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# Some thoughts as we journey through Lent 2023

**Our 40 days of Lent began on Ash Wednesday past**. It has often been said that Lent is a good time for a *Spiritual Spring clean* - a time to clear away the *clutter* that holds us back and gets in the way of living spiritually disciplined lives. It's so easy really to become that little bit careless in our bible reading and daily prayer time. Lent is the time to make some changes and get things back to where we know, they really ought to be.

Lent also highlights the benefits of a right approach to temptation. Jesus faced the tempter from every direction during his 40 days in the wilderness, yet never once did he give in. Often, we think of temptation in negative terms, but resisting the tempter can provide the opportunity to grow and mature in our Christian journey each time we gain the victory over temptation.

It is always good to remember that when we are tempted, and we surely will be, Jesus will be with us to help us through. He knows what it means to stand firm against the tempter, because he has been there himself. Of course, there are times we will fall short, and when we do, forgiveness is assured when we genuinely repent of our sins.

I trust we will find time during this season of Lent to discipline our spiritual lives – to fight and win the battle against the tempter and to repent when we fall short.

Trevor

# Jar of Grace

One of the things we are encouraging our Church family to engage in during the season of Lent this year is prayer and giving through the Jar of Grace.

#### What is the Jar of Grace?

It is simply a glass jar which you place on your meal table throughout the season of Lent. You could get a jar yourself by simply using an empty jam jar and placing a sticky label on it with the words "Jar of Grace" written on it. Or, if you are out for a walk in the town on your daily form of exercise, you could call into the Church Office where a supply will be available in the foyer for collection.

#### How does it work?

Well it really is very simple. At each meal time throughout Lent, we are asking every person at every meal time to take a moment to place a coin/ coins in the jar and offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the food and for the projects we will be supporting through your giving. The prayer can be spoken or silent; all of our prayers are acceptable in God's sight through Jesus. On Easter Sunday we would encourage everyone to bring their Jars of Grace to Church and we will receive them and ask God's blessing on them.

**Projects.** Details of the Projects that will benefit from the Jar of Grace will be made known later.

## **Mothers' Union**

Instead of a meeting on Wednesday 29th March, we will be attending the Diocesan Festival Service at St. Mark's Newtownards on Thursday 30th

March at 8pm. We will be taking names of those wishing to attend and we will also organise lifts to the venue. See Anne or a member of the committee if you would like to come.

The Mothers' Union members enjoyed an old, but very enjoyable game of Beetle Drive at their January meeting. A fun time for everyone.



## Celebrating 80 years of Dromore Cathedral Girls' Brigade 6th Northern Ireland.

We will be holding a Thanksgiving Service on 26th March at 3pm in the Cathedral followed by Afternoon Tea in the Cathedral Hall.

If you are a past member of our Company or have any connection at all, we would love you to join us!

To assist with catering, please let us know you plan to be there by either putting your name on a list in the Church Porch, telephoning the Church Office or sending a text to GB on -

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# **Parish Bible Class**

Please note that the Parish Bible Class will take place immediately following the Midweek Lenten Service on 8th March at approximately 8.15pm in the Clayton Hall. Please feel free to come along.

# **Family Service**

# Prayer: What do you think of when you hear that word?

Maybe you think of people sitting around in a circle taking turns to pray, maybe your mind is drawn to the common book of prayer or receiving prayer ministry at the front of the Church or perhaps you think of having a conversation with God.

How do you feel when you hear that word? Perhaps you get excited as you are passionate about it. Maybe it makes you feel anxious as you're not quite sure how to do it?

Whatever your thoughts and feelings are, come along to our Family Service on the fourth Sunday of each month when we will be thinking about prayer, specifically looking at The Lord's Prayer.

Family Service this Sunday 26th February at 10.00am.

Everyone welcome. Christine



# A look at Life with the Recycled Teenager - Spring Cleaning

I don't know about you but I never really saw the attraction of cleaning. To me, cleaning is a necessary evil, unless of course it is someone else doing the cleaning. I do think there is an art to it though, as I am constantly in awe of the results produced by all the brilliant cleaners I have known amongst friends and family.

I once had a cleaner, when I worked out full-time and had three young boys tearing about the place. She came on a Wednesday. It was the best day of the week. I came home to a what can only be described as a sanctuary. I had just enough time before the chaos started, to sit in stupefied semi-consciousness, clutching a cup of coffee and breathe in the calming aroma of various cleaning products. I loved my cleaner more than anyone else I knew at that time.

Reminiscing aside, Spring is here and this is traditionally the season for tidying up the winter wreckage in the garden, cleaning windows, in preparation for the sun, to once again flood our houses and 'dung out' those cupboards, that are not quite sitting flush on their hinges.

