	Romans 8:5-11	Peace through the Spirit's presence
Sunday 9	Matthew 6:25-34	Do not worry
Monday 10	Isaiah 32:14-20	Out of the wilderness
Tuesday 11	Acts 16:22-34	A faith that sings
Wednesday 12	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Encouragement in the search
Thursday 13	Romans 5:1-5	Perseverance
Friday 14	John 14:15-21	A path that leads home
Saturday 15	John 14:1-3	Preparing a place
Sunday 16	Genesis 2:10-14	And God created gold!
Monday 17	Genesis 24:15-27	A golden proposal
Tuesday 18	Deuteronomy 17:14-17	Don't store up gold
Wednesday 19	1 Kings 10:1-13	The arrival of the Queen of Sheba
Thursday 20	1 Chronicles 29:1-9	Offerings of gold
Friday 21	2 Chronicles 3:1-8	A house of gold
Saturday 22	Job 28:1-19	What gold can't buy
Sunday 23	Proverbs 8:1-21	Wisdom: a better choice—better than gold
Monday 24	Psalms 19:7-14	Commandments sweeter than honey and more precious than gold
Tuesday 25	Psalms 119:127-136	Delight in God's law that's more valuable than gold
Wednesday 26	Job 23:1-10	Tested to be like gold
Thursday 27	Malachi 3:1-12	Refined like gold
Friday 28	1 Peter 1:3-9	Faith more precious than gold
Saturday 29	Revelation 21:15-21	A city of gold
Sunday 30	Luke 1:26-38	Decision time for Mary

Obituary

Valerie Kathleen Brown **14th February 1946 – 23rd October 2025**

Between the years 1979 and 1982 I served as Curate-assistant in The Parish of Clooney in this City. Among the many hundreds of families who 'belonged' to this parish, who worshipped in All Saints' Church, and who supported the church both financially and in many other ways was a young family named Brown.

Maurice and Val lived at Shearwater Way along with their daughter Lisa and son Philip. As the years passed and I moved on to other parishes I lost touch with Maurice and Val, so imagine my surprise and delight when 35 years later when I was appointed Rector of The Parish of Templemore and Dean of Derry to find that among my parishioners and still living at Shearwater Way were Maurice and Val Brown. Their daughter Lisa and son Philip had married but Maurice and Val were now parishioners of The Parish of Templemore.

Maurice plays a significant part in the life of the church – as a member of The Select Vestry, as People's Supplemental Glebeward, as a Bellringer and as a Volunteer Tourist Guide. Val preferred to play a less noticeable part in the life of the church, but has always been a constant support to Maurice and their family.

Val was the fourth of seven children in the McMullan family.

Her siblings were William and Linda (both deceased), Pearl, Roberta, and twins Honor and Hayden.

Her early primary education was at Maydown Primary School.

She later progressed to Faughan Valley Intermediate School where she loved and excelled at Sports, particularly at Netball where she was a member of the First Team.

Val was an attractive young lady and she was encouraged to take part in the Miss Eglinton competition. Against all of the opposition Val was declared the winner!

A dedicated and hard worker all of her life, Val had a number of different occupations and jobs. Her first job that she loved – even when an accident with a coffee machine caused her to lose the tip of her finger – was at XL Stores.

By this time Val had met Maurice Brown; she met him while he was in the Air Force and they were married on 13th December 1966; and family life with two young children Lisa and Philip meant that work at home replaced work at other places for a few years.

When Val decided to return to the work place she was very fortunate to secure a job very close to her home in Shearwater Way. She loved working at Clooney Spar

and got to know her neighbours and made many close friends during those years.

After some time Val decided to enter a different area of work and she found employment as an Examiner at Welch Margetson Shirt Factory, and later as a Supervisor at Glenaden Shirt Factory.

This was a completely different kind of work to that which she had been accustomed, but Val enjoyed the work and the friends that she made.

When the Factory closed Val was fortunate to find employment at Sevenoaks Care Home and it was from here that she retired.

Val was a person who didn't seek the limelight.

She found great enjoyment in caring for her family.

Her wonderful husband Maurice, her children Lisa and Philip, their spouses Patrick and Joanne, and her granddaughters Chloe and Carys.

Val was a person who had a wise head upon her shoulders, and it was to her that members of her family would come to seek a listening ear and good advice when the pressures of life became difficult to bear. The situation was always tinged with a good deal of humour that eased the pain and distress.

