

# Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine



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## The Dean writes.....

## Dear Parishioners and Friends



We are living in extraordinary times. Under more normal circumstances at the beginning of September we would be talking about the Sunday School, the Choir and the parish organisations re-commencing their activities after the Summer break. This year, they will soon be opening their doors again – but with restrictions in place.

For some time to come the Service of Holy Communion at 8.00 am and the Service of Choral Evensong at 4.00 pm on Sunday will continue to be suspended. The Service of Morning Prayer or Holy Communion or Family Service will, however, continue to be held on Sunday at 11.00 am.

Irene Hewitt, the Sunday School Superintendent, and her band of teachers are looking forward to welcoming boys and girls to 'a new look' Sunday School in Cathedral House from Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The boys and girls and their parents are invited to attend a Family Service in the Cathedral on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00 am. During the service awards for work and attendance at Sunday School for the year 2019-2020 will be presented.

Dr Derek Collins, the Organist, and Nicky Morton, the Assistant Organist, are looking forward to resuming training and rehearsals for the Choristers on Thursdays and Fridays (4.30 pm – 5.30 pm) in the Cathedral Music Room beginning on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. They also hope that, even though congregational singing in church is not permitted, it will be possible to have individual boys or boys from the same household sing at services, when they feel comfortable to do so.

Irene Hewitt, the Enrolling Member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union hopes that it will be possible for meetings of The Mothers' Union to be held in Cathedral House in the near future. We know that the ladies are missing all the gossip!! It is, however, unlikely because of the numbers involved that meetings of The Men's Society will re-convene this year.

We have seen so many 'new things' since March – hand sanitisers, the wearing of face coverings and social distancing in church, to name just a few! Restrictions are still in place and, as I write, more restrictions may not be far away. Parishioners still feel nervous about returning to church. I understand and appreciate your situation, especially if you have been shielding for many months. Please, do not feel under any pressure to return until you feel comfortable to do so.

I hope that the service recorded each Sunday by Robert McGonigle helps you to feel connected to the Cathedral congregation. We owe an immense debt to Robert and Linda, not only for recording the service but also for spending time to prepare it for Facebook and the Website on Sunday afternoon. Thank you Robert and Linda for your expertise and especially for your patience when the technology is slow.

Yours sincerely

*Raymond Stewart*

# Reopening of Church Buildings for Public Worship

The Cathedral opened on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July for 11am morning Service and this will continue for the foreseeable future. Instead of holding three services on Sunday, **only one service at 11.00 am will be held**. A decision on The Celebration of Holy Communion will be taken as we progress with the management of reopening. Any changes will be posted on the Cathedral Facebook site and website.

This, of course, is a temporary measure and the three services will be re-instated at some time in the future.

**What are some of the changes that you will notice when you return to church?**

**As the pews being used do not have runners, you may find them slightly uncomfortable. Please feel free to bring your own cushion if you wish—but don't forget to take it home again!**

A hand sanitiser will be positioned in the porch – **and must be used**.

Tissues will be provided in the pews but parishioners may bring their own

If you feel that you must, please bring a disposable face covering with you.

It must be worn at all times during the service.

A prayer book and a service sheet will be placed in the pew in which you are sitting.

Please leave the prayer book in the pew at the end of the service.

Please write your name and contact number on the service sheet and leave it in the porch.

Singing will not be permitted.

Until we become accustomed to the new situation, the service will be Morning Prayer (Order One) and it will end by 11.45 am.

The Service of Holy Communion will, of course, be celebrated again at a later date.

When you arrive in church, a churchwarden / steward will show you to a pew.

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

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

Please co-operate with the guidance and instructions of the churchwardens / stewards.

Due to social distancing regulations, the Cathedral can only accommodate 100 people (max).

When you arrive and when you leave church we, respectfully request that you do not stand and chat to your friends and neighbours. We understand that we have been accustomed to greeting each other – especially when we are leaving the Cathedral. This is, however, not permitted.

You must keep on moving as quickly as possible, observing social distancing (2 metres).

Please note that all toilets will remain closed until further notice.

**NB – If you, or a member of your household, is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 we, respectfully, request that you DO NOT attend church.**

**If you feel unwell or have been shielding we, respectfully, request that you DO NOT attend church until permitted to do so.**

Please be patient, understanding and co-operative as we all come to terms with these new regulations.

And please remember that COVID-19 has not gone away. It is still at large, so we all need to continue to **BE CAREFUL**. These new regulations will be with us for quite some time to come.

