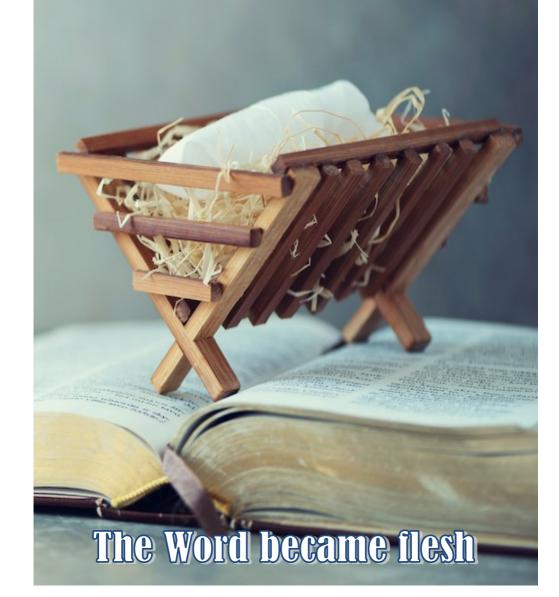


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DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023



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Dear friends

The Word became flesh

I wonder what the things in life are which you talk about and dream of incessantly? The type of things which occupy most of your conversations; the things which are on your mind as you go to sleep and when you wake in the middle of the night. For you it might be a job opportunity or even the prospect of retirement. It could be an impending birth of a child within your family or a house move. It could be a shift in your faith which has caused you to consider for the first time that God's love is not just for others, but is for you.

For the children of Israel, their dreams and conversations were permeated with talk of a new era, a new age, where they would realise more fully what being God's chosen people actually looked like in reality. For them, this era would be heralded through the sending of a rescuer, a saviour, a Messiah. A Messiah who would lead them out of oppression and into freedom. Their conversations would continue for years turning into centuries. Faith would yield to passivity and the belief that God would fulfil what the prophets had spoken of waned to the point that they had almost given up hope of their Messiah coming to their aid. Until a day arrived when a babe was born in a stable, a lowly, humble beginning for the most royal of kings. A birth which wasn't accompanied by a trumpet fanfare, but rather the bray of a donkey. A birth which wasn't celebrated with the normal good wishes of the wider family, but with strangers who left their flocks on a hillside. In time, this child grew into a man, but this man was no ordinary man. This man revealed his true identity through his words and actions and ministered in the power of God's Holy Spirit. This man caused people to step out from the margins and put their faith in him as one by one people began to understand that this man was the promised Messiah. In discovering this truth, those who trusted in him discovered that freedom wasn't what they had once thought. They discovered that freedom wasn't a physical thing, but rather a spiritual reality.

Since that day, when the Word which was spoken of became flesh, countless generations of people have considered the evidence and arrived at a conclusion. For some that conclusion has been that this Jesus was just another man, albeit a very, very good man. But for others, their journey has led them to that stable where God became very, very real for the whole of humanity. Very real for children experiencing abuse and exploitation. Very real for women and men who encounter violence in the home. Very real for families who are living through the reality of what a cost of living crisis looks and feels like in the home. Very real those facing the end of their lives and fearing for the future. Very real for those who live in a state of fear within a nation where power is what is pursued rather than peace. And he can be very real for us this Christmas time also as we consider the incredible truth that the Word which was spoken of since the beginning of time took on flesh and became man. I would encourage all of us to consider this truth once more, as if for the first time. Consider just how much you are loved by God that he would send his one and only son to demonstrate to each and every one of us that we are truly loved. Consider that the truth, which was spoken of for generations, became very much a reality as the creator of this incredible universe became nothing as he took on human flesh to say to a broken world that he cared beyond words for all of the hurt, pain and brokenness which we may experience in this life.

The Word became flesh for you and for me that first Christmas. Discover the truth for yourself this Christmas and know true freedom in a spiritual sense in the here and now and forever.

