



CATHEDRAL LIFE

The Cathedral Church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore

Remembrance Day

11 NOVEMBER

In Flanders Fields

poem by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, 3 May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

lest we forget

NOVEMBER 2020

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Friday 20th November 2020

Dear friends

Why do we remember?

According to the Royal British Legion Remembrance Overview 2020, remembrance serves a number of important purposes. Foremost of those purposes is that remembrance gives us an opportunity to give thanks. *"It is a chance for individuals, communities and the nation to honour those who serve and sacrifice to defend our nation and our way of life and who gave their today for our tomorrow."* Royal British Legion 2020.

2020 was a year in which we marked the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day and Victory in Japan (VJ) Day. Millions of British and Commonwealth men and women served and sacrificed to secure peace and freedom in our land in the Second World War. Millions of men and women, following that terrible conflict, returned to their homes, never to be the same again. Millions of men and women lost their freedom, in many senses, in order that we can celebrate our freedom to this very day. That is why we continue to remember, even though 75 years have passed, and through remembering we are brought to a place where we must give thanks.

But this year has also been a very significant year as we have faced a very different sort of enemy, but one which has been just as devastating for millions across the world and indeed in our own land; the Royal British Legion have prophetically acknowledged this and insightfully encouraged us to also give thanks for *"the service and sacrifice of so many today in protecting our nation from Covid-19 and the similarities in feelings, emotions and experiences of then and now."* Royal British Legion 2020

Yes, the loss of life has not been on the same scale as other major conflicts, but the loss of freedom for so many has been no less significant. Millions have lost the freedom to travel at home or abroad. Millions have

become prisoners in their own homes. Millions have lived in fear of an invisible enemy who could strike at any time. Millions have experienced a measure of hardship as employment patterns have changed radically and income streams have been stripped away for so many. Millions have experienced the pain of loss in the most challenging of circumstances when our accustomed systems of support have not been possible.

Those who have gone into battle against Covid-19 haven't put on camouflage combats and borne arms; they haven't launched missiles or launched military offensives. Those who have entered into "battle" have put on scrubs and face coverings. They have donned the uniforms of shop workers and delivery drivers. Their weapons have been love and compassion and their defences have been hand sanitiser and social distancing. Because of their service and their sacrifice, our country has come through the toughest of times as we have all hoped and prayed that the enemy would be defeated. And so we also say thank you to those who have served us so well during this most trying of times. We give thanks for politicians and community leaders, health workers and those in our emergency services, food bank volunteers and those involved in offering counselling services, teachers and parents who home-schooled their children, church leaders and those who volunteer within our churches week by week. Indeed we give thanks for all those men and women who have served and are serving in the ongoing battle against this dreadful virus.

In some respects the battle is behind us and yet it remains ahead of us. But one thing I would say as we move from Autumn into Winter is that all of us can do something in the battle against Covid-19. We don't have to be healthcare professionals working on the frontline to make a difference; all of us can sanitise our hands or wear face coverings to protect ourselves and others and in so doing ease the burden on those on the frontline. We don't have to be political, community or church leaders to give a lead and reinforce guidelines and restrictions; we each have a sphere of influence in the people around us and can influence for good through our words and actions. We don't have to be those working in residential contexts with the most vulnerable in our society to protect those for whom the virus poses greatest risk; we can all ensure that our contact with the most vulnerable is measured, controlled and with their best interests in mind.

And so as we give thanks once more for those who have served us so well in conflicts over the past 100 years, we also give thanks for those who have served us so well in defending our health and well being in the current battle with a very different enemy. And as we do so, let our legacy be that we did our bit in this battle by keeping our distance, wearing our face coverings and sanitising our hands.

Your friend in Christ.

Geoff

Maridi Update

Bishop Moses writes very recently with his latest prayer letter, offering encouragements as well as points for prayer:

Dear Brother Geoff

Greetings to you and Naomi from your other home. Hope you are well and my Dromore family.

