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The Dean writes



Dear Parishioners and Friends

According to the Cambridge Dictionary, the word 'resolution' has the meaning 'a promise to yourself to do something

or not to do something'. This word creeps into our vocabulary at certain times of the year.

At the beginning of a New Year.

Many people continue the tradition of making a New Year Resolution. They look at their lives and admit that it would be good to do something positive, so they promise to be more active, to spend more time helping in the community, doing things that will benefit the lives of other people. Sadly however New Year Resolutions, while well-meaning, can be short-lived.

At the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, people again look at their lives, realise that now would be a good time to do something positive; to give something up or to take something up. This time there are only six weeks of self-discipline rather than the twelve months of a New Year Resolution. And during the Season of Lent many people do succeed in what they have decided to do. It may be to come to church more often, to attend the Mid-week Service, to attend the Bible Study Group, or to contribute to the work of a charitable organisation.

Another time when we might think about making a resolution is at the beginning of a new Church/Parish Year.

This is something that all of us could think about now as we embark on a new Church/Parish Year. The Sunday School re-opens, the familiar pattern of worship returns, 'the playing of the merry organ and the sweet singing in the quire' that has been absent for the past months, resumes today.

The parish organisations – The Mothers' Union and The Men's Society – have planned a series of interesting meetings that will, hopefully, attract parishioners and people from other parishes too.

A new Church/Parish Year could make us think again about our commitment to our parish.

Could we attend church more regularly? Could we play a more active part in the life of the church?

Church attendance since COVID-19 has not improved in the way that we had hoped.

For whatever reasons, the faithful parishioners who were among those who worshipped with us before COVID have not returned to their place of worship. This first Sunday in September could be the day when you think about your life, realise that you have put off the decision for too long and that it is time to 'come home'.

You will notice in the magazine that the theme of the Harvest Celebrations this year is 'Going Home'.

On Sunday 1st October we look forward to welcoming back to the Cathedral people who were baptised, confirmed or married here, or who attended Sunday School, the Choir or the Youth Organisations.

It would be great to see the Cathedral well filled with parishioners and former parishioners, with people who are 'Going Home'.

But this is all in the future! We have to think about today – the here and now.

So, I invite you to think and to pray, to decide, and to make a positive resolution to return to church and to play a more active part in the life of the Cathedral.

I can assure you that a warm welcome awaits you when you step through the doors of this Cathedral Church to worship God in the company of all His faithful people.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

Mr Brian Robinson and Mr Sean McClafferty were made deacon by The Right Reverend Andrew Forster on the Feast Day of Saint Peter, Thursday 29th June 2023, in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry.

The First Reading, Isaiah 6: 1-8, was read by The Reverend Rhys Jones, Rector of The Parishes of Balteagh, Carrick, Tamlaghtard and Aghanloo.

The Second Reading, Romans 12: 1-12, was read by The Reverend Canon David Crooks, Rector of The Parishes of Taughboyne with Craigadooish, Newtowncunningham and Killea.

The Gospel, Saint Mark 10: 35-45, was read by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart, Rector of The Parish of Templemore and Dean of Derry.

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

The Bishop's Chaplain was The Reverend Carmen Hayes, Rector of The Parish of Errigal (Garvagh) and Desertoghill.

Mr Nicky Morton presided at the Organ and Dr Derek Collins conducted the Cathedral Choir who sang the Communion Motet 'I heard the voice of Jesus say' by Richard Shephard.

The Litany was sung by Mr Simon McGonigle.

The Venerable Robert Miller and The Reverend Canon Katie McAteer, The Venerable David Huss and The Reverend Canon David Crooks, The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd and The Reverend Rhys Jones assisted the Bishop, the Dean and The Reverend Canon John Merrick at the Administration of Holy Communion.

The Dean wishes to record his thanks to all who assisted at the Service;

To the churchwardens, to The Reverend Canon John Merrick and to the Organists and Cathedral Choir.

To Robert McGonigle who live-streamed the Service, Linda McGonigle who prepared and printed the Order of Service, and those who 'pealed' the Bells.

The Service was two hours long; 250 people attended and 203 people received Holy Communion.

Some of the Cathedral Staff were on site for over four hours.

I appreciate your assistance on this occasion – and at all times.



THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

A Service to remember those who served and those who died at The Battle of the Somme in 1916 was held at The War Memorial, The Diamond, Londonderry on Saturday 1st July 2023 at 7.30 p.m. The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

Prior to the Service a wreath was laid at Saint Columb's Cathedral Somme Memorial Cross.

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

A Retiring Offering in support of The Mission to Seafarers was held on Sunday 9th July.

£259.00 was contributed. Thank you to all who contributed. This money has been sent to The Mission to Seafarers in Belfast.

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2023

**Choral Matins at 11.00 a.m. will include the Laying Up
of the Standard of The Londonderry Branch of The Royal British Legion.**

The Cathedral Magazine

**Notes / Articles for the October 2023 issue of the Cathedral magazine
are due by Sunday 24th September 2023**



We commence the new Sunday School term with the annual prize giving and the awarding of attendance certificates to pupils who have had 90% attendance. We have had some beautiful Bibles and books presented as special awards in memory of loved ones who have had a long association with the Cathedral and I thought it would be appropriate to mention these now.

The Ella Molloy & Alex Molloy Prizes

The Betty McCorkell Prize

The Dougherty Brothers Memorial Prize

The Bessie Bell Confirmation Prize

The Norma Glenn Award sponsored by Irene Hewitt in remembrance of a great teacher and friend

The Pam Mitchell Prize sponsored by Melanie Brown (nee Mitchell)

The Ethel Gallagher Prize and the William Gallagher Senior Cup are Bibles sponsored by Billy & Fay Gallagher

The Jean Stannett Memorial Prize is sponsored by Colin Stannett in memory of his wife

The Junior Shield

Superintendent's Prize

The Teacher's Award

These awards are much sought after and the pupils work hard for them and appreciate the awards.

Our 'Adopt a Grandparent' project was funded by the Mind Matters and we are delighted that we have been invited to give a 5 minute presentation to the conference on Friday 20th October, this is a great recognition of the project and hopefully this will help for more funding. So watch this space.

We welcome any children to Sunday School who are of nursery or any school age.

We follow the same lessons as in the Cathedral but in a child friendly story with worksheets to compliment the lesson.

We are gutted this year to lose Holly Callen who has had 14 years attendance at Sunday School. Holly is a fun (very competitive) popular teacher and is so liked by children and teachers. Holly, we wish you the very best at Edinburgh University and we will miss you.

We have beautiful Certificates to present and we thank Linda as always for the artwork.

Irene

Christmas Tree Festival

The Cathedral's second Christmas Tree Festival will launch on Friday 17th November 2023 with an Opening Ceremony in the evening. It will run Thursday to Saturday through to Thursday 21st December.

Along with a wide range of innovative tree creations, the first two weeks will have a festive air with a Choir Procession, Victorian singers and, possibly, a Nativity Scene.