Every blessing in Christ to you and your family this Christmas. **Geoff**

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will not be until 25th January at 7.30pm but we would like to send out some money to our Mothers' Union family at Maridi Cathedral. We thought a Bring and Buy Sale, with a little twist would be fun. So instead of bringing the usual, we are having a handbag and scarf exchange. I am sure that everyone has a handbag and a scarf that they don't use or wear anymore and the chance to change it for something different and support Mothers' Union in Maridi at the same time will be good. You never know you might pick up a Gucci or Prada hiding in the corner! The Bring and Buy Sale will take place in the Clayton Hall on Friday 9th December at 8pm, so dig deep in those cupboards and drawers, you never know what you will find. The annual fee for Mothers' Union members is now £27 for 2023. We will collect this at our January meeting.

I would also like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas. Anne



Mothers' Union and our Dromore Cathedral branch is Women's Aid a generous contributor to the women and children ARMAGH DOWN living temporarily at the Women's Aid Shelters in both Newry and Bangor. Gifts of food as well as cash

vouchers for food and special support at Christmas continues to be provided.

Once again, Mothers' Union will provide funds to buy dressing gowns, pyjamas and slippers for every woman and child having to spend the festive season in Newry or Bangor Refuge, a place of safety away from their home. In addition to our members, all parishioners are invited to contribute to our annual appeal. Apart from money, non perishable food and toiletries are always gratefully received. Donations may be given to Branch Leader or Treasurer, Anne and Naomi or left into the Church Office. Please do so before Friday 9th December. Thank you.



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Cathedral Life

Clothes Swap in aid of Tearfund NI

Thank you to all who loaned clothes rails, helped, donated and swapped clothes on Saturday 19th November.

We were able to raise £150.00 for Tearfund NI. Donna





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Carol Singing

We will meet once again for door to door Carol singing on Wednesday 21st December at 6.45pm at the Rectory. Carol singing is for the whole church family to be part of as we seek to bless those parts of our family which may not be able to gather for acts of public worship.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from our Carol singers calling, please let Jill know in the Church Office. We will return to the Rectory for seasonal refreshments at around 8.30pm.

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Annual Sit Out

Our annual sit out to support the work of Southern Area Hospice Services is going to take place between 7am and 7pm on Friday 9th December. Collections will take place at the following locations, with the kind permission of the owners:

Outside Taste Cafe, Market Square;

Supervalu Supermarket, Banbridge Road;

The work of the Southern Area Hospice has been severely affected by the pandemic, so it has never been more important for us to step up and support their crucial work.

If you would like to volunteer one hour of your time in support of this cause, then please do contact Jill in the Church Office on 9269 3968.

Sponsored Cycle

A few of the members of the Cathedral will be doing a sponsored cycle from Dromore to Newry Hospice and back (45 miles in total) on Saturday 10th December to raise funds for the work of the Hospice. This is intended to cover the loss of much needed income for the Hospice. If you would like to take part in the cycle, then please give Geoff a ring on 9269 2275. Or if you would like to sponsor those taking part, please call in at the Church Office or ring Jill on 9269 3968.

Live-streaming

With effect from the first Sunday in November, we have stopped live-streaming regular Sunday morning worship.

During December, many of our special seasonal services will be able to be watched online. The CD ministry which includes a sound recording of 11.30am services will also continue, please let the office know if you would like a CD.

Community Carol Service

We are delighted to be able to hold our annual Community Carol Service once more. The service will take place on Sunday 11th December at 6pm with children from St Colman's, DCPS and The High School singing as one choir, as well as our own choir combined with our singing group SOMA. Someone from the Southern Area Hospice will be sharing with us regarding the work and ministry of the Hospice and the offering on the evening will go towards supporting their work.

Grace Course

Following on from the huge success of our recent Alpha Courses, we will be continuing to meet on alternate Tue evenings at 7.30pm and Wed mornings at 10am in the Clayton Hall in the New Year to study the Grace Course. This is a DVD -based course and is open to everyone who would like to deepen in their faith.

Bishops' Appeal Envelope

This is an opportunity for parishioners to assist the needy in the world by supporting the Church of Ireland's own Relief and Development Fund.

Funds raised are used to promote the education and relief of people in need. Funds are also available for emergencies when they occur, so that immediate relief can be sent.

Cheque payable to - Dromore Cathedral.

Please return your envelopes by the end of December.

CMSI Boxes

The total of the CMSI Boxes for 2020/2021 amounted to £952.93 Thank you to all who contributed.

