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The Dean writes.....



Dear Parishioners and Friends

The month of June has many days when the lives of saints are remembered and celebrated.

Wednesday 9: The Feast Day of Saint Columba.
Friday 11: The Feast Day of Saint Barnabas.
Thursday 24: The Feast Day of The Birth of Saint John the Baptist.
Tuesday 29: The Feast Day of Saint Peter.

It would be possible to write about each of these 'saints' in turn but I will focus, this month, on the saint known as Barnabas. His name is not included in the list of the twelve apostles but it is evident that he was sympathetic to the views and ideals of the Early Church.

We read about him and his actions in the Book 'The Acts of the Apostles'.

There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet. (Acts 4: 36-37).

In the days after Pentecost the apostles had the task of teaching and preaching to a group of people who questioned who they were and what they were doing. They had the task of showing people who were suspicious the path of Jesus and of encouraging them to follow it. The apostles needed all the support and encouragement that they could find in those early and challenging days and in Joseph (Barnabas) they found a person who was willing to be their friend. He not only 'talked the talk', he also 'walked the walk'. He matched his words with practical actions.

The Book 'The Acts of the Apostles' shows that there was a community spirit among the believers. They were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the disciples' feet and it was distributed to each as any had need.

It was from this mix of people that Joseph (Barnabas) emerged to make his contribution to the needs of his community. Barnabas (son of encouragement) received a welcome from the apostles and, instead of disappearing from the story of the Christian Church after his act of generosity, he was to become a faithful follower and leader in the Church; encouraging the new convert Paul with whom he shared ministry in Antioch and Jerusalem.

Time has moved on, but the voice of encouragement is needed just as much today as it was in the days of the Early Church. It is easy to have an opinion and to be an armchair critic but it can be more difficult and challenging to enter into an event and to play our part in encouraging those who are on the frontline.

Barnabas discovered that as soon as he offered the proceeds of his field he was welcomed by the apostles. They accepted him as their friend and enabled him to have a positive role to play in the Church. As we become people who encourage by word and action opportunities will open up that will enable us to make a difference wherever we are.

Never lose an opportunity during the day to encourage another person. You know what a difference that positive word or action has made in your life. Do your best to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Be a Barnabas – a son and daughter of encouragement.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

Confirmation 2021

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 27th June 2021 at 11.00 am to administer The Rite of Confirmation.

Those who are preparing for Confirmation -

Daniel John Burnett, Ava Gabriel Copestake, Jack Edward Duddy, Jake Jamie Hewitt, Ellie Jane McIntosh and Melissa Megan Duddy.

- **Please pray for Daniel, Ava, Jack, Jake, Ellie and Melissa** as they prepare to profess their faith in Jesus and to make the promises of their baptism their own.
- Pray for The Reverend Canon John Merrick, the Dean and Mrs Irene Hewitt as they help them to prepare for this significant occasion.
- Pray for their parents, godparents and relatives.
- Pray for Bishop Andrew Forster who will officiate at this milestone event in the lives of these Christians.

Please encourage Daniel, Ava, Jack, Jake, Ellie and Melissa by your presence at the service. **Daniel, Ava, Jack, Jake, Ellie and Melissa will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time at the Service of Choral Eucharist (Order Two) on Sunday 4th July 2021 at 11.00 a.m.**



Sunday Service

Parishioners and friends can continue to watch and listen to the Morning Service on the [Cathedral Facebook](#) page or by logging on to www.stcolumbscathedral.org and going to Worship on the menu bar.

The Cathedral Magazine

Notes / Articles for the July / August issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 27th June 2021.

The Family Service on Sunday 16th May included the baptism of Archie Mitchell, the son of Adam Mitchell and Sunday School past pupil Katie Dobson. The Sunday School Superintendent, Irene Hewitt, had taught Katie many years ago and was delighted to present 'The Dorcas Pack' on behalf of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union. The Scripture readings at the service (Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 and Saint John 17: 6-19) were read by Jack Duddy and his dad Emmet.



WE ARE BACK!

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry and Sunday School, with social distancing, will re-commence on Sunday 6th June at 11.00 a.m. in Cathedral House.

Sunday 13th June – We will be practising for Fathers' Day in Cathedral House.

Sunday 20th June – Fathers' Day / Sunday School EXTRAVAGANZA in the Cathedral.

Sunday 27th June – The Rite of Confirmation in the Cathedral.

Daniel Burnett, Ava Copestake, Jack Duddy, Jake Hewitt, Ellie McIntosh and Melissa Duddy will be presented for Confirmation.

Attendance Certificates

This year (2020 – 2021) we will be taking into account attendance at Sunday School up to the last day of term and attendance of the Monthly Family Service.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON SUNDAY 6th JUNE at 11.00 a.m.

Irene and the teachers

Reopening of Church Buildings for Public Worship A Return to In-Person Sunday Worship in the Cathedral

When you arrive at the Cathedral use the hand sanitiser in the porch.

Wear a face covering when you enter and when you leave the building – and throughout the service—unless you are exempted from doing so!

Due to social distancing the Cathedral can accommodate only 100 persons (max).

The pews will be filled from the front to the back, observing social distancing (2 metres).

At the end of the service parishioners who are sitting at the back of the Cathedral will leave first.

Before you leave, please complete the details on the Track and Trace Form and leave it in the vestibule as you exit the Cathedral. (A Track and Trace Form must be completed for every person – adult and child).

When you arrive and when you leave church we, respectfully, request that you do not stand and chat with the clergy, the members of the Cathedral staff, and other parishioners.

We understand that all of us have been accustomed to greeting one another – especially when we are leaving the Cathedral. This is, however, not permitted.

Leave the Cathedral as quickly as possible and do not stand outside chatting to one another.

Please note that all toilet facilities will remain closed until further notice.

Until further notice congregational hymn singing is not permitted.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

MAGAZINE NOTE

On Easter Sunday, someone left the small brown envelope to pay for their magazine and included the postage but unfortunately they did not put their name on the envelope. If you think it might have been you would you, please, tell me, Linda or Muriel. Thank you. **RAY**

The Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland has put together a super comprehensive booklet providing advice for people who have experienced a bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Two other booklets are also available in this series – one dealing with practicalities and the other a children's story helping children to cope with the death of a loved one.

These excellent resources can be downloaded at <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/covid-19-bereavement-resources>

Grief and bereavement
during the COVID-19
pandemic

Supporting yourself
and others

HSC Public Health
Agency



Free dial-in worship phone line during coronavirus lockdown. Daily Hope is a free resource for members who live in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. It offers a variety of music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. To listen to Mothers' Union Midday Prayers – choose option 4 and then option 8. The line – is available 24 hours a day on

0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

HOSPITAL 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.

As of Monday 24th May 2021

N.B. It is now possible for clergy to visit in care homes and hospitals, in addition to visits from family members. All local restrictions and procedures should be followed, including, in most cases, advance appointments for care homes.

Bishop Andrew Forster has advised the members of the ordained clergy:

I recommend that you contact hospitals and care homes in advance of visiting to confirm local arrangements. A conversation with the family of a patient in advance of a visit may also be worthwhile to alleviate any concerns on either side.

Volunteers Needed - Foyle Hospice Charity Shops

In particular the following areas

Limavady Shop; Waterloo Place Shop; Strabane Shop

Do you have a few hours to spare a week?

Would you like to join our fantastic team of volunteers?

Meet new friends? Learn new skills?

And most importantly have fun while helping and supporting your local hospice.

