

# *Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine*



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## The Dean writes

### Dear Parishioners and Friends



A story is told about a Bishop who visited a school in his Diocese. He arrived just as the Religious Education class was about to begin. The Bishop spoke to the children and then asked

them some questions. He asked one boy, **'Could you tell me the meaning of the Trinity?'**. The Bishop was not aware that this boy had a slight impediment in his speech and so the boy struggled to give an answer. The Bishop, finally, intervened and said, **'I'm sorry. I don't understand'**. The boy replied, **'You're not supposed to. It's a mystery!'**

There are many things in the Christian Life that we don't understand. Mystery surrounds so many aspects of the faith. Yet, mystery can be a very important ingredient in our Christian lives.

We lose something when we lose the mystery in life. Think of Christmas, for example. Children accept the mystery and the magic of Christmas without question whereas for teenagers and adults, who have become worldly-wise, that sense of **wonder** is often missing. A Bishop of The Church of Ireland (now retired), some years ago, hosted a series of seminars on prayer and he included **mystery** as one aspect of the prayer life. He explained that mystery is especially applicable to times of prayer when it is difficult to understand what is happening. He said that, in his own prayers, God was **'close to me, but very far away because He is God'** – that was the mystery beyond comprehension.

There are many things that we cannot understand about God. If we did we would be like God Himself and that, you will remember, was the downfall of Adam and Eve. The serpent told Eve that if she ate of the tree in the centre of the garden she would **become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil.** (Genesis 3: 5).

I remember some words that I heard many years ago – **The Cloud of Unknowing.**

This is the title of a practical spiritual guide book thought to have been written in the latter half of the 14<sup>th</sup> century by an anonymous English monk who counsels a young student to see God not through knowledge but through what he speaks of as a **'naked intent'** and a **'blind love'**.

Think, for example, of Holy Week and Easter that will be celebrated in the Christian Church at the beginning of April. On Good Friday the followers of Jesus had watched as He died. On Easter Day they had received the message, **'He is risen. He is alive'**. They wondered how this could be. They had seen Him being nailed to the Cross and had heard the words that He had spoken. They had watched as His body was taken away to be buried. When they began to talk about Jesus and tell people that He had appeared to them the reaction was, **'These men are mad, disillusioned'**. But their accounts **were** true.

People, then, found it difficult to **understand** how these things could be. They simply **accepted** that it was true. And over 2,000 years later the Church continues to proclaim and to preach that **Jesus is alive.** We profess each Sunday in the words of the historical Creeds that Jesus was raised to life all those years ago. **I believe ..... on the third day he rose again.**

We believe that He appeared to His disciples. We believe that He changed lives.

But there is more to say. We believe that Jesus is still doing the same. He is still changing people's lives. We do not know how He was raised to life from the dead. We do not know how He came through locked doors and appeared to His disciples. But we accept that it happened just as we accept the wonderful changes that He makes in people's lives today.

The apostle Thomas required proof, evidence, that Jesus was alive. He wanted to see the marks of the wounds. When He appeared to Thomas Jesus said, **'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'**. (Saint John 20: 29).

Blessed are we when we acknowledge that we do not fully understand the ways of God but that we are more than willing to believe and accept all that He has done, and continues to do, for us.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

# Confirmation 2023

Confirmation takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at the 4 pm service  
The Diocesan Confirmation team have sent the following information:  
Many parishes are starting the Confirmation journey with their young people, or sending out the initial information about the process. Each year we hold a Diocesan Confirmation Day, to gather young people from around the Diocese who are all at the same stage - learning more about their faith, their church and preparing to make their own decisions.  
This may not be your parish this year, but you can certainly keep it in mind for future years.

## **Saturday 4th March in Christ Church, Limavady.**

The day starts from 11am with registration and refreshments with a prompt session **start at 11.30am and will end at 3pm**. We ask that all groups be signed in by 11.20am. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge, however, where necessary, parishes should arrange/coordinate transport. We are asking that leaders from your parish remain for the day, as this will fulfil our safeguarding ratios. If you have any queries about this please get in touch. It would also be good for leaders to be part of the day, as we continue to build community across the diocese.

The young people will be engaged in a range of games and direct teaching. No matter what parish the young people are from, the material used is pertinent to our Church of Ireland confirmation preparation. Therefore, *we strongly commend this day*. We know some parishes have already begun to meet as a Confirmation group and some are just starting – no matter what stage you are at, this will be a great bonding time for your parish and a chance for the young people to meet others from across the diocese.

**Please note that we require registration forms for every young person attending** and, for catering purposes, we would ask you to indicate how many young people, how many leaders are coming from your parish, and any food requirements.

Please pray for all the young people who are preparing for Confirmation.

## **CONFIRMATION 2023**

**The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will (DV) visit Saint Columb's Cathedral in 2023 to administer The Rite of Confirmation. The date of the Service will be SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 at 4.00 p.m.**

**Parishioners (young people and adults) who wish to be presented for Confirmation are asked to give their names to the Dean.**

**Those who wish to be confirmed –**

**Must be baptised members of the Church.**

**Must be 13 years of age and over in 2023.**

**A Diocesan Confirmation Day will be held in Christ Church, Limavady on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 11.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Those who wish to be confirmed in 2023 are encouraged to attend.**

## **The Cathedral Magazine**

**Notes / Articles for the April 2023 issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**



Our “Adopt a Grandparent” project has gone from strength to strength with over 50 homes in our parish visited. The filming for the Songs of Praise “Adopt a grandparent” will be on TV on Mothering Sunday. The project couldn’t continue without the financial funding from Mind Matters Cofl. We look forward to our next round of visits when we will be taking some chocolates to the “grandparents”. This is an ongoing project which gives as much joy to the children doing the visiting as to those being visited. Check out some of our pictures this month: Etta talked of her time as a Sunday School teacher during the Second World War and Valerie talked of all the Rectories she has lived in. Many of the children were interviewed and we look forward to seeing who makes the final cut for the programme on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday) on BBC1 at 1.15pm.

Our very own teacher Lynsey celebrates her birthday on Saturday 11th March. Happy birthday, Lynsey, from everyone in Sunday School.

