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A PLACE OF PEACE
A HERITAGE TO CHERISH

From the Dean

September always has the feel of a new beginning. As the long days of summer begin to give way to the changing colours of autumn, there is a renewed sense of purpose and anticipation. Schools return, familiar routines begin again, and church life gathers fresh momentum after the holiday season. It is an opportunity for each of us to pause, give thanks for the blessings of the summer months, and look forward with hope to all that God has in store for us in the season ahead. Now, having said that, I am acutely aware that church life doesn't stop during the summer months, and I record heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who have kept our churches open, vibrant and welcoming to visitors throughout the season. Likewise, a sincere word of thanks to everyone involved in keeping the grounds looking so well.

As you delve into the September magazine, you may sense a slightly different 'feel' to it. It will contain information not only about Cathedral life but also about what's happening in St Augustine's. This is very deliberate because it is my prayer that both congregations would grow in appreciation of the partner congregation within the grouping, and see the various activities and events as being welcoming to everyone. It will also give an overview of the busy-ness and vibrancy of life across the Parish of Templemore and St Augustine's. We are so privileged to have two distinctive churches, each with a distinctive style and ethos, but where we can come together for things like prayer and bible study then let's not see ourselves as being 'one or the other' but simply as God's children together. One of the great joys of September is the return of our Sunday Schools. We extend a very warm welcome to all our children, young people, parents, and leaders as they gather once again to learn, grow, and discover more of God's love together. The ministry to our younger members is a very important aspect of church life, and we pray that this new session will be filled with laughter, friendship, faithful teaching, and a growing knowledge of Jesus Christ. If you have children or grandchildren who have not yet become involved, I would really encourage you to consider bringing them along. They will receive a very warm welcome. In St Columb's the term will begin on 6th September with the Prize Giving Service at 11.30am, whilst in St Augustine's the term will begin on 13th September with a family service at 10.20am.

I know I speak for everyone when I say we are really looking forward to welcoming the Cathedral Choir back to lead choral worship. I hope the summer recess was enjoyed by everyone and that the choir returns with its usual energy and high standards. The commitment of the choir is sizable, so thank you to the choristers and their families for their ongoing support.

Across the grouping there will also be special occasions during the month which we hope many of you will support. One particularly special occasion will be in the Cathedral at 11.30am when we welcome Cantemus NI to lead our Choral Eucharist at 11.30am and Evensong at 4pm. Thank you to Cantemus NI and its musical director, (no stranger to the Cathedral), Mr Ben McGonigle. Additionally, there are other fabrics, furnishings and scholarship medals to be dedicated as the month progresses – details will follow. Sunday 20th September is also a special day in St Augustine's as a new stained glass window will be dedicated that morning.

In the Diocese at large, we would like to keep Rev'd Melanie Niblock in our prayers as she moves from Curate Assistant of All Saints Clooney to Fahan Upper and Lower as Priest in charge. We also offer our most sincere congratulations to the Archdeacon of Derry, the Venerable Robert Miller, who was appointed Chaplain to the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace. Prayerful good wishes go before the Archdeacon, who will be quite a loss to the Derry Diocese.

In the wider area, we acknowledge the retirement of Rev'd Colin Jones of First Derry Presbyterian Church as well as offering a word of welcome to the newly appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, Bishop Michael Router, who succeeds the Most Rev'd Dr Donal McKeown and will formally begin his ministry here later this month.

Every good wish to Bishop McKeown as he commences his well-earned retirement.

I was delighted to receive an invitation to the Institution of the Rev'd Dr Ian Mills as the Rector of Bath Abbey. Ian and I were a year apart when we attended the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, and it doesn't seem that long ago since he was the organist and master of the choristers in the Cathedral. Whilst I cannot attend, I would nevertheless extend our congratulations to Ian on this prestigious appointment. Please keep Ian, his wife Kelly-Anne and their daughter Iris in your prayers as they prepare for this new and exciting phase of life and ministry.

Finally, as we begin this new season, may we remember that every new term is more than simply the resumption of programmes and activities. It's another invitation to walk more closely with Christ, to deepen our faith, to serve one another with generosity, and to reach out with the love of the Gospel into our community.

Whether you have been part of our church community for many years or are joining us for the first time, there is a place for you here and we are really pleased to welcome you in order to build up our fellowship and our number to God's glory.

May God bless each of us as we step into this new season together, and may He grant us grace, wisdom, and joy in all that lies ahead.

