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Friday 18th September 2020

Dear friends

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13: 1

To say that we are living through the most unprecedented times in living memory would be a huge understatement.

We have experienced an extended period of lockdown where our life patterns simply ground to a halt. Hospitals became inaccessible, save for the most ill, schools closed, funerals were more functional than pastoral, contact with friends and family became remote as the use of social media took on a greater significance in many of our lives.

We have emerged from this lockdown slowly as restrictions have been eased as the infection rate has decreased and the number of deaths due to Covid-19 have reduced.

Concerns are on the rise once more as "clusters" of infection are popping up in our land and Covid -19 related deaths are on the increase again. As a consequence of these most recent developments, the NI Executive have issued further guidance relating to the wearing of face coverings, as well as underlining the importance of social distancing in public spaces such as church buildings.

In the next few paragraphs, I would like to take a brief look at what that guidance is and how we as followers of Jesus should model our submission to those in authority by adhering to the guidance in our public acts of worship.

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Firstly then, the wearing of face coverings. Currently, it is not mandatory to wear face coverings in church. However, in a recent statement, the leaders of the 4 main churches stated the following:

"It has become increasingly clear that the wearing of face coverings, in conjunction with hand washing etc., is likely to reduce the spread of coronavirus, thus helping to protect others."

Consequently, we are recommending the wearing of face coverings at those times when it is difficult to observe the 2 metre social distancing rule i.e. on arrival at church until we are seated, and when we are leaving at the end of the service. Please do endeavour to comply with this request as far as you are able to do so.

Secondly, the importance of hand washing. Sanitising our hands before and after any social engagement is what we have been encouraged to do from the onset of this pandemic as the virus simply can't survive if we wash/sanitise our hands regularly. It is such a simple thing to do and takes so little time. But this simple thing could be argued to be one of the greatest measures we have in our armoury as we seek to control the spread of the virus. That is why we are encouraging each and every person who gathers for worship to use the sanitiser which is freely available at each point of entry and exit.

And finally, social distancing. This is perhaps the most challenging area for many of us as we are created for relationship with one another and so keeping a "safe distance" of 2 metres presents a real challenge. Whilst seated in church, you can be confident that you will be over 2 metres away from those around you who are not from the same household. However, when arriving for church and leaving church at the end of the service, please do "hold back" from the person in front of you thereby ensuring a safe social distance and protecting not only yourself, but others.

These 3 simple measures are what we are asking you all to observe as some of us continue to worship and others prepare to return to worship. In doing so we will be doing our bit to control the spread of the virus but also we will be modelling to the world what it is to submit to those in authority, not just in the church but in government.

Your friend in Christ.

Geoff

Dromore Youth & Children's Ministry

Over the past few months I have had the privilege to go to visit our children's and young peoples homes. It has been great to go and see everyone, strengthen our relationship and sometimes have Miss Poppy, my Cocker Spaniel accompany me in some of the visits! She has enjoyed running around the gardens and even playing some football!

Not only that, but online we have had Sunday School ministry, Wacky weird and wonderful, Bedtime Bible and Youth zooms!

As we step into the unknown, what's in store for our Children's and Youth Ministry?

We will be bringing back our online ministry to include Wacky weird and wonderful and our Sunday Ministry.

As we are permitted to join together in worship at church, I will be providing a talk and a resource pack for the children. Then on the Sunday afternoon I will post our online ministry with the talk and resources for those unable to join us at church.

There will be no Kingdom Kids, Kingdom Tots and Kingdom Come during the month of September. We are very much looking forward to joining back together in the hall when it is safe and practical to do so.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Christine Shanks





Macmillan Coffee Morning

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support is scheduled for Friday 25th September. Unfortunately, due to the present regulations regarding distancing and refreshments we are unable to host a Coffee Morning as we have done for a number of years. Charities' fundraising has been greatly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Everyone is very aware of the dedicated care of the Macmillan nurses whose role is invaluable to those who suffer from this life changing disease and to their families. As an alternative to a Coffee Morning, we are suggesting that if anyone wishes to make a donation that this can be given to Nan McMurray, Helen Forsythe or Jill in the Church Office during September.

Thank you.

Nan and Helen

CMSI Boxes

All CMSI boxes should be returned either to Helen Forsythe (Coordinator), left in the Church porch or with Jill in the Church Office during the month of September.

If you are contributing by cheque, please make cheque payable to Dromore Cathedral.

Thank you.

Clothes and Fabrics Collection

Once again, the Cathedral is taking up the opportunity of helping parishioners and friends to help themselves, and to help us, by providing a means of getting rid of old/ used clothes and shoes.

The right hand Garage in the Clayton Hall Yard will be used as a collection point for bags of the following items to be left in the week commencing 1st September until 13th October.

Please make sure the clothes have been cleaned beforehand.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN BAGS?