A Sale will be held on Saturday 25th November. Light refreshments can be arranged on request from visiting groups.

More detailed information will be posted on our website www.stcolumbscathedral.org and Facebook page Christmas Tree Festival 2023.

Enquiries can also be made by email to ctf2023@stcolumbs.net

THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No. 1 Saint Columb's Court on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

'GOING HOME'

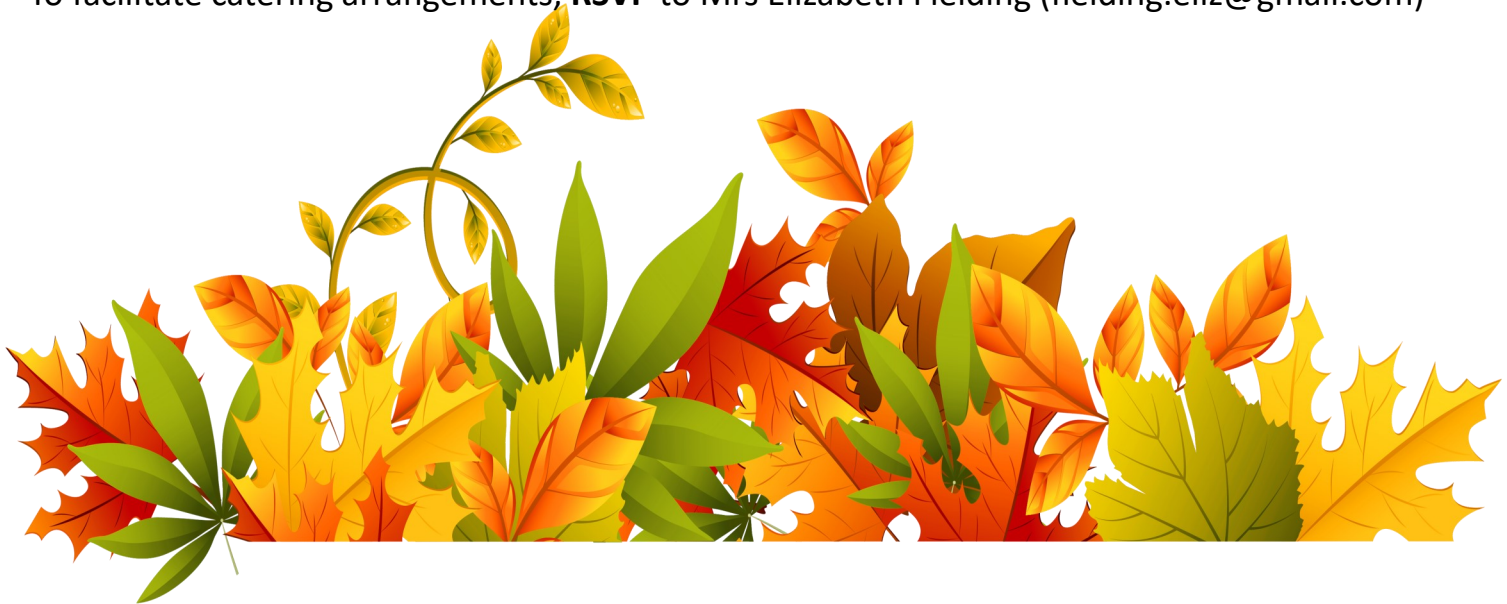
One of the special times in the Church Calendar is Harvest. Saint Columb's Cathedral will celebrate the Harvest this year on Sunday 1st October with a Harvest Festival Service of Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. This year our theme is '**Going Home**' and we have been looking at the Confirmation records which has stirred up happy memories of people who were confirmed in the Cathedral.

I would be delighted if you would be able to join with us on this special occasion. I know that many people grew up in The Parish of Templemore and were baptised, confirmed, and married in Saint Columb's Cathedral. Some of you through marriage and other reasons attend other churches locally and others have since moved away from Londonderry and have made their homes in other places but Londonderry is still 'home' for them and they have many memories of their time in the Sunday School, the Choir and the Youth Organisations in the Cathedral.

We would love to welcome you to the Cathedral for the Harvest Celebrations of '**Going Home**'.

Following the morning service, you will have an opportunity to view registers and photographs of the past, and to renew fellowship over light refreshments with some of the people with whom you grew up, and to make new friendships.

To facilitate catering arrangements, **RSVP** to Mrs Elizabeth Fielding (fielding.eliz@gmail.com)



At past Harvest Festivals you have been very generous in supplying props in the form of umbrellas and parasols, bicycles of every description as well as fruit and vegetables.

At the Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October we are hoping that many people will think about 'Going Home' and come and join us. With the theme 'Going Home' referring to the Mother Church of the Diocese of Derry thoughts turned to packing for a trip and we wondered if you had trunk, suitcases, or bags of every description we could use for the display in the porch? Maybe you have other interesting travel items we could borrow? Gifts of fruit and vegetables are still welcome. Decorating will take place on Thursday 28th, and Friday 29th September. Donations would be gratefully received that week.

Help with the decorations would be much appreciated. Talk to Doreen or Elizabeth.

The Decorators.



I hope that you have all been able to enjoy the Summer break in spite of the disappointing weather. On Wednesday 9th August it stayed dry long enough for members to enjoy an afternoon of prayer, reflection and music in celebration of Mary Sumner Day in the See House Quiet Garden. This was led by our

Chaplain The Reverend Liz Fitzgerald and Bishop Andrew Forster.

There have been a number of baptisms over the Summer and the Dorcas Packs have been much appreciated by the families. Many thanks to all those involved in making, presenting and generously donating resources for them.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September and we look forward to seeing you all then. **Irene, Margaret & Pauline**

CATHEDRAL VISITOR SEASON 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for giving up their free time and for assisting me in making the visitor experience a memorable one for both visitors and volunteers alike. Courteous, friendly and informative, you all made the visitors time in the Cathedral a happy one.

To everyone who volunteered, some of you called upon at the last minute but didn't hesitate to accommodate, it is greatly appreciated by myself and The Select Vestry.

The Cathedral visitor season draws to a close on 30th September, and I wish you all well and no doubt will see you round and about. Visitor numbers for the summer season will be included in the October magazine. Anyone for a cup of tea?

Bobby Sloane
Tourism & Volunteer Coordinator



SUMMER VISITORS

Among the many visitors whom we welcomed to the Cathedral during the Summer were Nick and Carole Pierpoint from England. (Carol is originally from Castlerock).

On Sunday 9th July, along with Carole's cousin Alan Richer from Vancouver, Canada and his friend Wes, they came to see the Cathedral for a very special reason.

Carole's and Alan's great great grandfather was Albert Alford who, along with his son, designed and carved the 250 pew heads between 1855 and 1862.

With the help of Morris and Shirley Forbes we were able to discover additional information about Albert.

His parents were Albert and Fanny Alford.

He was born in London in 1817.

