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**The Dean
writes**.....



Dear Parishioners and Friends

This magazine will be in your hands (or you will be reading it on-line) on Easter Sunday.

The message of Easter will be sounded clearly for all to hear: **'He is not here, He has risen'**.

In the past week we have been journeying with Jesus in church with fellow parishioners, or at home with our families, and have been reading and reflecting on the events of what we call 'Holy Week'. We have been listening to the words of Jesus and remembering the pain and suffering that He endured for us so that we can rejoice with Him in His resurrection.

If you are reading this letter on any day after Easter Sunday you will find that the liturgy (the readings of the day) introduces us to the Risen Jesus.

Each Sunday we will be reading about how Jesus appeared to His disciples and followers at different times and in different places.

In the Upper Room on the evening of Easter Day.

Seven days later, again in the Upper Room;

this time Thomas (who had not been present earlier) was there and Jesus was trying to convince him that He was alive.

He showed him the wounds and invited him to reach out and touch.

We read of Jesus walking with two of the disciples to their home town of Emmaus, and we read of Him meeting with, talking with and eating with His disciples at other times over the course of the next forty days.

In the aftermath of Good Friday Jesus' disciples and followers were sad and confused.

Their Master and Friend was dead and they believed that they would never see Him again. But on Easter Day and at other times when the Risen Jesus appeared to them we read that they were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.

The accounts in the Gospels dispel any doubts that Jesus did not rise from the dead or that the disciples only imagined that He was alive. He spoke with them.

He ate with them. So He was very much alive!

He continued to offer them reassurance and timely advice and counsel, so that when He would ascend to Heaven they would be able to continue to do His work on earth.

Those forty days when He appeared to them were days when they were being prepared for what would lie before them.

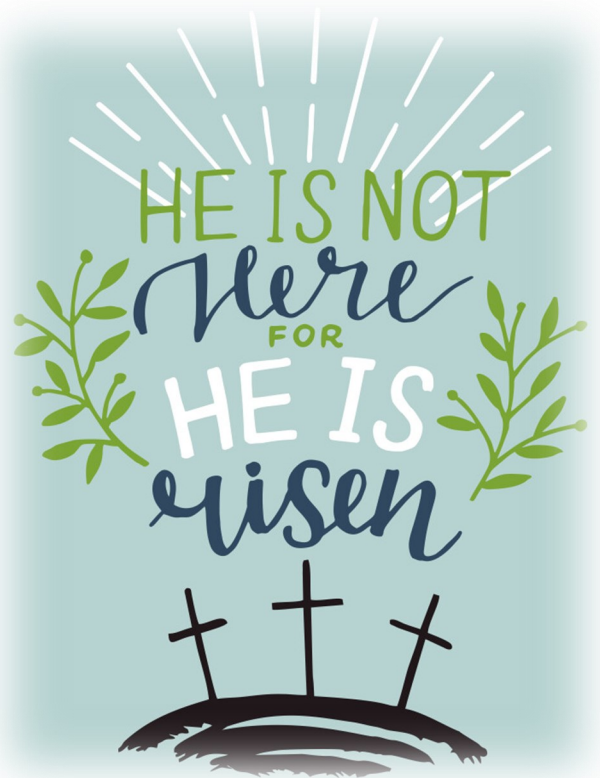
As we follow those accounts week by week we, also, are being prepared for what Jesus is calling us to do.

The disciples were Jesus' followers, witnesses and ambassadors in their day.

We are His followers, witnesses and ambassadors today. It is our duty to live out the gospel (the good news) and to proclaim by word and deed that **He is risen**.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart



A MEETING OF THE GENERAL VESTRY

A meeting of the General Vestry of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry) will be held in The Chapter House of Saint Columb's Cathedral on MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting of the General Vestry is the Annual General Meeting of the Parish. All parishioners are invited to attend but only those whose names are on the List of Registered Vestrypersons are entitled to be nominated for parochial office or to vote. This year the following will be appointed or elected.

Rector's Churchwarden, People's Churchwarden.

Rector's Glebewarden, People's Glebewarden.