If this is something that would interest you, please get in touch with

Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Coordinator, Foyle Hospice, 61 Culmore Road, Londonderry BT48 8JE (028 – 7135 1010) or email rachael@foylehospice.co

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Zoom meeting on Tuesday 11th May. Thanks again to Robert and Linda for organising it. Thanks also to Jacqui and Doreen for organising our Summer packs. These included a copy of the new MU magazine "Connected"

and packets of wildflower seeds which was a lovely thought. Here's hoping the weather picks up enough to encourage them to grow! We also received a "Count your blessings" calendar to help us to remember to look on the bright side of things and a sponsor sheet for our Mums in May fundraising. Irene, Pauline and I enjoyed delivering them and having the chance to chat to those who are not able to Zoom.

We opened with prayers and Pauline read Ecclesiasticus 43: 11-26 which had been read at Prince Philip's funeral.

We all then took a minute to share our news which was enjoyable as ever and Elizabeth suggested that the Select Vestry might look at scattering some of the wildflower seeds in the Cathedral grounds. As the theme in the programme for this month was reminiscence, Irene had previously asked us all to send in photos of ourselves as babies. We had great fun guessing who was who and admiring some cute baby pictures.

It was good to see another baptism on Sunday 16th May. Thank you to Elizabeth for providing some more background for the Dean's introduction to Irene's presentation of our Dorcas Pack. Our next virtual meeting will be on Tuesday 8th June. We are looking forward to seeing you all then.

Irene, Pauline and Margaret

JUNE BUTLER WALK

The All-Ireland President of Mothers' Union, June Butler, paid a short visit to Londonderry on Tuesday 18th May for the second of her 'Mums in May' walks in the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. She was accompanied on her walk by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, and the President of the Diocesan Mothers' Union, Jacqui Armstrong. Other local MU members also walked the route, observing social distancing requirements along the way.

The walkers set off from a sun-dappled Saint Columb's Park in the Waterside, after being led in prayer – beside artist Niall Bruton's 9 foot statue of Saint Columba – by the MU's Diocesan Chaplain, The Reverend Canon Katie McAteer. The group had also been treated to the first in a series of talks by author, storyteller and tourist ambassador, Hazel Philson, recounting the saint's physical and missionary journey from his birthplace in Gartan, via Derry to Iona, off the western coast of Scotland. The route, which had been mapped out and paced earlier by Jacqui Armstrong and Doreen Sidebottom, took the group across the city's famous Peace Bridge, around the City Walls, past the 'Wee Church on the Walls' – Saint Augustine's – and back across the lower deck of Craigavon Bridge. The walkers stopped en route at Saint Columb's Cathedral, where they were received by the Dean of Derry, The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart. Bishop Andrew led them in prayer, again, and the group were given a short, guided tour by Rector's Churchwarden and Cathedral Historian, Ian Bartlett.

'Mums in May' is an All-Ireland fundraising initiative, which was started in 2012 to mark 125 years of MU in Ireland. The Fund supports new and on-going MU projects in Ireland, as well as specific and important overseas projects. This year, 'Mums in May' is challenging MU members to walk '21 in 21'. This can be 21 yards, laps, miles or something else. June has opted to complete three 7km walks in each diocese in Ireland. The third of her walks in the Dioceses will take place in the Parish of Stranorlar.





Ordination Anniversaries

This is the time of the year when many of the ordained clergy are celebrating the anniversary of their ordination as deacons or priests.

We offer our congratulations to our parishioner **The Reverend Mervyn Peoples** who was ordained in 2006 and who will celebrate the 15th anniversary of his ordination on The Feast Day of The Birth of Saint John the Baptist, Thursday 24th June.

We, also, offer our congratulations to **The Reverend Canon Paul Hoey**, the Rector of The Parish of Faughanvale (Eglinton), who was ordained a deacon in 1981 and who will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination this month.

To **The Reverend Patrick Lawrence** who was the Curate-assistant of Saint Columb's Cathedral, 1981-1984. He was ordained a deacon in 1981 and will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination on The Feast Day of Saint Peter, Tuesday 29th June.

The Reverend Canon Brian Smeaton will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Monday 21st June; **The Venerable Scott Harte** will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday 27th June; and **The Reverend Ronnie Lawrenson** (a son of The Parish of Templemore) will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination this month.

We, also, offer our congratulations to **The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart** who will celebrate the 42nd anniversary of his ordination as a deacon on The Feast Day of The Birth of Saint John the Baptist, Thursday 24th June and the 41st anniversary of his ordination as a priest on The Feast Day of Saint Columba, Wednesday 9th June;

and to **The Reverend Canon John Merrick** who will celebrate the 29th anniversary of his ordination as a deacon on The Feast Day of Saint Barnabas, Friday 11th June.

RAPHOE HAS A NEW CANON

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster has appointed **The Reverend Judi McGaffin** as a Canon of Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe. The Reverend Canon Judi McGaffin is the Bishop's Curate in The Parishes of Fahan Upper and Fahan Lower (Buncrana). She succeeds The Reverend Canon Dr Bill Long, formerly Rector of The Parishes of Convoy, Monellan and Donaghmore, who retired from the Stipendiary Ministry of The Church of Ireland in March.

The Rev Judi McGaffin has made history after being appointed the first female canon in the centuries-old history of St Eunan's Cathedral, in Raphoe. Rev Canon McGaffin said she was dumbstruck when she learned that she had been chosen to succeed Rev Canon Dr Bill Long who retired in March.

Canon McGaffin is the second woman appointed as a canon by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster. Last June, in Londonderry, Rev Canon Katie McAteer became the first female canon in St Columb's Cathedral's 400-year history.

"I feel honoured and humbled," Canon McGaffin said, "to have been appointed to the Cathedral Chapter of St Eunan and, in truth, it's taking some getting used to. When Bishop Andrew first told me, on the telephone, that he was appointing me Canon, I think he thought something had happened to me: I was dumbstruck, literally – I couldn't speak."



(From Dioceses of Derry & Raphoe Facebook page)

THE GENERAL VESTRY

The meeting of the General Vestry of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) was held via Zoom on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

The following appointments were made.

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

Members of the Select Vestry

Mr Ian Bartlett, Miss Muriel Hamilton, Mr Charlie Ferguson, Mr William Lynn.

(The following parishioners were chosen – by votes).

Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Mrs Joanne Armstrong, Miss Maureen Boal, Mr Maurice Brown, Mrs June Fields, Mr Morris Forbes, Mrs Irene Hewitt, Mr Graham Hunter, Mr Robert McGonigle, Mrs Ray Mace, Mrs Elizabeth Mills, Mr Werner Scheel.

We welcome Ms Jacqui Armstrong as a new member of the Select Vestry and we thank Mrs Daphne Gallick for the service that she has given to the parish and to the Cathedral as a member of the Select Vestry over many years. We, also, wish Daphne better health and strength in the future.

We, also, thank Mr Gerry Gallick for his service as People's Supplemental Glebewarden over the past years.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry held via Zoom on Tuesday 4th May 2021 the following appointments were made.

Honorary Secretary	Mrs Ray Mace
Treasurer	Mrs Joanne Armstrong
Assistant Treasurers	Mr Alan Thompson
	Miss Muriel Hamilton (All Donations/Thankofferings)

Sub-Committees

Schools Committee / Security Committee

Dean Raymond Stewart, Mr Robert McGonigle, Mr Charlie Ferguson, Mrs Ray Mace, Mr Ian Bartlett, Mr William Lynn.