He died at Butcher Street, Londonderry on 25th February 1865 – aged 48 years.

Cause of death: Cholera. He was buried in a pauper's grave in The City Cemetery, Londonderry on 27th February 1865.



On Tuesday 22nd August Edward Lord, OBE, Deputy Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society, and three friends (The Reverend Dr Thomas Sharp, The Reverend Dr Evan McWilliams and The Reverend James Kenny) visited Saint Columb's Cathedral and attended the Service of Holy Communion at which Edward read the Epistle.

We look forward to meeting Edward again and some of the Trustees of The Honourable The Irish Society when they visit the Cathedral on Sunday 15th October.

St. Guaire's
Aghadowey
81 Ardreagh Road Aghadowey Coleraine BT51 4DW

Flower Festival

THEME:
"From Eden to Paradise"
Flowers by Lena Rose (aka Mark Allen)

SEPT 8th-10th

Friday 10am - 8pm (Opening Service 11am)
Saturday 10am - 6pm
Sunday 12pm - 5pm
Sunday Services 11am & 6pm

For Group Bookings or Information
Tel: 07725 908 117 or Email: louise crawford@mccafferty@yahoo.com
or robertjohn.wilson@icloud.com

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS THE TOWER RESTORATION FUND

EVERYONE WELCOME

Volunteers – Your Cathedral needs you!

As the hymn says 'God has no hands but your hands' and all hands are needed! There are several major events in the Cathedral before the end of the year. The Events Working Group are only a small group who have ideas, but to be effective we desperately need your help to make them a success; socially and financially as we reach out with the gospel message of Christmas to the community at large.

We would like to invite all those who helped as stewards, workmen, bakers, and gofers at our last big event, and for many new volunteers, to come and hear what is in the current plan for Harvest and especially for the Christmas Tree Festival when we will require stewards for a number of weeks.

The more help that we have the more diverse the programme can be offered. We have planned a meeting in the **Diocesan Centre, London Street** on **Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 7pm.**

Your attendance would be very encouraging.

At present volunteers are out approaching businesses and schools to encourage them to enter a tree for the festival. If you know of a voluntary group, sports group, community group that you think might be interested in entering a tree please do give your name to Robert who will check to see if we have approached them already or supply you with the relevant paperwork. The response is always more positive when the people know the person approaching them.

Looking forward to having you with us on 27th September. **E.W.G.**



THE APPRENTICE BOYS OF DERRY

On the morning of Wednesday 9th August the Dean accepted a gift of baskets to be used at the Offertory when very large numbers of people are present.

These baskets were presented to the Cathedral by The Apprentice Boys of Derry Parent Club, and for which we say a sincere "Thank You".

On the afternoon of Friday 11th August the Dean dedicated a new Standard for The Edinburgh Covenanters Campsie Club.

The Act of Dedication, at which The Reverend Canon David McBeth read a Scripture reading and led prayers, was held at The Siege Heroes Mound in the grounds of Saint Columb's Cathedral. The Annual Service of Thanksgiving for The Relief of Derry was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Saturday 12th August 2023. The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.



OLD CATHEDRAL OAK COLLECTION PLATE

This Old Cathedral Oak Collection Plate was bought at a car boot sale in Cumbria in the late 90s by Mr Seamus Hegarty. Seamus very kindly brought it to the Cathedral and has donated it to us for safe keeping. It now has a home and pride of place in The Cathedral Chapter House.

Our thanks go to Seamus for taking the time to visit and leave the plate with us, we greatly appreciate it.



ULSTER PROJECT DERRY/LONDONDERRY 2024 IS OFFICIALLY OPEN

We are recruiting 4 leaders

2 male, one from each community

2 female, one from each community for our 2024 project.

Candidates must have a church-based background from within the city area, 21 years minimum age, to be available for monthly meetings leading to weekly meetings prior to travel.

Available for Safeguarding Trust training (3 separate dates) and fundraising events.

The successful candidates will be Access NI checked.

Dates of travel to be confirmed as outward-bound 28th/29th June returning approx 23rd July.

Leaders will be expected to fundraise towards their own fares and although this is a non-salaried position this will be far outweighed by the experience of Ulster Project.

Fact sheet and application form can be obtained by emailing ulsterprojectderrylondonderry@outlook.com

Please state your full name, date of birth, church/parish and contact details completed application forms must be endorsed by your minister/parish priest and returned to the address at the top of the forms.

Closing date was 31st August 2023. Interviews will be held.

JOIN US



Saturday

16TH SEPT 2023

1PM - 5PM

@ The Peace Garden, Foyle Street

Jitterbug Jackson with
'I Used to Dream of Rocket Ships'.
1.30pm & 3pm

Self-proclaimed 'Ringmaster of the Absurd' Jitterbug Jackson's show 'I used to Dream of Rocket Ships' is a thrilling & explosive mix of circus, comedy, mayhem and chaos, all set to a musical score that delights & inspires.



Sunday

17 SEPT 2023

1PM - 5PM

@ The Walled Garden, St Columb's Park House

Frankie Magilligan's Comedy Juggling Show
1.30pm & 3pm

With his incredible smile and impeccable fashion sense, Frankie will leave you in stitches with his hilarious antics and incredible juggling skills. And if that wasn't enough, he'll be performing on a stunning gold unicycle that will leave you in awe. So, if you're looking for non-stop laughter and jaw-dropping entertainment, look no further than Frankie Magilligan's comedy juggling show.

**Family
Fun Event!**

Roll up, Roll up!

firmus energy is teaming up with 'In Your Space Circus' to bring Big Circus Energy to Derry-Londonderry for a weekend of free mini-festivals across the city!

Saturday & Sunday

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Listen!

On Thursday 7th September 2023 from 5pm – 6pm the Cathedral bells will be rung by a group of 17 bellringers from St. Albans District in Hertfordshire. It promises to be a wonderful sound and a great treat, so do listen out for them.

The bells have been chimed a lot this Summer as there has been an unprecedented number of weddings, as well as the first Coronation in 70 years when the bells were rung! I am very grateful to those who have helped not only to chime the bells but have also assisted in other ways in the Belfry. It has been very encouraging for me.

Aubrey Fielding

Wedding Bells



We celebrated three marriages during the month of August.

Scott Galbraith and Bethany Shannon Forde Weir on Saturday 5th August.

The Officiant was The Very Reverend Dr William Morton, whose wife Rosemary is an aunt of Bethany.

Gerard Thomas Wosser and Elizabeth Margaret Bell on Saturday 19th August.

Scott Rankin Boyd McLaughlin and Natasha Kathleen Maud Fleck on Wednesday 23rd August.

We wish these couples every happiness in their future lives together.



**Ifeoma Agoha
Alesha Hamilton**

Happy
41st
Birthday!

Simon
McGonigle

Noreen (nee Wilson)
and Billy Campbell
Married on
7th September 1963
in St Columb's Cathedral
Celebrating
60 wonderful years.