With every blessing,

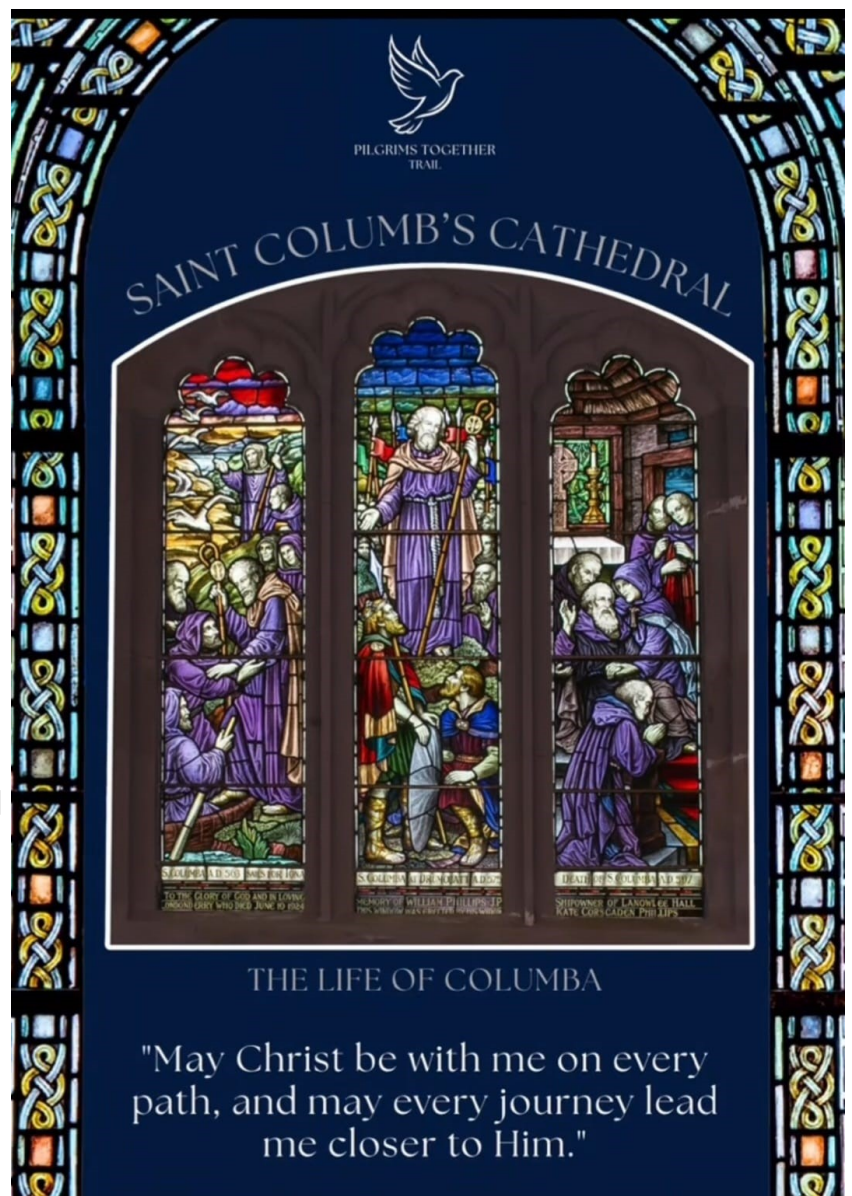
The Very Rev'd Nigel Cairns

Dean of Derry

Rector of Templemore and Saint Augustine's

Pilgrims Together Trail

The Inner City Church's working group is now a well-established group which represents the main inner city churches. The usual programme includes Walk in the Light, Christian Unity and the St Columba Service. Recently the group was asked to support the development of a tourist trail around the five churches. The trail was launched on 13th August, and the promotional material was generously funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs. Focussing on the stained-glass windows, this trail seeks to highlight the beautiful stained-glass in Saint Columbs' Cathedral, Saint Augustine's, First Derry, Saint Columba's Long Tower and Carlisle Road Methodist. This new trail will simply provide an additional offering to our visitors and tourists. Thanks are extended to the working group, and particular thanks are accorded to Darren Sheaffer who was seconded onto the group in order to oversee the design and production of the leaflets and the mini exhibition. Representing our grouping was William Lynn and Drew White.





Sunday School

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

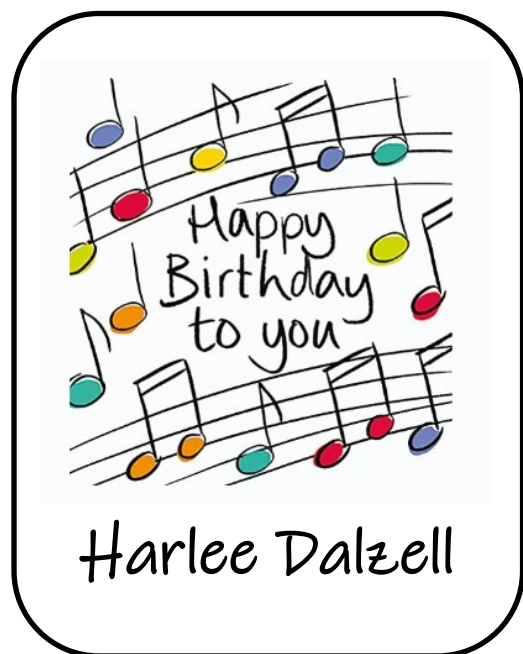
We wish all those who have been confirmed Gods blessing and we welcome some new pupils. Callum Large, Amelia Doherty.

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

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

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

Irene & the teachers



PLUMBER
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AND AFTERNOONS!**

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WE WANT YOU!

**St Columb's Cathedral
Sunday school**

**Age
4-14**

FUN LESSONS

LEARN God's Word | LOVE Like Jesus | MAKE FRIENDS Grow Together | SING, PLAY & HAVE FUN!

The poster is framed by a border of autumn-themed illustrations including orange and yellow maple leaves, wheat stalks, clusters of red and purple grapes, and various pumpkins and gourds. The main title 'Harvest Festival 2026' is centered at the top. Below it is a horizontal line with a small orange maple leaf in the center. The text 'This is a season for giving thanks for the joyful, colourful beauty of nature around us.' is centered. Below this is another horizontal line with a small orange maple leaf. The text 'We hope to decorate the Cathedral for our celebrations on 4 OCTOBER 2026 and would greatly appreciate gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables for the display.' is centered. Below this is a third horizontal line with a small green leaf. The text 'Donations may be left in the Cathedral on FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026.' is centered. Below this is a fourth horizontal line with a small green leaf. The text 'As part of our thanksgiving, we welcome donations for Foyle Food Bank.' is centered. Below this is the text 'Food gifts are greatly appreciated, or, if you prefer, cash donations may be given to Muriel.' followed by the 'Foyle foodbank' logo, which consists of the word 'Foyle' in blue and 'foodbank' in green, with a green leaf icon above the 'o' in 'foodbank'.