We can say YES to

Men's Clean Clothing Women's Clean Clothing Children's Clean Clothing Paired shoes, Handbags, Belts Bed linen, Curtains

but we must say **NO** to:

Dirty or wet clothing Single shoes Off cuts of material Uniforms

The more clothing suitable for re-use collected, the more money we will raise! Using services of All-Tex Ltd.



"It'll be interesting to see if anyone has the nerve to claim them."

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 8th October at 8pm

Each year, we are required by the Constitution of the Church of Ireland to have an annual meeting at which the church accounts are adopted, a Select Vestry is elected and Auditors are appointed. This meeting should normally take place within a period of time prescribed by the Constitution around the occurrence of Easter Sunday. Due to the pandemic, this meeting has not been possible this year so far, but has now been scheduled for Thursday 8th October at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall. This meeting is open to everyone but only registered vestry members can serve on the Select Vestry and have a right to vote. Additionally, as this is what is known as a triennial year, it is a requirement that we elect Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synodsmen at this meeting. Details of what is involved in the various offices and positions held within the church can be found below.

Churchwardens have responsibilities relating to many aspects of the church building and graveyard. The churchwardens are ex officio members of the select vestry, that is, members by virtue of holding the office of churchwarden.

Chapter III of the Church of Ireland Constitution deals with many of the powers and duties of the role of churchwarden.

Appointment of Churchwardens

Churchwardens must be registered members of the general vestry. One churchwarden is appointed by the officiating member of the clergy in the parish (often known as the rector's or incumbent's churchwarden) and the other by the registered members of the general vestry at its Easter vestry meeting (known as the people's churchwarden).

Duties of a Churchwarden

Churchwardens must ensure proper use of church property and maintain peace and order during divine service. The Constitution of the Church of Ireland sets out that it is the duty of the churchwardens to ensure that "the churches, chapels, church halls and churchyards under their care are not used for any common or profane purpose" and that "during the time of Divine Service, peace and order are maintained in the church, the church porch and churchyard, and to prevent any disturbance which may hinder the officiating member of the clergy or the congregation".

The specific duties of churchwardens will vary from church to church, depending on tradition and practice. Diocesan synods have the authority to define further powers and duties of churchwardens within the diocese.

Rector's Churchwarden

Generally the churchwarden appointed by the officiating member of the clergy (and often known as the 'rector's churchwarden') is expected to assist in all practical matters to maintain good order during services. For example, duties may include preparing the table for communion services, assisting if anyone requests to receive

the sacrament of Holy Communion in their seat, ensuring water is available at baptisms, recording the number of people present at services, ringing the bell, tidying up the church after services and so on.

People's Churchwarden

The churchwarden appointed by the general vestry (and often known as the 'people's churchwarden') is generally expected to assist the people attending services. For example, duties may include welcoming those arriving, ensuring visitors are shown to a seat, ensuring everyone has the correct books for the service, preventing disturbances and so on.

Glebewardens are appointed to assist the officiating member of the clergy and the diocesan glebes committee in the care and management of the glebe house (or rectory) and lands. Every parish, union or group of parishes for which there is a select vestry and a glebe generally has two glebewardens.

Chapter III of the Church of Ireland Constitution deals with the appointment of glebewardens. Chapter XIII cover the duties expected of the role.

Where the glebe is vested in the Representative Church Body (RCB), glebewardens are ex officio members of the select vestry, that is, members by virtue of holding the office of glebewardens.

Appointment of Glebewardens

Glebewardens must be registered members of the General Vestry. One glebewarden is appointed by the officiating member of the clergy in the parish (often known as the Rector's or Incumbent's Glebewarden) and the other by the registered members of the General Vestry at its Easter vestry meeting (known as the People's Glebewarden). Recommended good practice is that the glebewardens are independent from and unrelated to the officiating member of the clergy who resides in the parish glebe.

Parochial Nominators are the parish representatives in the nomination and appointment process when a vacancy arises within a parish.

Diocesan Synodsmen are the parish representatives on the legislative body which makes decisions at a Diocesan level.

To be eligible to be a diocesan synodsman or parochial nominator, a person must be at least 18 years old, a member of the Church of Ireland and a communicant. There is no residential qualification, and they need not be a registered member of the parish. Both posts are elected every three years by members of the general vestry at the Easter vestry meeting. The number elected is usually four along with four supplementals. In addition, there is also the opportunity to elect an under 30 representative to Diocesan Synod along with a supplemental.





Across

8. Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)

9. One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)

10. Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)

13. Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

16. 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)

19. Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)

22. Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24. and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25. There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1. Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2. See 24 Across

3. Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)

4. Lo, mash (anag.) (6)

5. The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)

6.'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

7. Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

12. 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14. Second city of Cyprus (8)

15. United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16. One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

17. Braved (anag.) (6)

18. — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20. 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

21. 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)

23. What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Sunday Morning Services

As the summer months draw to a close and more of us prepare to return to church, I would firstly like to assure everyone that the Cathedral is a safe environment for those of all ages.

