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Dear friends

Were not all ten cleansed? Luke 17: 17

I'm sure that, like me, you were raised to say please and thank you. I was taught by my parents that if I wanted something, I should ask for it and always, always, always say please; don't make a demand for the thing I wanted! Likewise, if I received something, I was taught that I should always say thank you. Saying thank you doesn't cost a thing but it can mean an awful lot.

In Luke 17: 11-19, we read of ten lepers who cried out to Jesus to have pity on them as he entered a village. Leprosy was, and remains, a terrible disease. Those with leprosy were required to live on the edge of town rather than in the heart of the community, hence the location of the encounter with Jesus as he entered a village. Community was such an important part of life in first century Palestine, so to be excluded from it through no fault of your own was like a death sentence. So these ten lepers cried out hopefully to Jesus to have pity on them so that their torment might be transformed and once more they might be part of their community.

Jesus graciously responds to their request and gives them something which they could not give themselves, complete healing of their disease. In order that they might be permitted to re-engage with their community, the law required them to be inspected by the priest who would declare them cleansed and so their new life within their community would resume. We are told that the lepers were cleansed as they went to the priest and that only one came back to thank Jesus for what he had done for him. Jesus picks up on this detail and asks a really interesting question; *Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Luke 17:17.*

The other nine were probably so overjoyed with the healing that had come to their bodies that they ran

straight back to their homes and families and essentially forgot to say thank you.

So it seems that saying thank you is not only a good thing to do because our parents said so, but also something which Jesus encourages, and perhaps even expects from us.

That is why it is so, so important for us to thank those who did something for us which we could not do for ourselves. During the darkest days of the pandemic, we were served so well by countless key workers who continued to serve us in their workplaces when most of us were required to stay in the relative safety of our own homes. These ordinary heroes were the shop workers, emergency responders, delivery drivers, health and social care workers, to name just a few. These are the people who took risks and were exposed to danger as they served us in the most challenging of circumstances. As we emerge from what has been the most deadly pandemic in living memory, it is incumbent on us to say thank you to these public servants in a very public way. To do so, we have organised a service in our Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 4th September. This service isn't just for members of the Cathedral family, but for the whole community and indeed the whole of our Diocese of Dromore. I would therefore encourage you as a parishioner to do 2 things in preparation for this service:

- 1 Plan to gather with us on the day in order that we can give thanks together;**
- 2 Identify those people whom you know we need to thank and invite them to this service.**

We would ask those who belong to a uniformed organisation to wear their uniform on the day in order that they stand out in our midst for their outstanding service.

Our guest speaker on the day is someone who is very familiar with what service during the darkest days of the pandemic was like. Rev Myrtle Morrison served as a hospital chaplain in Craigavon Area Hospital and Lurgan Hospital in the early months of the pandemic and it is from that perspective she will speak.

During the service there will be an opportunity for us to remember those public servants who didn't come through the pandemic, in a powerful symbolic manner.

Refreshments will be served in the Rectory garden immediately following the service.

Every blessing in Christ

Geoff

A Thank-you from Tearfund

'I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.'
(1 Corinthians 1:4)

Thank you so much for your kind gift of £612.25 for our Lent Appeal. Poverty is not God's plan. We, his church, are. Thank you for enabling work that is bringing hope to people like Jana in Lebanon. Jana, whose name has been changed for protection, lives with five of her sons in an informal settlement in southern Beirut. It's a struggle for her to provide for all of them. To add to this, her eldest son and her husband are both in prison, where Jana has to pay for their provisions, which are expensive.

She says, 'When my husband went to prison, I felt completely lost and confused and I didn't have the money I needed to pay rent. I didn't know how I could provide for my children and if we would survive.' Jana had to sell some of the family's belongings to buy food. Her parents were able to help a bit, but two of her older sons weren't able to work – one lost his job in the lockdowns and the other lives with physical and psychological disabilities. Jana also couldn't afford to send her younger sons to school, which made her worried that they would get into trouble. Thanks to the giving of people like you, Jana and her family were able to access help from our local partner, working through the Tahaddi Centre. Now, two of her sons receive education at the centre, the family receives cash assistance and food vouchers to help supply their basic needs, and Jana has started working in the sewing atelier there to earn some income.

