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The Dean writes



Dear Parishioners and Friends

One of the Scripture readings appointed for
A Service at Harvest is Saint Luke 17: 11-19 -

(Jesus heals ten men who have leprosy).

You might wonder why this story was chosen and what it has to do with Harvest.

In this story we read that ten men came to Jesus asking Him to heal them of their illness – the dreaded skin disease, leprosy. Because of it they could not work, they had no family life, their friends and neighbours avoided them.

They came to Jesus with a request, **“Please, help us”**.

Jesus healed all of those men but only one man came back to say **“Thank You”**.

This was something that Jesus noticed and commented on.

The words **“Thank You”** should be loud and clear in all of our Harvest celebrations and services.

We come as **“thankful people”** to worship God and to thank Him for the blessings of the Harvest – and for so much more.

God is the Provider of all that we need in order to live. He is the Sustainer, the one who continues to bless our lives in the good times and in the bad times.

The point that we sometimes forget is that all that we have and all that we are is from a generous God.

Two small words, **“Thank You”**, but words that are filled with so much meaning.

While Harvest gives us the opportunity to say **“Thank You”** to God it also gives us the opportunity to remember other people, particularly those who, for whatever reasons, have not been as blessed as we have been.

This year, the Harvest celebrations direct our thoughts and actions to Foyle Food Bank in this City. We have the opportunity to support the good work that it does by donating non-perishable food items for the use of individuals and families who are finding it difficult to maintain a normal life-style because of unemployment or the high cost of living.

God has been generous to us. Let us be generous to others.

Included in a generous response to the needs of other people is an opportunity to support the people of Libya who have suffered because of the catastrophic flooding in that country a while ago.

Through Bishops’ Appeal for World Aid and Development’s disaster appeal we can reach out in love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God has blessed us with so much. What He has given to us should not be kept to ourselves selfishly, but we must share what we have and what we can afford with those who are in need.

**In the just reward of labour, God’s will is done,
in the help we give our neighbour, God’s will is done:
in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing;
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.**

F Pratt Green (b. 1903) - Hymn 39

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart



Hi everyone! I'm James Shiels, and I'm looking forward to getting to know you and worshipping with you all in Saint Columb's Cathedral these next couple of months. For those who don't know me, I'm a 33-year-old second-year Ordinand at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. While I spend a lot of my time studying in Dublin, I actually live not too far away from Londonderry, in a little village at the bottom of the Glenshane called Upperlands, along with my wife Julie and our little boy Clark.

As part of my formation, I've been keen to gain experience in as many different styles and forms of ministry as possible. To that end, I've served under the Reverend Paul Lyons in Camus-Juxta-Bann (Macosquin), the Reverend Baker in Saint John's, Upper Hopton (Church of England), volunteered with Dublin City Mission

and even spent a month living with the Anglican Monks in Mirfield!

Each of these placements has given me various insights into what it means to live in community and how we can better help and serve others. However, this term, I felt God was calling on me to take the next step and seek a placement where I could learn more about ministry in a city context and get to experience and learn from the richness of cathedral worship. So, of course, I am thrilled that the Dean has allowed me the opportunity to try to fulfil those goals at Saint Columb's and to experience the history and beauty of this great place.

So, as a family, we want to thank you all for the warm welcome you've given to us and to say that we look forward to walking alongside you and joining with you all as we worship our Saviour Christ together! God Bless you all! **James, Julie and Clark.**

CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IRELAND

A Retiring Offering in support of Church Mission Society Ireland was held on Sunday 17th September 2023. **£151.50 was contributed.** Thank you to all who contributed.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

A meeting of the Diocesan Synod will be held at The Everglades Hotel, Londonderry on Wednesday 25th October 2023. The representatives from The Parish of Templemore are: The Dean, Mr Simon McGonigle, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Miss Muriel Hamilton and Mrs Elizabeth Fielding.

HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS



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

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

THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No 1 Saint Columb's Court on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30 p.m.



We have seen a fall in numbers for the month of September and hope to see everyone back in Sunday School soon.

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

We welcome new members Ben McLaughlin and Rylee Dalzell to class.

We are working on our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival and want all the children to have an input. We thank most sincerely Brian and Pauline Doherty for their help.