Things are changing from situation of Corona in South Sudan, but unfortunately we are seriously affected by the inflation of dollars against local South Sudan pounds and that has added the cry of the poor people in the country. The road between Juba and Maridi continue to be blocked.

We are also thankful to God for his much mercy and blessings he has for us: despite Corona virus, it has not claimed much lives of our people. Corona has created more sense of God to many people, now our churches are full of people on Sundays even bigger than time before Corona. Too much rain is also part of our blessings as land can be wet for cultivation.

Am also grateful for today my first granddaughter will be baptized .

May be you need something to pray about:

1. December 2020 will be busy time for the Archbishop of Western Equatoria internal province who will be with us in Maridi with big team and churches will be gathering together for confirmation service.
2. Pray for my visit to the remote archdeaconry of Kozi and Eddi in January and February.
3. Pray for General Synod of 1st March to 7th March, which will be with Ordination. Much Sunday blessings

Our partnership with Maridi is deepening in so many ways, not least through our support for our brothers and sisters in what is a growing crisis of inflation and food shortages, on top of the crisis of Covid-19. Since the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis in March, we have supported our church family in Maridi financially through the sending of over £12,000. This support has enabled Bishop Moses to do the following....

Financial support for Pastor/Evangelists through the payment of stipend given that churches were not able to meet due to Covid-19, therefore there were no offerings being received (stipends are covered directly from offerings in Maridi):

Provision of seeds for planting, oil for cooking, food to eat, soap for hygiene and protection:

Purchase of 20 bicycles for Evangelists to carry them and their message (Gospel and Covid-19 awareness) into more remote communities:

The build of an extension to the Bethsaida clinic currently being used during this rainy season as a shelter for those waiting for treatment:

Support for ministry students stranded in Uganda following closure of borders during lockdown.

If you would like to support Maridi in any way, then please contact our Rector, Geoff for further details.

Wider Act of Remembrance - Sunday 8th November at 6pm

For many of us, Remembrance Sunday can be a challenging day as it not only causes us to call to mind those who have fallen in conflict, but in a wider sense it can remind us of loved ones whose passing has been perhaps less traumatic, but no less difficult for us as we recall. And this year in particular has presented many of us with the additional challenge of not being able to grieve in our accustomed manner through a full church, important conversations over refreshments and the healing which can come through comforting words and warm embraces when words simply fail us.

So we feel that it has never been more important for us to offer a service through which we can acknowledge our wider losses, but in doing so we are in no way taking away from the significance and imperative of remembering the fallen.

So, on the evening of Remembrance Sunday we are going to have a Wider Act of Remembrance at 6pm in the Cathedral for all those who have been bereaved since our last service of remembrance and indeed beyond that.

The service will consist of 2 hymns, a bible reading, a talk, prayers and a symbolic act of remembrance using beautiful white roses. No one will be forced to participate, but our experience has been that a real measure of healing can come through using symbols such as roses as we press into God.

This year, we will have to take additional precautions during our service:

We will have to hand sanitise and wear face coverings when we are on our feet or singing;

We will have to socially distance throughout our service, including the act of remembrance;

We will have to indicate our intention to attend by contacting the church office on 9269 3968 and book our space;

We will not be able to offer refreshments this year, but we can still linger after the service and have some fellowship with one another.

Please do let us know if you would like to attend as we seek to offer sincere support for those who are grieving in these particularly challenging times.

Leprosy Mission Boxes

All Leprosy Mission boxes should be returned to Tommy Wilson or left in the Church porch during the month of November. If you are contributing by cheque, please make cheque payable to Dromore Cathedral. If you would like to support Leprosy Mission by receiving a Mission Box, please get in touch with Tommy and he will arrange it. Thank you.

Used Postage Stamps

The Leprosy Mission can benefit from used postage stamps. Please collect your stamps, especially during the Christmas period, and put them in the box provided in the Church porch.

Clothes Recycling

Thank you to all who provided clothing for the recent recycling collection. The amount raised was £277.