Select Vestry Representative on The Friends' Committee: Miss Muriel Hamilton.

Select Vestry Representatives on The Choir Association Committee:

Mrs June Fields, Mr Morris Forbes, Mrs Elizabeth Mills.

A MEETING OF THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

SAINT COLUMBA'S DAY / GIFT DAY

A Gift Day will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on the Feast Day of Saint Columba, Wednesday 9th June. The Dean / Canon John Merrick will be in attendance, 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.



CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you to those parishioners who supported Christian Aid Week, Monday 10th – Sunday 16th May 2021. £280.00 has been contributed.

TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021

It has been 14 months since the Tuesday Holy Communion Service was last held (17th March 2020).

Parishioners (and especially the members of 'The Tuesday Group') will be delighted to know that The Reverend Canon John Merrick will celebrate Holy Communion on Tuesday morning (10.30 a.m.) beginning on Tuesday 1st June.

Please note that COVID-19 restrictions will be observed.

The congregation will sit in the pews in the main aisle of the Cathedral; filling the pews at the front first.

Hand sanitising on arrival; the wearing of a face covering on entry and exit, and throughout the service – unless exempted from doing so; observing social distancing.

REFRESHMENTS AT THE END OF THE SERVICE WILL NOT BE SERVED.

In spite of these restrictions we are delighted that the Service of Holy Communion on Tuesday morning will return and we thank Canon John for his assistance.

HOLY MATRIMONY

We were very pleased and delighted that the wedding of **Peter John Norris and Georgia Maria Mitchell** was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Friday 21st May 2021 at 1.00 p.m. (A wedding had not been held in the Cathedral since January 2019).

Georgia was assisted by her Chief Bridesmaid Bobbie-Lee Curry and by Melissa Blackett and Natalie Norris. Peter's Best Man was Andrew Norris.

Georgia was 'given away' by her brother Philip Mitchell who was also the Groomsman.

Scripture readings (Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12, Song of Songs 8: 6-7, Colossians 3: 12-17) were read by Trevor Norris and Sheona Norris (Peter's parents) and Terrie Blackett (Georgia's mother).

Peter's cousin Steven Norris and his wife Fiona sang the hymns 'I, the Lord of sea and sky' and 'God is love: let heaven adore him'.

While Peter and Georgia were signing the Schedule of Marriage in the Bishop William Alexander Chapel Steven and Fiona sang 'The Lord bless you and keep you' by John Rutter. The Organist was Mr Nicky Morton, BMus (Hons), MMus, ARSM.





Bible Readings for June 2021

DAY	READING	THEME
Tuesday 1	2 Chronicles 34:18-28	A woman's word
Wednesday 2	Judges 4:4-10, 5:1-12	A woman awake
Thursday 3	Saint Luke 2:36-38	Curating change, one day at a time
Friday 4	Acts 9:36-42	Tabitha, disciple of the Lord
Saturday 5	Acts 16:11-15	A cloth dealer listens in
Sunday 6	Job 1:6-22	The wisdom of Job
Monday 7	Job 2	The power of presence
Tuesday 8	Job 3:11-26	A loud and long lament
Wednesday 9	Job 4:1-11	Silence is better than platitudes
Thursday 10	Job 8:8-19	Learning from bygone generations
Friday 11	Job 11:7-19	There is always hope
Saturday 12	Job 12:4-12	Communion not consumption
Sunday 13	Job 14:1-17	Life is stronger yet!
Monday 14	Job 16:1-5	Discomforting comforters
Tuesday 15	Job 19:19-27	Is there a deliverer?
Wednesday 16	Job 23:1-12	When God is silent - 1
Thursday 17	Job 27:1-12	Unimpeachable!
Friday 18	Job 28:12-28	The expensive, but free gift
Saturday 19	Job 29:1-7	When God is silent - 2
Sunday 20	Job 31:1-15	Right living in the storm
Monday 21	Job 32:1-9	Knowing your place
Tuesday 22	Job 35:1-8	The game or the player?
Wednesday 23	Job 36:1-12	Stormy justice
Thursday 24	Job 38:1-18	Listening during the storm
Friday 25	Job 40:1-14	Stormy silence
Saturday 26	Job 42	Through the storm
Sunday 27	Saint Luke 21:29-31	Know that summer is already near
Monday 28	Ecclesiastes 2:18-25	Toiling under the sun
Tuesday 29	Psalms 121	In God I trust
Wednesday 30	Proverbs 6:6-11, 10:5, 30:24-28	Gathering in the harvest

How Templemore Mothers' Union got to know Saint Columba

The very first 'Presidents' Shield' competition was held in 1981. The theme was 'Saint Columba' on the 1460th anniversary of his birth. The project was a tablecloth to be used at branch meetings. Eleven women worked on Templemore tablecloth and it took 263.25 hours at a cost of £19.84. We learned a lot about Saint Columba, not just his height or his red hair but that he had grey eyes. It is said that when the curragh was leaving Ireland he looked back and in Irish said, 'Behold the grey eyes look longingly back towards Ireland.' The team knew every part of the Cathedral where he is depicted. We regretted that we had missed the carving on the Chapter House clock which has a genuinely nice carving of him, the work of the late Reverend Canon Gerry Carson. As you would expect from Templemore Branch we wrote a book about it and there is lots of good information about Oak trees, the shield of Derry Diocese, Derry & Raphoe, the Cathedral Chapter and the City coat of arms.



It was also recorded that for a couple of years we have had a sparrow-hawk hovering over the Cathedral and chucking the remains of his meals down at us. The local press calls him the 'Ecumenical Hawk' as he divides his time between Saint Columba's and Saint Eugene's. So, 40 years on, there is nothing new under the sun! As we have often commented 'We wuz robbed that year' and Strabane MU won the competition.

I suppose, for the sake of the record, it should be recorded that we have new neighbours in the vicinity of the Cathedral. They took full advantage of the quiet in London Street during the lock-down and when the Diocesan Secretary, Gavin, would arrive in the street for work at 8.30am the grey squirrels could be seen running into the Cathedral graveyard and disappearing. I wonder if in 40 years someone will record that they had seen grey squirrels in the graveyard?

The Bride's Handbook.

Next piece of advice - which should be introduced early in the marriage is the 'A' word – ASK. Please! That is, before you move that item back upstairs to the hot press, which the bride had left at the bottom of the stairs for a purpose. It will save an awful lot of grief and time wasted looking for the item, as of course they will not remember lifting it and you will have to blame 'Mr Nobody', again! And please ask before closing the gates at night as the bride may be going out incredibly early and will not appreciate getting out of the car in the rain to open them and get her hairdo ruined! It is all about peace on earth!



Creevagh House Gardens

Having offered to have an Open Day at the gardens at Creevagh House in May 2020 in aid of Cathedral funds. It was disappointing but almost inevitable that it would have to be cancelled as the Covid-19 pandemic took hold in the Spring of that year. The Cathedral Events Committee had made plans for stalls, teas and other attractions for the Open Garden Day and these plans were well advanced for a date in mid-May. The gardens were looking especially splendid having experienced the warmest and driest of weather during March, April and early May.