As the Summer holidays draw to a close and the schools are preparing to reopen the Cathedral Sunday School will reopen on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. Boys and girls (and parents) and teachers are invited to attend a **Family Service with The Presentation of Sunday School Awards in the Cathedral at 11.00 am**.



We will continue to meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court – following these guidelines.

**If your child is feeling unwell, has a cough or a temperature, please keep him/her at home. Sunday School will commence in No. 1 at 11.00 am. We will do our own opening and closing of Sunday School in each class in time for meeting with parents at 11.45 am. We will be using the four rooms on the first floor of No. 1 and there will be no movement between classes.**

**All seats will be spaced observing the social distance guidelines.**

**Hand sanitiser will be available in the entrance hall.**

**Family Services will be held in the Cathedral at 11.00 am – dates to be announced – and the Sunday School will attend and participate.**

**Classes will be colour coded.**

<b>Green</b>	<b>P1/2</b>	<b>Noah's Ark Room</b>		<b>Teacher: Holly Callen</b>
<b>Lilac</b>	<b>P3/4</b>	<b>Largest Room (Number 2)</b>	<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Teacher: Lynsey Hewitt</b>
<b>Blue</b>	<b>P5/6</b>	<b>Largest Room (Number 2)</b>	<b>Table 2</b>	<b>Teacher: Gail Ferguson</b>
<b>Peach</b>	<b>P7/First Year</b>	<b>Room 3</b>		<b>Teacher: David Dougherty</b>
<b>Confirmation Class</b>		<b>Room 1 (The Lord's Prayer &amp; The Ten Commandments)</b>		
<b>Jake, Ava, Jack and Ellie</b>		<b>will be members of this class</b>		<b>Teacher: Irene Hewitt</b>

**Each class will have its own set of paper, pens and pencils.**

**We are delighted that Katie Hewitt, Elle Hamilton, Jasmine Foster and Lauren Bell will help with the Sunday School on a rota basis.**

**We hope that these guidelines will not be too restrictive and will enable us all to enjoy our time in Sunday School.**

**The Family Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September will celebrate our children and young people returning to Sunday School. We will also celebrate 40% of our pupils receiving certificates for attendance.**

**Our young people will receive some lovely books reflecting the stories in the Bible. Thank you most sincerely to those who have sponsored special awards in memory of loved ones. It is greatly appreciated.**

**We are looking forward to welcoming back boys and girls who attended last year and, hopefully, we will be able to welcome new pupils too. We will make sure that you will have a warm (social distance) welcome.**

**Irene, Gail, David, Lynsey, Holly and Malcolm**

The weather today certainly seems to suggest that Autumn is on its way. Let us hope the wind and rain aren't here to stay just yet.

Mary Sumner Day on 9th August had to be marked in a very different way this year. Hopefully some of you were

able to watch the online services and there is a reflection about Mary Sumner in the August newsletter on the website [derry.mothersunion.ie](http://derry.mothersunion.ie)

You can also see on the website a photo montage of frontline workers receiving thank you packs. This was a lovely initiative and very warmly welcomed by the recipients, some of whom have sent heartfelt expressions of gratitude. Many thanks to all involved.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Linda Hughes' father, the late Eric Bradley, and send our deepest sympathy to her and all his family at this difficult time.

Please also remember in your prayers Joan Hamilton and her family. Joan had a nasty fall and after a spell in hospital is now recovering in Rush Hall Nursing Home. June and Martin and family have also had a difficult time due to Martin's continuing health problems and we continue to remember Ray and all her family on the recent death of her sister-in-law Paula. Congratulations to Pauline and family on the arrival of the newest addition to their family, Matilda Glenn born in March.

Hopefully it will not be too long before we can meet up again so look after yourselves and stay safe.

**Margaret, Irene and Pauline**

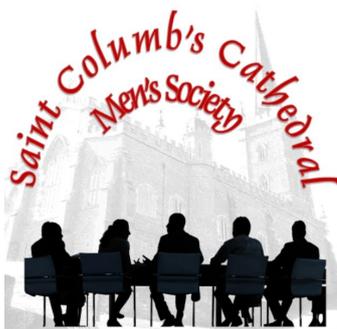
## Jars of Change add up!



Thank you for the donations for Wateraid which has totalled £534 so far. It would be great to get the remainder of the 'jars of change' counted and sent to Wateraid to enable more water taps to be built. Your help would be appreciated in delivering the jars to the Cathedral on a Sunday, or by contacting Elizabeth Fielding who will arrange collection. Like me, I am sure you can't imagine what it is like not to have a water supply

especially given the time spent recently ensuring the drains were clear and flowing well for the torrents of water that have been falling!