We thank Ashley Silcock who organised this event.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Donations

A sincere thank you to everyone who gave a donation as an alternative to a Coffee Morning not being held this year. Donations for Macmillan Cancer Support amounted to £645.

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Harvest Offering

A very sincere thank you to everyone who has supported our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. The total to date is £7,271.70. If you would like to support our Harvest Appeal and have not already done so, you can still do so by returning your Harvest envelope any Sunday or leaving in the Church Office.

Jar of Grace

It seems like such a long time ago that we encouraged folks to engage in the Jar of Grace during the season of Lent. Covid-19 prevented us from gathering in your offerings on Easter Sunday, but it certainly didn't prevent us all from engaging with this fantastic initiative as we raised the incredible total of £2,032.

A very sincere word of thanks to everyone who supported the Jar of Grace so generously.

The proceeds will be divided equally between our own Development Account to go towards the installation costs of our accessible toilet and ongoing support for the Diocese of Maridi.

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Easter General Vestry Meeting

The Annual General Vestry meeting took place at 8pm on Thursday 8th October 2020 in the Cathedral Hall.

The Rector welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a reading from Luke 11: 5-13 and encouraged us to be persistent and expectant in our prayers.

The Rector reflected on the past 18 months drawing attendees' attention to some "Stand Out" events, achievements and people during what has been one of the most challenging periods in living memory.

In closing, the Rector thanked all those who volunteered, in whatever capacity, for their service week by week through which the church was able to continue to deliver and develop existing and new ministries.

The minutes of the 2019 Annual General Vestry meeting were read by the Rector, approved by those present, and signed as an accurate account of what took place.

Financial Report: Nan McMurray, Honorary Treasurer, gave a comprehensive report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019. The Accounts were adopted by the meeting.

Auditor: S.M. Vint & Co, Banbridge was re-appointed Auditor.

Office-bearers elected to serve for 2020-21

Churchwardens: Rebekah Davidson (Rector's) : Ashley Silcock (People's)

Glebewardens: Ian Purdy (Rector's) : Bill Forsythe (People's)

Select Vestry: Andrew Carson, Paul Cochrane, Andrew Cuthbert, Ian Doig, Jonny Jackson, Scott Mackey, Nan McMurray, Sam Newell, Jane Russell, Joanne Silcock, Leanne Teggart.

Triennial Elections : 2020-2013

Parochial Nominators:

Paul Cochrane, Andrew Cuthbert, Ashley Silcock, Leanne Teggart

Supplemental Parochial Nominators:

Bill Forsythe, Scott Mackey, Nan McMurray, Ruth Striblehill

Diocesan Synod Members:

Paul Cochrane, Helen Forsythe, Nan McMurray, Sue Pegrum

At a short meeting of the newly elected Select Vestry the following appointments were made:

Honorary Secretary: Leanne Teggart **Honorary Treasurer:** Nan McMurray

PARISH REGISTERS 2019

Holy Baptism

3rd February	Sophia Mary Marshe Gibson, Ballynahinch Road
3rd March	Elijah Gray Lloyd, Jubilee Heights, Dromore
24th March	Ellie Grace Shepherd, Barronstown Meadows
24th March	Anna Ruth Shepherd, Barronstown Meadows
24th March	Caroline Jess, Banbridge Road, Dromore
19th May	Finlay James Pollock, Gallows Street, Dromore
2nd June	Mylee Audrey McCormick, Donaghcloney

Confirmation

7th April	Billie Chambers	Adam Magowan
	Rebekah Davidson	Benjamin Quigley
	Suzanna Howard	Joshua Quigley
	Kaitlyn Jess	Ellie Shepherd
	Caroline Jess	Rachel Wilson
	Ryan Jess	Thomas Wilson
	Leah Mack	

