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Dear friends

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest. Mt 11: 28*

I wonder have you ever had the experience of breaking a coil spring in your car? It can be quite unnerving when you are driving and you hear clunking or knocking noises when you drive over rough or uneven ground. Coil springs are designed to make our journey smoother and more comfortable and they achieve this by being placed under relentless tension and strain throughout their "lifetime". Is it really that surprising that following a "lifetime" under stress that it ultimately results in the spring breaking under the exceptional strain or impact of hitting a pot hole or similar object in the road?

Living with stress and strain is part of every day living for most of us. Indeed it could be argued that a certain level of stress is good for us all, in moderation of course. But living life at 90mph is not something which we should be doing all the time. Using the analogy of the coil spring, if life is lived at a hectic pace all of the time, then the consequences of hitting a "bump in the road of life" could be absolutely catastrophic for not only us, but those around us. Living life in this way is not something which is encouraged, in either the Old or New Testaments. Take the example of the prophet Elijah whom we can read about in 1 Kings 18. Elijah was one of the last remaining faithful prophets in the land and in that capacity he threw down the gauntlet to a vastly superior (numerically) group of false prophets to a show down in front of the whole assembly. The stakes were high, the showdown could not have been more public and the outcome

would either see Elijah elevated in the eyes of the people or humiliated. Imagine the pressure that Elijah must have felt as all eyes were on him as he literally called down fire from heaven to establish God's rule and reign in the land once more. Elijah was victorious, the false prophets were put to the sword and word of this incident reached the ears of the king Ahab's wife, Jezebel, who was less than generous in her response. Jezebel breathed murderous threats against Elijah, promising to have his life if it was the last thing she did; *So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."* 1 Kings 19: 2. The reaction of Elijah to this threat is interesting to say the least. Having faced down 850 false prophets in public and been victorious, faced with the threat from Jezebel, Elijah runs for his life and ultimately wants to give up; *He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."* 1 Kings 19: 4. Elijah was just like that coil spring, journeying through life under constant stress and strain and breaking when he hit what seemed like an innocuous bump in the road of life. An angel of the Lord ministered to Elijah by bringing rest to his mind, food for his body and restoration to his soul. That is a model of how we should introduce balance into our own lives. Periods of intense pressure and strain should be punctuated with rest and restoration. And it isn't just an Old Testament principle. Jesus himself modelled for us what a balanced or blended life should resemble as periods of intense ministry were punctuated with periods of solitude and rest. His invitation to us is to follow him, not endeavouring to do things in our own strength, but walking in his footsteps as we follow his example in the power of his spirit. Following Jesus should never be understood as a sprint but rather a marathon where, like him, we adjust the pace and intensity of ministry in order that our spiritual, physical and emotional springs remain intact.

So this summer, I encourage us all to take a break and enjoy a different rhythm of ministry in order that we might run the race set before us with as much vigour and energy at the beginning as we do at the end.

Every blessing in Christ

Geoff

Holiday Bible Club

We are thrilled to once more be in a position to run a Holiday Bible Club this year following a lengthy break due to Covid. The Club will be held in the Cathedral Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm from Monday 1st August to Friday 5th August with an All Age Service in the Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 7th August, followed by a family BBQ in the Rectory garden and will be for all children of Primary School age.

If you would like to assist with the club, please do contact our Children's Worker, Christine Shanks, and she will be only too happy to find something appropriate for us all to do in support of those who will deliver the teaching material to the children.

Kingdom Voices

Kingdom Voices is a fantastic opportunity to engage with church leaders from Africa, South America and Asia following the Lambeth Conference which will meet in Kent in August of this year.

The following are just some of the opportunities we can avail of as we seek to deepen our links with Maridi:

Wed 10th August, St Donard's Parish are hosting a day Conference in their Halls;

Fri 12th August at 7.30pm, Celebration Service in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast;

Sat 13th August from 2pm - 4.30pm, a Global Fun Day at Lady Dixon Park.

Organised by CMS Ireland and SAMS Ireland, please register for the day Conference at www.cmsireland.org/events.

What is Alpha?

Great question! Alpha is a series of 11 sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to stimulate conversation. And Alpha is coming to Dromore Cathedral this Autumn with a morning Alpha for those who would rather not be out of the home in the evening (creche facilities available) and an evening Alpha as an alternative for those who can't make the morning meeting. Please tell Geoff if you are interested in being part of the Alpha journey this Autumn. Morning meetings will take place on Wednesdays, commencing at 10am on 7th September with the evening meeting commencing on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm. Everyone most welcome.

Ordination Service

We are delighted to be hosting a Service of Ordination of Deacons in the Cathedral on Sunday 21st August at 4pm. There will be 2 candidates for ordination, Stu Armstrong to serve in Magherally and Annalclone and Cosmin Pascu to serve in Magheralin. Everyone is most welcome to attend and refreshments will be served in the Rectory garden following the service.