We wish our Superintendent well as she attends the MindMatters Conference in Dublin on Friday 20th October to give a 10 minute presentation on our 'Adopt a Grandparent' project.

OCTOBER

1st HARVEST SUNDAY – Sunday School
 8th Sunday School in No 1 St Columb's Court
 15th Sunday School in No 1 St Columb's Court
 22nd **HALF TERM BREAK**
 29th **HALF TERM BREAK**

NOVEMBER

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



ULSTER PROJECT:

Applications for the 2024 project are now open. Teens who are 15 on or before 1st July who have attended church can apply. Application forms can be obtained by emailing ulsterprojectderrylondonderry@outlook.com

Closing date is 15th October

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

It is really much appreciated.

Irene & Malcolm



THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes / Articles for the November issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 22nd October 2023

CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong on Sundays at 4.00 p.m. provides an hour of reflection and beautiful music.

I would encourage more parishioners to consider attending this Service.

Your attendance and participation would be a great encouragement to myself, the Organists and the Choirs. Likewise, your attendance at the Daily Office, the Tuesday morning Service of Holy Communion and the Services on Sunday at 8.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. should be considered to be a priority.

Let us not neglect our meeting together but encourage one another. (Hebrews 10: 25)



BISHOPS' APPEAL

Archbishop John McDowell and Archbishop Michael Jackson are encouraging parishioners throughout The Church of Ireland to contribute to Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development's disaster appeal in response to the recent catastrophic flooding in Libya. 4,000 people are known to have died, 9,000 people are missing and 37,000 people have been displaced by the storm.

Bishops' Appeal has already released £10,000 in Emergency Aid from its reserves and all monies raised by the appeal will be additional funds to help with the disaster relief. In response to this information, a retiring offering will be held at all services on Sunday 1st October (and on Sunday 8th October) for Bishops' Appeal in support of the people of Libya. Bishops' Appeal Gift Aid Envelopes are available in the Vestibule.

FOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Fountain Primary School will attend a Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Wednesday 4th October at 10.30 a.m. Parents and other parishioners are welcome to attend.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order One) at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday 15th October 2023 will be The Reverend Canon David McBeth, Rector of The Parish of Clooney, Londonderry. This will be first time that Canon McBeth has preached in the Cathedral since he was installed as a Canon on Wednesday 24th May 2023.

We will also welcome to the Service Mr Edward Lord, Deputy Governor, and some of the Trustees of The Honourable The Irish Society from London.

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 Parish 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.

There is definitely a feel of Autumn in the air now although I am not quite sure what happened to the Summer! We had our first meeting after the Summer break on Tuesday 12th September in the Parish Office. Many thanks to Robert and Linda for organising that

and the parking arrangements.

We were delighted to welcome Cynthia back and prospective new member Michelle Boyd. Everyone took a couple of minutes to tell us what they had been doing since our last meeting and we all enjoyed the chance to catch up on the news.

A discussion then took place about the Mothers' Union entry for the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival and volunteers were asked for a sub-committee to look at various ideas and report back at the next meeting.

Thanks were expressed again for all those involved in the Dorcas project which has now been running since 2017 and continues to be much appreciated by the families.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October at 7 pm in Cathedral House. This will be our Bring and Buy sale to raise funds for MU overseas projects so all contributions will be very welcome.

Irene, Margaret & Pauline

THE DEAN OF RAPHOE

On the evening of Saturday 23rd September The Feast Day of Saint Eunan)

The Reverend Elizabeth (Liz) Anne Fitzgerald was instituted as Incumbent of The Parishes of Raphoe, Raymochy (Manorcunningham) and Clonleigh (Lifford) and installed as Dean of Raphoe. The Service was held in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe.

Saint Columb's Cathedral was represented at the Service by the Dean, The Reverend Canon John Merrick, Mr David Bell (Diocesan Reader) and two members of the Cathedral Chapter, The Reverend Canon Derek Quinn and The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd.

We send our congratulations and prayerful good wishes to The Very Reverend Liz Fitzgerald as she settles into her new parishes.

DIOCESE OF DERRY & RAPHOE



Volunteers – Your Cathedral needs you!