We thank Mrs Helen Forsythe for her management of this aspect of mission support.

The work of CMSI can be supported by requesting a box from Helen or contacting the Cathedral Office.

Leprosy Mission Boxes

Please return Leprosy Mission boxes to Tommy Wilson or leave in the Church Office as soon as possible. Cheque payable to Dromore Cathedral. If you would like a Leprosy Mission Box, please get in touch with Tommy.

Parish Bible Class Carols

Come along and enjoy an evening of some favourite Christmas carols and hear how they came to be written.

Light seasonal refreshments will be served on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Clayton Hall.

Morning Life Group

After an amazing Alpha Course, Morning Life Group will resume on Wednesday 4th January at 10am in the Clayton Hall. Everyone welcome.

JOY

Our JOY Group shall start back on Thursday 12th January 2023 at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall. Our speaker will be from the PSNI. Everyone is very welcome.

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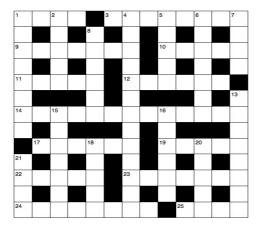
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Across

- 1 'How long will you your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)
- 3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)
- 9 Posh sin (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)
- 10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)
- 11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)
- 12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)
- 14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)
- 17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)
- 19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)
- 22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)
- 23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)
- 24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New

Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)

25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

- 1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)
- 2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "—— murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)
- 4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)
- 5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, inward-ly' (Romans 8:23) (5)
- 6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)
- 7 'My yoke is and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)
- 8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)
- 13 'O Lord, you have me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)
- 15 '— to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)
- 16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)
- 18 'Then he said to Thomas, "— out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)
- 20 'God has said, " will I leave you; will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5) (5)
- 21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

2022 December Mrs Elizabeth Cordingley 07798 676939	Flower Rota	2023 January Mrs June Reain 028 9753 2303	Flower Rota
4th	Mrs Barbara McKeown	lst	Mrs Kathy Chambers
l l th	Miss Marjorie Gamble	8th	Mrs Margaret McAlister
I 8th	Mrs Caroline Wallace	I5th	Mr & Mrs Roland Wallace
25th	Mrs Elizabeth Cordingley	22nd	Mr Howard King
		29th	Mrs June Reain

2022 December	Refreshments Rota	2023 January	Refreshments Rota
4th	M Brown & K Buchanan	lst	D Farrell & H Forsythe
llth	I Cardy & N Davies	8th	S Shepherd & D Martin
18th	No refreshments	I5th	W Tate & C Mayne
25th	25th No refreshments		S & J Noble
		29th	N Wilson & L Teggart

Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group

The History Reading Group are scheduled to have their pre Christmas meeting - On Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7.30 pm - Venue - The Clayton Hall The book that the group are reading in advance of the December meeting is - A Village In The Third Reich by Julia Boyd and Angelika Patel.

Using the village of Oberstdorf in the Bavarian Alps as a case study the book examines the manner in which ordinary lives were transformed by the rise of fascism in Germany.

The book is a follow up to Travellers In The Third Reich by Julia Boyd. This earlier publication, which discussed the rise of fascism in Germany through the eyes of ordinary people, was read and very well received by the History Reading Group earlier in 2022.

A Village In The Third Reich, published by Elliot and Thompson, is readily available at reasonable cost and in paperback format from both the usual high street and on line retailers.

All are most welcome to join with the History Reading Group at their December meeting and to share in Christmas themed snacks and lively discussion.

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	Services for Decen	nber/January
Sunday 4th December 2022		•
2nd Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Praise, Prayer & Testimony
Sunday 11th		
3rd Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Community Carol Service
Sunday 18th		
4th Sunday of Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Nativity Service
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Saturday 24th		
Christmas Eve	11.00pm	1st Communion of Christmas
Sunday 25th		
Christmas Day	10.45am	Family Christmas Celebration
Saturday 31st	11.15pm	Watchnight Service
Sunday 1st January 2023		
2nd Sunday of Christmas	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service
Sunday 8th		
1st Sunday after	8.30am	Holy Communion
the Epiphany	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue with HC
Sunday 15th		
2nd Sunday after	8.30am	Holy Communion
the Epiphany	10.00am	Cathedral Praise with HC
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service
Sunday 22nd		
3rd Sunday after	8.30am	Holy Communion
the Epiphany	10.00am	Family Service
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service
Sunday 29th		
Presentation of Christ	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	6.00pm	Praise, Prayer & Testimony
December 2022 and January 2023	-	•