**Happy Diamond
Wedding Anniversary**
from Sharon, Lynne
and families.



DIOCESAN NEWS

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe is to get its first female dean following the appointment of The Reverend Liz Fitzgerald as Rector of The Grouped Parishes of Raphoe, Raymochy (Manorcunningham) and Clonleigh (Lifford) and Dean of Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe.

The Reverend Liz Fitzgerald says she is looking forward to the challenge. "Being invited to be Rector of the Raphoe Group and Dean of Saint Eunan's Cathedral is very exciting and I'm really looking forward to it." She will miss her parishioners in west Donegal. "My part of Donegal – Bunbeg, Carrickfin, Dungloe – is beautiful, and what makes it beautiful is the good, kind people, my parishioners, and the people in the community."

Saturday 23rd September (Saint Eunan's Day) has been set for The Reverend Liz Fitzgerald's institution as Rector and installation as Dean.

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster has congratulated The Reverend Liz Fitzgerald on her appointment and thanked her for her ministry in the Gweedore Group. "On behalf of the Diocese, I wish to express my gratitude to Liz for her generous and faith-filled witness in Gweedore, Carrickfin and Templecrone. She is a gifted priest and pastor and will share those gifts with her new parishioners in Raphoe, Raymochy and Clonleigh.

I trust that parishioners in Raphoe, Manorcunningham and Lifford will welcome Liz warmly and offer her their prayers and support."

The Reverend Chris Matchett has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the new Parish Group of Clondevaddock and Mevagh (Carrigart) in north Donegal.

The Reverend Chris Matchett was born and grew up in Christ Church, Londonderry, served as Rector of Saint Mark's Church in Newtownards for 12 years and, prior to that, spent seven years as the incumbent of Magheracross (Ballinamallard) in the Diocese of Clogher.

He also served two curacies in Down and Dromore.

It is a "bitter-sweet feeling", he says, to be leaving Saint Mark's, Newtownards where he and his family enjoyed many happy years, but he says that he is looking forward to seeing what God has in store for them in this new chapter in their lives and ministry.

"It's a new start for us, but then it's a new start for everyone in the new parish group. It'll be the first time I'll have been responsible for more than one church. I'll be looking after four now (The Church of Christ the Redeemer in Rosnakill; All Saints', Portsalon; Leatbeg Parish Church; and Holy Trinity Church in Carrigart).

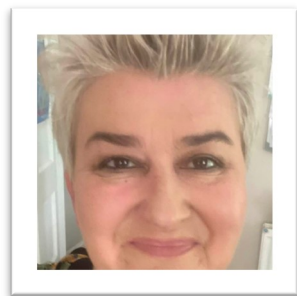
The Right Reverend Andrew Forster says that The Reverend Chris Matchett's decision to accept the position of Priest-in-Charge of Clondevaddock and Mevagh is wonderful news for the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe and for the parishioners in north Donegal. "This is an exciting time for Chris and (his wife) Ali and for everyone in Clondevaddock and Mevagh. I trust that his new parishioners will welcome Chris and Abi with their customary warmth and generosity, and that they'll offer him their ongoing support and prayers."

The Reverend Canon Judi McGaffin, Bishop's Curate of The Parishes of Fahan Upper (Buncrana) and Fahan Lower has retired from the Stipendiary Ministry of The Church of Ireland. We wish her and her husband Brendan Johnston a long, happy and healthy retirement.

The Reverend Andrew Neill, Deacon intern, who is serving in The Parish of Agherton (Portstewart) will be ordained priest in Christ Church, Limavady on Sunday 10th September. He will serve as Curate-assistant in that Parish where the Rector is The Reverend Canon Aonghus Mayes.

Andrew is the husband of Ms Claire Hinchliff, the Youth Officer in The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

NEW DEAN FOR THE DIOCESE OF TUAM



Bishop Michael Burrows has announced that the next Dean of Tuam and Incumbent of Tuam and Omey Group of Parishes in succession to the late Dean Grimason will be The Reverend Diane Matchett.

Ms Matchett was ordained in 2005 and is currently rector of Kildress and Altedesert (near Cookstown) in the Diocese of Armagh.

The planned installation date in Tuam Cathedral is the afternoon of Sunday January 14th, 2024 and Diane looks forward to moving to the deanery in Cong along with her husband Mark and young son Casper.

The Reverend Diane Matchett is a former Rector of The Parishes of Castlerock and Dunboe.



Saint Columb's Cathedral is delighted to announce exciting opportunities for young singers to develop their talent. The Cathedral is recruiting Boy and Girl Choristers and adult singers for the Cathedral Choir and the Chamber Choir.



**St Columb's Cathedral Girls' Choir
Recruiting Girls aged 8 to 16 years
Free musical education
Free singing instruction
Rehearsal Wednesday
4.00pm to 5.30pm
Singing two services per month**

St Columb's Cathedral Recruiting Singers in September 2023

**St Columb's Cathedral Choristers
Recruiting Boys aged 8 to 14 years
Free musical education
Free singing instruction
Rehearsals Thursday and Friday
4.30pm to 5.30pm**



**To register interest or for further details, email or text
Derek Collins organist@stcolumbs.net
Nicky Morton nickymorton@hotmail.co.uk
07858097290**

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

The Speaker at Choral Eucharist (Order One) at 11.00 a.m. will be Mrs Jenny Smyth, Mission Director, Church Mission Society Ireland. There will be a Retiring Offering to support Church Mission Society Ireland.

Jenny will be the Speaker at the Mothers' Union Diocesan Service in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe in the afternoon.

ANNUAL RETREAT

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer is holding its Annual Retreat at Dromatine Retreat and Conference Centre, Newry, Thursday 28th – Saturday 30th September 2023.

The Witness will be The Reverend Canon David Ferry.

THE REVEREND RODNEY MAGENNIS

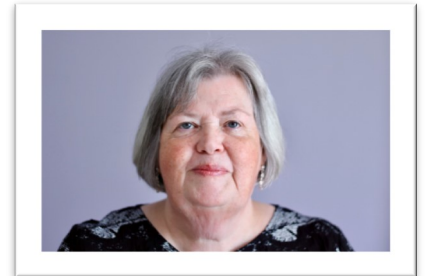
The Reverend Rodney Magennis will be introduced as Minister-in-Charge of The Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva in Aghaderg Parish Church, Loughbrickland on Wednesday 6th September.

Please remember Rodney and his wife Ruth (they were married on Wednesday 26th July) in your prayers.

THE BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR WORLD AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Mrs Hilary McClay has been appointed as the new Education Advisor for The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development. She succeeds Lydia Monds who moved to a new position in The Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland in January of this year.

Welcoming Mrs McClay to the post, The Right Reverend Ferran Glenfield, Chair of The Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee, said: "Hilary comes with a passion for the Church, a track record in community development, and wide experience of the global south. She is ideally placed to be the advocate for the vital work of Bishops' Appeal in The Church of Ireland."