Christmas Tree Festival

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

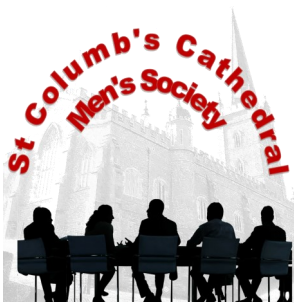
It will run Thursday to Saturday through to the end of December.

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

**Cakes and Jam and honey and home baked bread
and vegetables and the rest**

..... all the lovely homemade goods that people expect and like to buy at a coffee morning, and we would like to have on offer. We are depending on you to make all that possible - on top of all the other things we have asked for during the Christmas Tree Festival! We know that you all have big hearts and love the Cathedral so we ask in faith that you will support us. It is a weekly challenge to keep everything in order, but the size of the bills is a challenge- even a battery this week cost £200 and light bulbs and getting them fitted- we will not talk about. It feels like we are writing a long Christmas list for Santa so all you Secret Santa's out there can I add if you had items that might sell on a stall or could be auctioned do let us know. Please contact The Events Working Group or email ctf23@stcolumbs.net.

Elizabeth



The Men's Society had their first meeting of the 2023/24 season on Tuesday 19th September, in the form an outing to Fort Dunree in Co. Donegal followed by an evening meal in The Lake of Shadows Hotel, Buncrana. This was a very enjoyable visit which was unfortunately curtailed in respect of the outside elements of the tour due to the wind and rain.

Following our tour of the visitor centre with its many fascinating artefacts and history as an important defensive site, we retired to the visitors café for a relaxing afternoon tea and coffee and a good chat. We then departed for dinner which rounded off a really good start to our season.

Our next meeting will be in Cathedral House on Tuesday 17th October at 7:30pm when the guest speaker will be David Douglas who will speak on the Blue Plaques of the City and the people honoured by them. Light supper will be served as usual following the meeting. New members always welcome.

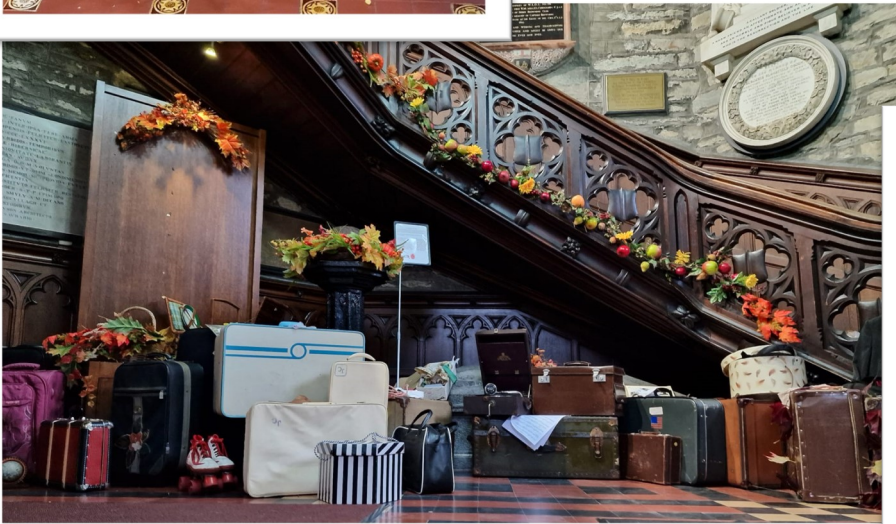
Robert McGonigle
Secretary



David Douglas from 'Derrie Danders' showing a group some literature from his tour!



'GOING HOME'



