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Dear friends

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1: 27

The Epistle of James is what one could best describe as a highly practical letter, challenging readers to carry out works which match the faith they profess. In essence it addresses the “gap” between what we say we believe and what our actions demonstrate we believe.

James was writing to the 12 scattered tribes, scattered as a consequence of the persecution beyond the geographical boundaries of Israel; predominantly Jewish Christians living out their faith in foreign lands. James is commending a way of living to them that, which if lived out in the presence of Gentiles, would be a wonderful witness to the one whom they professed to follow, the Lord Jesus himself.

That “gap” between what is professed and how it is demonstrated it is not something which was unusual. It was something which had plagued the nation of Israel throughout the ages. Some 800 years earlier than James had written his words of challenge, the prophet Isaiah wrote in a similarly challenging fashion;

*Woe to those who make unjust laws,
to those who issue oppressive decrees,
to deprive the poor of their rights
and withhold justice from the oppressed
of my people,
making widows their prey
and robbing the fatherless. Isaiah 10: 1-2*

Widows were prey to those with riches, power and authority. Orphans were exploited, even robbed by those who should have been caring for and supporting them, according to God’s word;

*He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow,
and loves the foreigner residing among you,
giving them food and clothing. Deuteronomy 10: 18*

God's heart is that widows, orphans and those in need should be honoured and blessed rather than looked down upon and exploited.

So let's fast forward now to the early 20th Century when the world experienced the creation of more widows and orphans than was ever conceived possible through man bearing arms against fellow man in the Great War of 1914-1918. The need was huge and was met through a variety of organisations, each with a particular focus and sphere of responsibility. 4 such organisations were brought together through the formation of 1 new group on 15th May 1921, the Royal British Legion.

"Over six million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled.

Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent.

The Royal British Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And we've been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since."

Royal British Legion website

I trust from the foregoing that we can easily identify the need within our land. But I also hope that we understand that caring for widows, orphans and those in need is not just a good idea, but God's idea.

The Royal British Legion has served our land superbly well in responding to the needs of veterans and their families over the past 100 years. The majority of the funds needed to extend that care has come through the annual Poppy Appeal, and this year is no exception. Please do support the work of the Royal British Legion as they one more respond to real need and help us to remember those who have fallen in service of their country and indeed those who continue to bear the cruel scars of battle in body, mind and spirit.

We will once more be able to gather at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday for an act of remembrance which will commence at around 10.45am. Our service of Cathedral Praise will be at the earlier time of 9.45am that morning to enable us to participate in this Act of Remembrance. I hope to see you all there.

Every blessing in Christ

Geoff

Diocesan Prayer - Tuesday 30th November at 7.30pm

We are delighted to be hosting an evening of prayer for our Diocese on Tuesday 30th November 2021 at 7.30pm. This presents us all with an occasion to come together as a Diocese and pray for the work of each of our Parishes and indeed the work and ministry of our Diocese.

Prayer should really matter to us all. As Charles Spurgeon once said, *“Prayer is the slender nerve which moves the muscle of omnipotence.”* So why not come along on the evening and join with others as we hold our Bishop, our Diocese and our Parishes in prayer in the midst of these difficult days.

Abou Ben Adhem

J H Leigh Hunt (1784-1859)

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the Presence in the room he said,
‘What writest thou?’ — The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered, ‘The names of those who love the Lord.’
‘And is mine one?’ said Abou. ‘Nay, not so,’
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still, and said, ‘I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men.’
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem’s name led all the rest.

Kindly provided by Alistair Scott

Audio-Visual System

We are delighted that the upgrade of our audio-visual system is now complete! This has been a significant investment which provides us with much enhanced sound and visuals in the Cathedral as well as the capability to record and live-stream services on the internet. There is also WiFi in the Cathedral Hall and in the Cathedral itself. We were able to make good use of the new system at our Praise, Prayer and Testimony service on Sunday 3rd October when we had a live link with Bishop Moses in Maridi Diocese (about 6,000 miles away).

We trust the benefits of the new system are already being realised by everyone who can now engage more fully in worship at the Cathedral. Thank you for the generosity of so many who contributed to making the upgrade happen and huge thanks to the guys at Rea Sound for all their expertise. The team would welcome comments and feedback from anyone about the system, whether you attend church or watch at home in order to make sure everyone is able to realise the full potential of the upgrade.