Harvest Festival 2026

This is a season for giving thanks for the joyful, colourful beauty of nature around us.

We hope to decorate the Cathedral for our celebrations on **4 OCTOBER 2026** and would greatly appreciate gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables for the display.

Donations may be left in the Cathedral on **FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2026.**

As part of our thanksgiving, we welcome donations for **Foyle Food Bank.**

Food gifts are greatly appreciated, or, if you prefer, cash donations may be given to Muriel.

Foyle
foodbank

Invitation to Harvest Lunch



You are warmly invited to a
Soup Lunch in the Chapter House on
4 OCTOBER.

Offering an opportunity to reconnect
with parishioners after the summer
as we begin a new season.

Please give your name to Muriel
if you can attend to assist with
catering arrangements.



REMAINING ROOTED

THROUGH YOUR NINTH HOUR

(Article by Tarushajai-Coffman)



"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." — Colossians 2:6-7



There is a profound difference between being lost in a wasteland and being intentionally hidden for preparation. When you find yourself walking through an unexpected season of quietness—even during the most stable and consistent chapters of life—the human heart naturally searches for clarity, direction, or a word of reassurance. We realize that true stability isn't a permanent destination, but a holy training ground where God refines our inner focus for the assignments ahead.

In the biblical timeline, the 9th hour (historically 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM) is a highly significant marker on God's timeline. It is the hour of sacrifice, intense intercession, and ultimate breakthrough. It was at the 9th hour that Cornelius had his divine vision that shifted his entire household, and it was at the 9th hour that Jesus cried out on the cross, "It is finished," breaking the back of the enemy's power.

When you reach your 9th hour, the difficult valley reaches its appointed expiration date. Remaining rooted means nurturing your character, keeping your heart pure, and becoming fully aware of the landscape you stand in—realising that you are not just wild growth, but a tree planted intentionally within it. True spiritual maturity means being established—standing secure in the foundational truths you have been taught and keeping your balance through every season.

This assurance allows our hearts to fully rest, knowing our future is entirely secure in God's hands. When a moment feels quiet, God uses that exact space to anchor us in the fullness of the grace He has freely bestowed upon us and entrusts our hands with fresh assignments. Keeping our eyes fixed entirely on Jesus allows us to walk through every transition with absolute clarity.

Am I resting fully in the unique purpose and timing God has mapped out for my life? Today, I choose to keep my eyes forward with a clear focus, honour what is true, and walk boldly in the full purpose He has prepared.



Let's Pray ...

Heavenly Father,

I thank You that my identity, my purpose, and my growth are securely held in Your hands. Thank You for filling my heart with Your perfect peace and grounding my spirit in absolute grace. Help me to remain rooted, built up, and established in the foundational truths of Your love, always choosing to worship through every season of life.

I joyfully entrust my path, my family, and my future to Your care.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



Mary Summer Day Summer Gathering

Elizabeth attended the Mary Summer Day celebration in the beautifully appointed newly built Carrick Hall. Diane White led a refreshing and reflective afternoon focusing on *taking steps of faith* inspired by the lines of Mary Summer's personal prayer.

***All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe
or the life I live. Amen***



All Ireland Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary Service

On Sunday 9th August Geraldine, Noeleen, Eva and Jacqui attended the 150th Anniversary Service on Mary Summer Day in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. According to Geraldine *'it was a really lovely service, and the music was just wonderful'*.

It was a jam-packed afternoon. Lady Eames reflected on the past, present and future of Mother's Union, the Revd Alistair Doyle was commissioned as All Ireland MU Chaplain; the Past Presidents' Board was dedicated, and the Revd Arthur Barrett presented a new Preaching Scarf for use by the AIMU Chaplain. Many thanks to Jean who organised the coaches and to the trustees who looked after

everybody so wonderfully on such an exciting memorable day.

150 Psalms for 150 years: Kay Clarke's All-Ireland President's fund-raising challenge of a psalm a day for 150 days continues. All funds go to Mothers' Union projects at home and overseas. If you check in to the All Ireland Facebook page over the next few weeks, you may catch up with Margaret, Elizabeth or Jacqui who have contributed to this project.

Future Activities:

Tues 8 September **Derry Girls: Shirt Tales NI** 7.30pm; Diocesan Centre

Tues 13 October **Worldwide Evening and Bring & Buy Sale** for MU WW projects

Autumn Diocesan Projects – Emergency hospital wash bag items, neo natal knits and vouchers for Foyle Women's Aid will be collected in October and November.

If you are interested in any of our activities, you are very welcome to come along.

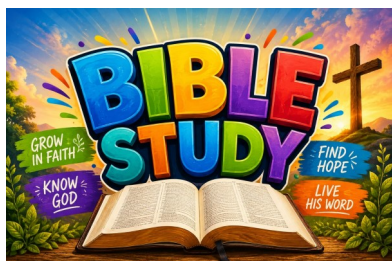
MU Worldwide

Mothers' Union has 4 million members in 84 countries worldwide. This year the Church of Ceylon Mothers' Union in Sri Lanka has been marking the 150th anniversary with fundraising events, prayer gatherings and opportunities for fellowship, bringing together members from across Colombo in support of Mothers' Union's work. As celebrations continue, they give thanks for God's blessings and for the friendship, faith and service that continue to connect Mothers' Union communities across Sri Lanka and around the world.