'Finding a job at the sewing atelier changed my life and allowed me to provide for my family and become independent,' says Jana. 'Because of my job, our life became more comfortable. I was even able to buy a fan for the summer thanks to my salary, but our home needs a lot of repairs because the roof leaks, and we don't have a proper main door, so cats and rats come into our house.' The cost of living has become very expensive, but Jana remains positive now that she has this opportunity. 'I want to continue to work and remain strong and independent to provide for my family. I also want my children to continue their education, and for my eldest sons to find jobs again.'

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus, and for helping bring hope for the future to people like Jana all around the world.

May God bless you.

Yours in Christ

Glen Mitchell

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A look at Life with the Recycled Teenager

I am always amazed at how much we can learn from teenagers! I was privileged to spend a day with about one thousand of them recently at Summer Madness. During the Saturday morning worship session, I was amazed at how respectful they were and quiet (not something I associate with teenagers in a school setting). I quickly realised that their subdued demeanour may have had something to do with not having had much sleep the night before. Perhaps it was shyness that prevented many of them from dancing in the aisles or (like in school) they were highly aware of being watched by others and conforming to the rules set by others.

I observed again and saw myself when I was 15, in a mission tent in Carryduff, where I and my best friend had been invited by a Christian teacher. That night I gave my life to Jesus. This will have been the experience of many of the teenagers around me, if not before Summer Madness, then at Summer Madness. A faithful youth leader will have brought them and people anointed with The Spirit's wisdom will have lead them to the foot of the cross. This represented great hope to me as I thought about how I have already lived the life and made the choices that those teenagers are going to live and choose.

Education choices, career choices, relationship choices, parenting choices and financial choices.

And finally the choice to retire.

After 36 years working as a teacher, I have chosen to retire. I have fortunately never been unemployed but I know that retirement may bring similar challenges. Everyone has an opinion on what I should do. So just like those teenagers at Summer Madness, I am still at a place where decisions need to be made. Am I to follow the rules that others make i.e. that I need to fill a bucket with a list and keep ticking off the items, 'Done that, done that...', or will I follow the optimism of youth and hope that God still has a purpose for me? We never retire from being a Christian; that one is a life-long choice. I trust that God has my back and the choices still to be made are in line with His will. Watch this space! Recycled teenager at large!

"Even in your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you..."
Isaiah 46: 4 *Kindly provided by Mrs Dorothy Farrell*

CMSI Boxes

All CMSI boxes should be returned either to Helen Forsythe (Co-ordinator), 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.

Starfish Ukraine

We are so thankful to the 30 or so people who gathered just a few weeks ago to hear a presentation from Jude Graham regarding the work of Starfish Ukraine as they seek to place Ukrainian refugees with Christians in NI. We were all impacted to the extent that at our most recent meeting of the Select Vestry it was unanimously agreed that we would rent a house in Dromore with the express purpose of enabling a Ukrainian refugee family to move to Dromore for the foreseeable future. In doing so, the Select Vestry are prepared to underwrite the cost of renting a suitable house, but would warmly invite individual parishioners to contribute to the overall cost of doing so. If you are in any way interested in supporting this initiative, then either contact the Rector or our Treasurer, Paul Cochrane. This is both a humbling and encouraging decision on the part of the Select Vestry as we seek to make a real difference in the life of a family which has experienced conflict and trauma at a level which most of us can't even begin to imagine.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union will resume on Wednesday 28th September 2022 with an Opening Service in the Cathedral at 7.30pm followed by a special activity.

It will be lovely to see everyone after the summer break and to get together for fellowship and of course a lovely cup of tea!

It goes without saying that we would welcome any other members of the church family who would like to join us. **Anne Cochrane**

JOY

JOY meeting which was due to take place in September has now been cancelled.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again we plan to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 23rd September**. But we need your help, either to provide food on the day or simply to attend and donate, helping us to raise money for this very worthy cause.