**Elizabeth**



This is just a short note and update to all our Men's Society members, some of whom have asked about the possibility of a return to meetings.

To an extent we are hampered by our own success, which means under present regulations we would have too many members in

No.1 Saint Columba's Court to 'socially distance'. There may also be a difficulty getting speakers.

As we all are aware, the pandemic regulations are very fluid in terms of what we are allowed to do, but this will be kept under review and should circumstances change for the better, we will be touch. Stay safe.

**Robert McGonigle**

# The Cathedral Magazine

Notes / Articles for the October issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

## The General Vestry

The meeting of the General Vestry of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7.00 pm. for the purpose of appointing and electing churchwardens, glebewardens, supplemental glebewardens and Select Vestry.

This year Parochial Nominators, Supplemental Parochial Nominators, Diocesan Synodpersons and Supplemental Diocesan Synodpersons will also be elected.

If you are unable to attend please send your apologies.



Free dial-in worship phone line during coronavirus lockdown. Daily Hope is a free resource for members who live in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. It offers a variety of music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. To listen to Mothers' Union Midday Prayers – choose option 4 and then option 8. The line – is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those

unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

## HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

If you or a relative is admitted to or discharged from a hospital or a nursing home please let the Dean 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 hospital if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Please note that during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic Dean Raymond Stewart and Canon John Merrick are not permitted to visit hospitals and nursing homes.**

**Please, however, inform us if you are admitted to a hospital or to a nursing home so that we can pray for you.**

# Scripture Readings at Sunday Services

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

This year we follow the readings for Year A

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8.00 am**

Exodus 12: 1-14. Psalm 149 (page 765). Romans 13: 8-14. Saint Matthew 18: 15-20.

**11.00 am (Family Service with The Presentation of Sunday School Awards)**

Exodus 12: 1-14. Saint Matthew 18: 15-20.

**4.00 pm**

Psalm 108 (page 721). Ezekiel 12: 21 – 13: 16. Saint Mark 7: 24-37.

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8.00 am**

Exodus 14: 19-31. Psalm 114 (page 727). Romans 14: 1-12. Saint Matthew 18: 21-35.

**11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer – Order One)**

Psalm 114 (page 727). Exodus 14: 19-31. Saint Matthew 18: 21-35.

**4.00 pm**

Psalm 119: 41-48 (page 734). Ezekiel 20: 1-8, 33-44. Saint Mark 8: 27-38.

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8.00 am**

Exodus 16: 2-15. Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45 (page 713). Philippians 1: 21-30.

Saint Matthew 20: 1-16.

**11.00 am (The Service of Holy Communion – Order One)**

Philippians 1: 21-30. Saint Matthew 20: 1-16.

**4.00 pm**

Psalm 119: 121-128 (page 739). Ezekiel 33: 23, 30 – 34: 10. Saint Mark 9: 30-37.

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

**8.00 am**

Exodus 17: 1-7. Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 (page 679). Philippians 2: 1-13.

Saint Matthew 21: 23-32.

**11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer – Order One)**

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16 (page 679). Exodus 17: 1-7. Saint Matthew 21: 23-32.

**4.00 pm**

Psalm 124 (page 744). Ezekiel 37: 15-28. Saint Mark 9: 38-50.



## Sunday Service

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

## I am missing you all so much

Friend, do **you** remember the Easter Sunday we were at church with the exotic cream and black feathers when Tom Frazer turned to the person behind him and asked "Do you think she shot it herself?" Such a sharp Scottish wit!

And, **you**, friend, I noticed you in the Salvation Army shop; I knew you were quality and I took you home.

I am sad, friend, that **you** and I have not been out since that day at Hillsborough castle. You wore a pink brooch I made for you; I thought it added something to your appearance.

I wish for a day out with **you** to the waterfall at Glenariff, it would be nice to go there for another wedding and I could dress up in pink.

It was quite a trip **you** made from Covent Garden in London- I always think of Queen Mary and her toques when I see you.

Do you remember the necklace of small stones bought from Muriel at the Christmas sale? It was turquoise, navy and amber and I came home and put it on **you**- it looks so well against the black material.

When I see **you** I think of Nurse Pitts (the 'nit' nurse) of two generations ago. She wore that shade of grey associated with school nurses.

We will not talk about how much was spent on **you** in the Craft Village shop, but sure, you were worth it!