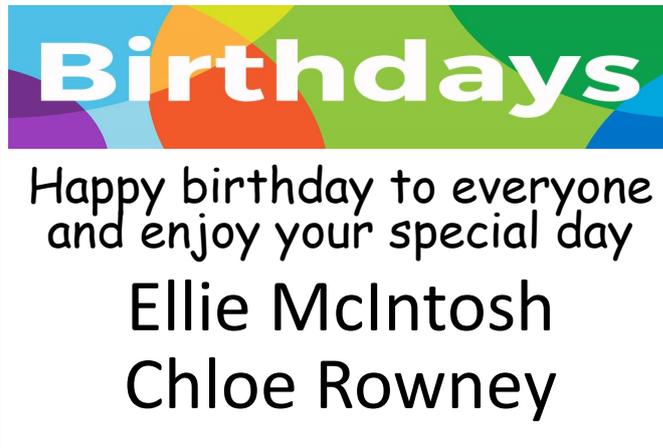
**Calendar for March/April:**

- 5th March Sunday School in No 1 Saint Columb’s Court
- 12th March Sunday School in No 1 Saint Columb’s Court
- 19th March Family Service **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
- 26th March Sunday School in No 1 Saint Columb’s Court
- 2nd April **PALM SUNDAY**
- 9th April **EASTER SUNDAY**
- 16th April Sunday School in No 1 Saint Columb’s Court
- 23rd April Family Service
- 30th April Sunday School in No 1 Saint Columb’s Court

Confirmation will take place on Sunday 11th June at the 4.00 pm service – Scott, Olivia, Emma, Mya & Clark will be completing their lessons over the next few months.



**Lynsey**  
from  
Katie,  
Jake,  
Mark  
& all the  
family



**Birthdays**

Happy birthday to everyone  
and enjoy your special day

**Ellie McIntosh**  
**Chloe Rowney**

**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](mailto:rachael@foylehospice.com)





At the end of January 2015 I attended my first ever Cathedral Choir practice. I had wanted to be a Chorister since I was 3 years old so when Dean Morton and Dr Mills said I could come along to practice I was so happy! When I joined in 2015 I was 6 years old and the youngest member of the choir. After 8 years of service I am now the oldest in the boys' choir. Being a member of Saint Columb's Cathedral Choir has given me confidence, good performance skills and musical skills like sight-reading and music theory. I was very pleased to achieve my Grade 5 in singing from ABRSM last year with the help of Dr Collins and Saint Columb's Cathedral. Some of my many great experiences include singing at the Installations of Dean Raymond Stewart and Bishop Andrew Forster as well as on local radio, on BBC TV, as part of local choir festivals and on stage in the Millennium



Forum. In 2016 we travelled to Dublin to sing in Saint Patrick's Cathedral along with the Choir of Saint Patrick's at the Installation of Dean William Morton as Dean of Saint Patrick's. This was an unforgettable experience! Throughout my 8 years of service, I was presented with The Dean's Medal in 2016, The Corner Boy Medal in 2017 and in June 2021

I was installed as Head Chorister of Cantoris, which is my proudest moment of being in the Choir. Being part of Saint Columb's Cathedral Choir has taught me many valuable things and I am grateful to all the great role models in the men's choir. I have made a lot of great friends over the years and we have been on a lot of fun trips.

It has also been nice sharing this important part of my life with my brother Clark. I would like to thank Dr Derek Collins, Mr Nicky Morton, The Reverend Dr Ian Mills and Mr Louis Fields for all the musical knowledge and experience they have taught me over

the years. I would also like to thank Robes Mistresses Jill and Janelle (my mum) for always making sure we were neat and tidy and our robes were looking good.

**Elliot McClintock**  
**Head Chorister**

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – which Bishop Andrew will be joining – has been arranged for November 2023. The dates are Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** The Pilgrimage is being co-ordinated by the Rector of the Dunfanaghy Group, The Reverend David Skuce, who has a wealth of experience of travelling as a pilgrim to the Middle East. For more details email him at [dunfanaghy@raphoe.anglican.org](mailto:dunfanaghy@raphoe.anglican.org) or telephone 00353 74 91 36187

# World Day of Prayer

First Derry Presbyterian Church will host a service at 7.30pm on Friday 3rd March to mark World Day of Prayer. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by women and celebrated in around 120 countries.

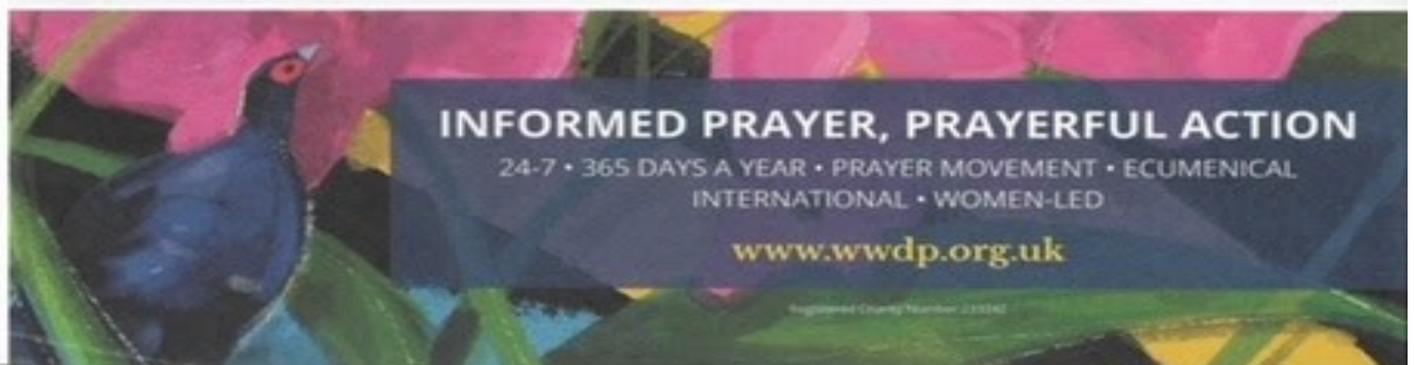
People will gather at First Derry to celebrate a service prepared by women in Taiwan. Their island is culturally diverse and rich in natural resources. The women who have organised the service share issues faced geographically, politically and socially.

For further information and resources, please visit the WDP

website: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN  
US  
3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2023  
AT 7.30pm  
IN  
FIRST DERRY  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**



How nice it has been to hear the birds begin to sing again and to see all the other signs that Spring is just around the corner. For our February meeting on Tuesday 14th we joined the congregation of the Tuesday morning service with intercessions for the sick and then met in the Chapter House for some lively discussion over tea and biscuits. It was decided that we should mark the Branch's 110th anniversary on Monday 3rd April by having a celebratory lunch with The Reverend Rosie Diffin as guest speaker. The Dean has also kindly agreed that we can combine our celebratory anniversary service with the 11am service in the Cathedral on Sunday 21st May. We are looking forward to marking this auspicious occasion with as many members as possible. During the meeting we congratulated Pauline on her 40 years as a member and thanked her for all her many gifts and time given to the branch. We remembered her sister Norma who was enrolled on the same day and the anniversary of whose death also occurs at this time. Members are hoping to make a kneeler to commemorate King Charles' Coronation on Thursday 4th May. The pattern and materials will cost £120 so any contributions would be very welcome.