Scott Mackey

Mothers' Union

As the Christmas season will soon be upon us, we would like you to join us for some festive decoration ideas on **Wednesday 1st December in the Cathedral Hall**. *Please note the earlier time of 7.30pm and change of date.* We'll see you then.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (25th November – 10th December) is an annual United Nations' campaign. Mothers' Union is joining with thousands of other organisations to encourage more people to stand up and stop all forms of violence. Our campaign is focused on the fact 1 in 3 women are victims of violence or abuse. To raise awareness of this disturbing reality, we are encouraging people to hold a one-minute silence at 1.03pm on Saturday 25th November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and MU's Global Day of Action). #nomore1in3

Mothers' Union in the Down and Dromore Diocese will hold a service in St Mark's Parish Church Dundela on Saturday 27th November starting at 12.45pm. All members are invited and anyone wishing to attend should give their name to the Branch Leader during the next week so that seats can be reserved. This time there are no refreshments following the service and regulations around masks and social distancing should be followed.

(2021 is the centenary of the death of Annabella Hayes who started MU in Ireland. As her son was Rector of St Mark's Dundela, it is an appropriate venue for us this year).

History Reading Group

The Dromore Cathedral History Reading group will hold their first meeting of this year -

The Clayton Memorial Hall on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in compliance with covid protocols.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and review the books which the group had read during the period of restrictions across 2020/2021 and to select a new book to read. It is also planned that a date will be set for a pre Christmas meeting.

The books which the group choose to read very much sit in the category of what is generally described as book store popular history. They are readily available on line or on high street and at reasonable cost.

Expensive and lengthy 1000+ page historical epics are very much avoided.

Everyone is most welcome to attend and to engage in some lively discussion and become involved in the democratic process of selecting the next book for the group to read.

Refreshments provided at meetings of the History Reading Group are themed and are usually based on the subject matter of the book which the group had read since the previous meeting. Sometimes this can be quite a challenge! One of the books read over lock down was *The Borgias - Power and Fortune* by Paul Strathern.

The Borgia family had their roots in Valencia in Spain but became

established in 15th century Italy and were much involved in the ecclesiastical and political life of that country into the 16th century. On that basis Italian themed snacks will be provided at this meeting of the History Reading Group.

For any further information contact - Billy McCallum 07714035909 or wmccallum09@googlemail.com

JOY

The members of JOY had a lovely afternoon in the Cathedral Hall to start our group again after 19 months. We chatted together and shared stories from the past year, finishing with tea and birthday cake as everyone has had a birthday since we all met!

On Thursday 11th November at 2pm Alana Diamond from the ABC Council shall be joining us to talk about home safety and how to prevent accidents in the home. Please come and join us.

Date for your diary:

Saturday 4th December

Seniors Afternoon Tea at 1.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. Names are needed by Sunday 28th November to help with catering and social distancing. Please contact Jane on 07715707160 to reserve your place or give your name to one of the stewards on your way into church.



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 £340.

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 £285.

Harvest Offering

A very sincere thank you to everyone who has supported our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. The total to date is £6,881.

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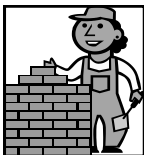
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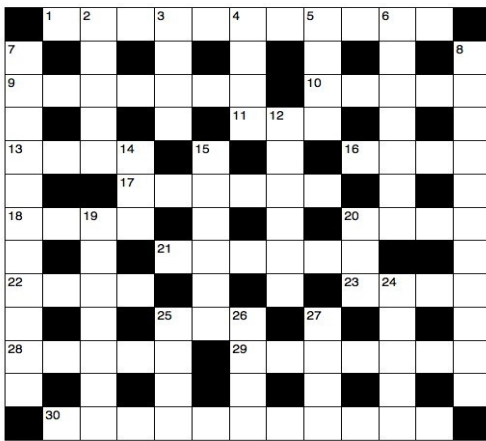
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Across

- 1** In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
13 Taverns (4)
16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1–2) (4,4)
20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)

- 28** Annie (anag.) (5)
29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2** 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
15 Liverpool dialect (6)
19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
27 See 18 Across

Belfast Blitz

This year was the 80th anniversary of the Belfast Blitz in which almost 1,000 people died.

One of the victims, Andrew Copling, is buried in our graveyard. Andrew Copling, aged 16, was the son of Ernest Victor and Jane (nee McCloy) Copling of Grahams Yard, Dromore. He was a member of the 70th Battalion (Young Soldiers) Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

On 15th April 1941 his Battalion were stationed at Newtownards Airfield. A high explosive bomb landed amongst the Nissen Huts in which they were billeted.

Thirteen members of the Battalion of which Andrew was the youngest, were either killed directly, or died from their injuries over the next few days.