We would really appreciate donations of scones or tray bakes to be left in the Clayton Hall kitchen on the Thursday evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm or before 9.00am on the Friday morning.

Teas and coffees will be served from 10.30am until 12.00 noon, so please try to join us and encourage as many of your friends as possible to pop in too. Don't miss this opportunity to support these wonderful nurses whose role is invaluable to those who suffer from this life changing illness.

MATCH

MATCH will resume on Wednesday 21st September at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall when our guest will be 'Milo the Gospel Dog'. We look forward to meeting again and welcome all ladies for a well needed catchup and cuppa!



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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 12th September until week commencing Monday 3rd October.

Please make sure the clothes have been cleaned beforehand.

WHAT CAN I PUT INTO THE BAGS?

We can say **YES** to:

- Men's Clean Clothing
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- Children's Clean Clothing
- Paired shoes
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- Belts
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- Curtains

but we must say **NO** to:

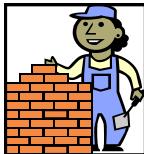
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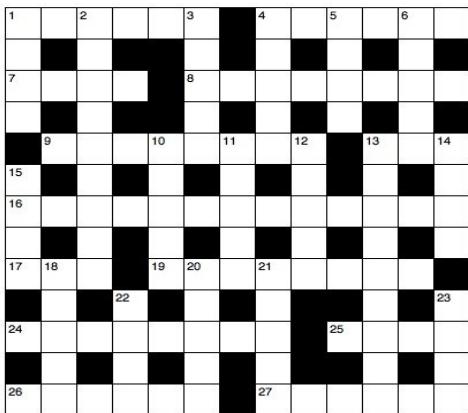
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Across

- 1 ‘Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain’ (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 ‘My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me’ (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 ‘It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose’ (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 ‘Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down’ (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock(Luke14:29) (8)
- 24 Disgrace (Psalm44:13)(8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4) (4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

Down

- 1 ‘Whoever finds his life will — it’ (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 ‘My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father’s family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt’ (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 ‘If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven’ (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 ‘Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment’ (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten (anag.) (5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used (1Kings7:36) (9)
- 14 ‘Each one should — his own actions’ (Galatians 6:4) (4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon’s fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 ‘But I am afraid that just —— was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray’ (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)
- 22 Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

Evening Epilogue Service

Our Evening Epilogue Services will be at 7pm during the month of September, returning to the customary time of 6pm from the first Sunday in October onwards.

Morning Life Group Exciting News...

This September 'Morning Life Group' shall be joining in with the Alpha Course. The group will then restart again after the course has ended. If you have any questions regarding Morning Life Group, please speak to Joanne Silcock.

Confirmation Service

Confirmation is a time when candidates, both young and not so young, stand up and declare before those gathered that their faith in Jesus is real and he is someone in whom they place their trust. On Sunday 18th September at 4pm, Bishop David will confirm 8 young people and 3 adults in this faith in the Cathedral. It would be a huge encouragement to them if you were there to "cheer them on" as they declare to a watching world that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour.

Alpha for All

Alpha is coming to the Cathedral beginning at 10am on Wednesday 7th September and at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th September in the Clayton Hall. Alpha isn't just for you if you wish to grow in your faith, but rather it is an opportunity to bring a friend, neighbour or family member along as we seek to grow God's kingdom together. Each session will begin with tea/coffee, involve a video presentation and end with discussion. No one will be asked to speak, read or pray. The morning Alpha will have a creche facility for those with young children, so please avail of this great opportunity to deepen your own faith as we also endeavour to reach out to others.

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Services for September

Sunday 4th

12th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Cathedral Praise Holy Communion Thank You Service <i>No Evening Epilogue</i>
Sunday 11th		
13th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 700pm	Holy Communion Cathedral Praise Morning Prayer Evening Epilogue <i>with</i> Holy Communion
Sunday 18th		
14th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Cathedral Praise <i>with</i> Holy Communion Service of the Word Confirmation Service <i>No Evening Epilogue</i>
Sunday 25th		
15th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 700pm	Holy Communion Family Service Morning Prayer Evening Epilogue Service
Wednesday 28th	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Opening Service

Tuesday Life Group

In order to allow people the opportunity if they wish to attend the Alpha Course, we have decided to postpone restarting our Tuesday Life group until after the Alpha Course has finished. Details of when we will return will follow later in the Autumn.