Margaret Boyle and I took a diversion to Coleraine on the way home from a conference in Portstewart, where I fell in love with **you** and we have lived happily together ever since.

I feel guilty that **you**, my raspberry friend and I have only been seen together once, even though it was at Buckingham Palace! I really must get together again soon with all of you.

Love to all my Sabbath day hats.

**Elizabeth**



Congratulations to Reverend Rodney Magennis who has been ordained presbyter. He will serve as Diocesan Curate with special responsibility for the Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva.

Rodney was ordained by Bishop David McClay at a service in Holy Trinity Church, Banbridge on Sunday 23 August. The preacher was The Reverend Canon Roland Heaney, Rector of Dunganstown Union in the Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough.

**Congratulations**  
**RODNEY**



# Bible Readings for September 2020

<b>DAY</b>	<b>READING</b>	<b>THEME</b>
Tuesday 1	Romans 12:9-13	Never flag
Wednesday 2	Romans 12:14-21	Never avenge
Thursday 3	Romans 13:1-7	God and the civil authorities
Friday 4	Romans 13:8-14	Love and the law
Saturday 5	Romans 14:1-12	Don't judge
Sunday 6	Romans 14:13-23	Don't trip one another up
Monday 7	Romans 15:1-13	Accept one another
Tuesday 8	Romans 15:14-22	Welcoming outsiders (genuinely!)
Wednesday 9	Romans 15:23-33	An uphill struggle
Thursday 10	Romans 16:1-16, 21-23	Dear each and everyone
Friday 11	Romans 16:17-20	Don't be duped
Saturday 12	Romans 16:25-27	The one and only
Sunday 13	Deuteronomy 18:18-22	True or false?
Monday 14	1 Kings 13:11-24	Leading with integrity
Tuesday 15	1 Kings 22:4-28, 34-35	Standing out from the crowd
Wednesday 16	Jeremiah 23:16-32	The truth makes you free
Thursday 17	Jeremiah 28	Voices, voices, voices
Friday 18	Micah 3:5-12	The gospel is not for sale
Saturday 19	Acts 13:1-12	Tricks of the trade
Sunday 20	Saint Luke 4:14-21	Why take the risky way?
Monday 21	Saint Luke 24:13-27	Hard to believe
Tuesday 22	Saint John 4:21-29, 39-42	A witness in spirit and truth
Wednesday 23	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Good news of grace
Thursday 24	Saint John 11:49-52	One man for the people
Friday 25	Acts 26:1-20	Get up and stand on your feet!
Saturday 26	Romans 10:1-15	Saved by the good news
Sunday 27	Saint Matthew 11:25-30	An invitation
Monday 28	Saint Matthew 12:1-14	No time like the present
Tuesday 29	Saint Matthew 12:38-50	The importance of signage
Wednesday 30	Saint Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Sowing is a seasonal thing!

*FRESH from the WORD*

The Bible readings are from 'Fresh from the Word—the Bible for a change—2020'  
produced by The International Bible Reading Association

## The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,

Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will.

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life

and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

*The Serenity Prayer was written by the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)*



## Why would God want me?



I'm not perfect. I have all kinds of problems. I have no ability. I have no gifts.

I'm just not worthy. Why would God want me?

Well, did you know that:

**Moses stuttered. David's armour didn't fit. John Mark deserted Paul. Timothy had ulcers.**

**Hosea's wife was a prostitute. Amos' only training was in the school of fig-tree pruning.**

**Jacob was a liar. David had an affair. Solomon was too rich. Jesus was too poor.**

**Abraham was too old. David was too young. Peter was afraid of death. Lazarus was dead.**

**John was self-righteous. Naomi was a widow. Paul was a persecutor of the church.**

**Moses was a murderer. Jonah ran from God's will. Miriam was a gossip.**

**Gideon and Thomas both doubted. Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.**

**Elijah was burned out. John the Baptist was a loudmouth. Martha was a worry-wart.**

**Noah got drunk.**

**..... Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse?**

**So did Peter, Paul – well, lots of folks did.**

But God doesn't require a job interview for salvation. He's our Heavenly Father.

He doesn't look at financial gain or loss.

He's not prejudiced or partial, not judging, grudging,

not deaf to our cry, not blind to our needs.

He knows who we are and what we are

and He loves us in spite of ourselves.