A parting thought for September....

In all things God works for the good of those who love Him. Romans 8:28



Bible Study will commence in Main Church Hall at St Augustine's on **Sunday 13th September 2026 at 7.30pm.**

This block of Bible Study is for five weeks, and each session will last approximately one hour.

Like most things in the inner city, The Dean likes to work with our nearest neighbours, so it is hoped that these sessions will be supported by parishioners from the Cathedral, St Augustine's First Derry and Carlisle Road Methodist.

The studies have been very successful in the past. When we're together we quickly realise that none of us have all of the answers or a monopoly on the understanding, but, together, it is helpful to talk about what the Bible might be speaking today.

The sessions are very informal and are highly commended to you.

Prayer Meetings

On Monday evenings at 6.30pm via 'Zoom' there is the opportunity to come together to pray for our own needs and the needs of others. The meeting is informal and no-one has to pray out loud. These meetings are open to both the Cathedral and St Augustine's. Please give the Dean your email address if you would like to come along to the first online meeting on **Monday 14th September 2026.**

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Panel continues to meet regularly, and our policies and procedures are compliant with the Safeguarding Trust of the Church of Ireland. Remember if there are any safeguarding concerns, they should be shared with –

For St Columb's – Mrs Elizabeth Fielding, Mr Malcolm Hewitt, The Dean

For St Augustine's - Mrs Deirdre Amor, Mrs Irene White, Mr Marshall Kilgore, The Dean

Additionally, there is a comprehensive suite of Safeguarding and Health & Safety Policies which is available in hard copy, upon request

Harvest Thanksgiving

More about harvest in the next magazine, but in terms of thanksgiving across the Parish Grouping, here are the key dates.

4th October St Columb's Cathedral Festival Choral Eucharist

11th October St Augustine's Readings, Meditations and Hymns for Harvest

European Heritage Open Days...

Saturday 12th September 2026 @ 1.30pm

Both churches will be open for EHOD, but a special feature to welcome the new season of autumn takes place on Saturday 12th September with a selection of music and poetry reflecting the changing aspects of autumn. International organist David McGuckin and BBC presenter/poet Anne McMaster offer an immersive programme expressly curated for the intimate setting of St. Augustine's Church, guiding listeners on a slow journey from the last days of summer through to first frosts and shortening days. With Anne's collection of new writing complementing David's wide range of autumnally-inspired music, this recital offers listeners precious time to reflect and enjoy these cooler, colourful days.

Culture Night...Friday 18th September 2026 @ 7.30pm

Come along to St Columb's Cathedral and appreciate the musical talents of members of the Londonderry Music Society (LMS). This promises to be a great evening of well known and popular music and song. Admission is free.

Dear Canon Mervyn and friends at St Columb's Cathedral

Thank you for responding with love through your gifts (*so far this year we have sent £780.60*). You have shown that persons affected by leprosy are not forgotten.

When I met Dinesh and Deepthi in India a few months ago I was struck by a thought. That although I was far away from home, God had prepared the way and was already at work in Vizianagaram. He had not forgotten and his heart was filled with compassion towards the people I met. The words of Jesus came to mind, **"Yet not one of them is forgotten by God."** Luke 12:6 (NIV).

Dinesh was only a young child, working his way through school and not sure what was wrong with the patches of skin on his arm. He didn't recognise the threat that leprosy was to his long-term health. But God sent Deepthi, and thankfully they met and Dinesh was able to get the help he needed. Dinesh was seen by a doctor and correctly diagnosed. He was given the cure to leprosy and because he was found and cured early he has no disability or impairment.



You have shown the heart of God to someone you might never meet, you have given a gift to a stranger that they might be healed of leprosy and restored. Thank you.

In that same passage from Luke, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples 'do not worry'. He re-orders their priorities and says **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."** Luke 12:34 (NIV).

Thank you for your heart,
Phil
Every Blessing

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.**

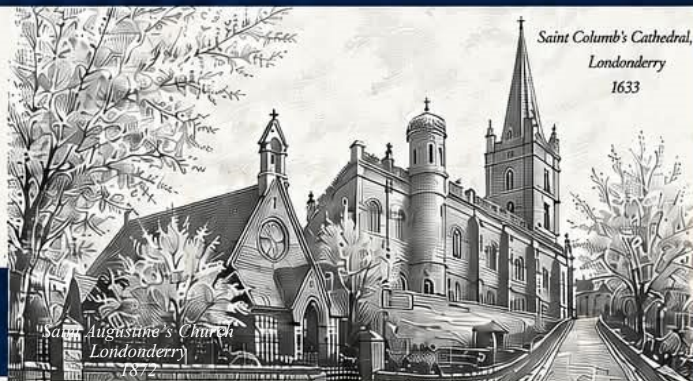
THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

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.**

DATES AND INFORMATION

— across the —

PARISH GROUPING



Saint Columb's Cathedral,
Londonderry
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TUESDAY
1st

St Columb's Cathedral Select Vestry Meeting, 7.30pm Diocesan Centre



SATURDAY
5th

Luminare Presents *Frances Black Anthology*, St Augustine's
(tickets available from Music Capital or Eventbrite)