Thanks to Canon John Merrick for taking the service and to all involved in providing a welcome cup of tea. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th March.

**Irene, Pauline and Margaret**

## **CHAPTER NEWS**

**The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order Two) on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 / (The Second Sunday in Lent will be The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd, the Rector of The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings, Londonderry. The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order One) on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 / The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passiontide) will be The Reverend Canon Derek Quinn, the Rector of The Parishes of Cappagh and Lislimnaghan, Omagh.**

## **A MEETING OF THE SELECT VESTRY**

**A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No.1 Saint Columb's Court on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30 p.m.**

## **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY**

**On the Feast Day of Saint Patrick, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023, there will be a Service of Holy Communion (Order One) at 10.30 a.m. in Saint Columb's Cathedral. At 12.30 p.m. there will be a Service for The No Surrender Parent Club of The Apprentice Boys of Derry.**

## **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 continues 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.**



## Three Kings from Persian Lands

Many of you will know what the above title is referring to. Robert has already been involved in preparations for Epiphany 2024 but the planning needs to start now. Before Epiphany, we are considering a Christmas event, before that Harvest, and as we enter Lent, we know Easter is not far away.

As another year of events approaches, we realise that we are all getting older and maybe not as fit as we were, and all these events are preceded by a week of cleaning in the Cathedral. We need help and a new plan! We do have some cleaning carried out each week in the Cathedral, but you know yourself we are talking about the clean a house needs when special visitors are coming. It is not an enormous task for a team, we are only talking about a major clean three times a year, but too much for a few people with bad backs, knees etc! We need help!

I know many of you have 'adopted' things, like donkeys, elephants, grannies, trees, to name but a few. Would you consider 'adopting' a part of the Cathedral which you will look after, and when the call comes for the cleaning team, you will arrive and deal with the part you have pledged to look after? Among the volunteers we have those with special skills in brass and silver, those who are great at tidying the cupboards, those who like to see the glass clean and those who have made a magnificent job in the toilets, those who can move heavy things, those who can mop and don't have to see the chiropractor the next day!

Some people like to spread the cleaning out over a period of time culminating with the final clean and that is ok too. Some people like to work with friends and if you had a few friends who would pledge to do a task together that would be wonderful.

There would be particular weeks that volunteers would be needed but instead of a specific three hours on a morning we could be more flexible if another time suited better, thinking in particular of people who are working during the day (we were wonderfully encouraged by the team of young men who helped during the Open Garden event last Summer). It would all take a bit of co-ordinating as you are aware the vacuuming would have to be done before the dusting, and windowsills vacuumed before cushions were vacuumed, so some jobs would always take place on the first day and others can follow on with John polishing aisles on the last day.

A long list of tasks has been prepared with spaces for your name. We would be delighted to put you on the Volunteer Pledge List! Elizabeth has the list and would email it to you so that you can see the extent of the task and where you might be able to help.

I always think of the Victorian maid who was asked what difference her Christian faith had made to her work and she said that she now swept the dirt from under the carpets! Please do help us to ensure that the church is gleaming.

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## The entertainment from the Boy & Girl Cathedral Choristers at the *Christmas* Coffee Morning December 2022



# Music List March 2023



Sunday 5

The Second Sunday in Lent

11am

Choral Eucharist (Order Two) Gentlemen of the Choir & Girls' Choir  
Third Communion Service, *William Mathias*  
Dear Lord and Father, *Hubert Parry*

4pm

Choral Evensong with The Rite of Holy Baptism The Cathedral Choir  
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, *EJ Moeran*  
I heard the voice of Jesus say, *Richard Shephard*

Sunday 12

The Third Sunday in Lent

11am

Choral Matins The Cathedral Choir  
Benedictus in C, *Charles Villiers Stanford*  
Like as the hart, *Herbert Howells*

4pm

Choral Evensong with The Rite of Holy Baptism  
The Cathedral Chamber Choir  
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, *Charles Wood*  
Greater Love, *John Ireland*

Sunday 19

The Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday

11am

Family Service The Cathedral Choir  
Now thank we all our God, *Johann Sebastian Bach*

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Girls' Choir  
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis—Chants by *Smart and Peregrinus*  
Blest are the pure in heart, *Walford Davies*

Sunday 26

The Fifth Sunday in Lent / Passiontide

11am

Choral Eucharist (Order One) The Cathedral Choristers  
Communion Service in E, *Harold Darke*  
Ave verum, *Edward Elgar*

3pm

Service of Remembrance  
Special Service Order



## REPAIR OF DEANERY CEILING!

As you can see the Events Working Group took a leap of faith, got the tender ready, engaged the workmen and went ahead with replacing the Deanery Dining Room ceiling. The dust was indescribable so here is evidence of the workers. As usual we were very blessed to find skilled craftsmen, a chandelier of the period, men with a good head for heights and volunteers to fetch and carry.

That was the easy part. Now the bills must be paid. We are indebted to many people for their help in keeping the costs low, however the bills are gradually nearing £7k. The major fundraiser for this work was the Christmas Coffee Morning which raised £2729 which is about 2/5ths of the cost. While we have a long way to go to pay for the repair, we are challenged by the prophet Haggi who told the people 'Here you are living in fine houses and God's house is in ruins'. In our defence, we are trying, with your help!

We are currently looking at fundraising activities for the near future. If you have an idea, or would be willing to facilitate an event, we would be delighted to hear from you. Would you consider a daffodil tea at home or a 'bring and buy' sale, a quiz evening or a *small coffee morning*? *We are of course open to donations should you wish to contribute in that way.* Events are a lot of work, stress, and exhausting, but they are such an enriching experience. It is so good to meet together with others and enjoy fellowship. Despite 10th December being a nightmare of a day in terms of ice and snow, we had guests at the coffee morning from Australia, Bangor, and Magherafelt and all points in between! We are indebted to the stallholders who put so much effort into the event, some working for months before the event to craft wool and wood! The coat stall not only benefited those who got coats, but the surplus helped lots of people in difficult circumstances. The Chapter House was transformed into a very upmarket coffee house, with delicious donations of baked goods. The musical interludes added to the atmosphere of the day.