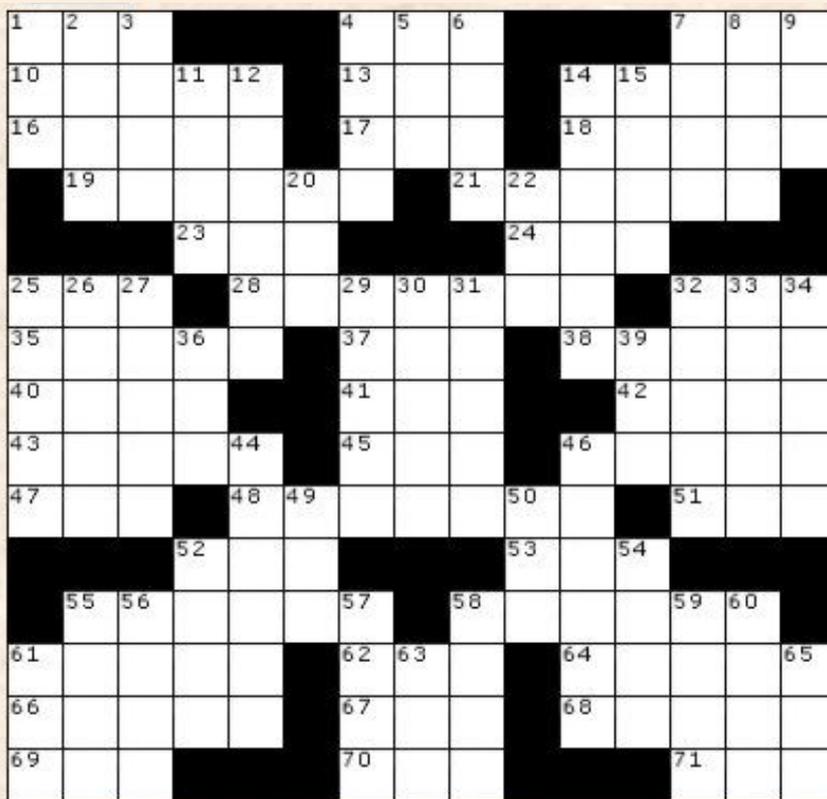
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**BIRTHDAY!**

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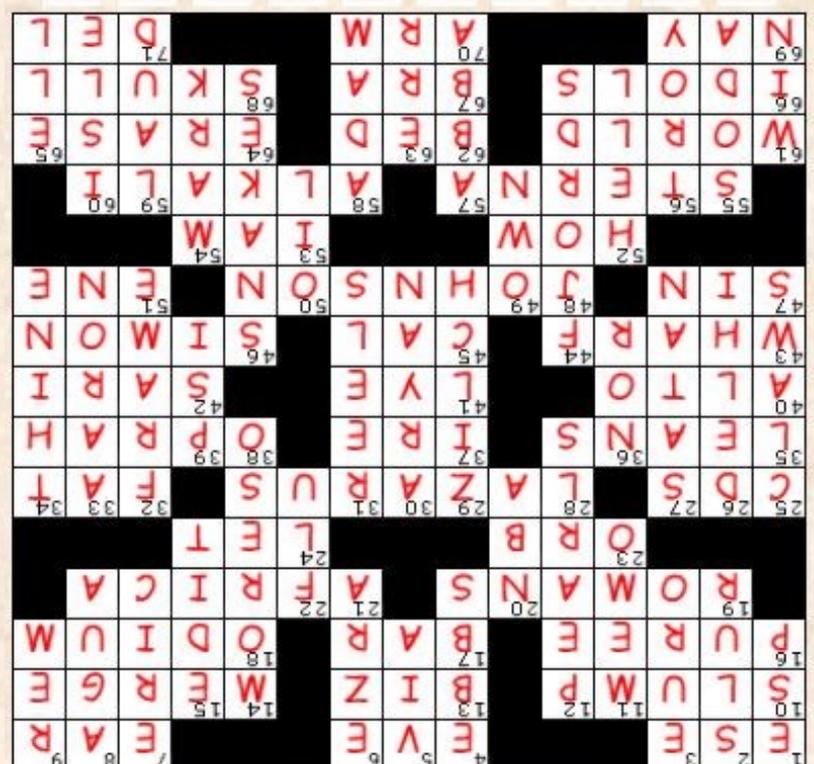
**ACROSS**

- 1 Compass point
- 4 First lady
- 7 Serving of corn
- 10 Droop
- 13 Laundry detergent brand
- 14 Bring together
- 16 Mush up
- 17 Forbid
- 18 Abhorrence
- 19 Book near Acts
- 21 Where Egypt is located
- 23 Sphere
- 24 Allow
- 25 Discs
- 28 Brother of Mary and Martha
- 32 Lard
- 35 Tends
- 37 Wrath
- 38 Ms. Winfrey
- 40 Singing voice
- 41 Caustic substance
- 42 Frock
- 43 Landing