Rector's Supplemental Glebewarden, People's Supplemental Glebewarden.

Select Vestry.

Please, come to the meeting in your parish and show that you are interested, enthusiastic and committed to your church and parish.

Please note that if you are unable to attend you are requested to offer an apology.

Following the meeting of the General Vestry a short meeting of the newly elected members of the Select Vestry will be held. At this meeting an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Treasurers, and other office holders will be elected to serve during the year 2024-2025.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

A Service of Dedication for churchwardens, glebewardens and Select Vestries in the Derry Rural Deanery will be held in All Saints' Church, Clooney, Londonderry on SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

The Preacher will be The Reverend Canon Katie McAteer, Pastoral Director, The Grouped Parishes of Christ Church, Londonderry, Culmore, Muff and Saint Peter, Londonderry.

Please keep the date and time free and plan to attend.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Preacher at Choral Matins with The Rite of Holy Baptism at 11.00 a.m. on SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024 will be The Reverend Canon Derek Quinn, the Rector of The Parishes of Cappagh and Lislimnaghan, Omagh, and Prebendary of Moville on The Chapter of the Cathedral.

LENT 2024

Eight members of the parish enjoyed fellowship on Wednesday afternoons as we studied God's Word together. Each week the Dean introduced one of the Miracles of Jesus and explained its background and message. Each parishioner brought his/her own understanding to the conversations that were diverse and enjoyable.

AN ORDER FOR COMPLINE

The Dean and the parishioners wish to thank The Reverend Canon John Merrick for the series of Addresses that he gave during the services on Wednesday evenings during Lent. As always, they were informative and challenging in content and gave us all something to think about and to do.

APRIL VISITORS

We will welcome some visitors to Saint Columb's Cathedral to Choral Matins with The Rite of Holy Baptism on Sunday 14th April 2024. The Reverend Alan McCormack (Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of London) and a group of 20 students from Goodenough College in London will be joining with us for worship.



Sunday School is well settled into the Diocesan Centre. The children love the juice break they have during lessons. The children now have their own seats and enjoy the new premises. The children will have to remember their folders and they will take home the worksheets they have completed that morning.

Our numbers have definitely taken a hit and we do love to see you all. At the Mothering Sunday Service the children were brilliant; unfortunately the mike was on mute which made it difficult to hear in church and online. The junior children performed "5 little ducks" with their teachers and thought about Mother Hen not leaving a chick behind in the same way as Jesus would not leave one of us behind.

Well done to Ewan and Sean for excellent readings and Mark, Molly & Alesha for the prayers. It is great that our very young children have the confidence to stand up and read at the front of the church.

Now some very exciting news! We applied for funding from the "Priorities Fund Committee" for our 'Adopt a Grandparent' and we have received word that we have been successful.

We have dropped goodie bags off with about 12 on our list and will do more before Easter as we think they all enjoyed the Hot Cross Buns, Cadbury Easter buns and the sweets.

We are delighted that the Priorities Fund Committee were so impressed with our project. The Confirmation group meets on Sunday 7th April after the 11am service. It is only a few months until The Rite of Confirmation with Bishop Andrew and we expect full attendance each week.

Our calendar for this term:

7th April	Easter Break - No Sunday School
14th April	Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
21st April	Family Service
28th April	Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre
5th May	Sunday School in The Diocesan Centre

Confirmation classes will take place on the following Sundays in the Chapter House immediately after the 11am service.

April	May	June
7th	5th	2nd
14th	12th	7th – Rehearsal 4pm (Friday)
21st	19th	9th - The Rite of Confirmation 11am
28th	26th	

Confirmation 2024

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will (DV) visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on SUNDAY 9th JUNE 2024 (The Feast Day of Saint Columba) at 11.00 a.m. to administer The Rite of Confirmation. Please pray for Ewan Copestake, Ellen Duffy, Sean Graydon, Robbie Hamilton, Freddie McIntosh and Wendy Jackson.



Sam, Elliot & Joseph completed the Sponsored Walk on a very wet and windy Saturday. They thank everyone who supported them through sponsorship.