Following the cancellation a future date in May 2021 was planned provisionally and the lockdown and confinement meant that we could concentrate on adding to the planting and alterations throughout the garden. Projects that had been put on hold over the years have now been progressed so this Spring many of these are completed and the new plants, shrubs and trees have established themselves.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 was not as easily controlled as had been expected and it became a world-wide crisis through Autumn 2020 and into the end of last month. Although Ireland escaped the worst ravages of the disease compared to Brazil, India and many parts of Europe and the Americas it still resulted in lockdowns and restrictions throughout the country. Only now as mass vaccination progresses can we begin to feel some degree of ease. However there is always the shadow of mutant variants in the background and since it is world-wide in its extent we cannot be complacent on our little island.

Although the garden is looking as splendid again this Spring, it has not been possible to have the Open Day which has once again had to be postponed to May of next year. We have had a number of visitors to the garden as individuals and small groups as restrictions have eased but we are still working within the government guidelines.

My sister, Doreen, who lives alone in Holywood, County Down, has spent much of these lockdowns with us at Creevagh and helped considerably with work in the garden. Doreen has a group of lady friends who were keen to visit the garden so on Monday 17 May the group travelled by train to the city where we met them and transported them by cars to Creevagh. They had thoroughly enjoyed the train journey and were much impressed with the views of the city and the refurbished railway station.

The party spent over an hour touring through the gardens and surrounding woodlands, and we explained the history of the house, the coach house and the garden layout as these have developed over 200 years plus. The weather was kind, cool but dry, and a light lunch was served under sun umbrellas on the garden terrace. The group was insistent that they would contribute to the Cathedral fund, knowing that the event had been planned and postponed twice.

We returned them to the railway station for the afternoon train journey and received their thanks and appreciation for a most enjoyable experience. Returning home, we found a pile of envelopes containing thank-you cards and cash donations and I was surprised and delighted that the sum of these came to approximately £250 to which 25% charitable top-up can be added.

See the photographs of the visit and the garden on the adjacent page, and if any members or smaller groups would like to visit during June this year, Elma and I would be delighted to show you around if you contact us to arrange a mutually suitable date. All donations to Cathedral funds would be gratefully received. My contact number to arrange a visit is 07771608084.

William Lynn



Happy 97th Birthday!

*Etta Dobson
with love from
all the family xx*

Happy
birthday
Jake
from
mum,
Katie,
Mark &
family

YOU HAVE BEEN LOVED
for
14 YEARS
(168 MONTHS)
... THAT IS ...
730 WEEKS which equals
5110 days
-OR-
122,640 hours
which is: **7 MILLION**
three hundred and fifty eight
thousand, four hundred minutes

Happy
7th
birthday

Lily
McMackin
from all the
family
xo

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!
Freddie McIntosh
Harry Duddy
Lily McMackin
Jake Hewitt

Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry
The Meeting of the General Vestry - Tuesday 13th April 2021
THE RECTOR'S ADDRESS

The Coronavirus pandemic has been a part of our lives for the past 13 months. It has affected all of us in some way. It has restricted what we have been able to do, where we have been able to go, and who we have been able to meet. None of us has escaped its tentacles as it has attempted to squeeze every last ounce of energy and hope from our veins. One of the most obvious signs of its impact in this parish has been the closure of the Cathedral for in-person services of worship. During the whole of 2020, out of a total of 52 Sundays, the Cathedral was open for 31 Sundays and closed for 21.

Add to that the closures in 2021 and the total number of weeks (out of a total of 65) that we have been unable to worship together has been 33.

33 Sundays, since March of last year, when we have missed meeting and praying together; when we have missed listening to the organ and the Choir; when we have missed seeing each other.

The Church gates and doors may have been securely locked but, thanks be to God, the worship of the Church continued. And for this I wish to express my thanks to Canon John Merrick, the readers, and the parishioners who assisted us, initially from their homes and later, as we recorded or live streamed services, in the Cathedral.

For all of us this has been a learning experience; something new and challenging needed to be embraced at very short notice. There is one person who, for the past year, has enabled you to be part of the worshipping experience. He has encouraged the members of the worship team and has ensured that you were able to see and to hear each Sunday or weekday.

Robert McGonigle had to learn fast – and he did. There were a few technical problems along the way but not too many; and Robert's perseverance and determination allowed you to see and to hear and in a positive way to engage with the services even though many of you were on the other side of the Bridge – or in some instances on the other side of the world!

Thank you, Robert, for being so willing to engage with social media and technology to allow us to enjoy in the privacy of our own homes the deep spirituality of worship.

The year 2020 began with a celebratory mood as we congratulated **George Martin Mace** who was awarded The Medal of the Order of The British Empire (BEM) **for services to sport and the community in Northern Ireland** and **Simon Graham Hunter**, Chief Executive Officer, Hunter Apparel Solutions Ltd, who was awarded The Medal of the Member of the Most Excellent Order of The British Empire (MBE) **for services to Business and the Economy**, in the Queen's New Year Honours.

Later in the year, **Alan Warke** joined the elite group when he was awarded The Medal of the Order of The British Empire (BEM) **for services to the community of Londonderry during COVID-19**.

Another cause for celebration was **'the coming of age'** of four of the Boy Choristers when they moved up to join the Gentlemen of the Choir. **Lukas Lynch, Luke Doherty, Mark Doherty and Leo Collins** were presented with Certificates on Sunday 25th October to mark this transition. We thank them for the years they have already given to the Cathedral Choir and we wish them well for the future.

The official opening of St Columb's School of Music in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court was a keynote occasion in the musical life of this City. Hosted by our own **Louis Fields and Nicky Morton**, along with the Music Tutors, the Cathedral was filled to capacity on Saturday 8th February for An Evening Concert featuring Thornhill College Chamber Choir, Ruth McGinley, George Hutton, and the highlight of the evening – The Priests.

The School of Music returned to the Cathedral on Friday 18th December to present a Christmas Concert digitally that was also very much enjoyed and saw some generous on-line donations being made to Zest NI – a charity that carries out tremendous work with regards to mental health.

2020 was a significant year for our Sunday School Superintendent, **Irene Hewitt**.

Not only did she and her husband Malcolm celebrate the 45th anniversary of their marriage on Sunday 14th June, but Irene also completed 40 years of teaching in the Cathedral Sunday School.

Although the Sunday School was unable to meet in-person for much of the year, it certainly wasn't idle and the boys and girls were encouraged by Irene to participate in many of the on-line activities organised by the Diocesan Children's Ministry Officer, Mrs Kirsty McCartney. Also celebrating a significant milestone in their lives during 2020 were **Will and Jean Pomeroy** who were 65 years married on Thursday 11th June, **Winston and Nan Carson** who were 60 years married on Thursday 30th July, **Martin and Ray Mace** who were 50 years married on Saturday 22nd August, and **Leslie and Sharon Wells** who were 45 years married on Sunday 7th June.

The year 2020 has for the most part been a year filled with good news stories.

Sunday 5th January was another milestone date for the Cathedral and for The Diocese of Derry. On the afternoon of that day the Cathedral was filled to capacity for The Service of the Installation of **The Right Reverend Andrew Forster** as Bishop of Derry.

Bishop Andrew has visited the Cathedral on a number of occasions since then and we have been delighted to welcome him to his Cathedral and to enjoy his fellowship and company.

On the following day, Monday 6th January, we received the sad news of the death of a former Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, **The Right Reverend James Mehaffey**. It was his family's wish that a Service of Thanksgiving for his long life and for his episcopal ministry of 22 years as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe should be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral.

The Service of Thanksgiving was held on Saturday 11th January.