Bible Readings for October 2023

DAY	READING	THEME
Sunday 1	Acts 1:1-11	To the ends of the earth
Monday 2	Acts 10:9-47	Stopped in his tracks
Tuesday 3	Acts 11:1-30	God at work on the edges
Wednesday 4	Acts 13:13-52	The big story: bringing salvation to the earth
Thursday 5	Acts 15:1-29	Where have we seen this before?
Friday 6	Galatians 2:1-14	Bowing to pressure
Saturday 7	2 Peter 3:1-16	Looking back and looking forward
Sunday 8	Genesis 1:26-28	Blessings to all of us through God's creation
Monday 9	Psalms 139:13-16	Words from God to you, and me, and everyone
Tuesday 10	John 4:1-14	The Samaritan woman and our true colours
Wednesday 11	Acts 17:24-28	God's love for all of us
Thursday 12	1 Corinthians 9:19-23	God as all things to all people
Friday 13	Galatians 3:26-29	All unique, but also one in Christ Jesus
Saturday 14	Revelation 7:9-12	Every tribe and nation together as one
Sunday 15	Luke 2:21-35, 39	Ritual and obedience: glimpsing God
Monday 16	Leviticus 4:1-35	Making us holy to serve
Tuesday 17	Leviticus 9:1-24	What's the point?
Wednesday 18	Leviticus 13:1-45	Cleanliness next to godliness?
Thursday 19	Leviticus 16:1-34	Atonement: our sins lifted and carried off
Friday 20	Leviticus 25:1-17	Living distinctly and radically
Saturday 21	Leviticus 27:1-34	Love not law
Sunday 22	Esther 1:1-22	A woman resists
Monday 23	Esther 2:1-23	A woman replaced
Tuesday 24	Esther 3:1-15	The threat of annihilation
Wednesday 25	Esther 4:1-17	For such a time as this
Thursday 26	Esther 5:1-6:14	If I perish, I perish
Friday 27	Esther 7:1-8:17	Learning from Esther
Saturday 28	Esther 9:1-10:3	Let us not forget
Sunday 29	Luke 1:26-38	Here I am: let it be
Monday 30	Psalms 131	Hope in the Lord
Tuesday 31	Psalms 146	God's faithfulness

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**



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Comhairle Chathair
Dhoire & Cheantar
an tSrátha Báin
Derry Citty & Strabane
Destríck Councíl

Email: ctf2023@stcolumbs.net for more information

Music List October 2023

Sunday 1st
11am

Harvest Sunday / The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity,
Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir and The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Wiltshire Service, Richard Shephard
Thou visitest the earth, Maurice Greene

4pm

Choral Evensong The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G major, Herbert Sumsion
O God who hast again, Timothy Allen

Sunday 8th

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11am

Choral Matins The Cathedral Choir
Benedictus in C major, Charles Villiers Stanford
If ye love me, Thomas Tallis

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D major, Herbert Brewer
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Sunday 15th
11am

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Choral Eucharist (Order One) The Cathedral Choir
Communion Service in F major, John Ireland
Ave verum, Edward Elgar

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor, George Dyson
God be in my head, Walford Davies

Sunday 22nd

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

11am

Choral Matins The Cathedral Choristers
Be still, arr. Richard Shephard

4pm

Choral Evensong The Choir of the Parish of St Polycarp's, Belfast
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B minor, Thomas Tertius Noble
Insanae at vanae curae, Joseph Haydn

Sunday 29th
11am

The Fifth Sunday before Advent / Bible Sunday
Choral Matins The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Peace perfect peace, Orlando Gibbons

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Choristers
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Thomas Morley
The Lord is my shepherd, Howard Goodall

St Columb's Cathedral

'Come and Sing' Taster Event

Saturday 7th October
10am to 12.30pm

Be a Chorister for a morning
A morning for boy and girl singers,
age 7 and above, and their parents.
Experience the role of a Cathedral Chorister

Information morning to include:
Cathedral tour, Singing rehearsal,
Social time, Parent presentation,
Choristers meet and greet,
Workshop performance.



Admission free
All faith backgrounds welcome
For further information contact
Derek Collins organist@stcolumbs.net

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is read in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel,

Monday – Friday, 10-30 a.m.

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

Friday: The Litany.

The Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion (Order Two)

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

Holy Communion on Saints' days and holy days

is celebrated in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel.

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

Foyle Hospice Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed

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

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

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

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



THE LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy. Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during His earthly life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease.

Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients.

Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work in accordance with your will and to the glory of your holy name. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to – and through – staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners.

May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.

May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world.

May His Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. **Amen.**

THE DERRY & RAPHOE DIOCESAN MINISTRY OF HEALING
AND THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING ARE ORGANIZING A

'BRINGING WHOLENESS IN CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER'

Training Day

Saturday 21st October 2023

(9.30am – 4pm)

@ St. Peter's, Culmore Road, Londonderry

Purpose: To encourage and equip participants to pray for physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing.