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27th November Ellen Mary Thompson, Moorefield Road, Dromore

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Church Collections: October

GENERAL FUND	2022/23	2021/22
October	9,946.00	9,458.35
Total to date	£60,395.00	£58,239.55
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
October	1,045.00	1,152.50

Total to date £6,266.25 £6,572.45

Happy Christmas

I pray this Christmas, more than the rest, Will be your very special best, As you turn away from worldly things And see the joy a baby brings. Share Peace and Love both far and near In gratitude throughout the year.



The Gift

Christmas comes but once a year and with it brings us lots of cheer But spare a thought for those Whose Christmas morning Brings a very different dawning. Those who face this time of year In dread, in need or simple tears. We have the gift of Hope to give, Peace and goodwill to all who live.

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The February edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 27th January** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 20th January at 1pm.** Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com



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DECEMBER AND JANUARY DATES

December 2022

Thursday 1st	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Thursday 1st	7.30	Alpha	Clayton Hall
Saturday 3rd	1.30	Seniors Afternoon Tea	Cathedral Hall
Monday 5th	7.30	Evening Prayer Meeting	g Clayton Hall
Tuesday 6th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesda	ay) Clayton Hall
Friday 9th 7.00am	-7.00pm	Annual Sit Out	Taste Café/SuperValu
Friday 9th	6.30	Sunday School Party	Cathedral Hall
Friday 9th	8.00	MU Bring and Buy Sale	Clayton Hall
Saturday 10th		Sponsored Cycle	St Johns Hospice
Wednesday 14th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Saturday 17th	3.00	Sunday School party	Cathedral Hall
Monday 19th	7.30	Select Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 21st	6.45	Carol Singing	The Rectory
Wednesday 21st	7.30	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall

January 2023

Monday 2nd	7.30	Evening Prayer Meeting	g Clayton Hall
Tuesday 3rd	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesd	ay) Clayton Hall
Wednesday 4th	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Thursday 5th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Tuesday 10th	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 11th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Thursday 12th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Monday 16th	7.30	Select Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 18th	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 24th	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 25th	7.30	Mothers' Union Meetir	ng Cathedral Hall

Nativity Service

We are looking forward to our Nativity Service on Sunday 18th December. This will be a combined service at 10.45am. The children from Kingdom Kids have been very busy rehearsing "The Greatest Gift" production. Please come along to encourage our children and invite family and friends to join with us as we celebrate The Greatest Gift. Jesus Christ.



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In mid-October, our Organist and Choirmaster, Orly Watson, tendered his resignation to the Select Vestry. Only the tenth organist in the Cathedral since the installation of the organ in 1871, Orly had served us since February 2016. He has now taken up a new position as Organist and Choirmaster in St. Mark's Parish, Portadown in the Diocese of Armagh and will continue to play in the Parish of Donaghmore in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. Orly's last Sunday with us was on 30th October.

A presentation was made to Orly by Ian Doig, on behalf of the Select Vestry, Choir and Parishioners of the Cathedral, as a token of appreciation for Orly's music ministry over the last almost 7 years. Pictured with Orly are our Rector, Geoff and Curate, Trevor, as well as his most loyal singers; Ruth, Bill, Ian and Paul.

We wish God's blessing on Orly as he takes up this new role and thank him for his dedicated service in the Cathedral.







Table Quiz

Sincere thanks to Trevor for organizing what proved to be a great night of fellowship and fun, with a slight hint of competitiveness as well!

It was a very close contest between a few of the teams but Do, Ray, Me triumphed in the end. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all of the volunteers who made the evening such a success.

Congratulations

Very sincere congratulations to Tyler Mayne who competed in the Karate World Championships in Italy back in October of this year.

Tyler is pictured with both a Silver and Bronze medal which he was awarded in the individual Kumite event. What a fantastic achievement for someone so young....very well done Tyler!



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.