Save the date: Ulster Project Coffee Morning is on Saturday 27th April

No 1 St Columb's Court from 10- 2pm £5 per person - children free

All welcome

The closing service prior to the teens leaving for the USA will be in Saint Columb's Cathedral this year and more details about this will be in the next magazine. Malcolm & Irene

THE DEDICATION OF ALL SEASONS' ALTAR FRONTAL IN MEMORY OF MRS FLORENCE WALKER

At the beginning of The Service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 19th March 2024, the Dean was requested by Mrs Elizabeth Fielding to dedicate an All Seasons' Altar Frontal in memory of Mrs Florence Walker.

The following is the short address that the Dean gave.

I am not, you will be glad to hear, going to preach a Sermon this morning but I do feel that this special occasion deserves some kind of mention and reflection of Florence Walker.

Believe it or not I met Florence for the first time 45 years ago.

I was ordained here in Saint Columb's Cathedral on The Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist, Sunday 24th June 1979.

I served as Curate-assistant in The Parish of Clooney with Strathfoyle for 3 years.

Florrie was the organist at Strathfoyle, a post that she agreed to fulfil for only a short time – but 37 years later she was still playing there!

I got to know Florrie and her husband David and their family – Joan, Pearl and Florence – during those years.

Along with Mrs Barr and George and Isobel Glenn, Florrie was one of those faithful parishioners upon whom you could depend and who worked tirelessly for the good of the church.

Later, Florrie became associated with Saint Columb's Cathedral – a regular member at the Tuesday Holy Communion Service and a loyal member of The Friends of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

Upon her death in June 2012 a generous donation was given to the Cathedral by her family and it was decided to commission an altar frontal, in embroidered brocade and using liturgical colours, for use in Bishop William Alexander Chapel.

In fact – although not made at the time – the altar frontal was dedicated, along with other gifts donated by parishioners, at a Service held on Sunday 13th October 2013 – at which the preacher was The Lord Bishop of London, The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Richard Chartres.

This morning I wish to apologise to you, Florrie's family, that – for a number of reasons - it has taken almost 12 years to have this altar frontal made. For this we can only beg your forgiveness and understanding.

As a parish we are indebted to The Reverend Louise Stewart, the Rector of The Parish of Finaghy, Belfast who made this All Seasons' altar frontal over the past months.

Due to parish commitments, she is unable to share in this service this morning – but we record our thanks to her for the wonderful skill and workmanship that we see before us.

I hope that, like all of us, you are delighted that this altar frontal has at last been made and that you see it as a worthy memorial to a lady greatly loved by us all.



Safe Place Status awarded to St. Columb's Cathedral



With 1 in 7 men, 1 in 4 women and all of their children affected, domestic abuse is, without a doubt, one of the greatest scourges in society today.

In 2021, the *Turn The Tide* survey* focused on a Christian faith context and explored experiences of Domestic Abuse and awareness of Domestic Abuse in a church context.

Two overall key messages emerged:-

The more Domestic Abuse is brought in to the open, acknowledged and taught about, the more effectively it is responded to by the faith community.

The necessity of partnership work between faith, statutory and other agencies.

Recently, Malcolm and Irene Hewitt, Valerie Long and Jacqui Armstrong undertook **Safe Place training with ONUS**, sponsored by *Safeguarding Church of Ireland*. This training, provided the basic knowledge required to signpost a victim, friend or member of a family towards appropriate assistance e.g. the 24 hour HELPLINE, *Foyle Women's Aid* and *MAPni – the Men's Advisory Project*.

Following this training, and with the support of the select vestry, the cathedral applied for, and has been awarded **Safe Place Status**.

BY SIGNING UP TO BE A SAFE PLACE we have committed to:

Support the Safe Place Campaign Pledge: never to commit, condone or stay silent about domestic or sexual abuse.

Acknowledge that domestic and sexual abuse are problems that impact on all of us as a society and be prepared to play our part in supporting anyone affected through communication of the Safe Place message.

Provide a Safe Place for anyone affected by domestic or sexual abuse to access information confidentially and discretely.