- 45 Calorie
- 46 Peter's other name
- 47 Transgression
- 48 \_\_\_ and Johnson
- 51 Vane direction
- 52 \_\_\_ come?
- 53 A name of God
- 55 Rib joiners
- 58 Strong chemical base
- 61 For God so loved the \_\_\_
- 62 Cot
- 64 Wipe off
- 66 Objects of false worship
- 67 Undergarment
- 68 Brain protector
- 69 Congressional vote
- 70 Fortify
- 71 Delaware

**DOWN**

- 1 Sixth sense
- 2 Speak indistinctly
- 3 European monetary unit
- 4 Tides
- 5 By way of
- 6 OT book of history
- 7 Little Mermaid's love
- 8 Mexican water
- 9 Rock group
- 11 Reminder
- 12 Do not throw your \_\_\_ before swine
- 14 Overly (2 wds.)
- 15 Rewrite
- 20 BB association
- 22 Winter malady
- 25 Animal's talons
- 26 Headquarters of British India
- 27 The devil
- 29 Zero
- 30 White
- 31 Brings in a fish
- 32 Supporting structure
- 33 Brother of Moses
- 34 KJV possessive pronoun
- 36 Neither's partner
- 39 Pressure unit
- 44 Waters between cliffs
- 46 Winds around
- 49 Hold
- 50 Lubricate
- 52 Place for the wicked
- 54 A Gospel
- 55 Soft drink
- 56 Helen of \_\_\_
- 57 Word meaning father
- 58 Father of Abel
- 59 Exalt
- 60 Island
- 61 Defeat
- 63 Goof
- 65 Annex



# Partners in Prayer 2020

## Bishop Andrew writes .....

To pray for each other is a wonderful gift from God. Prayer not only empowers the ministry of parishes across our dioceses; it also draws us closer together as the family of God. It is always a blessing to know that someone is praying for you.

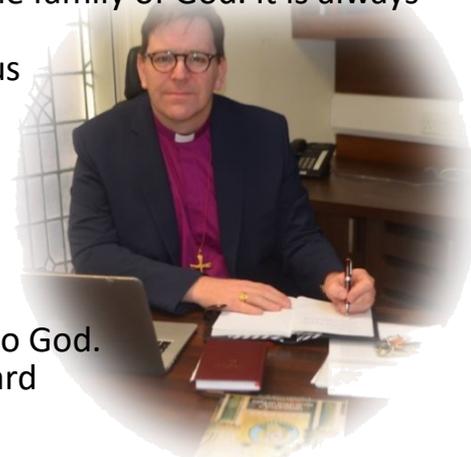
In commending our diocesan prayer diary can I urge each one of us to renew our commitment to prayer during 2020. I am more and more convinced that it is only as we pray that we will know the blessing of God in our dioceses.

‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

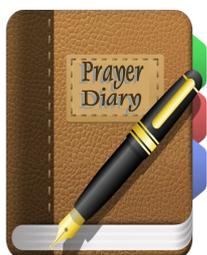
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.’ *Philippians 4: 4-7*



+ ANDREW DERRY AND RAPHOE



## THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

### THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

The Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba,  
Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.

#### The Church of Ireland

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

**The Dioceses of Down and Dromore.** The Right Reverend David McClay.

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

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

Rector: Vacant.

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

## MISSION FOCUS - The Bible Society in Pakistan

Around 60% of women in Pakistan cannot read or write, often leaving them living in poverty. This illiteracy is also reflected among the women of the church.

The “**Beacon in the Light of Illiteracy**” seeks to teach women of all ages to read and write through Scripture.

In 2019 the Bible Society in Pakistan was able to partner with over twelve churches to run 240 classes.

Women were excited to learn to read and write but are especially excited to be able to read the Scriptures for themselves.

In 2020 the Bible Society hopes to increase this number and to reach even more women with God’s Word.

## TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

### THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

### THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

#### The Anglican Church of South America

The Most Reverend Gregory James Venables,

Presiding Bishop of The Anglican Church of South America and Bishop of Argentina.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Dioceses of Down and Dromore.** The Right Reverend David McClay.

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

**The Parishes of Fahan Upper and Fahan Lower (Buncrana)**

The Reverend Judi McGaffin, Bishop's Curate-in-charge.

**MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission in Nigeria**

**Pray for God's protection,** blessing and safety on all TLM Nigeria staff members who travel to remote places to minister love to the poor and marginalised people affected by leprosy and disabilities.

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**The Province of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

The Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama,

Archbishop of the Province of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Bishop of Juba.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Dioceses of Down and Dromore.** The Right Reverend David McClay.

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

**The Parishes of Taughboyne with Craigadooish, Newtowncunningham  
and Killea (Carrigans)**

The Reverend Canon David Crooks, Rector.

Mr William (Bill) Turner, Mrs Maureen Williams, Ms Anne Speers, Diocesan Readers.

**MISSION FOCUS - Church Mission Society in Egypt**

Covid-19 lockdown was introduced early and initial case numbers were low but are now increasing.

Millions of people have been out of work and are struggling. The Church is involved in medical work, food banks and support for poor families.

**Pray for the students** at The Nuba Mountain Bible Institute, Cairo.

**MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**SAINT MATTHEW**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**The Province of The Episcopal Church of Sudan**

The Most Reverend Ezekiel Kumir Kondo,

Archbishop of the Province of The Episcopal Church of Sudan and Bishop of Khartoum.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Dioceses of Down and Dromore.** The Right Reverend David McClay.

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

**The Parish of Conwal Union (Letterkenny) with Gartan**

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

## **MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission in Bangladesh**

Hagar (NariNiketon) is a short-term Shelter home (maximum 1 year) for destitute women. The project aims to resettle destitute women who have been rejected by their family and community.

**Pray** that Hagar maintains its success for the second year of its new phase.

**TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020  
SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**



### **A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus**

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in Ireland and across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen.

*(Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dublin and Glendalough).*

### **A Prayer for Healthcare Workers**

Thank you, our Father, that your love has been the spur which has sent men and women with medical training to many places where sickness and disease are endemic.

Strengthen them when they work long hours with little rest.

Guide them when they lack equipment and medicines.

Sustain them when they are tired.

Encourage them when they are depressed.

Protect them when they are in danger.

Augment their skills with your healing power.

That their loving service may bear witness to the Saviour who brings wholeness to a sick world. Amen.

*(Michael Seward).*

# The Service of Thanksgiving to mark The Relief of Derry

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Welcome – The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart, the Dean of Derry

I welcome you this morning to the grounds of Saint Columb's Cathedral for the annual Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Relief of Derry.

I suspect that in the long history of The Apprentice Boys of Derry this is the first time that this service has been held in this way and under these conditions.

The Coronavirus pandemic has put its mark on us and has reduced the number of people who can meet together.

You have had to respect social distancing and other restrictions – but I hope that these safety measures will not spoil the occasion for you today, and that you will still be able to worship God and to remember the Brave Thirteen in your usual reverend and dignified manner.

### Reflection

For the past five months this country has been held hostage by the invisible and potentially dangerous and life-threatening virus COVID-19.

We have been restricted in what we have been able to do, the places that we have been able to visit and the people with whom we have been able to meet.

Many, who are vulnerable and have health issues, have had to shield and were allowed to leave their homes only for exercise and emergencies.

Thankfully, the restrictions have now been lifted but many people are still nervous about returning to their normal duties.

The picture that I have just described could in some ways resemble the pictures that come from this part of the city over 300 years ago – when the Protestant people barricaded themselves inside the city walls in order to find safety from their enemy.

In our time of lockdown over the past months, while we were inconvenienced, we at least knew the warmth and security of our homes, we had the help of friends and neighbours who brought us our groceries, and we enjoyed nourishing meals every day.

In my understanding of the Great Siege I believe that these normal things were denied to the people.

Overcrowding, disease, starvation and death were a daily occurrence during the 105 days of physical deprivation.

This churchyard is the resting place of many who died during the Great Siege and what is known as 'The Heroes' Mound' is a fitting memorial to the unknown defenders of this city in 1689.

This Cathedral Church was a place of security and refuge for many during those days. It was a symbol of hope and strength for the community and for many it was their last port of call.

In the services, Scripture readings and prayers that were part of life here day by day they were encouraged to look beyond the physical difficulties and to place their hope and trust in God.

This message has been loud and clear during the past months.

We have been encouraged to pray for those who serve in the NHS and in the many caring professions. We have been encouraged to pray for those who are working to find a remedy for this virus.

There have been many times when dark clouds have overwhelmed us but we have been urged never to lose hope but to believe that God is in control and – in the words of Psalm 46 – that **He is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.**

At the beginning of the Great Siege, many people were, naturally, fearful and apprehensive. They did not know what lay before them. They did not know what the future held. They did not have a crystal ball to enable them to see light at the end of the tunnel.