SUNDAY
6th

Cathedral Choirs recommence. Sunday School Prize Giving in St Columb's, 11.30am
Baroque Concert - Asa Monahan – (lutenist & singer), St Augustine's, 1.30pm



TUESDAY
8th

LEAH Lunch recommences in St Augustine's – Communion at 11.30am followed by lunch.
Please give names to Ivan Taylor
Mothers' Union - Derry Girls and the Shirt Factories, Diocesan Centre, 7.30pm



WEDNESDAY
9th

Diocesan Council



THURSDAY
10th

Combined Men's Society, First Derry 7.30pm



SAT 12–
SUN 13

European Heritage Weekend
• Cathedral Open Sat 10am - 4 pm / Sunday 12.30pm - 4pm
• St Augustine's open Sat 10.30am – 3.30pm with concert at 1.30pm -
Anne McMaster (poetry and storytelling) and David McGuckin (Organist)



SUNDAY
13th

Family Service – St Augustine's – **Back to Church Sunday**



MONDAY
14th

Prayer Meeting (on Zoom) recommences, 6.30pm –
Please give email address to Noel Glenn or The Dean if you would like
an invitation to this prayer meeting.



MONDAY
14th SEPTEMBER

St Augustine's Select Vestry Meeting, 7.30pm, St Augustine's



TUESDAY
15th

Cathedral Men's Society, Diocesan Centre, 7.30pm
Guest speaker – James Buchanan



FRIDAY
18th

Culture Night – LMS will perform in the Cathedral, 7.30pm



SATURDAY
19th

Be a chorister for the day 10am - 12.30pm



SUNDAY
20th

Dedication of new stained-glass window, St Augustine's 10.20am
Cantemus Choir in the Cathedral



FRIDAY
25th

Luminare Presents *Nanci Griffith Songbook*, St Augustine's
(tickets available from Music Capital or Eventbrite)



SATURDAY
26th

Church Café, 10.30am – 3.30pm, Canon Howe Room



SATURDAY
26th

First Aid Training, Diocesan Centre – (fully booked)

✝ Growing in faith. Serving together. Sharing God's love. 🌿



SUNDAY 6TH

14th Sunday after Trinity
*Boy Choristers and
 Lay Clerks*

Cathedral Ensemble

11.00

Hymns
 Psalm
 Anthem

16.00

Hymns
 Psalm
 Nunc Dimittis

FAMILY SERVICE

431, 346, 614, 338
 149
Parry Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

COMPLINE

66, 73
 134: 1-4
 Morley

SUNDAY 13TH

15th Sunday after Trinity
*Girl Choristers and
 Lay Clerks*

*Boy and Girl Choristers
 and Lay Clerks*

11.00

Hymns
 Setting
 Motet

16.00

Hymns
 Responses
 Psalm
 Canticles
 Anthem

CHORAL EUCHARIST (order 2)

647, 421, 657
Rawsthorne Festival Eucharist
Attwood Turn thy face

CHORAL EVENSONG

372, 373
 Stewart
 119: 41-48
Noble in B minor
Stopford Irish Blessing

FRIDAY 18TH

19.30

CULTURE NIGHT CONCERT

*Sung by the
 Londonderry Musical Society*

SATURDAY 19TH

10.00-12.30 BE A CHORISTER DAY
at St. Columb's Cathedral

Service & Music List

September 2026

SUNDAY 20TH

16th Sunday after Trinity

Cantemus Choir

11.00

Hymns

Setting

Motet

CHORAL EUCHARIST (order 1)

108, 597, 80

Haydn *Little Organ Mass*

Bruckner *Locus Iste*

Cantemus Choir

16.00

Hymns

Responses

Psalm

Canticles

Nunc Dimittis

Anthem

CHORAL EVENSONG

92, 643

Tallis

119: 121-128

Stanford *Magnificat in G*;

Dyson *in D*

Balfour-Gardiner Evening Hymn

SUNDAY 27TH

17th Sunday after Trinity

Girl Choristers and

Lay Clerks

11.00

Hymns

Responses

Canticle

Psalm

Canticle

Anthem

CHORAL MATINS

606, 281, 593

Ebdon

Venite

78: 1-4, 12-16

Lawrenson *Urbs in B flat*

Tallis *If ye love me*

Cathedral Chamber Choir

16.00

Hymns

Responses

Psalm

Canticles

Anthem

CHORAL EVENSONG

633, 572

Reading

124

Wood *in D*

Wood *Expectans Expectavi*



September marks the exciting return of our four Cathedral Choirs to the stalls! We warmly welcome everyone back and hope the summer break was both fulfilling and relaxing.

During the summer, we had the pleasure of fulfilling one special duty. On Saturday, 22nd August, our Boy and Girl Choristers performed at the wedding of Lauren and Lee in the Cathedral. Lauren is, of course, the mother of our Boy Chorister, Harry. We hope Lauren, Lee, Harry, and the wider family circle enjoyed a truly memorable day.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce that the Londonderry Musical Society (LMS) will perform on Culture Night in the Cathedral—scheduled for Friday, 18th September, with a 7:30 pm start. We look forward to welcoming them for what promises to be a fantastic evening.

On Saturday, 19th September, we hope to host a 'Be a Chorister for a Day' event at the Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity for potential new members to experience choir life firsthand. Although our Boy and Girl Chorister numbers remain high, we have a limited number of slots available for one or two new recruits.