The inscription on his headstone reads:

"Our proudest possessions are memories of your smile"

Praise, Prayer & Testimony - Sunday 7th November at 6pm

We continue with what has proved to be a very popular addition to our evening service on the first Sunday of each month, Praise, Prayer & Testimony.

Praise, Prayer & Testimony is an informal act of worship in which someone shares something of their story as to how God has been at work in their lives. Our next service on the 7th November will include testimony from our curate, the Rev Trevor McKeown. Trevor will be sharing something of his journey towards Ordination over 17 years ago in Dromore Cathedral.

Please do come along and be encouraged by the testimony of Trevor as you consider your own journey of faith as a follower of Christ.

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Wider Act of Remembrance - Sunday 14th 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 are really pleased to be able to offer light refreshments this year, immediately following the service.

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.

Organ Recitals

Our next organ recital will take place on Friday 12th November 2021 at 7.30pm; the guest organist will be Matthew Greenaway, Director of Music at St Marks Parish, Portadown.

Our recitals to date have proved to be popular, both with those who were in attendance or those who watched live via our Youtube channel. Each recital is completely free of charge, though there will be a retiring collection in support of ongoing organ maintenance. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the recital.

Services in November

Sunday 7th

3rd Sunday before Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Praise, Prayer & Testimony

Sunday 14th

2nd Sunday before Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
Remembrance Sunday	9.45am	Cathedral Praise
	10.45am	War Memorial - 2 minutes silence at 11.00
	11.30am	A Service of Remembrance
	6.00pm	Wider Act of Remembrance

Sunday 21st

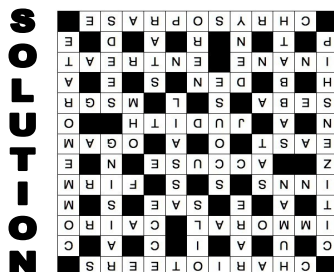
Sunday before Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
The Kingship of Christ	10.00am	Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 28th

1st Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The November edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 26th November** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 19th November at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com



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Flower Rota Mrs S McCorkell	Vacant	Mrs Ann Buchanan	Mrs Sadie Aiken	Mrs Stephanie Shepherd

Cathedral Praise - Sunday 14th November

Please note that the time of Cathedral Praise on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November is at 9.45am and not the usual time of 10am. This is to allow us to make our way to the Cenotaph for the annual act of remembrance which commences at 10.45am. I hope to see you all there.

NOVEMBER DATES

Monday 1st	10.30	Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 2nd	10.30	Craft Class	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 2nd	8.00	Tuesday Life Group	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 3rd	7.30	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall
Thursday 4th	7.45	Grief Share	The Rectory
Tuesday 9th	10.30	Craft Class	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 10th	8.00	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Thursday 11th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Friday 12th	7.30	Organ Recital	Cathedral
Monday 15th	10.30	Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Monday 15th	7.30	Select Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 16th	10.30	Tuesday Life Group	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 17th	8.00	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Thursday 18th	7.45	Grief Share	The Rectory
Tuesday 23rd	10.30	Craft Class	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 30th	10.30	Craft Class	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 30th	7.30	Diocesan Prayer	Cathedral



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MATCH

Our first night back at MATCH in 20 months was celebrated with an excellent pizza making demonstration by Andrew and Catherine Cuthbert. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all ladies and everyone then made their own pizza and took it home to cook for lunch the next day.

Our next evening will be held on Wed 17th November at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall when our speaker shall be Lynda B Ceramics and Jewellery. Her inspiring message is entitled 'The Potters Hand' and will talk about the impact God as the Potter has had on her life and career. We look forward to hearing what Lynda has to say. I have asked Lynda to bring along some of her ceramics and these shall be available to purchase if anyone has Christmas shopping to do. This evening is open to all ladies in the church. Please join with us.



The Craft Class is Back!



It was a wonderful feeling for the ladies from our Craft Class as they met once more for the first time in over 18 months. The environment was safe, the chat was varied and the sense of relief at being able to meet once more was immense.

The Craft Class meets each Tuesday morning at 10.30am in the Clayton Memorial Hall and everyone is very welcome.

Harvest Celebration - Sunday 17th October



Very sincere thanks to everyone who made our Harvest Celebrations the wonderful services that they were. The church was so beautifully decorated with fruit, vegetables, flowers and even wall hangings on the scaffolding!! Thank you to those who contributed the materials and those who gave so generously of their time and talent in preparing the church once more. And thank you to our committed team of stewards who made everything so, so safe and our AV team who once more helped each of our services to be clearly seen and heard, especially for those who watched from their homes.



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