Church communities have a vital role to play in supporting survivors and restoring them to the person God created them to be. This is one step on a journey of RECOGNISING and RESPONDING appropriately to turn the tide on the issue of domestic abuse in our community.

**Turn The Tide Survey* was conducted in 2021 by University of Chester in partnership with Restored and Broken Rites. See Oakley & Wright (2023) *Developing understanding and effective responses to domestic abuse in the Christian faith community*.

SUPPORT SERVICES NORTHERN IRELAND



Freephone 24 Hour Domestic & Sexual Abuse Helpline

Open to all women and men affected by domestic & sexual abuse

0808 802 1414

PSNI
(In an emergency ring 999)

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Dean Raymond Stewart, Elizabeth Fielding, William Lynn and Robert McGonigle, pictured at Foyle Foodbank, presenting a cheque for £2,000 to Karen Mullan as part of the proceeds of Saint Columb's Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival 2023.

THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes / Articles for the May 2024 issue of the Cathedral Magazine are due by SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024.

First and foremost, we are delighted to welcome Lil Wilson home. Thank you for your prayers as Lil continues to make a great recovery.



Mothers' Union has been on the move. The World Day of Prayer service in St. Peter's was an enlightening service written by women in Palestine long before the current crisis. It gave a captivating insight into the culture, history and geography of the area. It was poignant and powerful to participate in this great wave of prayer as we were urged to bear with one another in love despite difficulties and differences; to unite in prayer for just and harmonious solutions to end all human suffering and to commit ourselves to journey with each other to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

Next, a group headed to Tobermore for the first Mums In May Big Hymn Sing – we sang our hearts out and made a joyful noise, Funds raised will assist in MU outreach projects across Ireland e.g. in Derry & Raphoe ladies have knit over 300 Ukrainian teddies to welcome refugee children, assisted many families in crisis, supported Family Fun Days, prisoners, domestic abuse services, local projects etc.

In playing our part in Mums In May 2024, we warmly invite you to a Coffee Morning in the Diocesan Centre on Saturday 20th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Last week we headed to Glendermott to hear Rev Johnny and Emily Lowden describe their wonderful experiences in **Burundi**.



Did you know

the countryside is beautiful, and because of its mountainous nature it is known as the Switzerland of Africa
 Burundi is a largely rural country with a dense population of 12.6m people
 it is one of the smallest countries in Africa and often the lowest ranked country in the world by GDP

We tried our hand at Kirundi – *'Mwaramutse'* is Good morning! *Mwiriwe* is Good afternoon! MU is one cog in a wheel supporting the Anglican Church in their varied initiatives as together, they seek to fulfil the gospel through transforming lives and in creating an

intentional awareness that what we do, in thought, word and deed matters.

We look forward to fellowship together following the Tuesday Holy Week service and on Tuesday 9th April we meet at 8pm with CCCMSP MU in The Acorn Centre. The speaker will be Averil Meehan telling her father's fascinating story as the 'Last man out of Arnhem' in 1944. A story that could well have been lost but for a box in the attic!

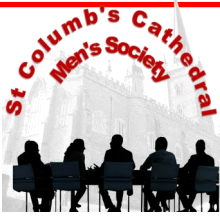
All meetings are open to members and friends. You are welcome to attend.

In Kirundi we leave you – God is good! *Imaza Ishimwe!*

EASTER DECORATIONS

We say "Thank You" to the band of parishioners who helped to clean the Cathedral during March, to those who provided flowers for decorating the Cathedral for the Easter Services and to those who arranged them so artistically. Your work and support are very much appreciated.





The Men's Society met on Tuesday 19th March in Cathedral House when the guest speaker was Dr Keith Munro. Dr Munro gave a very interesting talk and presentation on his great aunt Gretta Cousins who was a pioneer of the Suffragette Movement and the first female Chief Justice in India.

The meeting on Tuesday 16th April will be a visit to Glendermott Parish Men's Shed when we will be given a demonstration and background to the workings of their project, followed by supper in the Parish Hall.