HARVEST 2023

Harvest Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 1st October 2023 with Holy Communion (Order One) at 8.00 a.m., Choral Eucharist (Order Two) at 11.00 a.m. and Choral Evensong at 4.00 p.m.

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist will be The Reverend Canon Aonghus Mayes, the Rector of The Parish of Drumachose (Limavady) and the Prebendary of Newcastle on the Chapter of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

The theme of the Harvest Celebrations this year is '**Going Home**'. We invite anyone who was baptised, confirmed or married in Saint Columb's Cathedral, or who attended Sunday School, the Choir or the Youth Organisations to '**come home**' on this Harvest Sunday.

Following the 11.00 a.m. service light refreshments will be served and people will have the opportunity to renew friendships with former parishioners and to get to know present members of the parish.

To facilitate catering arrangements **RSVP** to Mrs Elizabeth Fielding (fielding.eliz@gmail.com)

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY MISSION PARTNERS IN TRAINING

Pray for The Reverend Andrew Quill (the son of The Reverend Canon Walter and Mrs Sylvia Quill) and his wife Joanne (of The Parish of Dromore, County Tyrone) as they prepare for ministry working alongside Bishop Wilson Kamani and the diocesan staff team in Ibba, South Sudan in 2024.



Music List September 2023



Sunday 3 11am	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity A Service to mark the opening of the Sunday School with the Presentation of Sunday School Prizes and Awards <i>The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir and The Cathedral Girls' Choir</i> Fairest Lord Jesus, arr. Martin How
4pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Cathedral Choir</i> Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb major, Charles Villiers Stanford Teach me, O Lord, Thomas Attwood
Sunday 10 11am	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Choral Matins <i>The Cathedral Choir</i> Benedictus in C major, Charles Villiers Stanford So they gave their bodies, Peter Aston
4pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Cathedral Chamber Choir</i> Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis Collegium Regale, Herbert Howells Like as the hart, Herbert Howells
Sunday 17 11am	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Choral Eucharist (Order One) <i>The Cathedral Choir</i> Communion Service in F major, Harold Darke Bread of the world, arr. Alan Bullard
4pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Cathedral Girls' Choir</i> Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Thomas Morley When in our music God is glorified, Charles Villiers Stanford
Friday 22 7pm	<i>The Cathedral Choristers & The Cathedral Girls' Choir</i> Open Night Concert A Selection of Choral and Organ Music
Sunday 24 11am	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Choral Matins <i>The Cathedral Choristers</i> Lead me, Lord, Samuel Sebastian Wesley
4pm	Choral Evensong <i>The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir</i> Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor, George Dyson Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, Charles Macpherson

Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recitals

Many thanks to all the people who supported the Thursday Lunchtime Organ Recital series in July past. The recitals were a great musical success with outstanding performances being given by Jack Wilson, Orly Watson, Nicky Morton and Henry Coop. Somewhere in the region of three hundred people attended the series and voluntary donations amounted to over one thousand pounds. We are very grateful for the support of the Friends of the Cathedral, and of Derry City & Strabane District Council in making the series possible. Organ recitals are something of a niche interest, but we regularly attracted local visitors from Omagh and Bangor, as well as tourists in the city, and in greater numbers than series elsewhere. We are very fortunate to have such a fine Cathedral organ and the use of the projection screen which engages the audience to see what goes on at the Console. Thanks again to all involved and we hope that another series may be possible next July.

Derek Collins



OPEN NIGHT MUSIC

A selection of
Choral and Organ Music

Saint Columb's Cathedral

Friday 22nd September 2023 at 7.00pm



Admission Free

By the Cathedral Choristers & The Cathedral Girls' Choir



Organ: Derek Collins & Nicky Morton

Funded by Derry City & Strabane District Council



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

Comhairle Chathair
Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSratha Báin

Derry Citty & Strábane
Destrick Council

Bible Readings for September 2023

DAY	READING	THEME
Friday 1	2 Corinthians 11:16-12:13	Grace and weakness
Saturday 2	2 Corinthians 12:14-13:14	Testing ourselves
Sunday 3	Isaiah 58:3-11	What is an acceptable fast?
Monday 4	1 Samuel 14:24-30	Good fasts take time
Tuesday 5	Daniel 1:3-17	Fasting—a strong foundation
Wednesday 6	1 Kings 21:20-29	Humility and repentance
Thursday 7	Nehemiah 1:1-2:5	Intercession—fasting for others
Friday 8	Ezra 8:21-23	Community fasts
Saturday 9	Acts 13:1-3	God is with us
Sunday 10	Matthew 19:1-15	Tough law and proper love
Monday 11	Matthew 19:16-30	Threading the camel
Tuesday 12	Matthew 20:1-16	A fair wage
Wednesday 13	Matthew 20:17-34	The upending of expectations
Thursday 14	Matthew 21:1-11	Hosanna—set us free!
Friday 15	Matthew 21:12-27	Temple dealings
Saturday 16	Matthew 21:28-46	It's not always easy to see the truth
Sunday 17	Matthew 22:1-14	There is such a thing as a free lunch
Monday 18	Matthew 22:15-22	Rights and duties
Tuesday 19	Matthew 22:23-46	Be an answer to the person not the question
Wednesday 20	Matthew 23:1-12	Jesus stirs up trouble
Thursday 21	Matthew 23:13-28	Keeping up appearances
Friday 22	Matthew 23:29-39	Parental love
Saturday 23	Matthew 28:1-20	Good news for the unsure
Sunday 24	Psalms 65:9-13	God's provision
Monday 25	Deuteronomy 16:13-15	Celebrate the harvest
Tuesday 26	Nehemiah 5:1-12	The right to land is the right to life!
Wednesday 27	Ruth 2:2-8	Sharing with those in need
Thursday 28	John 4:35-38	Reaping what others have sown
Friday 29	Galatians 6:7-10	Reading what you sow
Saturday 30	1 Corinthians 15:35-44	God gives a body to the seed

St Columb's Cathedral CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

Derry ~ Londonderry

**Friday 17th November
(Launch)**

Saturday 18th November

Friday 24th November

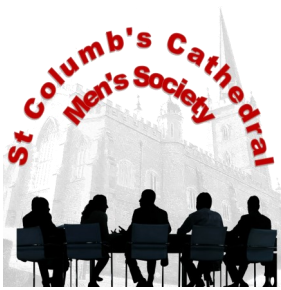
**Saturday 25th November
(with Coffee Morning)**

**The Festival will
run until the
end of December
& more details
will follow**



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A new year opens for The Men's Society on 19th September when we visit Fort Dunree Visitor Centre in Co. Donegal. Those members attending will travel by coach and leave from Blackburn Crescent, opposite Frank Long's car park at 1pm. Following the visit we will then head for The Lake of Shadows Hotel in Bunrana for dinner at 5:30pm.

Meetings up to December

17th October - David Douglas will give a talk on the Blue Plaques of the City
21st November – Dr Keith Munro will give a talk on his great aunt Greta

Cousins, pioneer of the Suffragette movement and first female Chief Justice in India

14th December – Christmas breakfast at The Embankment, Ebrington 9:30am

It is hoped a full programme for the year will be available at the October meeting.