Thank **you** all for your help and continuing support. Do contact us with your ideas. **E.W.G.**



# Bible Readings for March 2023

DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	John 17:6-10	I made your name known
Thursday 2	Isaiah 2:2-4	Your kingdom come
Friday 3	Psalms 103:19-22	A throne in the heavens
Saturday 4	John 18:33-37	A different kind of kingdom
Sunday 5	Psalms 40:4-8	Your will be done
Monday 6	Colossians 1:15-20	God's will fulfilled
Tuesday 7	John 6:35-40	The will of the Father
Wednesday 8	Acts 2:43-47	On earth
Thursday 9	Isaiah 25:6-9	As in heaven
Friday 10	1 Kings 19:1-8	Give us today our daily bread
Saturday 11	Exodus 16:13-18	Bread in the wilderness
Sunday 12	John 6:48-51	Eternal provision
Monday 13	Psalms 103:8-17	Eternal living: restoring the broken relationship
Tuesday 14	Acts 7:54-60	As we forgive those ...
Wednesday 15	John 21:15-19	Restoration in forgiveness
Thursday 16	Psalms 27:7-12	Lead us not into temptation
Friday 17	Ephesians 6:10-20	Stand firm
Saturday 18	John 17:11-14	Protected by the name
Sunday 19	Psalms 56	But deliver us from evil
Monday 20	Psalms 121	The Lord is my keeper
Tuesday 21	John 17:15-19	Keep them from the Evil One
Wednesday 22	Psalms 145:10-13	For the kingdom
Thursday 23	1 Chronicles 29:10-13	The power and the glory
Friday 24	John 17:20-26	Glory and unity
Saturday 25	Revelation 11:15-19	Now and for ever, amen
Sunday 26	Matthew 24:1-14	Out with the old and in with the new
Monday 27	Matthew 24:15-28	From bad to worse, then glorious
Tuesday 28	Matthew 24:29-44	Unaware of the abyss
Wednesday 29	Matthew 24:45-51	Who you are, behind the scenes
Thursday 30	Matthew 25:1-13	Choose wisdom or folly
Friday 31	Matthew 25:14-30	Who is God?

# FAURÉ REQUIEM and Choral Classics

Renaissance Chamber Choir  
St Columb's Cathedral Chamber Choir

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by Simon Neill

ACCOMPANIED  
by Derek Collins Organ

**St Columb's Cathedral**  
**Saturday 25 March 2023**  
**@ 7.30pm**

Admission Free

AMAZING  
CROSS-COMMUNITY

# VARIETY CONCERT

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FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH

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PRESENTS

# THE SWINGLES

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# PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2023

FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023 / WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**The Church of The Province of South East Asia**

The Most Reverend Melter Jiki Tais,  
Archbishop of The Church of The Province of South East Asia;  
Bishop of The Diocese of Sabah.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Diocese of Connor.** The Right Reverend George Davison.

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

**The Parish of Tamlaghtfinlagan (Ballykelly) with Myroe**

The Reverend Canon Harold Given, Rector.

**MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

**After the success of ‘Bibles for Babies’ in 2022, we are excited to launch the project again for 2023.** We have had over 1200 babies registered to date.

This programme seeks to cultivate the habit of reading Scripture together as a family from a young age. Every child registered with ‘Bibles for Babies’ receives a Toddler Bible on their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, followed by a birthday card and a small resource bundle on their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> birthdays, and finally a Children’s Bible on their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**This project is open to any baby born in 2022 and currently living in Northern Ireland.**

We simply want families to foster the habit of reading Scripture together.

Lovingly wrapped by our dedicated team of volunteers, each baby receives a personalised card and a dedicated Toddler Bible. We pray that ‘Bibles for Babies’ blesses every family that is registered.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**The Church of South India (United)**

The Most Reverend Dharmaraj Rasalam, Moderator of The Church of South India;  
Bishop of The Diocese of South Kerala.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Diocese of Connor.** The Right Reverend George Davison.

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

**The Parish of Drumachose / Limavady.** The Reverend Canon Aonghus Mayes, Rector.

**MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN ETHIOPIA**

**Ethiopia still faces a number of challenges related to leprosy. More people in Ethiopia are experiencing visible disability as a result of leprosy which is an indication of late diagnosis and treatment. On top of this more children are being diagnosed with leprosy.**

In response to these challenges the TLM Ethiopia team strives to support the government’s leprosy control programme.

**Pray** that Ethiopian leaders will make wise decisions for the safety of the nation, find better solutions for the economy and encourage inclusive development for persons with disability.

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023 / SAINT PATRICK**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT / MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**The Anglican Church of Southern Africa**

The Most Reverend Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown;  
Primate of The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Diocese of Connor.** The Right Reverend George Davison.

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

**The Parishes of Castlerock and Dunboe.** The Reverend Chris Mac Bruitin, Rector.

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT / PASSIONTIDE**

**The Anglican Church of South America**

The Right Reverend Nicholas James Quedsted Drayson,  
Bishop of The Diocese of Northern Argentina;  
Primate of The Anglican Church of South America.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

**The Diocese of Connor.** The Right Reverend George Davison.

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

**The Parish of Killowen / Coleraine.** The Reverend Donard Collins, Rector.

**MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN SWEDEN**

**The Leprosy Mission has been active in Sweden since the mid-1970's and in 1985**

**TLM Sweden was established as a national organisation. The Leprosy Mission Sweden works to raise awareness about leprosy and to give support to leprosy work.**

**Thank God for our TLM partners in Asia and Africa. For the fantastic work they are doing.**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT / PALM SUNDAY**

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

The Most Reverend Justin Badi Arama,  
Archbishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**The Church of Ireland**

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

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

**The Parish of Camus-juxta-Bann / Macosquin.** The Reverend Paul Lyons, Rector.

**MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN EL SALVADOR**

**El Salvador has one of the highest poverty rates in Latin America, meaning that many young people grow up surrounded by difficult circumstances.**

They struggle with finding hope in their future which is why The Bible Society in El Salvador has created the 'New Testament Tour' for schools.

This programme is a ten-week Bible-based course targeted at young people's personal development. Each of the 32 lessons emphasises their worth in Christ, how they are valued by their Heavenly Father and how He wants to give them a hope and a future.

Currently, over 300 volunteers across El Salvador help to run this programme in public schools. Over 2,900 students are currently enrolled across 58 schools. Emely, a student involved in this programme, said, **“I didn’t think about my future until I learned from the Bible that God guides the decisions I make. Now, I will have to choose what to study and there are two careers that I like, nursing and veterinary medicine.”**



## New All Ireland Mothers’ Union Chaplain

Dr Stephen and Mrs Helen McBride.