Please note this outing will commence at 7pm to allow for daylight at the polytunnels.
Robert McGonigle

ULSTER PROJECT



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



Coffee Morning



meet&greet

John & Annette
Hough
Tennessee

SATURDAY 27th APRIL

10.00am-2.00pm

No1. St Columb's Court

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March has been a very busy and exciting month for me, as I recently launched my new business 'DH Auto Sales'. We believe in taking away the inflated costs of motoring through dealerships, but keeping all the advantages that go with it. Our objective is to be a financially affordable and trustworthy motoring solution provider, irrespective of your needs. **We offer:** used car sales, mechanical services, valeting, warranty packages, and private seller support.

With that in mind, it felt appropriate to put together a discount package for the Cathedral's parishioners, and for all the great staff behind the scenes who have given so much to me over the last eighteen years.

**Safe motoring and God Bless,
Dylan Harvey
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OLIVER!

Congratulations to the Cast, the Production Team and all who were associated with the Musical 'Oliver!' that was staged at The Millennium Forum, Londonderry from Wednesday 20th – Saturday 23rd March 2024.

Saint Columb's Cathedral was well represented by choristers and parishioners.

David Langan (Oliver), Ben Langan (Charley Bates), Susan Wilson (Widow Corney / Female Chorus), Christine Baggley (Mrs Sowerberry / Female Chorus), Daniel Moynihan, Robyn-Emily McGonigle (Children's Chorus) Ben McGonigle (Keyboard).

'Oliver' was a very professional production and every member performed wonderfully well.

Those associated with the Cathedral were excellent ambassadors for the Cathedral and we are so proud of them.



Lots of love from all the family xxoo



Lots of love from mum, dad and Elliot xo



Lots of love from all the family xxoo

Music List April 2024



<p>Sunday 7 11am 4pm</p>	<p>The Second Sunday of Easter Eucharist (Order Two) - said service Evensong (said service)</p>
<p>Sunday 14 11am 4pm</p>	<p>The Third Sunday of Easter Choral Matins & with The Rite of Holy Baptism The Cathedral Choir Benedictus in C major / Charles Villiers Stanford The Lord Bless you and Keep you / John Rutter Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C major / Charles Villiers Stanford The Secret of Christ / Richard Shephard</p>
<p>Sunday 21 11am 4pm</p>	<p>The Fourth Sunday of Easter Family Service The Cathedral Choir The Lord is my shepherd / Howard Goodall Choral Evensong The Cathedral Girls' Choir Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Bb / Thomas Morley Come my way / Malcolm Archer</p>
<p>Sunday 28 11am 4pm</p>	<p>The Fifth Sunday of Easter Choral Matins The Cathedral Choir Te Deum in F major / John Ireland Now the green blade riseth / arr. Simon Lindley Choral Evensong The Cathedral Choir Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D / Ernest John Moeran O For a Closer Walk With God / Charles Villiers Stanford</p>



Free Visit to the National Cathedral

Book Now!

Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin have very kindly invited groups (ie Sunday School, Confirmation, Choir, Vestry, Mothers' Union, Men Society or any other group of a minimum of 16 people from Saint Columb's Cathedral to visit them for free! Please contact The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart for further details deanofderry@stcolumbs.net