But is there another 'Spring clean' that we need to attend to? Recently, I have been challenged to 'make room' in my life. To get rid of all the unnecessary clutter, that gets in the way of renewing my mind, heart and soul. As we take our pilgrimage towards Easter, are there things holding us back? Attitudes, that need not only a good dusting down but maybe power-hosed!

Just as it is necessary to let go of old household items, we need to clean a space in our lives for our Lord to sit down with us and talk to us, about how He is going to use us. We can bless others with the fragrance we give off, when we've had a good, spiritual, spring clean.

'For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing' 2 Corinthians 2 verse 15



# MATCH

In February, MATCH had the privilege of welcoming and hearing a little bit more of our Ukrainian family's story from Lilia and Mary. Olga Thompson, newly arrived at Dromore Cathedral, has been a huge help as translator.

Serhii, Lilia, Mary and Milana Silaieva arrived in Northern Ireland at the end of last October and, with the support of Starfish Ukraine, DC has been their official sponsor helping them set up home in Dromore.

We heard how life here compares with Ukraine, and the challenges and enjoyments there have been along the way. Language and communication has understandably been a big challenge that they're tackling very well through integration into local schools and jobs, language practice and classes. They think that we're a friendly people and smile a lot! The girls tried to teach us how to say "Hello" and "Goodbye" in Ukrainian!

We were reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:35-36 & 40 (Amp)...

"Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least (in the estimation of men) of these My brethren, you did it for Me".

Our own DC support team have been a fantastic community offering support and practical help wherever needed and were all thanked by Lilia and Mary.

John 13:34-35 'I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another. By this shall all (men) know that you are My disciples, if you love one another (if you keep on showing love among yourselves).'



Our next MATCH evening shall be on Wednesday 15th March at 8.15pm (following Lenten Service in Church). We shall be joined with Morna Nelson, a Physiotherapist, Nutritionist and Pilates instructor who will talk to us about good nutrition. Come along and bring a friend.



# St Patrick's Day - Friday 17th March

The day begins with Holy Communion at Saul and the Prayer Pilgrimage to the Cathedral where the guest speaker will be The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of Rwanda.

The theme is 'Reconciliation', a topic familiar to Archbishop Laurent who has been at the forefront of helping many in Rwanda deal with the impact and aftermath of the 1994 genocide.

The Archbishop was himself a child refugee from the ethnic tensions that erupted into organised massacres in Rwanda in 1959. He fled to Burundi with his mother at the age of five and has written about his experiences in *From Barefoot to Bishop: A Rwandan Refugee's Journey.* 

#### Programme

9.15am	Holy Communion at Saul
	Preacher: The Very Revd Henry Hull, Dean of Down
10.15am	Pilgrimage from Saul to Downpatrick
11.45am	Festival Service in Down Cathedral
	Preacher: The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of Rwanda
1.00pm	Wreath laying ceremony at St Patrick's Grave

1.15 pm Complimentary 'Picnic in the Pews'

#### **Transport to Saul**

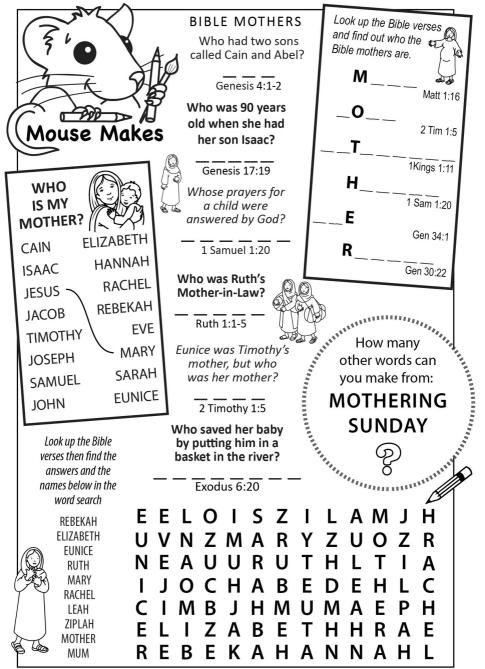
From **8.15 am** private buses will leave from the Mall for the Communion Service and pilgrimage.

The last bus for the Communion Service leaves at 8.45 am.

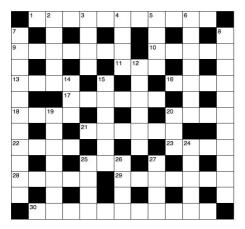
The last bus for the pilgrimage leaves at 9.45 am.

The last bus from Saul to the Cathedral leaves at **10.40 am**.