The Training Day will include teaching and a workshop approach with opportunities for participants to put their learning into practice.

Please bring a packed lunch - tea & coffee will be provided.

To register contact Rev. Carmen Hayes

Email: carmenmirandahayes@hotmail.com Tel: 07907 579 913





Summer seems to have passed us by in a wet flash due to the extreme wet weather. We are now putting finishing touches to the Autumn Educational and Recreational programmes.

If anyone would like to avail of Start IT or Essential Skills IT, we offer a free class with a fully qualified instructor on a Friday morning 10.30 am - 12.30pm. I fully recommend this class as it is light hearted, friendly and will certainly encourage you to learn new skills no matter what age you are.

We are also in partnership with Destined Café at Foyle Road which offers Free Driving Theory Classes on a Wednesday in Destined 5.00pm - 7.00pm . We ran this programme last year and the participants who took part were delighted with the support they received which had a positive impact on their driving test .

Cathedral Youth Club hosted a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer on Friday 29th September 11.00am - 2.00pm. Usual Stalls, Music, and of course beautiful cakes by our pastry cooked Annie Shields. The craft class on a Thursday night, to which we would like to invite ladies to come along, as they are making bags for the cancer unit patients.

We offer a Warm Hub at the Youth and Community Centre daily as we appreciate the hardships that many people face as we approach the winter.

The Cafe is open from 10.00am to 3.00pm daily.

The Factory Girls' Hair Salon is opened every other Wednesday to ladies and gents across the city. We offer cuts and blow dries at a reduced price. Booking is essential due to the high demand.

Also, our benefits checks and advice clinic opens the last Wednesday of the month from 9:00am until 1:00pm. This is a confidential service but must be booked in advance.

For booking contact Jeanette 07808736927.

To support primary and secondary school pupils we offer a homework club every Tuesday from 4:00pm until 6:00pm.

The Cathedral Youth Club is here to support all age groups and communities. Don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

**Regards,
Jeanette Warke, Project Manager.**

American Flag

The American flag which had been laid up in the Cathedral in c1945, and which hung for many years in the South side of the main aisle, had deteriorated beyond repair and spent its last years in the Cabinet at the top of the South aisle. The flag had 48 stars – this was before the last two States, Hawaii and Alaska, joined the Union in 1959 bringing the total to 50. It was obviously difficult now to source a flag with 48 stars, but this was achieved by Ted and Sandra Malcor who live part of the year in the US. (Ted is a former US Navy serviceman who was stationed in the (now closed) American base in Londonderry). Sandra (nee Dougherty) and Ted very kindly donated the flag to the Cathedral, but the former flagpole is too long and has to be shortened. A plaque will be erected in due course.





SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



TOYS

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



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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



HYGIENE ITEMS

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

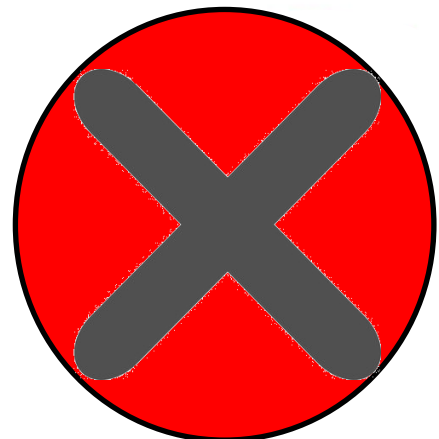


OTHER ITEMS

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

DO NOT INCLUDE

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



PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2023

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 The Diocese of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

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, Associate Priest.

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.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2023
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum,
President Bishop of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East;
Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem.

The Church of Ireland

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

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 Tullyaughnish (Ramelton), Kilmacrennan, Killygarvan (Rathmullan) and Glenalla

The Reverend Canon Harry Gilmore, Rector. Mrs Ann Fletcher, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN SOUTH SUDAN

Bishop Levi’s College is the only institution in The Diocese of Ibba that trains pastors and lay-readers. The administration of BLC has a plan to build 25 grass-thatched tukuls as dormitories for the students who attend theology. **Pray for this vision.**

WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT PHILIP THE DEACON

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 2023
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Anglican Church of Kenya

The Most Reverend Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate, and Archbishop of All Kenya.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. The Right Reverend Adrian Wilkinson.