Templemore Mothers' Union invites you to a



SPRING
COFFEE
MORNING

SATURDAY 20th APRIL

in

The Diocesan Centre, London Street

10.30am-12.30pm



Bible Readings for April 2024

DAY	READING	THEME
Monday 1	Luke 15:11-32	Examples of reconciliation: the lost son and the Father
Tuesday 2	Genesis 33:1-17	Examples of reconciliation: Jacob and Esau
Wednesday 3	Genesis 45:1-15	Examples of reconciliation: Joseph and his brothers
Thursday 4	Acts 15:36-41; Colossians 4:10	Examples of reconciliation: Paul and John Mark
Friday 5	Galatians 2:11-14; Peter 3:14-18	Examples of reconciliation: Peter and Paul
Saturday 6	Hebrews: 12:14-17	Examples of reconciliation: peace with our neighbours
Sunday 7	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	A ministry of reconciliation
Monday 8	1 John 1:5-10	Steps to Reconciliation: Confession
Tuesday 9	Jeremiah 34:8-16	Steps to Reconciliation: repentance
Wednesday 10	Luke 19:1-10	Steps to Reconciliation: restitution
Thursday 11	Matthew 18:23-35	Steps to Reconciliation: forgiveness
Friday 12	Deuteronomy 19:7-14	Rebuilding: safety
Saturday 13	John 21:15-19	Rebuilding: relationship
Sunday 14	Exodus 15:1-18	Triumphant and thankful
Monday 15	Deuteronomy 31:19-22	Song of warning
Tuesday 16	Judges 5:1-9	Singing God's victory
Wednesday 17	1 Samuel 18:1-7	Responding to songs of emotion
Thursday 18	2 Samuel 22:1-4	Songs of refuge
Friday 19	2 Chronicles 5:1-14	The freedom to sing
Saturday 20	Psalms 95:1-7	Coming to sing
Sunday 21	Psalms 98:1-9	The songs of silence
Monday 22	Isaiah 12:1-6	Tell out, my soul
Tuesday 23	Lamentations 1:1-16	Singing the blues
Wednesday 24	Acts 16:16-30	In heart and conscience free
Thursday 25	Ephesians 5:15-20	Let go and let God
Friday 26	James 5:13-15	The tracks of my tears
Saturday 27	Revelation 14:1-3	Singing a new song
Sunday 28	1 Timothy 1:1-17	Ephesus
Monday 29	1 Timothy 1:18-2:15	A local difficulty
Tuesday 30	1 Timothy 3	A high calling

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE AS A CHARITABLE TRUSTEE NI

Individuals who are not eligible to be trustees under charity legislation includes anyone who:
Has been convicted of an offence, particularly if involving deception or dishonesty or related to a safeguarding matter

Is an undischarged bankrupt or has made an arrangement with creditors

Has previously been removed as a trustee by the charities regulator or a Court.

If a person is not eligible to be a trustee, it is their responsibility not to make themselves available for election to the Select Vestry. Therefore, it is important that members of the General Vestry are made aware of the requirements around charity trusteeship before they allow their names to be nominated for election.

Where a potential trustee has a concern it is advisable that the individual arranges with the officiating member of the clergy that their name is not put forward at the Easter Vestry.

If a serving member of the Select Vestry becomes disqualified it is their responsibility to stand down from the Select Vestry.

Where an individual is unsure about their eligibility they should seek advice directly from the regulatory body (the CCNI) as circumstances may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The regulator is likely to be more concerned where there is evidence of fraud or deception rather than an unfortunate personal situation.

FROM THE ARCHIVES – APRIL 1999

Looking back at some of the Cathedral magazines of 25 years ago, I discovered the following articles of information. They may bring back memories for some people.

ULSTER PROJECT

Congratulations to **Lisa McCorkell** who has been chosen to go to the USA for the month of July and to **Joanne Mace** who will be one of the leaders.

Lisa is going to Lafayette and Joanne to DuPage County, Illinois.

NEW CANON

The Bishop has appointed **Rev Raymond Stewart**, Rector of Castledawson, to the Cathedral Chapter. We congratulate Raymond and look forward to his installation on Wednesday 28 April at 8.00pm.

EASTER DAY

Parishioners are reminded that the main morning service on Easter Day will be broadcast live on BBC Radio Ulster from 10.15am – 11.00am. This means that parishioners should be seated by 9.55am at the latest.

The celebrant preacher will be The Lord Bishop, Dr Mehaffey.

THE RITE OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday 16th March 2024

Oisin Anthony O'Brien and Emily Melissa Alexandra Orr

(Emily is a granddaughter of The Very Reverend Cecil and Mrs Valerie Orr)

Maid of Honour: Alexandra Sinclair

Bridesmaids: Lauren McGlone, Lauren McCabe, Victoria Laverty

Bestman: Peter Tolan

Groomsmen: Sean Keany, Martin O'Donnell, Christian Orr

The readers were – Melissa Lee (1 Corinthians 13), Doireann O'Brien (Colossians 3: 12-17) and Fireanna O'Brien ('Scaffolding' by Seamus Heaney).