Holy Matrimony

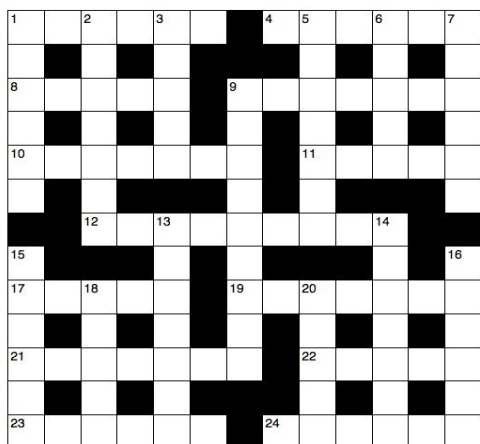
7th August	Jacob Frith and Bethany Wilson
17th August	Paul Roulston and Karen Ross
12th October	Rhys Williams and Victoria Hamilton

Funerals

1st February	Raymond Cosgrove, Skeagh Road, Kinallen
10th March	Madeline Scott, Banbridge Road, Dromore
11th March	Levina (Leah) Elizabeth McClenaghan, Drumboneth Road
6th April	Robert Gribben, Belfast
9th April	Jennifer Boston, Meeting Street, Dromore
16th April	Margaret Sherwin, Villawood Road
2nd June	Robina (Beenie) Wilson, Maypole Park, Dromore
21st June	Derrick McAlister, Gallows Place, Dromore
27th July	Margaret Eileen McRoberts, Braeside Manor, Dromore
20th November	James Patience, Beresford Green, Dromore
23rd November	Ellen Biggerstaff, Mountvale Nursing Home
13th December	Charlotte Elizabeth Bell, Mountvale Nursing Home

Burial of Ashes

5th July	Lorraine Belshaw, Manchester
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Across

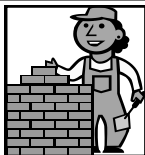
- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when He had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and His — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)

- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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Student Placement

We welcomed Lee Boal and his wife Beth to the Cathedral on Sunday 25th October as Lee commenced a 10-week ministry placement with us. Lee is a first year student at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI) and has just commenced training for the ordained ministry in September of this year. Please do encourage both Lee and Beth as we welcome them in our midst at this early stage of Lee’s training.

Annual Sit Out and Sponsored Cycle

Having consulted with Southern Area Hospice Services and PSNI, we are delighted to announce that our annual sit out will take place as normal at locations throughout our town on Friday 11th December between 9am and 5pm - this is great news, though we will need to ensure that some additional precautions are in place before doing so in the interests of protecting everyone. If you are interested in helping out with this collection, then please do let Geoff know in advance in order that he can arrange a rota of collectors in plenty of time.

Unfortunately though, due to the constraints of our building and the numbers who would be anticipated to attend, based on previous years, we feel that it would not be sensible to proceed with a Community Carol Service this year.

However, it has never been more important to continue to support the work of the Hospice, so we have conceived of an alternative way of raising much needed funds through a sponsored cycle from Dromore Cathedral to the Southern Area Hospice Services Office at Newry and back on Saturday 12th December. If you are interested in joining a small team of cyclists undertaking this cycle, please contact our Rector Geoff for more information. More details concerning the cycle will appear in December edition of Cathedral Life.

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Church Collections

General Fund		2020/21	2019/20
September		7,621.60	8,274.50
Total to date		£42,350.10	£45,133.69
Development Fund			
Month 6	September	953.80	803.20
Total to date		£4,908.60	£4,924.25

Mothers' Union

Unfortunately the service which was to be held on Sunday 25th October was cancelled due to the new Government restrictions. This will be held as soon as it is safe to do so.

There have been a few changes since we last met. Helen Scott has resigned as enrolling member due to a few health issues and we wish her prayerful good wishes for the future and trust she will continue to join us in fellowship for many years to come. We are very grateful for all her commitment and dedication over these past years and we thank her sincerely for leading us during this time.

However, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Anne Cochrane has agreed to take on the role of Enrolling member and I know the members of our Mothers' Union branch and our congregation will wish her well and support her in prayer as she leads us in worship and fellowship. Anne will take up her new role as soon as the Covid-19 crisis has abated; the Rector will hold the reins, in a manner of speaking, in the meantime.