In the years of her and Maurice's retirement from the workplace Val and Maurice found great joy and satisfaction in touring, particularly in England and Scotland, in their Camper Van.

Furnished with all that they would need for home comforts they would set off maybe twice a year to visit family members and friends, returning home a month or two later.

Today as we give thanks for Val, we pray for you Maurice and for Lisa and Philip, for Patrick, Joanne, Chloe and Carys, for Pearl, Roberta, Honor and Hayden, and for the families of William and Linda.

We pray that even in this time of sadness you will find hope and continue to thank God for every good and precious memory of your beloved Val.

Many churches have celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving in recent weeks.

Churches have been decorated with produce of harvest – fruit, vegetables and flowers.

We remember that harvest comes at the end of the cycle of Creation.

It is the time when we reap the rewards of what we have sown in the Springtime.

At Springtime the farmer prepares the land and scatters the small seeds, not knowing what kind of crop he will harvest later in the year.

Springtime and Harvest, Sowing and Reaping remind us of the Cycle of Human Life.

We are born, nurtured in life, and one day we die.

At death the seed, that is our body, is buried in the cold soil but by God's Spirit it is transformed. As Saint Paul tells us: God gives us a new body.

A body more lovely and more beautiful than the body we have had in life.

Think of the small seed that is planted in the cold soil at Springtime.

Some time later it appears as a beautiful rose.

Or think of the small seeds sown by the farmer.

Some time later we see a field of golden corn.

As we lay Val's mortal body to rest in the soil today we believe that by God's Spirit that body is being transformed and that Val will be clothed with much greater beauty than that which she possessed in this life.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

GRAHAM

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Rita Graham** (nee Moore), Forquar, Milford, County Donegal and formerly of Main Street, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal who died, peacefully, on Monday 13th October 2025.

Rita was a cousin of (The Reverend Canon) John Merrick to whom, and to whose wife Roberta and their family, we express our sympathy.

BROWN

We remember Maurice Brown and his family and all of the relatives of his wife **Valerie Kathleen Brown** (nee McMullan), Shearwater Way, Clooney, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at her home on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Val was the beloved wife of Maurice; the dearest mother of Lisa and Philip; the adored mother-in-law of Patrick and Joanne; the devoted grandmother of Chloe and Carys; the much loved sister of Pearl, Roberta, Honor and Hayden and of the late William and Linda; and a dear aunt and sister-in-law.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Val Brown was held at D & R Hay and Sons Funeral Home, Church Road, Altnagelvin, Londonderry on Saturday 25th October, followed by burial at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry. The Service of Thanksgiving and The Service of Committal were conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

SIDEBOTTOM

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Hazel Sidebottom** (nee Close) who died, peacefully, at Bedford Charter House, Nursing Home, Bedford on Thursday 23rd October 2025 in her 97th year.

Hazel was the wife of the late The Reverend George (Gerry) Sidebottom and the loving mother of Joanna, Mark and Evan. She was the sister-in-law of the late Dr. Desmond Sidebottom and the aunt of Peter Sidebottom to whom, and to whose wife Doreen and their family, we express our sympathy.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

JOHNSON

We remember (The Reverend Canon) Stanley Johnson and his family and all of the relatives of his wife **(The Reverend) Shiela Johnson**, Derrybeg, County Donegal, who retired as Priest-in-charge of The Parish of Clondevaddock in 2008. Shiela died in a road traffic accident on Wednesday 29th October 2025.



In Memoriam



In loving memory of my late dear wife, Mabel
From her husband Trevor Brown

In memory of Mark Fields
From Morris & Shirley Forbes

In memory of a special sister-in-law and a dear aunt Valerie Brown
From Ruth McMullan, Joanne, Jenna & Ellie

In memory of Valerie Brown
From Ian Bartlett
From Muriel Hamilton
From Marion Walker
From Ray Mace
From Eileen Hamilton
From Morris & Shirley Forbes

In lieu of flowers for the late Valerie Brown, wife of our member, Maurice
From The Apprentice Boys of Derry (Parent Club)

In lieu of flowers for the late Valerie Brown
From Christie & Rosemary Colhoun

CHOIR FUND

In memory of Mabel Brown
From William Lynn

In memory of Valerie Brown
From William Lynn

Overall total £630.00

Parish Register

Burial

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Saturday 25th October 2025

**Valerie Kathleen Brown,
Shearwater Way, Clooney, Londonderry
Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry**

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Saint Columb's Cathedral

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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

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