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Reverend John McDowell, has appointed the Archdeacon of Connor, the Venerable Dr Stephen McBride, as the All Ireland Chaplain to the Mothers’ Union. Announcing the appointment, the Archbishop said: “The Mothers’ Union has been at the heart of the worship and witness of the Church of Ireland for more than a century, and under the enthusiastic guidance of June Butler and the present leadership team continues to serve the Church with cheerfulness, modesty and devotion. “I can think of no better person than Dr Stephen McBride to

support and nurture this spirit of involvement and dedication (and fun) at the heart of the Church, so well supported by his wife Helen. I know too that their very much grown up children Rachael and Alex and their families will relish and support Stephen in his new role. “Stephen was my training rector and, in those curacy years, impressed on me the importance of human relationships, especially the central relationship of marriage and family life, which are at the heart of our witness to the world.”

When he was approached by the Archbishop to take on the role of All Ireland Chaplain, Stephen said he was honoured to be considered as Canon Robert Deane’s successor and he looks forward to working alongside June Butler and the All Ireland Trustees and to meeting, worshipping with and supporting MU members across Ireland.

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## LENT 2023

There will be a devotional service (An Order for Compline), with an Address by The Reverend Canon John Merrick, on each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m.

### LENT BIBLE STUDY

The Dean will conduct a series of talks on 'The Psalms' during Lent. The series will be held in The Chapter House of the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoons at 3.00 p.m., beginning on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Psalm 23

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Psalm 65

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Psalm 91

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Psalm 100

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Psalm 121



### LENT LUNCHTIME TALKS

A series of talks on the theme 'The Ministry of a ..... Chaplain will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday afternoons in Lent, (1.05 p.m. – 1.50 p.m.)

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| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March  | The Ministry of an Army Chaplain/Padre<br>Speaker: The Reverend Colin Jones,<br>Minister of First Derry and Monreagh Presbyterian Churches                     |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | The Ministry of a Hospital Chaplain<br>Speaker: The Reverend Heather Houlton,<br>Chaplain to Letterkenny General Hospital                                      |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March | The Ministry of a Chaplain to Refugees from Ukraine<br>Speaker: The Reverend Alan McCracken, Bishop's Curate,<br>The Moville Group of Parishes, County Donegal |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March | The Ministry of a Prison Chaplain<br>Speaker: The Reverend Canon Harold Given,<br>Rector of The Parish of Tamlaghtfinlagan (Ballykelly) with Myroe             |

### JARS OF CHANGE – LENT APPEAL

Jars / Labels are available in the Vestibule. Your support would be appreciated for Wateraid by putting your loose change in the jar during Lent. This project over the years has raised over £10,000 for charities.

### A PRAYER FOR LENT

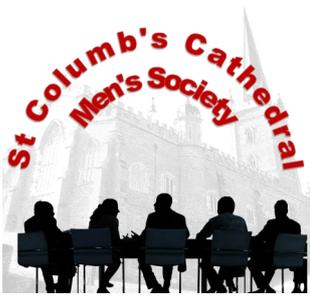
Help us this Lent, O Lord, to know ourselves better; and give us strength to root out of our lives the unsuspected sins and the weak spots in our characters.

Help us this Lent, O Lord, to cultivate self-mastery, and give us self-control where we are most likely to succumb to temptation.

Help us this Lent, O Lord, to practise self-denial, that we may be more ready to give of our time, our energy, and our leisure in service to others.

So may we come to the joyful season of Easter stronger and more faithful disciples of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(Contemporary Parish Prayers edited by Frank Colquhoun).*



The Men's Society had its February meeting in No.1 St Columb's Court at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February and had an attendance of 24 members.

We were delighted that our guest speaker for the evening was Bishop Andrew Forster, who delivered a talk on the 15<sup>th</sup> Lambeth Conference, which was held in July 2022. It was held between 26<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at The Canterbury Campus of the University of Kent.

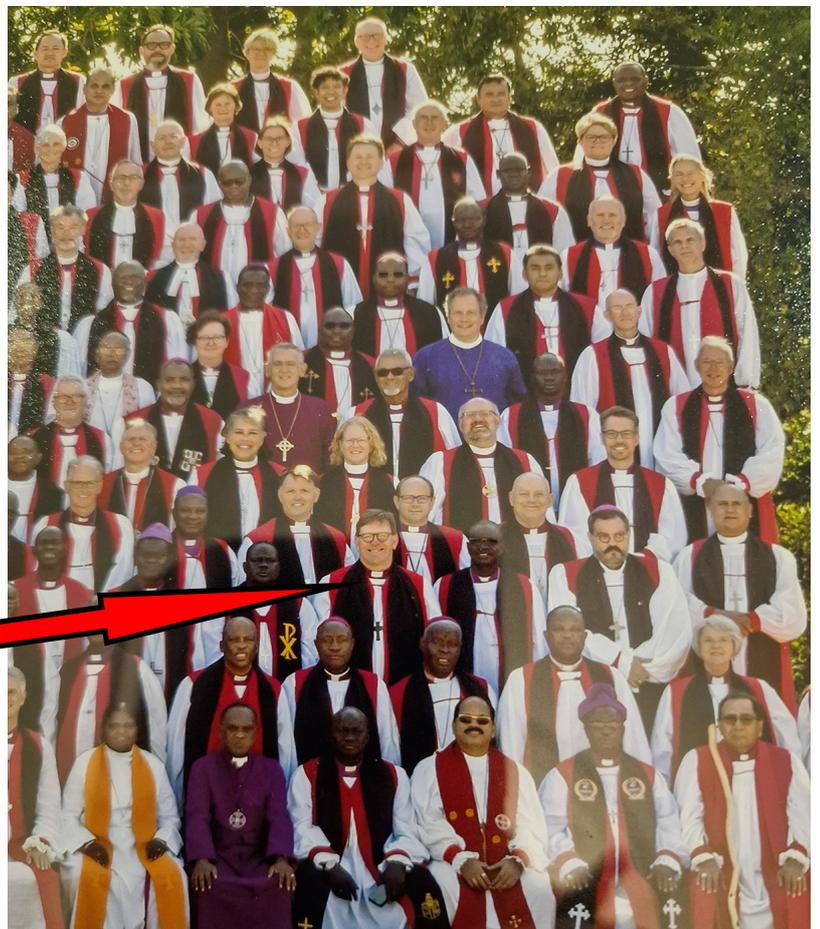
The Bishop entertained us with

a lot of very interesting detail on his experience across the 12 days. He informed us that it was attended by over 660 Archbishops and Bishops from all over the world and how it has become a very diverse church community. It was hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate of All England, Justin Welby.