We welcomed his family, recognising that he was first a brother, a husband, a father and a grandfather. But he also was a public figure. As a priest and as a bishop of the Church he met and associated with many people from all walks of life and we welcomed many people from the City and Community – and beyond – who knew him and worked with him over many years. Representatives of the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in this City were present, as were colleagues from The House of Bishops. His close friend, and his predecessor as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, The Right Reverend The Lord Eames, delivered the Address.

On Sunday 12th January I expressed my thanks to everyone in the Cathedral family who so willingly assisted in so many ways to ensure that these services were conducted with reverence and dignity.

I said: **It has been a long time since two such large and important services were held within just a few days of each other. For most of us the planning and conducting of these services, that attracted hundreds of people from The Church of Ireland and beyond, was a new and unfamiliar experience so it has been encouraging to have heard how much those who attended appreciated them.**

A visitor to the Cathedral summed up both services in these words: "It was Anglican worship at its best."

The year 2020 saw the appointment of two new members to the Cathedral Chapter.

The Reverend Robert Boyd, the Rector of The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings and **The Reverend Katie McAteer**, the Pastoral Director of The Grouped Parishes of Christ Church, Culmore, Muff and Saint Peter were installed as members of the Chapter at a service on Wednesday 7th October. Since then another appointment to the Chapter has been announced. **The Reverend Colin Welsh**, the Rector of The Parish of Castledawson, will join his colleagues at a service to be held later this year.

As I welcome Robert, Katie and Colin to their respective stalls in the Chancel, I express my thanks to **The Reverend Canon Sam McVeigh** who retired from the Stipendiary Ministry of The Church of Ireland on 31st January of this year. At the time of his retirement he was the Senior Canon on the Chapter (the Prebendary of Cumber). He had been a Canon of this Cathedral since 2001 and both he and myself were ordained in this Cathedral on Sunday 24th June 1979.

The note of celebration has been a constant refrain throughout this Report and it continues as I refer to those who were baptised and those who died during 2020.

7 children were admitted to the Church through The Rite of Holy Baptism and 18 people were laid to rest. Some of those who died were remembered in the context of a funeral service here in the Cathedral, while others were remembered in a more private way.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions a visit to the family home was not permitted; and gathering around the open grave was only allowed for immediate family members.

In more 'normal' circumstances a larger number of people would have been able to meet to pay their respects, but we tried, while observing the rules, to ensure that each of these people was remembered for the friend that he and she was.

I name those individuals this evening. We thank God for the Christian Faith by which they lived and in which they died.

Bishop James Mehaffey; Betty Holland; Ann Johnston; Ken Wilson; Hazel Young; Janet Jackson; Ruth McCaul; Billy McCallum; Eric Bradley; Sir John McFarland; Phyllis Gallagher; Gladys Bigger; David Bigger; Romaine Jarvis; Lexie Miller; Canon John Mayes; Carol Bell and Sharon Slater.

In addition to these people, another person who died during 2020 was **Roy Adams**.

Roy, who died on Wednesday 2nd September, was a good friend to Saint Columb's Cathedral. He is remembered as a wonderful organist and pianist and as the Trainer of the Cathedral Mothers' Union Choir in 1991.

The Scripture reading that I chose, and that Canon John Merrick read, began with these words: **It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.**

The giving of thanks to God and to each other is a key part of celebration which has been, for the most part, a recurring theme of this Report.

The past year has put a great strain on all of us, and on this parish financially.

Yet, we have survived. We have met adversity and overcome it. We have depended on the prayers, support, love and generosity of our family and friends and on all who belong to this Cathedral family.

And in my closing remarks I want to say a sincere **"Thank You"** to those who have played a part in the life and witness of this parish during the past year.

To Ian and Muriel, our churchwardens; to Charlie and William, our glebewardens; to Ray, our Secretary, to Joanne, our Treasurer and to Alan, our Assistant Treasurer, and to the members of the Select Vestry and others who hold special roles in this parish.

I also want to acknowledge the great work done by Robert, our Parish Administrator and by Linda, our Parish Secretary.

In my Report, I have mentioned the Choir, and to Dr Derek Collins, Nicky Morton, the Boy Choristers and the Gentlemen of the Choir, and to the Cathedral Chamber Choir, sincere thanks for your support during a very difficult year.

I have also mentioned the Sunday School, and again sincere thanks to Irene Hewitt and her band of willing helpers for their encouragement to the children and young people during the uncertain days of the past year.

Wherever you are and whoever you are, let us all this evening resolve to continue to love, support and serve this Cathedral parish with the same determination as we have done in past years. May we continue on our journey through this life, with its joys and its sorrows, with its moments of celebration and challenges, in the sure and certain conviction that there is a silent and invisible power for good protecting and guiding us with His everlasting arms – a power for good that we are privileged to know as 'Our Father'.

Partners in Prayer 2021

Bishop Andrew writes

The pandemic has brought countless challenges to each and everyone of us, challenges that have driven us to our knees as we have cried out to God for mercy and help during one of the most difficult periods that we have lived through.

Our diocesan prayer diary is a valuable resource in helping you support our diocesan family. You can help our parishes through your prayers as they seek to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Remember, every prayer counts and every prayer makes a difference.

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 4: 4-7

+ **ANDREW DERRY AND RAPHOE**



THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th JUNE 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of The Province of Myanmar (Burma)

The Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar, Bishop of Yangon.

The Church of Ireland / The Diocese of Armagh

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

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

**The Parishes of Ardstraw (Newtownstewart), Baronscourt,
Badoney Lower (Gortin) with Greenan, and Badoney Upper (Plumbridge)**

The Reverend Ivan Dinsmore, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS - The Bible Society in Uganda

People with visual impairments often cannot access the Bible for themselves; they need someone to read it for them in order to know what it says.

The Scriptures of People with Visual Disabilities project in Uganda is working to provide Braille and audio Bibles to those who may not be able to access God's Word through sight. When Christians with visual impairments are able to access the Bible, they are able to grow in their faith. They are able to participate in church services, following along with the passage and even reading from the front. This is something that could not happen without the Bible in a format that they can access.

WEDNESDAY 9th JUNE 2021 – SAINT COLUMBA

FRIDAY 11th JUNE 2021 – SAINT BARNABAS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13th JUNE 2021

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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

The Church of Ireland / The Diocese of Armagh

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

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

The Parishes of Cappagh and Lislimnaghan. The Reverend Canon Derek Quinn, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – The Leprosy Mission in Papua New Guinea

The Leprosy Mission Papua New Guinea's role is to support the Government's Leprosy Elimination Programme to ensure that people affected by leprosy are detected and treated with available and accessible leprosy treatment. There were 577 new cases of leprosy found in 2019.

Pray for TLM-Papua New Guinea's Country Office staff as they coordinate the projects and pursue new funding opportunities.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th JUNE 2021

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of North India (United)

The Most Reverend Dr Prem Chand Singh,
Moderator of The Church of North India, Bishop of Jabalpur.

The Church of Ireland / The Diocese of Armagh

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

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

The Parish of Drumragh (Omagh) with Mountfield

Rector: Vacant. Curate-assistant: Vacant. Mr Paddy Quinn, Diocesan Reader.

Pray for those who will be confirmed in Saint Columb's Cathedral on next Sunday.

MISSION FOCUS – The Bible Society in Hong Kong

Pray for the Hong Kong Bible Society as it seeks to engage more people with the Bible through digital media. Pray that people would be blessed by online resources.

Pray that the Christian Church would be united and work well together to spread the message of the Bible.

