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The Cathedral Church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore

Parish Picnic 2019



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Dear friends

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 24-25

I recall the first marathon I ever ran in Dublin very clearly. The thing that stands out for me to this very day was the stark contrast in the level of support participants received from spectators. On the one hand you had very measured support from those who were from Ireland; clapping participants and the occasional “*fair play to you*” was pretty much the norm from them. On the other hand, you had literally hundreds of American and Canadian supporters there to cheer on not only their family members, but anyone who was crazy enough to run 26.2 miles. They cycled up and down the course cheering on participants, whooping and constantly telling runners how well they were doing, even if they knew the reverse was actually the case! I certainly know which group encouraged me most.

The writer to the Hebrews is challenging the church in their ongoing walk with the Lord as they write with the motivation of deepening their love for one another and God through their acts of service. Some Christians had fallen away from meeting together, something which can happen so, so easily. Consider how easy it is to fall away from attending church when someone says something to offend you.

Consider how easy it is to fall away from attending church if you lose a loved one and the thought of returning to worship fills you with dread.

Consider how easy it is to fall away from attending church over the summer months.

Consider how easy it is to fall away from attending church as a consequence of the pandemic and concerns surrounding being in close proximity of others for extended periods of time.

These are all very real reasons why some of us may have given up on the habit of meeting together over the past 18 months.

Now consider this....when we give up on the habit of meeting together for corporate worship, it is like removing ourselves from a hot fire and being placed on the hearth in isolation of other coals. Within a very short space of time, we have grown cold sitting on the hearth all alone while the rest of the fire remains hot and continues to benefit from being surrounded by others coals.

I wonder if that coal sitting on the hearth describes how things have been for you? Have you given up on the habit of meeting with others through hurt, loss or fear?

If that describes how you are feeling at the moment, we really do want you to know that a very warm welcome awaits you. We long to welcome you back to worship in order that we can bless and encourage one another as we whoop and cheer one another along this spiritual race we are running.

In order to help us all in our return to worship, we are holding a parish picnic in the Rectory grounds on Sunday 12th September. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to bring their own picnic; we will provide all hot and cold drinks. There will be music and food, games and treasure hunts, fun for all of the family as we come to celebrate that we are one family and to encourage one another in our onward journey of faith. Those attending the 10am service are welcome to come straight over to the Rectory after the service for tea/coffee while they await the arrival of those who will be attending the 11.30am service. Or you could go home for an hour and come back for 12.30pm. Once everyone is together, we will have our big picnic and simply celebrate being one big church family whose desire is to be committed to one another and to the one we follow. Why not make a note in your diary and make it a priority to be there.

Please be assured that everyone is welcome.

Please be assured that everyone is valued, something which we try to communicate through the way in which we have managed the restrictions and how they affect our acts of public worship. The Cathedral is a much safer place to gather than any cafe, retail outlet or supermarket.

Please be assured that our desire is provide an environment within which people are encouraged and blessed.

Please be assured that without you, our church family is somehow that little bit less complete.

Your friend in Christ.

Geoff

September 2021.....

GriefShare - Thursday 7th October at 7.45pm in the Cathedral Hall

Grief is something which affects all of us in different ways and at different times. Your loss could be very recent or some years ago, but the pain of loss can be just as acute. GriefShare acknowledges this and deals with all aspects of loss and at all stages.

Over the course of 13 “in person” meetings in the Cathedral Hall every other week, participants will journey with other group members and discover that there are others who have the same kind of feelings they do and who understand the hurt they feel and the loss they have experienced.

Group members often feel like their group has become a family, that they made new friends and are around people they can relate to.

The intention of each session is to help us discover hope for the future in the midst of our emptiness and loss. While things may look bleak now, you’ll learn ways to restore your hope and rebuild your life. You may feel a little nervous about going to GriefShare. Those feelings go away quickly, usually during the first session.

Each of the 13 sessions consist of a welcome, refreshments, presentation via DVD and discussion. Each session is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. You’ll have the chance to talk about your experiences as it can be very healing to tell others what you are going through, to tell your story in a manner of speaking, though there’s never any pressure for you to do so if you don’t feel like it.

It can sometimes be difficult to move on in life when you are still dealing with the grief and emptiness that happens after a loved one dies. Through GriefShare you’ll learn how to go through a healthy season of grieving, then begin transitioning to emotional and spiritual wholeness.

GriefShare is absolutely free but places are limited so please contact Geoff if you are interested in being part of it or simply to get more information.

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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 Monday 13th September until 4th October. Please make sure the clothes have been cleaned beforehand.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN BAGS?

We can say **YES** to

- Men's, Women's, 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!
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Praise, Prayer & Testimony

Our first Praise, Prayer & Testimony evening will take place on Sunday 5th September at 7pm. This service will be on the same Sunday evening each month, with someone sharing a word of testimony as to how God has been at work in their lives.

Each evening will consist of 3 main elements:

The Praise will be contemporary in style and will be led by Karen Bowden each month;

The Prayer will be more informal and will use a variety of forms;

The Testimony will be ordinary people telling ordinary stories about an extraordinary God.