The Cathedral Choristers sang 'Make me a channel of your peace'

and 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' by John Rutter. The Organist was Nicky Morton.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will meet on THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Lower Lecture Hall, First Derry Presbyterian Church.

The speaker will be Mr Campbell Bolton and his talk is entitled 'A Place called Londonderry and a Colossal Financial Debacle'.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2024

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2024 / THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

The Most Reverend Samy Fawzy, Archbishop of Alexandria; Bishop of The Diocese of Egypt.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese 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.

Mrs Val Bleakley and Mr Victor Carson, Diocesan Readers.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN THE PHILIPPINES

This project supports 'Bible Learning Groups' across the Philippines.

Groups of believers meet to listen to audio Bibles and to discuss the passages heard.

They are then provided with Scriptures to allow them more independent study at home on their own.

Many Christians in the Philippines have grown closer to God through listening to audio Bibles and having the opportunity to discuss together. The **'Faith Comes by Hearing'** project is available in the 8 major languages of the Philippines as people improve their own knowledge of God as well as their literacy skills at the same time.

The relationship between The Philippines Bible Society and churches across the country has improved because of these groups. Ministers are able to use the material to encourage their congregations to learn more of the Bible.

MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024

**THE FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (transferred)**

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024 / THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Most Reverend Don Tamihere,

Primate and Archbishop of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

The Most Reverend Sione Uluilakepa, Primate of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa,
New Zealand and Polynesia; Bishop of The Diocese of Polynesia.

Senior Bishop of New Zealand Dioceses;

Primate and Archbishop of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
Vacant.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese 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 Camus-juxta-Bann (Macosquin). The Reverend Paul Lyons, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN NEPAL

Pray for dialogue between Christians, Hindus and people of other faiths in Nepal.

Ask the Lord to strengthen civil leaders and government officials who work towards interfaith tolerance, religious freedom and the protection of the rights of minority communities.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024 / THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Primate of Australia;

Archbishop of The Diocese of Adelaide;

Metropolitan of South Australia.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese 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 Aghadowey

The Reverend Louise Crawford-McCafferty, Rector. Mrs Eleanor Craig, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN FINLAND

TLM Finland is a small team run by voluntary Board members with a group of supporters assisting us in mailings and in presenting our work in public events and visits to churches. We strive to raise awareness of leprosy and the needs of people affected by the disease, as many in Finland believe that the disease has disappeared from the world.

Give thanks for the many volunteers who give of their time and talents to enrich our work. Pray for new, enthusiastic people to engage in the work for people affected by leprosy.

THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2024 / THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024 / THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Church of Bangladesh

The Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator, The Church of Bangladesh;
Bishop of The Diocese of Kushtia.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese 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 Errigal (Garvagh) and Desertoghill

The Reverend Carmen Hayes, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN THE PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA

Pray for the various students at Nuba Mountains Bible Institute in Cairo, for their theological and practical training along with their personal spiritual formation.

WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2024

THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION DAY

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil)

The Most Reverend Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto,
Primate of Brazil; Bishop of The Diocese of Amazonia.

The Church of Ireland

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

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

The Parishes of Kilrea, Tamlaght O’Crilly Upper and Tamlaght O’Crilly Lower

The Reverend Gary Millar, Rector. Mr Timothy Dowie, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN AZERBAIJAN

Many individuals, churches, clergy and pastors need Bibles in Azerbaijan.

You can help to supply the Bible to encourage deeper relationships with Jesus and increase the number of Bibles in this challenging context. Bibles and New Testaments are supplied in Azerbaijani and in Russian through a network of church contacts around the country. It is encouraging for the Bible Society to see these relationships grow and develop as more people read and have access to God’s Word for themselves.

Scripture materials are made available at very affordable prices so that people can hear God speak as they read in their heart language.