THURSDAY 24th JUNE 2021 – THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27th JUNE 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of Pakistan (United)

The Most Reverend Humphrey Peters,
Moderator of The Church of Pakistan, Bishop of Peshawar.

The Church of Ireland / The Diocese of Armagh

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

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

Pray for Youth and Children's Ministry in the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

Diocesan Youth Officer: Vacant. Diocesan Children's Ministry Officer: Mrs Kirsty McCartney.

Pray for all Diocesan Staff, Diocesan and Parish Volunteers, Young People, Children.

Diocesan Youth and Children's Departments and Safeguarding Trust Panel Members.

MISSION FOCUS – The Leprosy Mission / Fundraising

The vitally important projects of curing and caring for people affected by leprosy require financial resources in order to function. Some 11 TLM countries are focused on this crucial fundraising activity.

We give God thanks for the many thousands of faithful donors who have given, often sacrificially, to care for people affected by leprosy. **Pray blessing upon them.**

TUESDAY 29th JUNE 2021 – SAINT PETER

SATURDAY 3rd JULY 2021 – SAINT THOMAS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 4th JULY 2021

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The Right Reverend Nathan Ingen,
Acting Archbishop of Papua New Guinea, Bishop of Aipo Rongo.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis,

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

The Parishes of Edenderry and Clanabogan. The Reverend Canon Robert Clarke, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – The Bible Society in North African Country

There are some places in the world where it is so dangerous for Christians that we cannot even tell you the name of the country we are working in. This work is so sensitive only a handful of people within the United Bible Societies are allowed to know the details. This month we are focusing on one such North African country. It has a very small Christian population; the majority of people here are Muslim. It takes a lot of bravery to reach out and ask for a Bible, yet many are taking the bold step, trying to find out what the Bible teaches and how it impacts their lives.

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.**

A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic in Ireland and across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease. Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. **Amen.** (The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan).

A PRAYER FOR HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, DOCTORS AND NURSES

Almighty God, we lift before you all of our medical staff and professionals, carers, community workers and those providing essential services. We thank you for their commitment and dedication to sacrificially serve you. We pray that your outstretched arms will embrace their helping hands on the frontline of this pandemic. Comfort and uphold them as they deal with the traumatic situations that they face. Lord, give them strength and tenacity in their tiredness. Protect them from infection and guard their families. Father, encourage them with your gentleness and give them compassion and grace in how they serve and lead. **Amen.** (From 'Hope in the Pandemic' – Prayers during COVID-19)

DIPPING INTO THE ARCHIVES

From the Cathedral Magazine of June 1961

7 th (Wednesday)	Derry Diocesan Choral Festival 8 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop.
12 th (Monday)	Meeting of August Twelfth Restaurant Committee in Schools at 7.30 p.m.
22 nd (Thursday)	ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION TO PORTRUSH
23 rd (Friday)	Sunday School Examination

BROWNIE NOTES

A very successful entertainment by our Brownies was held in the Schools on 19th May, and we would like to say "Thank You" very much to all our kind friends who sent us gifts in money and cakes, and those who came and supported us in this very special effort. For our "Pack Good Turn" the Brownies have decided to raise £20 within the next two years to help to cure a little girl of Leprosy.

At a "Flying Up" ceremony we said good-bye to four of our first-class Brownies – Diana Doherty, Sheila Moriarty, Yvonne Austin and Jane Tobias. These Brownies having gained their "Brownies Wings", they have now flown up to join our Girl Guide Company. We wish them all God's blessing and a very happy time in the Guides.

BROWN OWL.

ANNUAL EXCURSION – JUNE 22nd.

Of all the days in the year the Excursion Day is **THE** day for our young people. Over the years every effort has been made to ensure that every child attending the Sunday School and Young People's Service regularly should go to the sea on this day.

Our willing Collectors are already at work soliciting subscriptions for the same, and we know that they will get the usual generous response.

We are again joining with All Saints Parish, and two trains will leave the Waterside Station at 9.5 a.m. and 9.35 a.m., leaving Portrush at 7.0 p.m. and 7.20 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale in the School on Tuesday, June 20th (Rail Ticket **6/-**; Refreshment **2/6**), and on Wednesday, 21st June, between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for Rail Tickets only.

CONFIRMATION

The following young people from the Cathedral Parish were confirmed by the Bishop in the Cathedral on Ascension Day, and we would like to say en passant how grateful we are to the parents for their co-operation in every way concerning their preparation, the Confirmation and First Communion. The presence of the parents at the Whitsunday Communion was of untold value, and indeed it must have been an unforgettable experience and inspiration for the young people to have made their First Communion with more than 300 other Communicants. This is an auspicious **BEGINNING**.

GIRLS

Christine Edwards, Christine Goligher, Daphne Peoples, Maureen Kitson, Patricia Kilpatrick, Carolyn Mitchell, Anne Pollock, Gladys Pollock, Kathleen Jarvis, Carol Armstrong, Roberta Temple, Audrey Hunter, Alice Warke, Hazel Barnhill, Pamela Burton, Elizabeth Burton, Hester McIntyre, Deirdre Allen, Gertrude Trotter, Hester Long, Sandra Moore, Margaret Archibald, Hazel Doherty, Maureen Wood, Elizabeth McGahey, June Wilson, Margaret Strickland, Daphne Molloy, Mary Phillips, Gail Marsh, Ivy Nixon, Kathleen Walker, Elizabeth Hamilton, Hilary Eagleson.

BOYS

Gary Moore, Lennie Moore, William Moore, Alan Moore, Ronald McClelland, Henry Robinson, Derek Williamson, Ronald White, John Monteith, Desmond Rodgers, Frederick Jones, Robert Elliott, Anthony Horwill, Albert Plews, Terence Henry, John King, William McIntosh, Raymond Walker, William Marshall, James Marshall, Victor Kitson, Samuel Liggett, Stewart Molloy.

Scripture Readings at Services

Parishioners might like to prepare for worship by reading the Scripture readings before they come to church. The readings of the Sundays and Principal Holy Days are found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 27 ff.

This year we follow the readings for Year B.

Tuesday 1st June 2021

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

Tobit 2: 9-14. Psalm 112 (page 725). 1 Peter 1: 10-16. Saint Mark 12: 13-17

Sunday 6th June 2021 – The First Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

1 Samuel 8: 4-20 & 11: 14-15. Psalm 138 (page 753). 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1. Saint Mark 3: 20-35.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two)

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1. Saint Mark 3: 20-35.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 37 (page 632). Jeremiah 6: 16-21. Saint Luke 7: 11-17.

Tuesday 8th June 2021

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

Deuteronomy 30: 1-20. Psalm 119: 129-136 (page 739). 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22.

Saint Matthew 5: 13-16.

Wednesday 9th June 2021 – Saint Columba 7.30 p.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order One)

Romans 15: 1-6. Saint John 12: 20-26.

Friday 11th June 2021 – Saint Barnabas

Sunday 13th June 2021 – The Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13. Psalm 20 (page 612). 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17. Saint Mark 4: 26-34.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Matins – Order One)

Psalm 20 (page 612). 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13. Saint Mark 4: 26-34.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 39 (page 636). Jeremiah 7: 1-16. Saint Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3.

Tuesday 15th June 2021

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

1 Samuel 1: 21 – 2: 11. Psalm 146 (page 761). 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9. Saint Matthew 5: 43-48.

Sunday 20th June 2021 – The Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

1 Samuel 17: 1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49. Psalm 9: 9-20 (page 601). 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13.