On Sunday 5th September, Nick Davies from the 10am service will be sharing his testimony as to how God has taken him deeper in his faith than he ever imagined was possible.

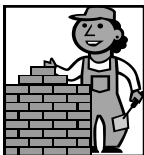
On Sunday 3rd October we hope to have a live link with Maridi through which Bishop Moses will be sharing how God has been at work over recent years in the Diocese of Maridi.

Please do see this as an opportunity to encourage those who will be sharing their testimony by being there on the evening. But please do also see this as an opportunity to go deeper yourself in your walk with the Lord.

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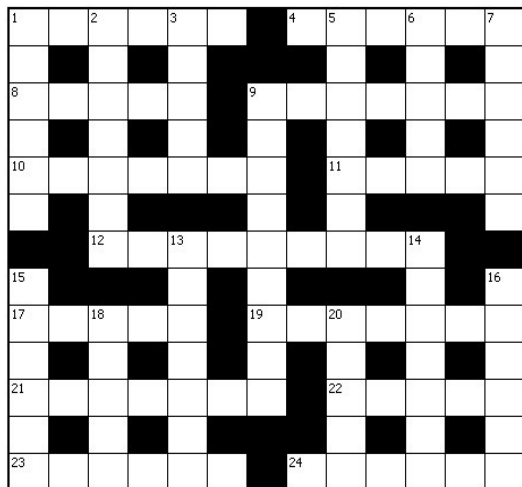
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Across

1. 'Through [Christ] we have gained by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done' ... as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)

23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)

24 'Out of the... I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 There will be weeping and gnashing of ... (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)

PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

17th July	James McInnes, Gallows Street, Dromore
28th July	William John (Jackie) McMurray, Church Street, Dromore
30th July	William Orr, Thornhill Drive, Dromore
6th August	Jamie Paul Sinnamon, Blackskull, Dromore
9th August	Maureen Ena McMurray, Holm Terrace, Dromore
23rd August	Ernest (Ernie) Brown, Lynn Avenue, Dromore
27th August	Nina Castles, Banbridge Road, Dromore

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

Mothers' Union

We do sincerely hope that it will be possible to have a meeting on Wednesday 29th September at 8.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Unfortunately, we cannot confirm this until after the September Vestry meeting but providing we get permission, there will be a short Triennial meeting to begin the evening and this would be followed by a film and refreshments. I will confirm this date with you as soon as I can either on the group WhatsApp or by telephone.

Please be assured that social distancing and sanitising procedures will be in place, looking forward to seeing you all.

Best wishes

Helen Forsythe

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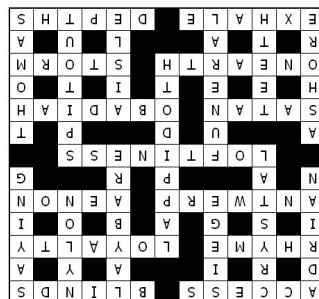
GENERAL FUND		2021/22	2020/21
June		7,223.00	5,727.50
July		7,083.20	9,215.00
Total to date		£31,611.20	£24,828.50

DEVELOPMENT FUND			
Month 3	June	800.60	694.70
Month 4	July	747.00	1,487.55
Total to date		£3,554.10	£2,988.25

September	5th	12th	19th	26th
Flower Rota Mrs B McClearn	Mrs Nuala Green	Mrs Dorothy Allen	Mrs Glenda Galloway	Miss Gillian Hyde

Attention all Magazine Distributors

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Very sincere congratulations to the Rev Elaine Pentland, and the Rev Andrew Orr on the occasion of their ordination to the order of Deacon on Sunday 22nd August in our Cathedral. Elaine will serve as a Deacon in Willowfield Parish and Andrew will serve his year as Deacon in St John’s Parish, Orangefield.

The last Service of Ordination in our Cathedral was that of the Rev Gary McMurray back in 2008, so it was wonderful to be able to host this very special service once more, at the request of our Bishop, the Rt Rev David McClay.

We look forward to hosting similar Diocesan services in the years to come.

Sunday 5th September		
14th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Praise, Prayer & Testimony
Sunday 12th		
15th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Summer Epilogue Service <i>with</i> Holy Communion
Sunday 19th		
16th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise <i>with</i> Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of The Word
	7.00pm	Summer Epilogue Service
Sunday 26th		
17th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Summer Epilogue Service



Alistair and Helen Scott Celebrate 50 years of Marriage

Alistair Scott married Helen McKeown in Ulsterville Presbyterian Church, Lisburn Road, Belfast on 10th July 1971 and in July this year had a small family celebration to mark their Golden Wedding Anniversary with their bridesmaid, best man and partners along with brothers and wives present. Daughter Lynsey, husband Iain and two of their grandchildren Ava and Archie. Son Niall, his wife Louise and their son Oliver live in Australia. Daughter Gillian, her husband Colin and girls Molly and Kate, live in California. There were lots of Facetime messages etc from those who could not make it home due to covid restrictions. Very sincere congratulations to Alistair and Helen from all of their friends in the Cathedral.



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