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

The Grouped Parishes of Clondevaddock (Rosnakill),

Portsalon, Leatbeg and Mevagh (Carrigart)

The Reverend Chris Matchett, Priest-in-Charge.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN BELGIUM

Belgium is one of the smaller countries in the European Union with 11.7 million inhabitants, three official languages and a very small minority (less than 2% of the population) of Protestants.

Since 2010 TLM Belgium has been run by volunteers alone. TLM Belgium endeavours to make TLM and the issues of leprosy well-known and reach as many Belgians as possible.

Pray that TLM Belgium may be successful in reaching new individual supporters by using social media platforms, facilitated by the dedication of a new generation of sacrificial volunteers with the appropriate technical skills.

WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT LUKE

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2023
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Anglican Church of Korea

The Most Reverend Peter Kyongho Lee, Primate of Korea; Bishop of The Diocese of Seoul.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. The Right Reverend Adrian Wilkinson.

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

The Parish of Clondehorkey (Ballymore) with Cashel.

Rector: Vacant.

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

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN DR CONGO

The security situation in Eastern Congo continues to be of concern and local climate change related landslides and flooding continue. **Our global partners need prayer for encouragement and resilience.**

MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT JAMES, THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD

WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2023
THE DERRY AND RAPHOE DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETS TODAY

SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2023
THE FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT / BIBLE SUNDAY

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Most Reverend Leonard Dawea, Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Melanesia;
Bishop of The Diocese of Central Melanesia.

The Church of Ireland

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

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 Dunfanaghy, Raymunterdoney and Tullaghobegley (Killult)

The Reverend David Skuce, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN INDIA

Stigma and discrimination against people affected by leprosy can create a disabling environment for them, affecting their socio-economic conditions and their self-esteem. The Leprosy Mission Trust India identifies, counsels and supports such individuals in becoming skilled and accessing livelihood opportunities.

Pray for groups of people affected by leprosy, other disabilities and marginalised populations, that they may continue to address discrimination faced by those affected by leprosy.

**WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023
THE FEAST DAY OF ALL SAINTS**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2023
THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico)
The Most Reverend Carlos Touche-Porter, Archbishop of Mexico.**

The Church of Ireland

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

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

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

**The Parishes of Gweedore (Bunbeg) with Carrickfin, and Templecrone (Dungloe)
Rector: Vacant.**

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

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AUSTRIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parish Register

Burial

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Friday 8th September 2023

**Albert Alexander Plews, Aubery Street, Londonderry /
Old School Field, Drumahoe, Londonderry
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry**

Obituary

Albert Alexander Plews
28th March 1947 – 5th September 2023

We have come here today to remember our dear brother Albert, to give thanks for his life, to leave him in the keeping of God his creator, redeemer and judge, to commit his 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.

I began a funeral address with words very similar to these in this very place only thirteen days ago. We had come to remember Albert's wife Margaret, and Albert was sitting in the front listening to every word. I spoke with him in hospital on last Friday afternoon and he said that while he had found the service emotional he had also found it helpful. I told him that he was a brave man – leaving the warmth of his hospital ward where he had spent six weeks and even venturing to Ballyoan Cemetery and dealing with a heavy shower of rain.

I find it hard to believe that today, less than two weeks later, we are here again – many of the same people – this time to pay our respects to Albert and to give thanks for his life.

Albert was born on 28th March 1947 at 33 Fountain Place, Londonderry. He was the fifth of six children born to William Cecil and Mary Logue Plews.

His siblings were Billy, Jarvis, Edith, John and Trevor.

Albert was baptised in Saint Columb's Cathedral on 18th May 1947 by The Reverend James Henry Kermode.

His early education was at The Cathedral Schools and his early Christian formation was in the Cathedral where he had been baptised and where later he would be a Chorister, and where, later still, he would marry Margaret on 26th June 1976.

Albert's father William Cecil Plews was a Railway Shunter and this may have been one of the reasons why Albert followed that line of employment. He became a train driver based at Waterside Station.