A Tribute to Dr David Lawrence

Bishop Michael Burrows has paid tribute to the late Dr David Lawrence who – in a project spanning almost a quarter of a century from 1991 to 2017 – photographed and researched some 3,000 windows throughout the Church of Ireland, and devised the Gloine database (published online at www.gloine.ie) which will stand for future generations.

Bishop Burrows writes:

‘Dr David Lawrence, news of whose sudden death has brought sadness to many across the Church of Ireland, was a man of many talents. He was scholar, an aesthete, a skilled photographer who for over a quarter of a century from 1991 was a visitor literally to every Church of Ireland church on this island where stained glass was to be found. He came among us already possessed of a mine of

information concerning stained glass artists and manufacturers, along with a deep knowledge of their styles of work and iconographic aims.

David became the embodiment of a remarkable project, perhaps unique in the world, partnered by the Heritage Council and the RCB, to photograph, assess and describe every single stained glass window in the Church of Ireland. For him it was an exacting labour of love, and its marvellous outworking in the form of gloine.ie will long remain an outstanding resource for researchers, and a lasting tribute to his tenacity and affection for his subject.

Dr David Lawrence photographed the stained glass in Saint Columb’s Cathedral in October 2015.



Saint Columb’s Cathedral – Visitor Opening Times for Summer 2024

Saint Columb’s Cathedral will re-open to visitors/tourists on Wednesday 3rd April 2024.

The extent of opening days and times will depend on the level of volunteers available, but we hope to offer the following:

3rd April - 29th June, Wednesday to Saturday 10:00am to 3:00pm

1st July - 31st August, Monday to Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm

4th - 28th September, Wednesday to Saturday 10:00am to 3:00pm

This will be subject to change depending on circumstances.

VISITOR DESKS - RESTORATION



The two visitor desks in the Vestibule have both been beautifully restored to enhance the visual and functional experience for the upcoming tourist season, which begins on Wednesday 3rd April. The desks as shown above and below are now in place, and have the facility to display brochures and tourist shop items. The design has replicated the existing panelling and staining of the existing woodwork in the Vestibule.



Our thanks go to Derry City & Strabane District Council and The Honourable The Irish Society who funded the restoration costs.



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THE DAILY OFFICE

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

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

**The Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion (Order Two)
with intercessions for the sick is celebrated in the main aisle of the Cathedral.
Holy Communion on Saints' days and holy days
is celebrated in Bishop William Alexander Chapel.**

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

Foyle Hospice Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed

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

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

If you think this is something which interests you or you would like more information, please get in touch with Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Co-ordinator,
(028) 7135 1010 or email rachael@foylehospice.com



THE LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

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

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

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

Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

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

THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

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

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

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

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

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

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.



In Memoriam



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In memory of Aubrey Fielding

From Dickie & Sylvia Dunseith

From Michael Joyce

From Foyle Contact Centre

From Britannia Concert Band c/o Rhonda Dunn

In memory of my Father & Mother Robert & Caroline Dickson

From Georgina

In memory of Thomas & Iris Doherty

From their son Garth

Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our daughter, Connie Rose

From Clare & Derrick Hart

Baptismal Thankoffering on the Baptism of our granddaughter, Connie Rose

From Beverley & Michael Crothers

Thankoffering for Easter Holy Communion

From Nan & Winston Carson

From Oonagh Todd

From Helen Jones

From Anonymous

Total donations: 760.00

With Heartfelt Sympathy

NURMINEN

We remember Graeme and Katja Sidebottom and their family, Inka and Nico, in Manchester following the death of Katja's father, **Aulis Nurminen**, in Finland.

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 10th March 2024

Connie Rose Hart, the daughter of Derrick John and Clare Michaela Hart, King's Lynn, Norfolk

Connie's godparents are Richard Crothers, Samantha Hart and Amy Henderson.

Following The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Irene Hewitt, Sunday School Superintendent and a member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Derrick and Clare with a Dorcas Pack for Connie.

Holy Matrimony

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

Saturday 16th March 2024

Oisín Anthony O'Brien, Dunboyne, County Meath and **Emily Melissa Alexandra Orr**, Kilrea, County Londonderry

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SUNDAY SERVICES: 8.00 am Holy Communion
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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