Thank You Service

One of things which has really stuck with me over the past couple of years of the pandemic, has been the debt of gratitude owed to those who have served us, due to the very nature of their work. When the majority of the country was in lockdown, confined to their homes, there were many public servants who were required to continue working, often in perilous situations, in order that food was on our tables, and we were cared for. When I use the words “public servant” I’m thinking specifically of people who quite literally served the public. Public servants might include shop workers, delivery drivers, emergency responders, health care workers; anyone who served the public faithfully during the darkest days of the pandemic.

We would like to say a huge thank you to those people by hosting a special service in the Cathedral on Sunday 4th September at 4pm. This won’t simply be a service for our own church family, but rather an opportunity for us to host a Diocesan wide service for anyone in the Diocese of Dromore who served us in this way. Those attending will be encouraged to wear their uniform, if indeed their role involves the wearing of one.

Everyone is encouraged to come along to this unique service as together we say thank you for all that these public servants have done for each one of us.

Confirmation Service

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Bishop David to the Cathedral on Sunday 18th September at 4pm for our Service of Confirmation. 8 young people from the Cathedral, along with 3 adults, will be confirmed in the Christian faith that day. This will be a significant day for each one them and I would encourage us to come along and support them as they take hold of the faith which was declared on their behalf at their baptism by parents and God parents. Refreshments will be served in the Rectory garden following the service.

Starfish Ukraine - Support for Refugees from Ukraine

Starfish Ukraine originated from a group of individuals, mainly from Northern Ireland, who have been involved in helping churches in Ukraine for around 20 years. Their aim is to place refugees in safe, sustainable, and supportive homes in Northern Ireland. The Select Vestry have agreed to host an information evening at 8pm on Monday 8th August in the Cathedral Hall at which a member of Starfish Ukraine will provide us with information regarding their work and how we might get involved in supporting it. Support can take many forms, so please don’t be put off by thinking that by coming along you will be expected to offer accommodation in your home. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Climate Change Committee

In the Cathedral, we now have a Climate Change Committee made up of members of the Select Vestry, other parishioners and the clergy.

The committee will, going forward, consider ways in which we, as a church, family can make changes to things we do to help address the climate emergency. We have already made a good start by removing single use plastic from catering and replacing it with re-usable tumblers and ceramic cups/mugs/plates.

Meetings will all organisations, volunteers and staff members will take place in late August to explain and discuss ideas for each group and context.

Scott Mackey

Blood Transfusion Service

The NI Blood Transfusion Service will be at Dromore Baptist Church on Monday 11th July from 10am - 3pm. **Now by appointment only by calling 08085 534653 to book.**

Smile line...

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

The lady paused for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments," she said politely.

Wedding Dress Festival

Thank you to everyone who attended our Wedding Dress Festival planning meeting and also those who send apologies but still wish to help. At this stage could we ask if any of our church family have connections with clothing businesses who would consider lending any mannequins - this would be much appreciated.

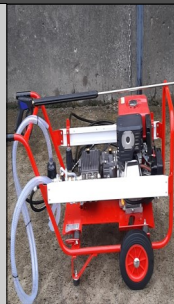
Our next meeting will be held on Monday 10th October. Further details in September Cathedral Life.



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Live-streaming of Sunday Morning Worship

Regular Sunday morning worship at 10.00am and 11.30am continues to be live-streamed but will no longer be made public on Sunday evenings at 6.00pm.

If you or a family member, or anyone you know is unable to join us in church, for whatever reason, please speak to Geoff or Trevor or contact Jill in the office to be added to the list of people who get the YouTube links to join the live-stream or recording each week. We are normally able to provide links for services for an entire month at a time.

Audio-Visual Team

It is now almost a year since we installed our new audio-visual system and we have been able to grow the team that operates sound, cameras and PowerPoint significantly since last summer. It is great to have a group of people who are willing and able to work

together to do everything that is needed. We have also been able to involve a keen group of young people to help out too.

There is always room for more volunteers to get involved. If you, or anyone you know, has an interest in technology or would just like to see what the system can do (with no pressure to commit to joining the team), please don't hesitate to speak to anyone at the AV desk.

Scott Mackey

Funeral Teas

Now that almost all the covid restrictions are lifted, we are pleased to offer teas following funerals again.

I would be most grateful if anyone could help in this way so please do get in touch and let me know when you would be available. Phone Jill in the office or contact me directly on 07812 824691. Many thanks .

Helen Forsythe



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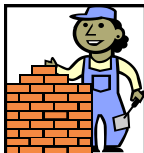
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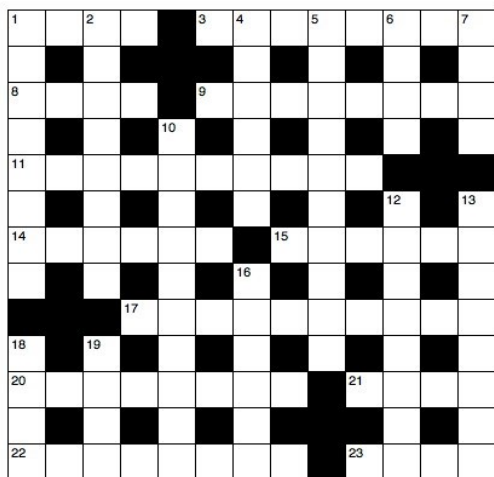
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Across

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)

14 In Cain(anag.)(6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22)(10)

12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear (James 2:21)(8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34)(4)

19 Rear (anag.)(4)

Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group

The History Reading Group will have their next meeting on -

Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7.30 pm - Venue - The Clayton Memorial Hall.