The following day, Sunday, 20th September, we are delighted to welcome Cantemus Choir and their Musical Director, Ben McGonigle. They will sing during both the Morning Service and Evensong, enriching our worship with their beautiful music.

We are also currently seeking a few more Lay Clerk Singers. If you are an Alto (male or female), Tenor, or Bass with previous singing experience, please get in touch with either Nicky or Louis.

Lastly, congratulations are in order for Ellen, Riley, Caoimhe, and Alice on their successful week at the Charles Wood Festival in Armagh. It was a wonderful experience for the four girls, who had the opportunity to sing alongside singers from around the globe. Special mention to Lukas Lynch (one of our Lay Clerks) who featured prominently with the Charles Wood Singers and to Louis who managed a hugely successful festival.

Nicky

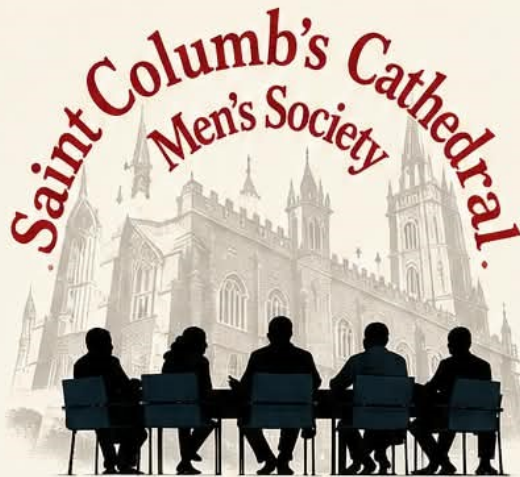


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Well done to one of the Cathedral Lay Clerks, **Elliot McClintock** on achieving a merit in his grade 7 singing exam from Trinity College, London.

Congratulations from all your friends in Saint Columb's Cathedral.



INFORMATION — FOR THIS — AUTUMN



PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR AUTUMN 2026



All meetings held in the Diocesan Centre at London Street on the Third Tuesday of each month starting 7.30pm with refreshments to follow.



SEPTEMBER
15th

Speaker - JAMES BUCHANAN

on the Establishment of the Early Shirt Industry of the City.

OCTOBER
20th

Speaker - AARON PEACE DL

paying a return visit to talk about men's health with an emphasis on Cardiology.

NOVEMBER
12th

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND VENUE.

This will be a combined meeting with St Columb's and St Augustine's Men and the First Derry Club and will be held in the **Lecture Hall at First Derry Presbyterian Church** at 7.30pm with refreshments afterwards.

Speaker - CAPTAIN SEAN FITZGERALD

who is husband of the Dean of Raphoe Cathedral. He has had a long career in the merchant navy and will speak of his experiences with Mercy Ships.

DECEMBER
Date to be confirmed

December is our pre-Christmas Breakfast which is always most popular with members.

Date, venue and cost will be available nearer the time.



NEW MEMBERS are always welcome and please circulate anyone interested in coming along.



ANNUAL FEES - this will be £20 for the year payable to me at the first meeting or earliest opportunity.

Best wishes to you all

William Lynn

Hon. Treasurer





SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

SAFEGUARDING TRUST PARISH PANEL



YOUR SAFETY, OUR PRIORITY

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

**The Very Reverend
Nigel Cairns**



Tel: 028 7126 2746



Mrs Elizabeth Fielding



Tel: 028 7134 6330

Mr Malcolm Hewitt



Tel: 07522781108



Working together to keep
our children safe.

LISTEN | SUPPORT | PROTECT | REPORT



Join the

SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS



BE A CATHEDRAL CHORISTER FOR THE DAY
SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER
10:00AM - 12.30PM
SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL



Ever wondered what it would be like to become a Cathedral Chorister?

Come along for the day and give your son (aged 7-15) or daughter (aged 7-18) an idea of what it's like to be a Cathedral Chorister.



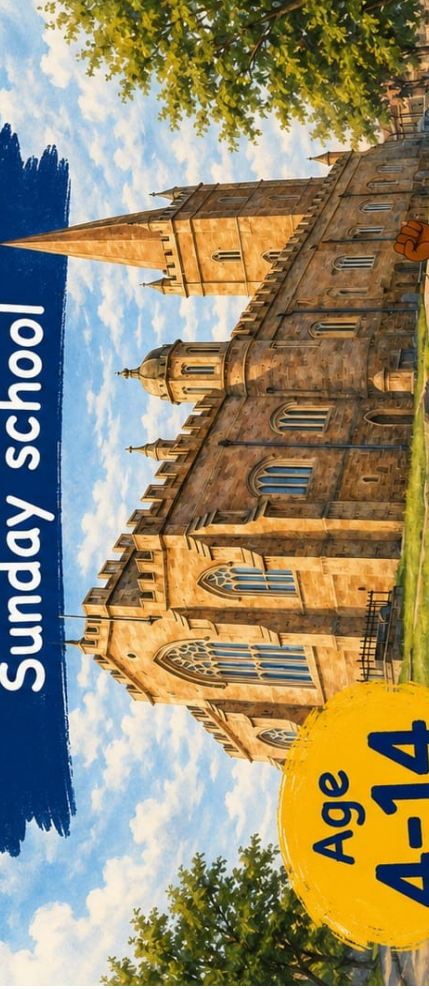
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St Columb's Cathedral Sunday school