All new members welcome

Robert McGonigle
Secretary

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is read in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel,
Monday – Friday, 10-30 a.m.

Monday: Morning Prayer. Wednesday: Morning Prayer. Thursday: Morning Prayer.
Friday: The Litany.

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

Holy Communion on Saints' days and holy days

is celebrated in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel.

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

Foyle Hospice Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed

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

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

If you think this is something which interests you or you would like more information,

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.**

PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2023

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of The Province of the Indian Ocean

The Most Reverend James Richard Wong Yin Song,
Archbishop of The Church of The Province of the Indian Ocean;
Bishop of The Diocese of The Seychelles.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough;
Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

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

**The Grouped Parishes of Christ Church, Londonderry,
Culmore, Muff, and Saint Peter, Londonderry.**

The Venerable Robert Miller, Rector.

The Reverend Canon Katie McAteer, Pastoral Director.

Mrs Linda Hughes, Mr James Kelley and Mr Brian Seaton, Diocesan Readers.

**Pray for The Reverend Chris Matchett who will be introduced as Priest-in-Charge
of The Grouped Parishes of Clondevaddock and Mevagh in The Church of Christ
the Redeemer, Rosnakill on Friday evening.**

**Pray for The Reverend Rodney Magennis who will be introduced as Minister-in-Charge
of The Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva in Aghaderg Parish Church,
Loughbrickland on Wednesday evening.**

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN CAMBODIA

**Scripture translation depends on its readers being literate – unfortunately, it is simply
useless to have a Bible translation if the intended people group cannot access it
for themselves.**

This is why The Bible Society in Cambodia runs over 500 literacy classes a year for both
disadvantaged Christians and non-Christians.

Literacy courses are open to anyone who needs to learn to read and write Khmer, one of the
most widely spoken languages in Cambodia. It runs throughout 24 provinces in Cambodia
where each week groups gather in villages to study together.

This is a Bible-based programme with the groups studying portions of Scripture together.
Not only does it introduce people to the Word of God but it also increases their employment
opportunities and quality of life. Once a person has completed the course he/she is given
a copy of the New Testament in Khmer to take home and keep.

FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2023

THE FEAST DAY OF THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2023

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough;
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The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

**The Parishes of Moville, Greencastle, Donagh (Carndonagh), Cloncha (Malin)
and Culdaff (Carrowbeg)**

The Reverend Alan McCracken, Bishop's Curate.

**Pray for The Reverend Andrew Neill who will be ordained priest
in Christ Church, Limavady this evening.**

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION

The Leprosy Mission has been supported by churches across the world since its inception in 1874. Without the support of these churches a world without leprosy would be much further away.

Give thanks for the churches that are a part of the work to defeat leprosy.

What a testimony they are of the love and passion that God has for all of His children.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of The Province of The Indian Ocean

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The Parishes of Fahan Lower (Buncrana) and Fahan Upper

Rector: Vacant.

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

Pray for The Reverend Liz Fitzgerald who will be instituted Rector of The Parishes of Raphoe, Raymochy (Manorcunningham) and Clonleigh (Lifford), and installed as Dean of Raphoe, in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe on Saturday evening.

MISSION FOCUS

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA IN EGYPT

Archbishop Samy and Madame Madlin are both busy in ministry with many responsibilities and demands. **Pray for them and their family today.**

THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2023

THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT MATTHEW

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough;
Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

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

The Parishes of Taughboyne with Craigadooish, Newtowncunningham and Killea

The Reverend Canon David Crooks, Rector.

The Reverend Sean McClafferty, Ordained Local Ministry.

Mrs Maureen Williams, Ms Anne Speers, Diocesan Readers.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN CHAD

TLM Chad serves persons affected by leprosy within the Guera and Salamat provinces of Chad, which are in the centre and the southeast of the country.

TLM Chad is committed to integrating persons affected by leprosy within the wider disability sector of Chad, and so we also support people who have been affected by other disabilities such as visual, hearing, and mental health.

Disability is often surrounded by stigma. Pray for our community-based rehabilitation work in the Guera and Salamat provinces that this work may contribute to a society that includes children with disability within local communities and gives them the chance to participate like their peers.

FRIDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2023
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / HARVEST SUNDAY
The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)

The Most Reverend Luke Kenichi Muto,
Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; Bishop of The Diocese of Kyushu.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
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The Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. The Right Reverend Adrian Wilkinson.

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

The Parishes of Conwal Union with Gartan

The Reverend David Houlton, Rector. The Reverend Heather Houlton.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF UGANDA

For many people in Uganda, owning a Bible is a luxury that they cannot afford.

They must first provide food, shelter and medicine for their families, meaning that they cannot justify the cost of purchasing Scripture.

The Bible Society of Uganda is working to meet this need by providing free Bibles to those who cannot afford their own, after hearing reports from churches across Uganda that Christians did not have access to them.

The **'Bible in Every Hand, Home and Heart'** project reaches out to congregations who are in need, as well as those who are exploring Christian faith, ensuring that those who want a Bible can access one.

It also provides Scriptures to students in schools who need them for their studies.

These Bibles allow them to study at home, learning more about God and the Gospel.

Stained Glass in Derry-Londonderry's churches

Treasure Ireland at the National Churches Trust invite you to their European Heritage Open Day 2023 event on September 9th in the historic City of Derry-Londonderry. The Editor of the Gazetteer of Irish Stained Glass, Dr David Caron, will lead a walk and talk exploring the rich stained glass heritage of places of worship across the city.

Participating churches will include St Columb's Cathedral, St Eugene's Cathedral, Christ Church Derry, First Derry Presbyterian Church, St Augustine's, Carlisle Road Methodist Church, Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church and St Columba's Long Tower.

Discover the work of William MacBride, Clokey of Belfast, Edward Murray Marr and many more. Setting off from St Columb's Cathedral, the event will last approximately three hours, and will involve a walk across the city visiting iconic places of worship.

Places are limited so please book early at the link below to avoid disappointment.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stained-glass-in-the-city-of-derry-tickets-698028631427?fbclid=IwAR2MJJa8HFIZ-fnFwfOHuY4ThMJLcpJgpnNlrdaWUh5FsvbFqOiiu_RyfOb4

This FREE event is made possible thanks to the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund - Northern Ireland, Pilgrim Trust and the Historic Environment Division at the Department for Communities.



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 2nd July 2023

Tom Jonathan Willighan,

the son of Jonathan Steven and Megan Helen Ann Willighan, Rosses Lane, Ballymena, County Antrim.

Tom’s godparents are Anna Coid, Richard Hutchinson and Laura Hutchinson.

Tom is a great grandson of Mrs Lil Wilson, Melvin Court, Londonderry.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Elizabeth Fielding, a member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers’ Union, presented Jonathan and Megan with a Dorcas Pack for Tom.