But deep within them they knew who held the future. They faced their difficulties in the knowledge and assurance that God was with them.

That He journeyed with them and protected them.

300 years later as we continue to face our enemy, let us believe that this same God hears our cries and will deliver us.

# Bible Quiz for Kids

1. Why was Moses placed in a basket along the river Nile?
2. What did God create on the fourth day?
3. What was the name of the giant who David hit with a stone from a slingshot?
4. Where did Jesus spend 40 days fasting:  
a) The Garden of Gethsemane, b) Mount Sinai, c) The Judean Desert?
5. Who are the four Patron Saints of the United Kingdom?
11. True or false: the body of Jesus is traditionally believed to have been buried in Bethlehem?
12. How many kings visited the manger where Jesus was born?
13. True or false: The Sea of Galilee is a freshwater lake in Israel?
14. What is the third Station of the Cross:  
a) the women of Jerusalem weep over Jesus, b) Jesus meets his mother, c) Jesus falls for the first time?
15. According to the legend of St. George, which creature did he slay?

1. Because his mother didn't want him to be killed by the Egyptians
2. The Sun, Moon and Stars
3. David
4. c) The Judean Desert
5. George, Andrew, Patrick and David
11. False: the body of Jesus is believed to have been buried in Jerusalem
12. Three
13. True
14. c) Jesus falls for the first time?
15. A dragon

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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020**

**Daniel Conor McMackin**, the son of

Gary James McMackin and Lucy Ellen McGonigle, The Hillocks, Londonderry.

Daniel's godparents are David Dunbar, Katy Parkhill and Lorraine Murray.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Irene Hewitt, the Enrolling Member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Gary and Lucy with a 'Dorcas Pack' for Daniel.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Matthew Wallace Michael Mullin**, the son of

Nathan Michael Mullin and Hannah Louise Robb, Lisneal, Londonderry.

Matthew's godparents are Robert Robb, Daniel Mullin and Shannon McGrath.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Carol Bell, a member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Nathan and Hannah with a 'Dorcas Pack' for Matthew.

### Burial

*The Lord is my Shepherd.*

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**Fredrick (Eric) Bradley**, Maydown Road, Londonderry  
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry

# *With Heartfelt Sympathy*

## **Hume**

We remember Pat Hume and her family – Therese, Aine, Aidan, John and Mo, and their families – and all of the relatives of **John Hume** who died on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

## **Craig**

We remember David Craig, his daughter Olivia and his father-in-law Freddie Chapman, and all of the relatives of **Donna Craig** (nee Chapman), Binnelly Road, Donemana who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

We, also, remember Donna's cousin Joy and her husband Ivor Smyth, Richill Park, Londonderry.

## **Lennox**

We remember Iris Lennox and her family – Mark, Johnathan, and David (deceased) and their families – and all of the relatives of **Thomas George Lennox**, Strand Road, Coleraine who died, peacefully, at Cottage Care Home, Coleraine on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Thomas was a cousin of Margaret McCarter, Culmore Manor Nursing Home, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

## **Bradley**

We remember the family – Linda, Jeffrey (and Shirley) and John (and Ian) and their families – and all of the relatives of **Fredrick (Eric) Bradley**, Maydown Road, Londonderry (formerly Fallowlea Park, Nelson Drive, Londonderry) who died, peacefully, at the home of his daughter Linda Hughes, Ballynagard Crescent, Culmore, Londonderry on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020.

The Service of Committal at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

## **McMenamin**

We remember Patricia McMenamin and her family – Paul (and Jodie), Jason (and Pauline), Michelle (and Keith) and their families – and all of the relatives of **Brian McMenamin**, Knockwellan Park, Waterside, Londonderry who died on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

We also remember the grandchildren Abbi, Ella and Noah.

The members of the Management Committee of the Cathedral Youth Club, of which Brian was a loyal and hard-working member, extend their sincere sympathy to Brian's wife Patricia and their family.

## **Alexander**

We remember Caroline Alexander and her family – Sophie and Jonathan – and all of the relatives of **Jonathan (Johnny) Alexander**, Rosswater, Londonderry who died at his home on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Johnny was a brother of David Alexander, Dunboyne Park, Eglinton to whom, and to whose wife Helen and their family, we also express our sympathy.



# IN MEMORIAM

<b>FABRIC FUND</b>	<b>£</b>
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**The Cathedral will NOT be open to Visitors/Tourists until further notice**

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