The book which the group are reading in preparation for this meeting is -

The Extraordinary Life and Momentous Times of J.M.W. Turner by Franny Moyle.

For this meeting the History Reading Group decided to take something of a sidestep from History and to delve into the fascinating world of the History of Art.

J. M. W. Turner (1775 - 1851) is perhaps Britain's most famous and accomplished artist. This biography, which is set against the backdrop of the French Revolution and the industrialization of Britain, provides an astonishing and vivid account of the life and times of one of the most significant figures in western art.

It is not essential to have read the book to participate. Everyone is most welcome to come along to the meeting to partake in some fellowship and to share in a discussion about Joseph Mallord William Turner.

Refreshments Rota

Many thanks to those who have offered to help with refreshments after our 10am service. This cuppa and chat has been very much missed.

As per rota, we need more volunteers to complete August. If you could help, please contact Jane Russell so your name can be added.

We would like to have enough volunteers so that everyone would only be on rota every 2/3 months.

| July | Refreshments Rota | August | Refreshments Rota |
|------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| 3rd | H Forsythe & N Davies | 7th | Vacant |
| 10th | D Farrell & H Forsythe | 14th | S & J Noble |
| 17th | S Shepherd & D Martin | 21st | Naomi Wilson & L Teggart |
| 24th | N Davies & I Cardy | 28th | M Brown & K Buchanan |
| 31st | W Tate & C Mayne | | |

Services for July and August

JULY

Sunday 3rd July

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| 3rd Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service |

Sunday 10th

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|--------------------------|---------|--|
| 4th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion |
| | 11.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service <i>with</i> Holy Communion |

Sunday 17th

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|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 5th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Service of The Word |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service |

Sunday 24th

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|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 6th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service |

Sunday 31st

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|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 7th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Service of the Word |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service |

AUGUST

Sunday 7th August

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| 8th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service |

Sunday 14th

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--|
| 9th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service <i>with</i> Holy Communion |

Sunday 21st

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|---------------------------|---------|---|
| 10th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise <i>with</i> Holy Communion |
| | 11.30am | Service of The Word |
| | 4.00pm | Service of Ordination |

Sunday 28th

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|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 11th Sunday after Trinity | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Cathedral Praise |
| | 11.30am | Morning Prayer |
| | 8.00pm | Summer Epilogue Service |

PARISH REGISTER

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16th June James Joseph (Joe) Tomlinson, Drumboneth Road
 30th June Paul Russell, Beresford Green, Dromore

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

Evening Epilogue Service

Our Evening Epilogue Service starts at 8pm during the months of July and August. The Epilogue service is a quiet, reflective service with a shortened form of a Service of the Word, 2 hymns and a monthly celebration of the Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday. We would encourage folks to engage with this service where the attendances are much lower than our main morning services.

| July Elizabeth Cordingley | Flower Rota | August June Reain | Flower Rota |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3rd | Mrs Elizabeth McKnight | 7th | Poots Family |
| 10th | Mrs Caroline Wallace | 14th | Mrs Mabel Hobson |
| 17th | Mr & Mrs Cedric Patterson | 21st | Miss Jennifer Castles |
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| May | | 10,281.50 | 9,344.50 |
| Total to date | | £17,290.50 | £17,305.00 |
| DEVELOPMENT FUND | | | |
| May | | 1,415.00 | 752.50 |
| Total to date | | £2,067.00 | £2,006.50 |

Cathedral Office Opening Hours - July

The Church Office will be open from 9am - 1pm on Monday and Friday only during the month of July. Normal office hours 9am - 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will resume from August onwards.

Attention all Magazine Distributors

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

Crossword Solution

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JOY

The members of JOY enjoyed a very interesting talk by Fiona from Fiona Jennings Opticians at our June afternoon. This was our last meeting before the summer break. Wishing everyone a lovely summer.



MATCH

After a two year break the ladies of MATCH left the Cathedral Hall and headed out for a meal. This was a very enjoyable way to finish our season. Looking forward to seeing everyone again at MATCH in September. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday night of each month. All ladies from the Church and community would be made very welcome.





Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend Celebrations

What a wonderful weekend we had to mark the historic occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Our photos show a packed Rectory garden where almost 200 people enjoyed a picnic and party following a celebration service in the Cathedral on Saturday afternoon. And following the 11.30am service on Sunday, Sara McCorkell planted a commemorative tree in the Rectory front garden, something which we trust will be a constant reminder to all of us that history was made in our lifetimes. A sincere word of thanks to everyone who made the whole weekend such a huge success.



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