At some time Albert moved from this city to live in Scotland, returning home in about 1997. New avenues of employment beckoned and Albert began work at The Inn on the Cross (now the Belfray) and then he moved to The White Horse Hotel at Campsie where he was a faithful employee as a porter for fifteen years, retiring only three years ago at the age of 73. In his early years growing up in the sight of Saint Columb's Cathedral Albert had been a Cathedral Chorister, and I am informed that even as he matured in years he continued to have a good singing voice, enjoying Karaoke and Jiving!

Albert had a love for pigeons and often came first in competitions when he lived in Scotland. We have all known that Albert's health – and particularly during the past eight weeks – has not been good and there have been times when his family thought that they were going to lose him.

Albert's life here on earth has now ended and while his demise had been expected one always hoped that he would be spared for one more day.

I suspect that the death of his beloved Margaret may have led, in part, to his own death. We have all heard the saying, **"He / She died of a broken heart"**.

Albert and Margaret had been together as husband and wife for 47 years. Today, they are reunited in the home that has been prepared for them in Heaven.

In the place where pain and suffering are no more.

Where physical disabilities are unknown and where everyone is safe because God is watching over them.

Today, we are sad as we say 'Goodnight' to Albert but we hold on to the divine promise that one day in God's own time we will see Albert and Margaret once again. On that day our joy will be complete because the circle of life that has been broken by death will be complete. Today as we commend Albert to the safe resting place of His heavenly Father's presence we echo the words of Saint Paul: **"I thank my God every time I remember you"**.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Boyd

We remember the brothers and sisters and all of the relatives of **Miss Margaret Boyd**, Carrickfin, County Donegal who died on Friday 1st September 2023. Margaret was a Diocesan Reader and a past Chairperson of Raphoe Diocesan Youth Council.

Plews

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Albert Alexander Plews**, Aubery Street, Londonderry / Old School Field, Drumahoe, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Albert was the much loved husband of the late Margaret (died Wednesday 23rd August) the devoted father of Jarvis; an adored Granda of Jodie, Sophie, Charlie and Lacey; the dearest brother of Jarvis and Trevor and of Billy, Edith and John (deceased).

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Albert Plews was held at D & R Hay and Sons, Funeral Home, Church Road, Altnagelvin, Londonderry on Friday 8th September 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

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

Colhoun

We remember the relatives of **Ernest Colhoun**, Somme Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry who died on Wednesday 20th September 2023.

Ernest was the dear brother of the late Lexie and a brother-in-law of the late Kathleen Colhoun. He was a dear uncle of John, Ann and the late Charles.

McKegney

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **(The Reverend Canon) John Wade McKegney**, Magheramenagh Gardens, Portrush who died, peacefully, on Friday 22nd September 2023.

John was the dearly loved partner of Karen and husband of the late Carol; the beloved father of Patrick and Ruth; the dear father-in-law of Ashleigh and Stuart; and the devoted grandfather of Finnian, Joshua, Erin and Gabriel. We, also remember the family of his late brother Peter.

John was a son of The Diocese of Derry. His father, The Reverend Canon Herbert Austin McKegney, was the Rector of Saint Augustine's Church, Londonderry, 1930-1972.

Gilfillian

We remember Judith Gilfillian and her family and all of the relatives of Desmond Gilfillian, Dunvale Park, Londonderry who died, peacefully, on Thursday 28th September 2023.

Desmond was the beloved husband of Judith, the loving father of Clare (Deehan) and James, and a devoted grandfather of Katie.

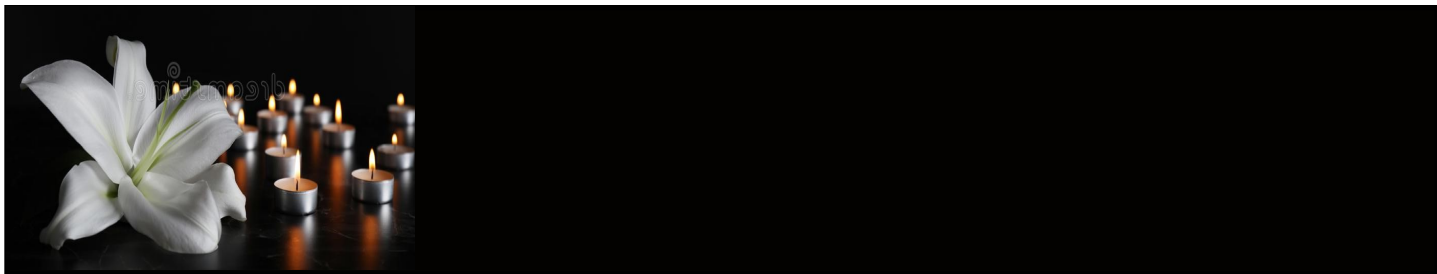


Free dial-in worship phone line during coronavirus lockdown. Daily Hope is a free resource for members who live in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK.