In the conference he attended many sessions which were broken down into smaller groups and plenary sessions. He explained about the ten policy documents proposed for adoption by the conference. These are known as "Lambeth Calls." Following a thoroughly interesting talk, delivered with the Bishop's usual energy and colour, he answered a number of questions from the floor and was then presented with a gift on behalf of The Men's Society by the Reverend Mervyn Peoples. This was followed by a light supper.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at All Saints Parish Church, Newtowncunningham, and our host will be the Reverend Canon David Crooks who will give a talk on Churches in Donegal. Tea and refreshments will be available following the talk.

**Robert McGonigle**  
Secretary



## **Tourism and Volunteer Co-ordinator - Expression of Interest**

An application has been made for grant aid to create a 6-month self-employed post as a Tourism and Volunteer Co-ordinator for the summer opening hours in the Cathedral in 2023. This is a request for an expression of interest from anyone in our Parish who feels they might be interested, but it is important to stress the post will only be subject to funding becoming available. Should you be interested, and for further details please contact Robert McGonigle at **07794 666754** [robert@stcolumbs.net](mailto:robert@stcolumbs.net)

## **A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Saint Columb's Cathedral will host a Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 3.00 p.m. This is A Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Reflection for those who died during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The music will be provided by The Churchill Flute Band and The Hamilton Flute Band, and by the organist Dr Derek Collins.

Ebrington School Choir will also participate in the service.

During the service, there will be a time of reflection and silence with the lighting of a candle to remember all who died during the COVID- 19 pandemic.

The Preacher will be The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Everyone is welcome.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in The Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall.

## **FELLOWSHIP OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER REFLECTION MORNING**

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer in Ireland is holding a Derry/Donegal Reflection Morning in Saint Peter's Church, Culmore Road, Londonderry on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The Witness/Conductor will be The Reverend Canon Kyle Hanlon, the Rector of The Parish of Fivemiletown.

The day begins at 10.00 a.m. and concludes with Lunch at 1.30 p.m.

Please bring a packed lunch (tea/coffee will be provided).

A donation of £10.00 is suggested.

RSVP to [maureenwilliams@live.ie](mailto:maureenwilliams@live.ie)

## **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.**



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

It offers a variety of music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

To listen to Mothers' Union Midday Prayers – choose option 4 and then option 8. The line – is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

## HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS



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

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

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## **MR JACK WILSON TO BE MASTER OF MUSIC AT BELFAST CATHEDRAL.**

Following the post-pandemic restructuring of the Music Department at Belfast Cathedral and the creation of the new position of Master of Music, we are delighted to announce that Mr Jack Wilson has been appointed to this lead post.

Jack is currently the Graduate Organ Scholar of Ely Cathedral, working closely with the cathedral's acclaimed choirs and with Mr Edmund Aldhouse,

Director of Music, and Ms Sarah MacDonald, Director of the girl choristers.

However, Jack is no stranger to Northern Ireland nor to Belfast Cathedral. Educated at Limavady Grammar School, Jack was a chorister and then organ scholar at St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry. As an undergraduate student Jack attended Queen's University Belfast to read Music. While at Queen's he was awarded the May Turtle Scholarship for future academic study and graduated with a BMus. As a music student in Belfast, Jack held the role of Organ Scholar at St Anne's Cathedral, before assuming responsibilities as Acting Assistant Organist.

Jack studied for a Master of Music degree at Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, where he was Graduate Organ Scholar and Organ Scholar of St John's Voices, the mixed choir at St John's College. He returned to Belfast Cathedral as Assistant Director of Music in 2020. Jack was awarded the MMus in Choral Studies from Cambridge University and also achieved his ARCO diploma.

In August 2021 Jack was appointed to his current position at Ely Cathedral, where he has gained extensive experience as organist, playing for daily choral services, broadcasts, recordings, and international tours, in addition to frequent opportunities for choral conducting. Over the past two years, Jack has been principal organist for the girl choristers, and he has also worked extensively as a teacher and accompanist in the Music Department at the prestigious King's School in Ely, one of the oldest schools in the world, where both the boy and girl choristers of Ely Cathedral are educated.

Welcoming the appointment of Jack as the first Master of Music at Belfast Cathedral, Dean Stephen Forde, commented: "Jack will combine his love for Belfast Cathedral, with his commitment to seeing the highest standards of choral music at St Anne's. His ambition will ensure that the long tradition of choral singing at St Anne's Cathedral is continued and enhanced into the future. He will also bring his experience from Ely to develop both a boys' and girls' choir, providing opportunities for new generations to share the unique experience of life as a cathedral chorister, at the heart of the city of Belfast."

Of his appointment, Jack Wilson said "I am delighted and honoured to have been appointed to this important role. There is vast potential at Belfast Cathedral to continue the tradition of making beautiful music in this extraordinary building.

I first sang in St Anne's Cathedral as a chorister of St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, at the age of 8, and the deep impression it made on me has remained ever since.

My connection with and affection for the cathedral was rekindled during my time as an undergraduate, when I served as Organ Scholar from 2016-2019.

I look forward to implementing the additional skills and experiences that I have subsequently learned studying and working in England, and I hope to inspire everyone who encounters music in the Cathedral, both young and old.

Although I will miss my wonderful colleagues in Ely, I'm grateful to be able to return home, and I am excited to work alongside the Dean and Cathedral Board, leading the new Music Department forward to help realise their vision of musical excellence in the wonderful city of Belfast."

In addition to his commitment to cathedral choral music, and a special enthusiasm for performing the organ music of twentieth century French composers, Jack also has a love for classic cars. He is currently the proud owner of a 1973 MG Midget.

## Obituaries ...

### **William (Billy) Goligher** **19<sup>th</sup> April 1940 - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**William (Billy) Goligher** died, peacefully, in Cheshire, England on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Billy was born on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1940 at 49 Fountain Street, Londonderry.

Billy was the dearly beloved husband of Meta, much loved Father of Nicholas and Lesley Ann, father-in-law of Emma and Paul and adored Grandad of Grace, William, Jessica and Jack.

Brother of Ross, Ronald and the late Alwyn and brother-in-law of Desmond, Dale and Joan.

He attended Saint Columb's Cathedral Primary School and was a long-serving member of the Cathedral Boys' Choir, (1952-1958) and the Men's Choir, (1958-1960).

On leaving school Billy's working career commenced by working for Claude Wilton, Solicitors here in Londonderry. He then moved to work for DuPont and left there to live in Poole, Dorset, to work for Simon Carves another chemical company where he remained until he retired. During his time with Simon Carves he travelled the world, working in such places as Poland, Turkey and Cuba.

Billy had many stories to tell and kept everyone entertained with his tales from the many years he spent travelling and living abroad.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Billy will be held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Macclesfield Crematorium.

Billy will be sadly missed by the entire family circle.