Hand sanitising, social distancing and the wearing of face coverings, upon arrival and departure from church, are all in place and we are indebted to our growing team of volunteers for their careful management of each aspect of the above. Currently, we are providing 2 services in the morning, Cathedral Praise at 10.00am and Morning Prayer at 11.30am and our capacity at each service is around 90 worshippers.

As we prepare to enter September, we are considering how we can best manage the numbers of those who wish to worship in a safe and secure environment. Our experience in recent years has been that well in excess of 100 people would gather for worship at the 10.00am service and so we are endeavouring to put in place a strategy which will enable us to accommodate the maximum number of people whilst still adhering strictly to NI Executive guidelines and restrictions in order that everyone is kept safe. So, the following is what we are going to trial for the month of September...

- Both services will be no longer than 45 minutes in duration to make allowance for the fact that there will be no Sunday School and families will be encouraged to worship together;
- A kid's talk and song will be part of each service at 10.00am to endeavour to engage with all ages;
- A booking system will be in place from the first Sunday in September to guarantee your seat in church at both services. The purpose of operating a booking system is to enable us to produce a seating plan which will maximise the number of people we can accommodate whilst still observing best practice in relation to Executive guidelines and restrictions. Seats can be reserved by simply telling the person recording attendees when you are leaving church that you intend to attend the following Sunday or by ringing or emailing the church office preferably before 1pm each Friday or contacting Geoff after that time (contact details can be found on page 14). Please do use the booking system as simply turning up at church and hoping for the best may result in disappointment.

This approach is very much centred on enabling as many of us as possible to be able to return to worship in as safe an environment as possible.

Harvest Services 2020

Harvest is a time when we traditionally celebrate as one family at one service at 10.45am. Our experience in more recent years has been that somewhere in the region of 250 people have gathered for worship, something which I think most of us would agree will not be possible this year, given the restrictions currently in place.

At the time of going to print, the Select Vestry are proposing the following as a way around the challenges which this presents us with:

- This year, we will have two identical Harvest services, one at 10.00am and one at 11.30am;
- Both services will last no longer than 45 minutes;
- Both services will contain a traditional organ-led hymn and a contemporary piece led by the praise group;
- Both services will contain a kid's talk as well as an adult sermon;
- There will be no evening Harvest service this year;
- The church will be decorated for Harvest as usual, but in a more limited fashion;
- Both services will operate a booking system whereby you contact the church office to reserve your space in order that we can ensure our maximum capacity as well as preserving the safety and wellbeing of all in attendance;
- For some years now, it has been the custom to have a harvest appeal. That will remain the case this year, with the proceeds going towards the General Account. Harvest Appeal envelopes can be found in your box of envelopes or simply place your offering in a plain envelope with your name on the outside of it.

Harvest is an important occasion in our calendar, as we recall God's faithfulness and give thanks to Him once more. In the current circumstances it is perhaps more important than ever for us to do so.

Wedding Dress Festival

Many thanks to those who have left donations of knitted triangles with me over the summer.

Could I ask if anyone else had triangles could you please leave in the box in the Tower Porch or alternatively leave with Jill in the Church Office. This is to gauge if we have enough already knit to make the bunting.

I shall keep you updated if we need any more or have enough. Many thanks to all who has helped out in this way. Jane Russell

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PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

29th JulyJames Allan Seawright, Moorefield Road, Dromore18th AugustJohn Halliday, Thornhill Drive, Dromore

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed, Says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

Church Services each Sunday in September		
10.00am	Cathedral Praise	
11.30am	Morning Prayer	

September	6th	13th	20th	27th
Flower Rota Mrs Beverley McClearn	Mrs Rosemary Wilson	Mrs Dorothy Allen	Mrs Edna Jeffryes	Mrs Gillian Hyde

Church Collectio	ons		
General Fund		2020/21	2019/20
June		5,737.50	8,699.00
July		9,215.00	6,221.90
Total to date	2	£24,838.50	£28,552.19
Development Fi	und		
Month 3	June	694.70	650.10
Month 4	July	1,487.55	854.15
Total to date	2	£2,988.25	£3,429.80

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Select Vestry 2019-2020

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Vestry Members:	Colin Barr, Andrew Carson, Paul Cochrane, Andrew Cuthbert, Scott Mackey, Nan McMurray (Honorary Treasurer), Samuel Newell, Julie Orr (Honorary Secretary), Sue Pegrum, Joanne Silcock, Leanne Teggart, Agnes Thompson.		
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Congratulations!

Sincere congratulations to Jim and Madge Cunningham (Nee Gibson) on the occasion of their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated on Thursday 9th July and received a card from HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Jim and Madge were married in First Dromore Presbyterian Church on the 9th July 1960 by the then Minister, the Rev F L McConnell and the reception was in Drummiller House.

We wish Jim and Madge every blessing.





Sincere congratulations to Miss Julie Orr and the Rev Jonathan Brown on the occasion of their marriage in St Malachy's Parish Church, Hillsborough on Monday 27th July, and what a special occasion it was for all who were present. We all wish them both every blessing for the future.



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