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.



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FABRIC FUND

In loving memory of our dad, Lyndsay Moore

From Lynn, Alison & Suzanne

30.00

In memory of my cousin, David Alexander Huey

From Ian Bartlett

200.00

In memory of David Huey

From Muriel Hamilton

25.00

In memory of David Huey

From Georgina Dunseith

30.00

In memory of Margaret & Albert Plews

From Georgina Dunseith

30.00

In memory of Henry Trotter

From James & Tracey Trotter

125.00

CHOIR FUND

In Loving Memory of Ronald Dobson October 2019. A dearly loved husband

From his Wife Etta Dobson

200.00

In loving memory of our Dad

From Joanie and family

25.00

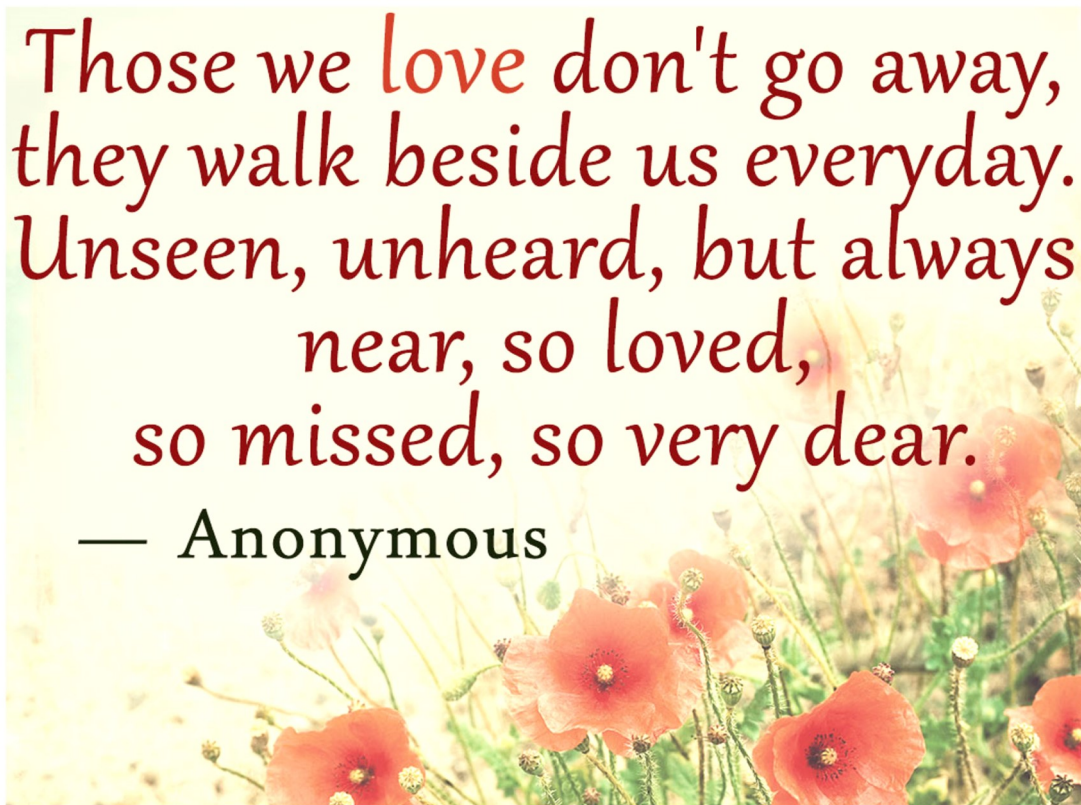
In loving memory of our Dad

From Rosaleen and Family.

25.00

*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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11.00 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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Mr Malcolm Hewitt MBE



Fire alarm

**Sounding Fire alarm - Vestry members report
to the churchwardens immediately**

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