### **Ena Collins - Family Tribute**

It is of course impossible to distil someone's life into a few phrases or paragraphs, but at the core of what Ena dedicated her life to, was the support and care of her family: and for this we can only begin to express our gratitude and deeply mourn her death.

Thomasena Collins, or Wilkinson as she was, was born on 11 June 1933, at Greenogue near Dromore, Co Down. Her father Thomas Wilkinson, a coach builder, and mother Ellen had four daughters: Bell, Annie, Ena and Kathleen. Her mother had been widowed and had six children from her previous marriage. So Ena was second youngest in an extended family of ten children. Childhood was frugal growing up in the context of the Second World War, she recalled going to school with her slate and chalk, and watching the red glow on the horizon during the Belfast blitz. But hers was a happy childhood filled with love and fun. Also, with moments of drama and excitement when a stray bomb landed in a local field, and of celebration at the end of the War, when she and a sister went Irish Dancing in the local hall with dresses fashioned from coloured paper. After the war, family holidays for two weeks in Newcastle were certainly a highlight, and she recalled these vividly. Each of her sisters became bakers, while Ena remained at home to care for the family and her ailing mother, who died in 1955, when Ena was only 22.

Ena took on shop work in Lisburn and was a silver-plater in the Grundig factory at Dunmurry, but in the era of the dance bands, the weekend dances were plentiful. It was at these where she met Jack Collins: born in Belfast he had been evacuated to the Maze during the war and the family bought a cottage there. Ena was baptized in Dromore Cathedral, confirmed there in April 1949 and was married there to Jack on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1964. They bought a new house, midway between Belfast and Dromore, on the Old Hillsborough Road Lisburn, and remained there for almost fifty-two years. Jack settled into his career as a Quantity Surveyor and Ena into the role of housewife and mother.

Jack and Ena's early wedded bliss was shattered with the arrival of Derek in 1966 and Trevor in 1970. But they provided the happy and secure childhood that we are so grateful for. They believed in hard work and study; and insisted that the boys do their best at school. At a time when few people holidayed abroad, Jack and Ena had a caravan at Cranfield, on the coast a few miles south of Kilkeel. From the early 1970s to the mid-1980s, Ena and the boys spent

the entire summer holidays at the caravan, with Jack coming down at the weekends and the 'twelfth fortnight'. These holidays were among our happiest times: swimming, fishing, heading off on bike adventures and walking in the Mourne – idyllic and stress-free times, when the summers seemed to have less rain.

Jack and Ena's marriage was a long and secure one, in good times and in the inevitable times of challenge. They worked hard to provide for each other and were devoted to each other and to the care of their family. When the boys were well established in primary school, Ena began childminding for other people. Over the years there must have been over a dozen boys and girls that she looked after with the same care and kindness that she lavished on her own sons.

Jack and Ena were immensely proud of Derek and Trevor as their careers developed, they were delighted and possibly amazed when they married Joanna and Erica respectively, and were utterly besotted as grandparents with the arrival of Dara in 2003 and Leo in 2006. Despite the distance from Lisburn, they kept in touch and were always ready with support and advice for us all.

When Jack died in January 2016, Ena came up to Limavady to live with Derek, Joanna, Dara and Leo. This was a big change, particularly so for Ena having been so long in Lisburn. As Leo mentioned recently it is difficult getting used to Dara being back home, so how much more difficult must it have been for Ena in her new home. However, hers was not a generation for self-pity, and she moved on to a new phase of life and never complained, even about the food. Ena gained so much joy from watching Dara and Leo grow up into who they have become, and their lives too have been so rewarded by having Granny at home. Her best pal while the boys and Derek and Joanna have been out at school, has been Louis the dog, they have been wonderful companions. Our family life has been profoundly enriched by having Ena with us. Even in recent times when her declining health has been a struggle she never complained. We are immensely grateful to the carers who visited Ena at home in the last few years, and to the staff of Altnagelvin Hospital who gave her the most fantastic care and attention, both when she had a heart valve fitted some five years ago and during her stays in hospital since last September.

Ena was a gentle person, quiet, dignified and caring. She must have been provoked by us over the years but Trevor and I simply cannot remember her losing her temper. She rarely if ever raised her voice to us, the threat of the wooden spoon was all that was needed, and she was always caring and forgiving no matter what we did. She loved to laugh, had a fantastic and sharp sense of humour, and knew exactly how to keep us grounded when we got a bit beyond ourselves. She had a legendary turn of phrase, one example of many may illustrate her love of banter, she remarked to Joanna once, "I don't know why you are practicing the harp, you're not going to need that where you're going".

Ena will be so deeply missed by her family and friends. She was loved by us and loved us: She will always be in our hearts and may she rest in eternal peace.

**Thomasena (Ena) Collins**  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 1933 – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

I am often chastised by my family for talking about death and dead people. They tell me that it is so depressing!

It doesn't matter even when I try to explain that this is a part of my job; comforting families whose close relatives have died, and consequently being interested (not, I would say, in a morbid way) in the lives of people, living and dead.

There are so many things of which we cannot be certain in this life.

We set out to travel to a certain destination but we cannot guarantee that we will arrive on time because traffic and weather conditions may hamper our progress.

Death, however, is the one thing of which all of us can be certain.

The death of a family member – and our own death.

As we read in the Book Ecclesiastes: **There is a time to be born and a time to die.**

Mrs Ena Collins had reached a great age and both she and you her family have realised for some time that death would come some day. You did not know when and you did not know how – but you knew that at some time this day would come.

In our own personal situations each of us knows that one day people will gather to remember us and to pray for our families.

If we were asked when that day will be none of us would be able to give a definite answer. None of us can predict when the day of our passing will be yet we know that it is inevitable. While we have the gift of life and breath within our bodies we should be thinking about – and planning – for the day when we will have to leave this place and time.

We should be preparing for that day so that we can look forward to it – not being afraid of death but happy in the knowledge that we will be free from the pressures of this life and most of all united with Christ and all those who have gone before us.

As we are able in the life that God has gifted to us we should have our eyes fixed on Jesus; our ears attentive to His words; our minds attuned to His example.

It is only in Christ that death has any meaning. It is only in Christ that the fear and dread of death disappears.

We see in His life and example that He has conquered death; and while there will always be great pain in the separation from the one whom we love there will also be hope as we contemplate the time when we will meet each other again.

This is the belief in which the believer of Jesus can find comfort.

On last Sunday morning, between services, I was listening to the radio programme, **'Sunday Sequence'**.

The presenter, Audrey Carville, interviewed a Jewish Rabbi – Jonathan Romain - whose son Benedict had died recently, through drowning, while on his honeymoon.