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### Across

1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11) 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7) 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5) 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3) 13 Mede (anag.) (4) 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4) 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6) 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4) 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4) 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3) 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)

23 Edit (anag.) (4)

25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)

28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)

29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4) 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

# Down

2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him<sup>™</sup> (John 9:23) (2,3)

3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4

4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)

5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)

6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)

7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)

8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)

12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)

14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)

19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)

20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)

24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God,
the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
26 'In the image of God he created him;
— and female he created

them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



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# **Services for March**

Sunday 5th		
2nd Sunday in Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Praise, Prayer & Testimony
Wednesday 8th	7.30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
Sunday 12th		
3rd Sunday in Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	7.30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
Sunday 19th		
4th Sunday in Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service
Wednesday 22nd	7.30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
Sunday 26th		
5th Sunday in Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	3.00pm	Girls' Brigade Thanksgiving Service
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service
Wednesday 29th	7.30pm	Midweek Lenten Service



On Sunday 5th February we welcomed Chris Phillips as our visiting speaker. Chris is team leader at Open*Doors* - an International Ministry serving persecuted Christians and Churches worldwide. His talk was both interesting and challenging as he highlighted the Open*Doors* top 50 list of countries where Christians risk everything for following Christ. The five countries where Christians are most at risk in 2023 are: North Korea, Somalia, Yemen, Eritrea and Libya. You can still pick up Open*Doors* literature from the porch in the Cathedral.

March 2023 .....

Church Collections: Janua	ary	
GENERAL FUND January	<b>2022/23</b> 9,223.00	<b>2021/22</b> 9,379.50
Total to date	£86,456.15	£83,202.10
DEVELOPMENT FUND January	966.00	905.55
Total to date	£8,777.25	£8,860.00

# Primrose

Upon a bank I sat, a child made seer of one small primrose flowering in my mind. Better than wealth it is, said I, to find one small page of Truth's manuscript made clear.

I looked at Christ transfigured without fear The light was very beautiful and kind, and where the Holy Ghost in flame had signed I read it through the lenses of a tear. And then my sight grew dim, I could not see the primrose that had lighted me to heaven, and there was but the shadow of a tree ghostly among the stars. The years that pass like tired soldiers nevermore have given moments to see wonders in the grass.



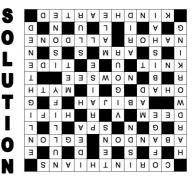
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# **Attention all Magazine Distributors**

The April edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 31st March** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 24th March at 1pm.** Items can be sent to Jill by emailing -

dromorecathedral@outlook.com



.. Cathedral Life

		MARCH DATES	
Thursday 2nd	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Friday 3rd	8.00	World Day of Prayer	St. Colmans, Dromore
Monday 6th	7.30	Evening Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 7th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday	) Clayton Hall
Tuesday 7th	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 8th	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 8th	8.15	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Thursday 9th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Wednesday 15th	8.15	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Tuesday 21st	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 22nd	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 22nd	8.15	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall
Friday 24th	7.30	Girls' Brigade Display	Cathedral Hall

March	Refreshments Rota
5th	W Tate & C Mayne
12th	S & J Noble
19th	N Wilson & L Teggart
26th	M Brown & K Buchanan

March	5th	12th	19th	26th
Flower Rota Mrs B McClearn 028 9269 2820	Mrs Jane Russell	Mrs Mabel Hobson	Mrs Edna Jeffryes	Mrs Linda Burns

## Smile Line...

#### Giving up for Lent

At the end of the pre-Lent sermon, the vicar suggested, as an example to the rest of the community, that the congregation should worship in an unheated church for the whole of Lent. As they made their way into the chill Sunday air the vicar addressed one member of the congregation, asking what she had decided to give up for Lent. "Church," she replied firmly.



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Ruby and Trevor celebrating their February Birthdays.

We had a very enjoyable **JOY** afternoon in February when we were joined by Physiotherapist Christine from Down Neuro Rehab. Christine took us all through a strength and balance class including how to get up the correct way if you have a fall. A great turnout of friends with a number of new members. Our next date for your diary is Thursday 9th March at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall, when we will be joined with local man John Wilkinson, a retired principal of Dromore High School. We are very much looking forward to having John and hearing all he has to speak about. Bring a friend, and let's have a great turnout like our February afternoon.





At our Praise, Prayer and Testimony Service on Sunday evening 19th February, we enjoyed a visit from our Bishop, Bishop David. His testimony was both personal and honest as he walked us through the story of his life from a young lad working on the farm in rural Donegal to becoming Bishop. He spoke openly of the many challenges he faced throughout his faith journey and how God had always proved to be good to him.

Thank you Bishop for a truly inspirational testimony.



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