Saint Mark 4: 35-41.

11.00 a.m. (Fathers' Day / Sunday School Extravaganza)

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 49 (page 647). Jeremiah 10: 1-16. Saint Luke 8: 26-39.

Tuesday 22nd June 2021 10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

Genesis 13: 2, 5-18. Psalm 15 (page 606). Acts 27: 39-44. Saint Matthew 7: 6, 12-14.

Thursday 24th June 2021 – The Birth of Saint John the Baptist

Sunday 27th June 2021 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27. Psalm 130 (page 747). 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15. Saint Mark 5: 21-43.

11.00 a.m. (The Rite of Confirmation)

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27. Psalm 130 (page 747). Saint Mark 5: 21-43.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 52 (page 651). Psalm 53 (page 652). Jeremiah 11: 1-14. Saint Luke 9: 51-62.

Tuesday 29th June 2021 – Saint Peter

10.30 a.m. (The Service of Holy Communion – Order Two)

Ezekiel 3: 22-27. Psalm 125 (page 745). Acts 12: 1-11. Saint Matthew 16: 13-19.

Saturday 3rd July 2021 – Saint Thomas

Sunday 4th July 2021 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10. Psalm 48 (page 646). 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10. Saint Mark 6: 1-13.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two)

(First Communion for those who were confirmed on last Sunday).

2 Corinthians 12: 2-10. Saint Mark 6: 1-13.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 63 (page 660). Psalm 64 (page 661). Jeremiah 20: 1-11a. Saint Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20.



We send our congratulations to Mrs Jeanette Warke and her team at the Cathedral Youth Club in The Fountain, Londonderry who were awarded **The Community Garden Award** - for the Bastion Community Allotment – in the 'My Chelsea Garden Competition 2021' organised by the BBC 1 programme, The One Show. Jeanette and members of the Fountain Community appeared on The One Show on Wednesday 19th May.



Mayor congratulates Bastion Community Allotment on prestigious prize

Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Cllr Brian Tierney, has congratulated everyone involved in the Bastion Community Allotment after winning the My Chelsea Community Garden Competition.

The project, which was started by local community worker Jeanette Warke, was revealed live on BBC's The One Show on Wednesday night as the winner of the prestigious competition, which is organised by the Royal Horticultural Society.

Mayor Tierney: "I want to offer a massive congratulations to everyone at the Bastion Allotment, to the Fountain community, to Jeanette, and to all involved in this fantastic project on their well-deserved award.

"The allotment is a wonderful example of community spirit and of working together to turn an empty space into one that benefits everyone and that brings people together.

"Jeanette, who is the mother of our Deputy Mayor Alderman Graham Warke, is well-known for her dedicated community work, and I want to say well done to Jeanette for believing in this project and spearheading this journey.

"Well done also to the team of volunteers and to everyone who has joined in helping make Bastion Community Allotment what it is – an award-winner!"

Obituaries
Dale Anthony Bone
Duncreggan Road, Londonderry
16th May 1990 – 8th May 2021

We are meeting in this Cemetery today to lay to rest the body of Dale Anthony Bone – just a few days before his 31st birthday.

May I first, on behalf of Dean Raymond Stewart who regrets that he is unable to be present here today, of myself, and of the parishioners of Saint Columb's Cathedral, express to all of you our sincere sympathy.

We remember in our prayers, and offer our love and support to, Dale's mum Ruth, his brother Andrew, his son David and his daughter Anna, and to all the members of the family circle of Samuel and Betty McKnight (Dale's grandparents).

Dale Anthony Bone was born on 16th May 1990 in a military hospital in Germany. Due to his father's occupation Dale lived in many different countries during his early life.

When he was 3 years old the family came to live in Omagh where his father was stationed at Omagh Army Barracks. It was here, living in close proximity to the helicopter pad, that Dale found great enjoyment watching the helicopters taking off and landing.

On one occasion Dale's curiosity got the better of him and he attempted, successfully, to gain entry to the grounds and to stand directly on the helicopter pad. He was soon discovered and marched briskly home by a very concerned member of staff.

Dale, like many of his peers, had a passion for football. Being an avid Arsenal fan he often clashed with his father who was an avid Spurs fan. It took a lot of persuasion by him and his brother Andrew before they were allowed to bring a Gunners shirt into the house!

Dale played football at school. He was a member of the under 11's team every Saturday morning.

When Dale was 12 years old the family returned to Londonderry and Dale enrolled as a student at Faughan Valley High School. He, later, attended Maydown Training Centre where he learned painting and decorating; receiving at the end of his two years there the distinction of Young Apprentice. This boosted Dale's confidence and he went on to do an apprenticeship in painting and decorating.

COVID-19 and the lockdown restrictions has affected many people, physically and emotionally. It, certainly, had an adverse effect on Dale's health. He struggled to cope and, even though he had the support of his mum and many of his friends, he was in a dark place for much of the time.

One of his brighter times occurred in August of last year. He, his mum Ruth, his son David and his daughter Anna spent some quality time together in Ballycastle.

Those days now remembered bring many fond memories to the family.

Dale, although separated from his family, is still loved and remembered by all who knew him. They can gain comfort in the knowledge that the pains and anguish of the past months are ended. Dale is now at peace, with God and with himself.

The Reverend Canon John Merrick

William George (Billy) Walker
Kilburn Crescent, Woodburn, Londonderry

We are meeting in this Cemetery today to lay to rest the body of Billy Walker.

May I first, on behalf of Dean Raymond Stewart who regrets that he is unable to be here today, of myself, and of the parishioners of Saint Columb's Cathedral, express to all of you our sincere sympathy.

We remember in our prayers, and offer our love and support to, Marion; to Caroline and her husband Nigel; to David and his daughters Emma and Millie; to Billy's sister Ann, and her family in Canada; to the family of Billy's brother Charlie (deceased); and to all of the members of the family circle.

Billy Walker was one of three children born to Douglas and Helen Walker of 6 Moore Street in the Waterside area of this city. His siblings are his sister Ann, and his brother Charlie who died 11 years ago. The Walker family 'belonged' to Glendermott Parish Church and it was here that Billy was baptised and confirmed.

His early education was at Clooney Primary School; upon reaching his teenage years he enrolled at Clondermott Intermediate School. On leaving school he found employment in the NHS, working at first at St Columb's Hospital in Browning Drive.

He, later, was employed, during the 1970's when 'The Troubles' were at their height, in the Plaster Room at Altnagelvin Hospital. His final employment took a different direction in that he worked at Coolkeeragh Power Station.

In later years, Billy served his city and community – hoping that his membership of the B Specials and later of the UDR would contribute to lasting peace and stability in the place that he knew and loved. This aspect of life was also evidenced through his employment as a Security Man at the City of Derry Airport.

Billy married Marion Hetherington at Christ Church on 18th December 1965.

They began their married life at 6 Henry Street, in the shadow of Saint Columb's Cathedral, and they were blessed with two daughters – Caroline and Sharon.

As we all know Sharon died, just five months ago, on Wednesday 23rd December 2020.

It was a very distressing time for Billy and Marion and the pain of her death is still relived every day. Billy, while his health permitted, was a very active man.

His great interest and passion was sport – particularly football.

He watched football on television but he really loved to see live action and he encouraged younger players during his time as Manager of Lincoln Courts Football Club and of Churchhill Football Club. In more recent years he had taken up the game of bowls and he enjoyed the chance to play and to socialise with other team members.