Age
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FUN LESSONS



LEARN
God's Word



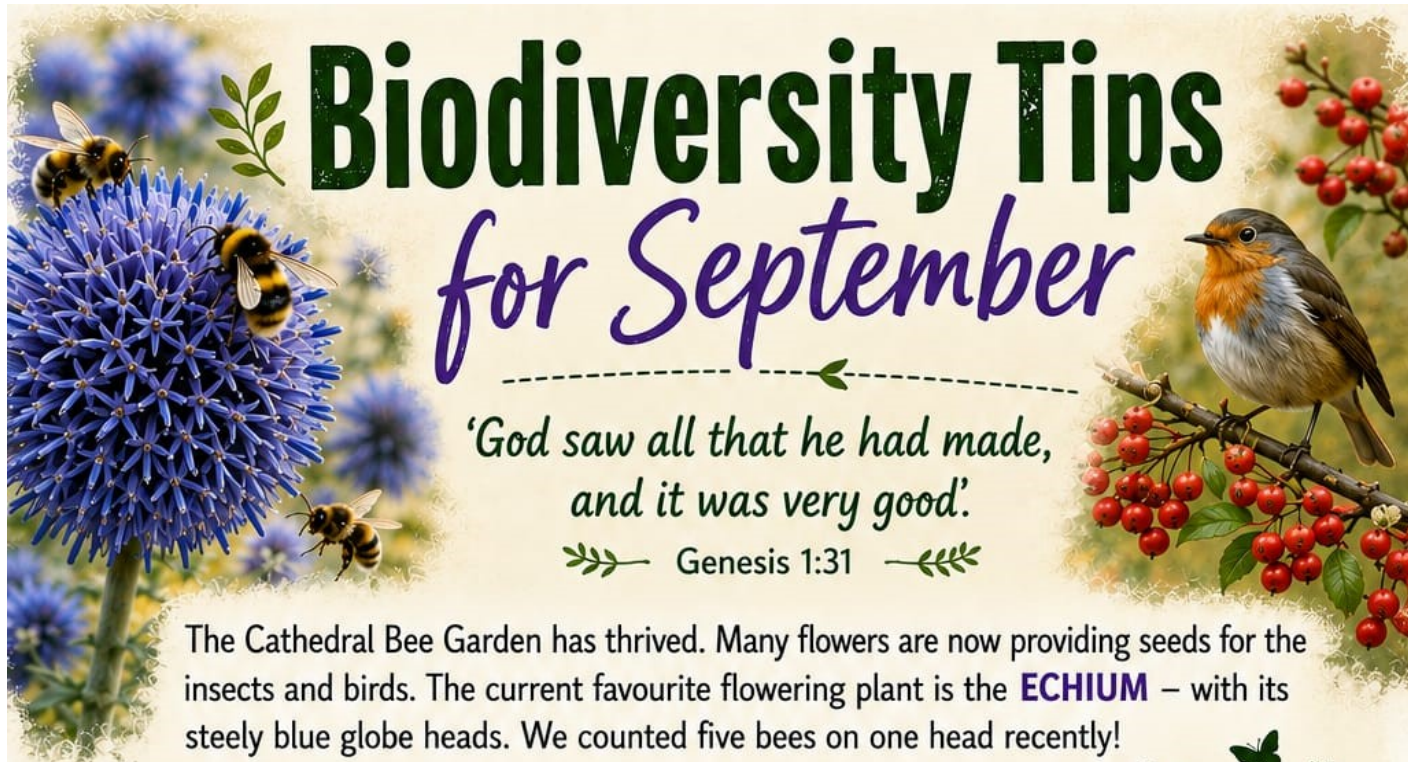
LOVE
Like Jesus



MAKE FRIENDS
Grow Together



SING, PLAY
& HAVE FUN!



Biodiversity Tips for September

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

— Genesis 1:31 —

The Cathedral Bee Garden has thrived. Many flowers are now providing seeds for the insects and birds. The current favourite flowering plant is the **ECHIU** – with its steely blue globe heads. We counted five bees on one head recently!

Gardening for Wildlife Tips

This month focus on preparing habitats for winter and providing food for pollinators and birds.



Leave Seedheads & Berries: Allow sunflowers, coneflowers, and berry-producing plants to remain, providing crucial food for birds preparing for winter.



"Don't Tidy Too Much": Leave seedheads, fallen branches, and twigs to provide shelter for insects and small mammals.



Create Bug Snugs: Build log piles, dead hedges, or leaf piles in corners to offer overwintering habitat for hedgehogs, amphibians, and insects.



Plant for Spring: Plant spring-flowering bulbs like snowdrops, crocuses, and native bluebells, which provide vital early nectar for bees coming out of hibernation.



Clean Feeders: Clean and disinfect bird feeders and bird baths to ensure they are safe for birds as they become more dependent on them, keeping them out of reach of predators.