Sunday 13th August 2023

Elizabeth Wendy Nancy Gourley,

the daughter of Ron James and Emma Jane Gourley, Mowbray Road, Didcot, Oxfordshire, England.

Elizabeth’s godparents are Abigail Rollinson and Stewart Gourley.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Miss Muriel Hamilton, People’s Churchwarden, presented Ron and Emma with a Dorcas Pack for Elizabeth.

Sunday 20th August 2023

Scarlett Jennifer Christina Wray,

the daughter of Calvin Lee Wray and Jasmine Brooke Jean Ann Logan, Drumbane Gardens, Londonderry.

Scarlett’s godparents are Brooke Magee, Sharon Logan, Jordan Allen and Jamie Mitchell.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Irene Hewitt, Branch Leader of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers’ Union presented Calvin and Jasmine with a Dorcas Pack for Scarlett.

Sunday 27th August 2023

Elliot William John Foster,

the son of Thomas John Foster and Jodie Alexandra Pomeroy, Edenvale, Limavady, County Londonderry.

Elliot’s godparents are Stephanie Rowe and Harry Gillespie.

Elliot is a great grandson of Will and Jean Pomeroy, Deanfield Care Home, Londonderry.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Geraldine Sloane, a member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers’ Union, presented Thomas and Jodie with a Dorcas Pack for Elliot.

Holy Matrimony

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

Saturday 5th August 2023

Scott Galbraith, Skylark Place, Edinburgh, Scotland

and **Bethany Shannon Forde Weir,** Skylark Place, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Saturday 19th August 2023

Gerard Thomas Wosser, Ivy Mead Mews, Londonderry

and **Elizabeth Margaret Bell,** Ivy Mead Mews, Londonderry.

Wednesday 23rd August 2023 **Scott Rankin Boyd McLaughlin,** Gloucester Avenue, Londonderry and **Natasha Kathleen Maud Fleck,** Gloucester Avenue, Londonderry.

Burial

“The Lord is my Shepherd.”

Saturday 26th August 2023

Margaret Plews, Old School Field, Drumahoe, Londonderry
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Tuesday 29th August 2023

David Alexander Huey, Woodburn Park, Londonderry.
Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.

Obituaries

Margaret Plews
19th December 1952 – 23rd August 2023

We have come here today to remember our dear sister Margaret, to give thanks for her life, to leave her in the keeping of God her creator, redeemer and judge, to commit her body to be buried, and to comfort one another in our grief, in the hope that is ours through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These words from the Funeral Service printed in The Book of Common Prayer tell us what the purpose of 'a tribute / address' should be.

It should include some reference to the person who has died, looking back to her early years, remembering perhaps the kind of work that she did and the interests that she had.

There should be some reference to her husband and family.

A tribute should be an opportunity to assure relatives of the church's and the community's sympathy and prayers.

It should not be a long dark eulogy but should have hope at its centre.

Family and friends should be encouraged to remember that the person who has died is no longer in pain and distress.

At the point of death the old life disappears and a new life emerges to be lived in the safety and security of God's presence.

Margaret was born on 19th December 1952 in Falkirk, Stirlingshire in Scotland. I don't have details of her childhood or early years but I have been told that on some date in the 1970's something dramatic happened in her life.

Albert Plews and his cousin Raymond Walker decided to travel to Scotland. Again the details are vague. But certainly while they were there they met two young ladies in their twenties – Helen Murray and Margaret Cormack. Raymond and Helen formed a friendship and Albert and Margaret formed a friendship. It wasn't long before romance blossomed and the two young ladies came to settle in The Fountain Estate here in Londonderry.

Helen and Raymond were married in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 28th February 1976 – and just four months later on 26th June 1976 Albert Alexander Plews married Margaret McDowell Carruth Cormack. Both ceremonies were conducted by Dean George Good.

In time Maureen and Jarvis were born, and subsequently grandchildren arrived:

Andrew, Alan and Mark, Jodie, Sophie, Charlie and Lacey; and then the great grandchildren: Jackson, Amber, Paige and Wyatt.

Albert and Margaret and their family lived for some time at Lincoln Courts and Tullyalley, until settling in more recent times at Old School Field in Drumahoe.

For much of her time Margaret was a home maker, caring for Albert and their children, but she also found time to help other people in their homes in the community, working in a community scheme founded by the late Glenn Barr.

When she wasn't caring for her family or working for other people Margaret liked to have time for herself and she found relaxation in crocheting. As Albert told me yesterday it kept her mind active and her fingers nimble!

For the past five years Margaret's health has not been good and she has been unable to get out and about as she used to do.

On Monday she was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital where Albert – also a patient there – was thankfully able to visit her and to spend quality time with her as her health deteriorated and the call of God beckoned.

Margaret passed into the nearer presence of God on Wednesday, sorely missed by Albert, Maureen and Jarvis and their families, but they are so grateful for the love she showed them at all times.

Today is a difficult day for you as you say your earthly Farewell to a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

But the Word of God teaches us that although Margaret's physical presence is no longer with us here on earth, she is present with us through her spirit that lives on. And one day, in God's time, we will be reunited with Margaret in Heaven.

In the last book of the Bible – The Revelation of Saint John – we are shown a vision that John had of Heaven. As we read about this vision in the closing chapters of this book we see that Heaven is a lovely place. Those who are there are free from pains and worries.

They experience no hunger or thirst. Death and sorrow are unknown.

It is a place where people of many different nationalities live side by side and everyone is safe because God watches over them.

It is into this community that Margaret has now entered.

In this new home, prepared for her by Jesus, she is safe – free from the pains and ill health that have been so much a part of her life over the past five years.

Today we are naturally sad that Margaret has left us but we thank God for all that she meant to us and we leave her in the keeping of her God confident that she is at peace and that one day, in God's time, we will meet her again face to face.

David Alexander Huey
18th November 1953 - 26th August 2023

We have gathered here this afternoon to give thanks for the life and witness of David Alexander Huey, to support you David's family and friends in your sadness and loss and following this service to lay David's mortal remains to rest in the family grave at Altnagelvin cemetery.

David was born on 18th November, 1953 at Bayview Nursing Home on the Northland Road, Londonderry; the second of two sons born to Alexander (Lexie) and Rebecca (Ruby) Huey. The family home was at 10, York Street. Sadly, David's elder brother Billy passed away in 2013. Billy was an employee of the Royal Mail working initially here in the city and later in Belfast. This was not the only sadness to overcome the family as David's father Lexie passed away in November 1988. In the following year David and his mother Ruby moved to 50, Woodburn Park to live with David's cousin Ian. In 2003 Ruby passed away.

David was educated at Ebrington Primary School and Clondermot Secondary School. In Clondermot he enjoyed taking part in the school's musical performances and he also performed in the Londonderry Amateur Operatic Society's presentations of 'The Gondoliers'. He sometimes joked about how he missed out on a career in the West End. He often spoke about the 1967 school trip to Wales during which the group climbed Snowdon.