Billy also kept active in his garden; enjoying planting, sowing and reaping; and his lawn was really something to behold! Not a blade of grass out of place!!

For the past five years Billy has, sadly, been dogged with ill-health. Visits to Altnagelvin Hospital, Antrim Area Hospital and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast for consultations and treatments became for him a regular feature of life. It was a part of life that Billy didn't enjoy but that he accepted and he always showed his appreciation to the members of staff for their care and concern. In all of this he was wonderfully supported by Marion and his daughters. Today, as we leave Billy in the presence of God, his creator, redeemer and judge, the empty chair in the family home assumes a new significance. It will remind you that Billy is not with you in person – but always remember that he is with you in spirit. His life has not ended – it has just changed.

And although dead he continues to speak to you; to remind you of his love; and to encourage you in the changed circumstances of the future.

The Reverend Canon John Merrick

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

"Go and make disciples of all nations

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

Sunday 16th May 2021 **Archie George Adam Mitchell**, the son of Adam David Mitchell and Katie Melanie Rosaleen Dobson, Copperthorpe, Drumahoe, Londonderry.

Archie's godparents are Jenna Dobson and Christopher Mitchell.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Irene Hewitt, the Branch Leader of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Adam and Katie with a 'Dorcas Pack' for Archie.

Holy Matrimony

"Those whom God hath joined together let no one put asunder.

Friday 21st May 2021 **Peter John Norris**, Haypark Avenue, Drumahoe, Londonderry and **Georgia Maria Mitchell**, Haypark Avenue, Drumahoe, Londonderry.

Burial

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Wednesday 12th May 2021 **Dale Anthony Bone**, Duncreggan Road, Londonderry
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry

Monday 24th May 2021 **William George (Billy) Walker**, Kilburn Crescent, Londonderry
Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Armstrong

We remember the family – Sandra, Derek, Sharon and Bryan - and all of the relatives of **Desmond Armstrong**, Dunseverick Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Wednesday 14th April 2021.

We, also, remember Desmond's grandchildren, Nicola, Helen, Stefanie, Natalie, Rachel, Adam and Emma and his great grandson, Jaxon.

In the Cathedral family we remember Desmond's son Derek, daughter-in-law Joanne and granddaughters Stefanie and Natalie, and also Jacqui Armstrong and James Sarsteiner, and we send them our love and prayers.

Begley

We remember the family – son James and daughter Debbie – and all of the relatives of **Jim Begley** who died in Sheffield, England recently.

Jim was a brother of Billy Begley and a brother-in-law of Joy, Abbeydale, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy. We also express our sympathy to Jim's brother Alfie who lives in Bangor.

Jim Begley will be remembered by many of the parishioners of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

He received his early primary school education at The Cathedral Mission Hall and School in Bishop Street (Lower Cathedral School).

His first employment was as a draughtsman at Craigs Foundry.

Jim was a keen footballer and played for the Cathedral School Football team.



This picture of the Cathedral School Football Team was taken 1953-54.

Back Row: J Robb, K Mapp, T King, W Street

Seated: T Porter, N Branter, Charlie Ferguson (Captain), R Shiels, J Begley

On Ground: S Scott, F McIntosh

Bone

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Dale Anthony Bone**, Duncreggan Road, Londonderry who died, suddenly, on Saturday 8th May 2021.

We remember Dale's son David and his daughter Anna; his mother Ruth Bone; his brother Andrew; his uncles, aunts and cousins.

Dale was a grandson of Samuel (deceased) and Betty McKnight (deceased), formerly of Bann Drive, Waterside, Londonderry.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dale Bone was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick on Wednesday 12th May 2021 at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Holmes

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Robert James Holmes**, Drumnacannon Road, Upperlands who died on Monday 10th May 2021.

Robert celebrated his 100th birthday on Friday 12th March 2021.

We remember Robert's son Tommy and daughter-in-law Annemarie; his daughter Jennifer and son-in-law (The Reverend Canon) Harold Given, Finlagan Rectory, Ballykelly, his grandchildren – Stephen, Christine, James, Gillian, Andrew, Naomi and Matthew; his great grandchildren Daniel, Megan, Ben, Reece, Lewis, Arthur and Isaac.

Robert's granddaughter Naomi Thorogood (nee Given) was awarded The Philip Mehaffey Memorial Organ Scholarship in 2008 and she was an Organ Scholar at Saint Columb's Cathedral, 2008-2011.

Jefferson

We remember Beryl Jefferson and her family and all of the relatives of **Robert Thompson (Bertie) Jefferson**, Alderbrook, Eglinton who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 21st May 2021.

We remember Bertie's and Beryl's children: Rob, Jim, Glyn, Janeen; and Glen (deceased); their spouses Barry, Lesley and Kara. Also their grandchildren: Shannen, Ben, Sam, Louisa and Maisy.

Bertie was a brother of Norman Jefferson (deceased), of Jim Jefferson (deceased) and of Ann to whom, and to whose husband Mervyn Tweedie, we also express our sympathy.

Bertie was a cousin of Jim (and Emily) Thompson (deceased) to whose family we also express our sympathy.

Walker

We remember Marion Walker and her family and all of the relatives of **William George (Billy) Walker**, Kilburn Crescent, Woodburn, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 22nd May 2021.

We remember Billy's and Marion's daughter Caroline and her husband Nigel Moore; their son-in-law David Slater and grandchildren Emma and Millie (the husband and daughters of their daughter Sharon who died on Wednesday 23rd December 2020).

We remember Billy's sister Ann Cotter and her family.

We remember the family of Billy's brother Charlie (deceased).

We remember Marion's sister Mary and her husband Harry Robinson, Rosstown Gardens, Londonderry and her brother Joe and his wife Elma, and their families.

And the family of her brother Tommy (deceased).

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Billy Walker was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry on Monday 24th May 2021.



IN MEMORIAM

FARBRIC FUND	£
In memory of the McGahey Family (54 Fountain Street) From Anthony Horwill & Charmaine McKee	500.00
In memory of Debbie Lindsay, granddaughter of Lexie & Olive Montgomery From Muriel Hamilton	25.00
In loving memory of David Wilson From Lil	50.00
In loving memory of my father, David Wilson From David, Lisa, Ross & Drew	50.00
In loving memory of my father, David Wilson From John & Audrey	25.00
In memory of the late Billy Walker From Muriel Hamilton	25.00
From Morris & Shirley Forbes	25.00
From Val & Maurice Brown	30.00
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From Helen Moore	25.00
From Eileen Hamilton	30.00
From Philip and Janet Gillen	20.00
From All Saints' Clooney Bowling Club	20.00
From Mr & Mrs Harry Robinson	100.00
From Mr & Mrs Roger McGregor	50.00
In memory of our Mum & Dad, Emily & Jim Thompson From Joy, Ann & families	50.00
In memory of my sister, Isabel Dickson From Georgina	200.00
In memory of Isabel Dickson From Trevor & Janice McGlinchey	20.00
In memory of Jessie Patricia (Pat) Stratton From Georgina Dunseith	40.00
Thankoffering on the occasion of the Baptism of our son, Archie George Mitchell From Adam Mitchell & Katie Dobson	40.00
Thankoffering on the occasion of Peter & Georgia's Wedding Day From Dad & Granny Hepburn	500.00
Thankoffering on the marriage of my Goddaughter Georgia Mitchell to Peter Norris From Linda Hepburn	50.00
Donation to The Friends of Saint Columb's Cathedral From Olive Falstad (McFarland)	\$200.00

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