Small actions today, wilder tomorrow. ♡



St. Columb's Cathedral HONORARY BELLRINGERS

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

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

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

TEACHING/PRACTICE SESSIONS



Saturdays: 13:30 – 15:00

Mondays: 19:30 – 21:00

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

➔ GET IN TOUCH ➔



Email: garth_bells@stcolumbs.net



Tel: 028 7134 5093

(leave a voicemail with your contact number)

JOIN US

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

Garth and the Ringers

THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes and Articles for the October 2026 edition
of the Cathedral Magazine are due by SUNDAY 20th September 2026

THE SELECT VESTRY

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



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Preserve historic architecture and treasures



Fund community events and outreach programmes



Ensure ongoing maintenance and restoration



Help maintain a welcoming space for worship and reflection



*Thank you for your generosity — together,
we keep St Columb's Cathedral thriving
for future generations.*



Bible Readings for September 2026

Date	Reading	Title
1 st September	Amos 1 : 11 – 2: 5	A lead that slips away
2 nd September	Amos 2 : 6 – 16	A bird's eye view
3 rd September	Amos 3	Much given , much expected
4 th September	Amos 4	The three Rs
5 th September	Amos 5 : 1 – 17	Seek the Lord and live
6 th September	Psalm 102	The battles of life
7 th September	Amos 5 : 18 – 27	Let justice roll on like a river
8 th September	Amos 6	Pride comes before a fall
9 th September	Amos 7	What to do in a crisis
10 th September	Amos 8	A famine in the land
11 th September	Amos 9 : 1 - 10	God's all – seeing eyes
12 th September	Amos 9 : 11 - 15	The Lion restores
13 th September	Psalm 103	Don't forget !
14 th September	Matthew 14 : 1 – 12	Speaking truth to power
15 th September	Matthew 14 : 13 – 21	Mission impossible
16 th September	Matthew 14 : 22 – 36	“ It can't be him ! “
17 th September	Matthew 15 : 1 – 20	Clean hands or pure heart
18 th September	Matthew 15 : 21 – 28	Persistent prayer
19 th September	Matthew 15 : 29 – 39	Another miraculous meal
20 th September	Psalm 104	A celebration of creation
21 st September	Matthew 16 : 1 – 12	A sign from heaven
22 nd September	Matthew 16 : 13 – 20	Son of the Living God
23 rd September	Matthew 16 : 21 – 28	Crunch time
24 th September	Matthew 17 : 1 – 13	Mountain to to valley
25 th September	Matthew 17 : 14 – 23	Mustard- seed faith
26 th September	Matthew 17 : 24 – 27	Doing the right thing
27 th September	Psalm 105	Remember the past
28 th September	Matthew 18 : 1 – 9	Jesus' topsy-turvy world
29 th September	Matthew 18 : 10 – 14	The least and the lost
30 th September	Matthew 18 : 15 – 20	Falling out and making up

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

HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday: Holy Communion with Intercessions for the sick

Friday: The Litany.

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

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

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



Parish Register

Holy Baptism

"Go and make disciples of all nations

Sunday 28th June 2026

Jacob William John Kennedy

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Wrenn Louise Kilgore

Sunday 16th August 2026

Millie-Leigh Iris Anderson

Holy Matrimony

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

22nd August 2026

Lauren McKittrick and Lee Singh



In Memoriam



In memory of Alison Howe

From Keith C Millar, Dromore, Co Down

Thankofferings

Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our son, Jacob William John Kennedy
From his parents Ellen & Scott Kennedy

Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our grandson, Jacob William John Kennedy
From his grandparents Audrey & John Wilson

Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of my grandson & nephew, Jacob William John Kennedy
From Mrs June Peoples & Alan Peoples

Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our daughter, Wrenn Louise Kilgore
From her parents Thomas & Tamara Kilgore

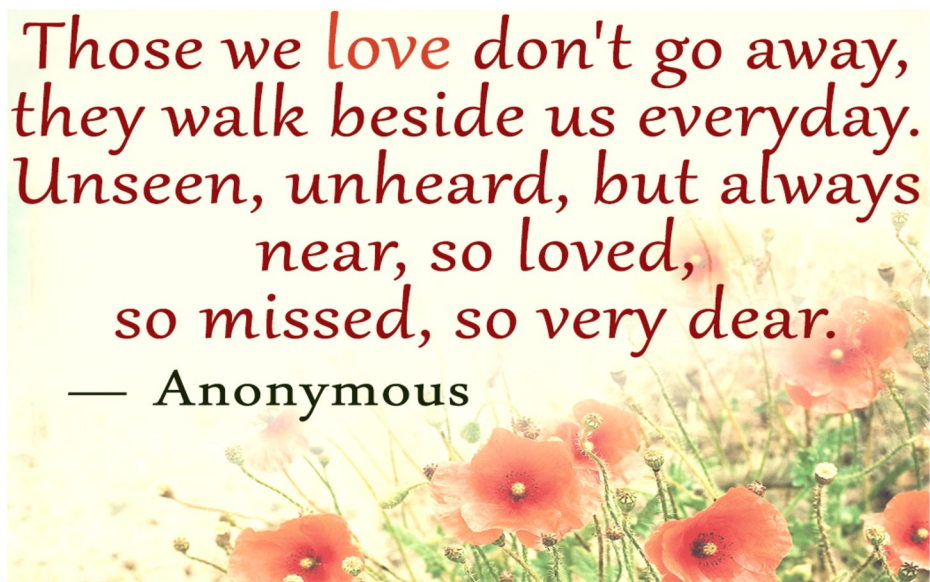
Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our daughter, Millie-Leigh Iris Anderson
From her parents Wendy Jackson & Scott Anderson

CHOIR FUND

Donation to the Choir Fund (Armagh trip)
From Heather Haslett
From Doreen & Peter Sidebottom
From Lady Maryette McFarland
From Elizabeth Fielding
From Muriel Hamilton
From Mildred Deans

Overall Total £510.00

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



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11.30 am Services of Divine Worship
4.00 pm Evensong

EACH TUESDAY: 10.30 am Holy Communion with Intersessions for the sick

EACH FRIDAY 10.30 am The Litany

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