David enjoyed travel and he, with Ian, undertook many trips together including visiting family and friends in England and on other occasions travelling to France, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland.

On leaving school in 1969 David was employed by Alexander Thompson and Co. Hardware Merchants Duke Street before moving in 1970 to Robert Smith and Co. Wholesale Chemists, Foyle Street and Drumahoe. He was made redundant when the company closed in 2001. The onset of illness prevented him from taking up further employment.

David was keenly interested in many sports, especially football. He was an avid supporter of Manchester United F.C. and on several occasions travelled to Old Trafford to watch them play. He also supported Derry City and in the 1960's, along with his father, attended many of their matches at the Brandywell.

David's faith formation would have been within the congregation at Ebrington Presbyterian Church where he would have attended Sunday School and Church. In recent years David may not have been a regular church attender. However, I know from my visits with him in Altnagelvin Hospital that he appreciated listening to the reading of the Psalms and the comfort of private prayers and thankfully I was able to spend some time with him in prayer just a few hours before he passed away.

As I mentioned earlier, in recent years, David was afflicted by declining health. In 2021 he had hip replacement surgery which gave him increased mobility but shortly afterwards he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He became seriously ill several weeks ago and was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital suffering from a chest infection which ultimately led to his demise last Saturday.

Ian and the family have asked me to express their thanks and appreciation to the doctors, nurses and ancillary staff of Ward 22, Altnagelvin Hospital, who provided outstanding care for David in his last illness and to the Staff of Clarendon Medical, the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, the District Nurses and his Carers who looked after him so well in the last few months. Ian also appreciated the support of David's nephew John who visited him daily in hospital.

A ship sails out to sea and we watch it from the shore. Eventually it disappears over the horizon and we say it is gone, however, it is not gone it has simply gone from our sight and people standing on another shore will say it is coming! So, it is with David. He is not gone, he has simply gone from our sight and he has been greeted on that other shore by those whom he knew and loved in this life and whom he had lost from his sight. He and they are now in the nearer presence of their Creator God and Saviour.

Today we extend our deepest sympathy and prayerful support to David's sister-in-law Iris, cousin Ian, his nieces Gillian (Australia), Elaine, Diane, Davina, his nephew John and their families and his cousins here and in England.

May God comfort you in your sadness and loss and David we pray 'That you may rest in peace and be raised in glory'. **Amen.**



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 / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS



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

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

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Coates

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Myrtle Coates** (nee McCready), Shearwater Way, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 23rd July 2023. Myrtle was the beloved wife of the late James; the loving mother of Walter, Geoffrey, Corrine and the late Diane; the dear mother-in-law of Lorraine and Murray; the devoted grandmother of Kirk, Dale, Lucy, Nathan, Dale, Ember, Ellee and Roma and a much loved great grandmother.

Myrtle was a cousin of Valerie Brown, Shearwater Way, Londonderry to whom, and to whose husband Maurice and their family, we also express our sympathy.

Gallick

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Isobel (Millie) Gallick**, Edenvale Care Home, Limavady who died on Sunday 23rd July 2023.

Isobel was buried in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Culmore on Wednesday 26th July 2023.

Isobel was a sister of Gerry and a sister-in-law of Daphne Gallick to whom, and to whose family, we express our sympathy.

Coates

We remember Geoffrey Coates and his family and all of the relatives of **Lorraine Coates** (nee Morgan) who died, peacefully, on Saturday 5th August 2023.

Lorraine was the dearly loved wife of Geoffrey; the much loved mother of Nathan, Dane and Ember; the loving mother-in-law of Nadine, Chelsea and Matthew; the devoted grandmother of Leyanne, Esmay, Theodora and Ender.

Moore

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Doris Moore** (nee Platt), Bonds Street, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Tuesday 15th August 2023. Doris was the beloved wife of the late Jackie Moore; the loving mother of Derek, Richard and Janice (McGlinchey), a much loved grandmother and great-grandmother and a dear sister of the late Richard and James Platt.

Doris was the grandmother of Glen Rowney, his wife Cheryl and the great-grandmother of Caitlin, Chloe, Charlotte and Connie, Aubery Street, Londonderry, and a cousin of Georgie Dunseith, The Fountain, Londonderry to whom we, also, express our sympathy.

Plews

We remember Albert Plews and his family, Maureen and Jarvis, and all of the relatives of **Margaret Plews**, Old School Field, Drumahoe, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Wednesday 23rd August 2023.

Margaret was the dearly beloved wife of Albert; the much loved mother of Maureen and Jarvis; an adored grandmother of Andrew, Alan, Mark, Jodie, Sophie, Charlie and Lacey, and a great grand-mother of Jackson, Amber, Paige and Wyatt; a dear sister of Jeanette; and a dear sister-in-law of Trevor and Jarvis.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Plews was held in D & R Hay and Sons, Funeral Home, Church Road, Altnagelvin, Londonderry on Saturday 26th August 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

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

Huey

We remember all of the relatives of **David Alexander Huey**, Woodburn Park, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 26th August 2023.

David was the much loved son of the late Alexander (Lexie) and Rebecca (Ruby) Huey, the loving cousin of Ian Bartlett, a dear uncle, and brother of the late Billy.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Alexander Huey was held in D & R Hay and Sons, Funeral Home, Church Road, Altnagelvin, Londonderry on Tuesday 29th August 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

Following the Service David was buried at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.



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FABRIC FUND

In memory of our Mum & Dad Emily & John Thompson

From Joy, Ann & families

50.00

In loving memory of Norman Jefferson

From Ann, Mervyn, Michael & Alison Tweedie

50.00

In memory of all our loved ones

From Andy, Kathleen & Lisa McCorkell

300.00

Precious memories of my husband, Ralph Wilson

From Pam

50.00

In loving memory of my son, Ralph Wilson

From Lil Wilson

20.00

In loving memory of David Wilson

From his daughter-in-law Pam

20.00

In loving memory of our dad, David Wilson and brother, Ralph Wilson

From John & Audrey

25.00

In memory of my mother, Helen Lynn (nee Coulter), died 2nd September 2013

From her son, William

50.00

DONATIONS TO FABRIC FUND

From Anthony Horwill, Australia

500.00

From The Apprentice Boys of Derry, Campsie Parent Club

in respect of the Dedication of a New Standard

for Edinburgh Covenanters Campsie Club

50.00

From Maiden City Council No. 34

50.00

CHOIR FUND

Loving birthday memories of my husband, Ronald Dobson

From Etta

200.00

Loving birthday memories of my dad, Ronald Dobson

From his daughter Joanie & family

25.00

Loving birthday memories of my dad, Ronald Dobson

From his daughter Rosaleen & family

25.00

FABRIC FUND

Thankoffering for the Baptism of Elizabeth Wendy Nancy Gourley

From her parents Ron & Emma Gourley

154.00

Thankoffering for the Baptism of Elliot William John Foster

From his parents Jodie Pomeroy & Tommy Foster

40.00

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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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