Karen & Jeremy

Church Collections: June & July

GENERAL FUND	2022/23	2021/22
June	8,021.00	7,223.00
July	9,194.50	7,083.20
Total to date	£34,506.00	£31,611.20
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
June	855.25	800.60
July	780.00	747.00
Total to date	£3,702.25	£3,554.10

PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

14th August Ezra Herbie Roulston, Dromore

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will you encourage this child in the life and faith of the Christian Community."*

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

26th July Sylvia Beattie, Gallows Street, Dromore

Cremation at Roselawn

19th August Katherine Mary McBride, Ashfield, Dromore

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

Sept Flower Rota	4th	11th	18th	25th
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Thursday 1st	10.30	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Thursday 1st	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Tuesday 6th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 7th	10.00	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Thursday 8th	7.30	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 14th	10.00	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Thursday 15th	7.30	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 21st	10.00	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 21st	8.00	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Thursday 22nd	7.30	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Friday 23rd	10.30	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 28th	7.30	Mothers' Union Opening Service	Cathedral

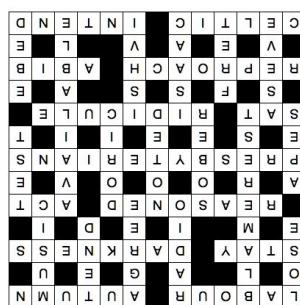
Please note there will be no Alpha on 28th, 29th September and 5th, 6th October.

Sept	Refreshments Rota
4th	I Cardy & N Davies
11th	D Farrell & H Forsythe
18th	S Shepherd & D Martin
25th	W Tate & C Mayne

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The October edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 30th September** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 23rd September at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com

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"A special visitor at the Cathedral on Saturday 20th August from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne was Marion Richardson. Marion is the niece of Miss Alice Hamilton who was organist for a record breaking 58 years, from 1901-1959. Pictured is Marion beside the organ this morning, Alice at the original organ console during her tenure as organist and choirmistress, and the plaque on the wall beside the organ, in memory of Alice."

Ordination of Deacons

Sunday 21st August was a very special day for Stu Armstrong, Cosmin Pascu and their families as they were ordained Deacon in our Cathedral. It was a truly joyous service with a genuine sense of the Lord's presence throughout, followed by refreshments in the Rectory, with ice cream for the kids!

Our photo shows Bishop David laying hands on Cosmin at the point of ordination.



Children's Day

What a fantastic morning we had on Sunday the 26th June! The children did an excellent job in helping us to see Jesus as our good Shepherd. The children helped us better understand this through songs, a poem, the bible reading and prayer. We even had a mini Geoff and Trevor lead the service as well as getting a glimpse into the office on a Monday morning (some great actors!) A huge thank you to all the children and their wonderful leaders!

Holiday Bible Club

Where do I begin? We had an amazing week at our Animal Safari Holiday Bible Club which was held on Monday 1st August - Friday 5th August. We spent the week with around 45-50 children learning about Bible Characters such as Jonah, Jacob and King David. We played games, we danced, we worshipped, and we had yummy biscuits and juice! On Sunday 7th August we had a family Holiday Bible Club where we were able to show the parents and family what happened on a typical night. We then made our way over to the Rectory Garden for a BBQ! A massive thank you to all our fantastic volunteers, seen and unseen, for their energy, joy, commitment, dedication and for sharing Jesus with these children. It was so encouraging to receive a message from one of the parents to say that every time the child passes the Cathedral Hall they point and shout "that's my Holiday Bible Club!" Please continue to pray for the children who attended the club, that God would continue to work in their hearts.



Dromore Cathedral is the Parish Church serving the Dromore and Kinallen areas and a Cathedral of the Diocese of Down and Dromore in the Church of Ireland.