The Rabbi was asked, **'Do you believe that you will see him again?'** and he replied, **'Sadly no'**, and he admitted **'I don't know what will happen next'**.

He was left alone with the thought that he would never see his son again. For him, he did not know if there was an afterlife and he had no hope of meeting his son again.

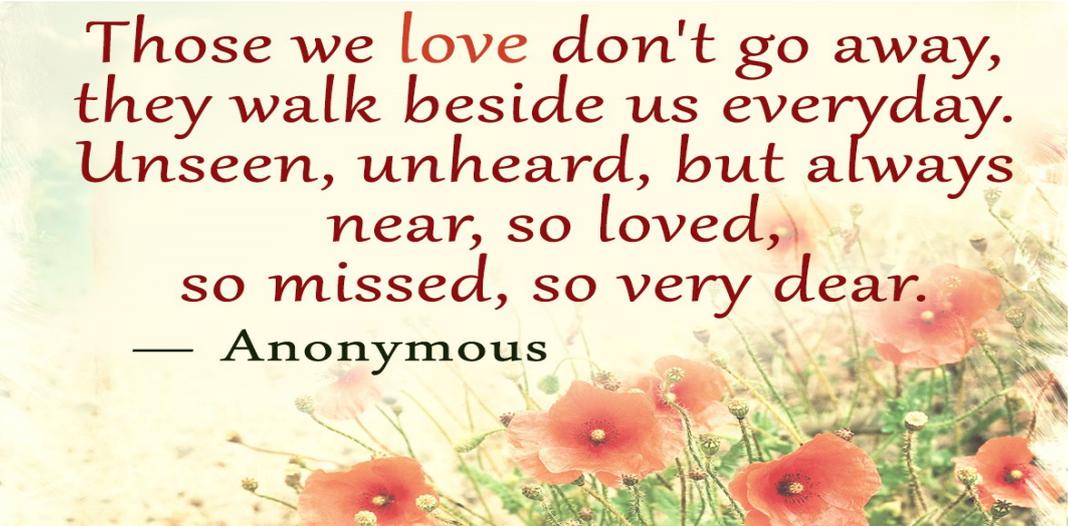
Those of us who believe in Jesus Christ live with the promise of Jesus that our physical death is not the end of life. When we leave this body we go to the place that He has prepared for us and it is in that place that we will be reunited with those who have gone before us.

The Christian faith offers us and all who are bereaved a path of hope and expectancy.

We find in this faith the strength and comfort for this time and for the future.

My hope is that you will know God's peace now and that at some time in the future you will know the reality of Christ's own words and promises that can carry you through this time of separation and grief.

It is this hope and expectancy that enables you, even in the midst of sadness, to give thanks for a life full of love.



*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

## *With Heartfelt Sympathy*

### **Davison**

We remember Norman Davison and his family, Karen and Leanne, and all of the relatives of **Catherine (Cathy) Davison** (nee Nesbitt) who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

Cathy was the beloved wife of Norman; the loving mother of Karen and Leanne; the dear mother-in-law of Paul and Richard and a devoted grandmother of Sophie, Adam, Alex, Jack and Katie.

She was the much-loved sister of Tommy, John, George, David and Raymond to whom, and to whose families, we also express our sympathy.

The Parishioners of the Parish of Templemore ( Saint Columb's Cathedral) express their sincere sympathy to Cathy's family-remembering particularly her brother Raymond (the Dean's Verger) and his family.

### **Goligher**

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **William (Billy) Goligher**, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England who died, peacefully, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### **Collins**

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Thomasena (Ena) Collins** (nee Wilkinson), Windyhill Road, Limavady and late of Hillsborough Old Road, Lisburn who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Ena was the beloved wife of the late Robert John (Jack) Collins; the loved mother of Derek and Trevor; mother-in-law of Joanna and Erica; and a much loved grandmother of Dara and Leo. Ena is survived by her sister Kathleen, and the late Bell and Annie.

We, also, remember Trevor and Erica who have suffered a double bereavement by the death of Erica's father in England.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ena Collins was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also read A Tribute on behalf of Ena's family.

Ena's daughter-in-law Erica Collins read Psalm 121; her grandson Dara read Isaiah 43: 1-5 and her grandson Leo read Saint Matthew 5: 1-10.

The Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir sang the Canticle 'Nunc Dimittis in F' / George Dyson. The Organist was Mr Nicky Morton.

Following the service Ena was buried at Blaris New Cemetery, Lisburn.

The Dean and Canon John Merrick are most grateful to The Reverend Derek Harrington, the Curate-assistant of The Parish of Christ Church, Lisburn who conducted the Service of Committal.

The parishioners of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) express their sincere sympathy to Ena's family – remembering particularly her son Derek (the Organist and Master of the Choristers), his wife Joanna and their sons Dara and Leo (Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir).

## Boyd

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Robert Thomas (Bob) Boyd**, Old Rectory Meadows, Cookstown who died, peacefully, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Bob was the dearly beloved husband of the late Muriel; the loving father of Ann, Robert, Jim and Karen; the dear father-in-law of Kenny, May, Joyce and Gary; a much loved granda and great-granda, and a dearly loved brother of Violet, Jean, John, Lily, Jimmy, and the late Billy. Bob was the father of (The Reverend Canon) Robert Boyd, the Rector of The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings, to whom and to whose wife May and their family we also express our sympathy.

## King

We remember the family of **David King**, formerly of Erne Gardens, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at his home in Camden Town, London on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023. David was the beloved son of the late David and Grace King; the loving brother of Fred, Kenny, Stephen and Russell; the devoted father of Julie and Layla; a loving grandfather and a dear partner of Jan.

David's brother, Russell, is a member of the Cathedral Men's Society. We express our sympathy to him and to his wife Jacqueline.



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### In loving memory of Mrs Norma Glenn

From Sylvia & Trevor Cadden

25.00

### In memory of the late Dora May Arthur in lieu of flowers

From Brother-in-law Bertie Arthur, Newbuildings

50.00

### DONATIONS

#### Donation to cover the cost of the Inspection of Cathedral Bells

From St Columb's Cathedral Bellringing Funds

232.00

#### Donation towards the cost of repairs to the Deanery ceiling

From the Browning Parent Club, Dundonald Branch

250.00

#### Donation to the Restoration Fund

From Albert Austin

100.00

## Parish Register

### Burial

"The Lord is my Shepherd."

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Thomasena (Ena) Collins, Windyhill Road, Limavady and late of Hillsborough Old Road, Lisburn.

Blaris New Cemetery, Lisburn

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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**

**Services held Monday to Friday at 10.30 am**

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