We look forward to brighter days when we can all meet again.

Take care and God bless, Helen Forsythe



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Harvest Thanks

As I reflected on our Harvest celebrations last weekend, one thing comes to mind...it was the closest thing to normal I have experienced in church since March of this year!! And that sense of being caught up in the wonder of the moment didn't simply happen by chance, it was a result of some very hard work from an amazing group of people. So, thank you to the arrangers and providers, to the singers and musicians and to the stewards and technicians.

And let us all live out the harvest message this year, let's not just be a people of Thanksgiving, but rather Thanksliving.

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Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year will be very unusual in the sense that we will not be able to gather at the Cenotaph for our customary act of Remembrance from 10.45am onwards due to restrictions on the numbers permitted to gather outdoors (15) as a consequence of the Covid-19 virus.

Remembrance remains a priority for us this year and so to enable that to happen in a meaningful way, we will be having an act of remembrance at both our 10am service and the 11.30am service.

At the 10am service, there will be the opportunity for all those attending to place a poppy at the foot of the cross on the chancel steps as they leave church via the Baptistry door. At the 11.30am service, the normal Act of Remembrance with wreath laying at the memorial window will take place during the service.

Be assured that all necessary measures will be taken to ensure the safety of everyone participating with face coverings being worn and social distancing observed.

November	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Flower Rota Miss Elizabeth Cordingley	Mrs Julie McMurray	Miss Nan McMurray	Mrs Wendy Tate	Mrs Sadie Aiken	Mrs Rosemary Wilson



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Select Vestry 2020-2021

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Glebewardens:	Ian Purdy (Rector's)	Bill Forsythe (People's)
Vestry Members:	Andrew Carson, Paul Cochrane, Andrew Cuthbert, Ian Doig, Jonny Jackson, Scott Mackey, Nan McMurray (Honorary Treasurer), Samuel Newell, Jane Russell, Joanne Silcock, Leanne Teggart (Honorary Secretary)	
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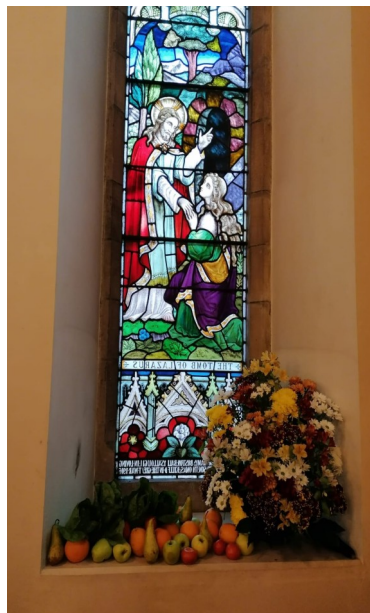


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Dromore Youth & Children's Ministry

Isn't it hard to believe we are at the end of October already! It has been so uplifting to see more and more families join us over the last few months for worship.

On average 18 Kingdom kids folders are being handed out each week!

Sadly, due to Covid-19 we are still unable to meet each Sunday in the Cathedral Hall.

However, that has not stopped our programme. Each week as children come to church they receive their own personalised folder with a prayer activity, memory verse, craft and challenge based on the children's talk. The nursery school children have colouring in sheets, a game such as snap or play doh story and a craft, again based on the children's talk. The youth are also encouraged to take notes on what they have learnt from the sermon. The service is kept to forty five minutes to encourage families to come with their children.

We cannot wait for the day when we can gather together in the hall, but we must wait until it is safe to do so. Until then we can meet together very safely in the church building with all the measures that have been put in place.

We look forward to more of our families rejoining us over time.

Christine Shanks



HARVEST FESTIVAL 2020

Due to the present restrictions, only a small number of people were allowed inside the Church to do the decorating. In total 7 people were involved.

I would like to thank all those who made beautiful arrangements, as well as those who made it possible by donating fruit, vegetables, flowers and greenery.

Sara McCorkell, Flower Co-ordinator



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