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Dear friends

One of the lovely illustrations we were introduced to in the Grace Course was that of the change which takes place in the life cycle of a butterfly as it is transformed from a caterpillar which crawls along the ground into a beautiful butterfly which floats from plant to plant with wings which carry it graciously on it's journey. But yet the presenter observed one day a butterfly which was crawling along the ground following a rain shower which had wet it's wings. The presenter continued that, *"what strikes me as strange is that this butterfly that was made to fly was crawling slowly along the ground, acting in fact exactly like a caterpillar."* Many of us in our Christian walk can behave exactly like that butterfly with wet wings, either failing to realise that we are created to *"fly"* in a spiritual sense or we allow the things of this world to weigh heavy on us forcing us to *"crawl"* spiritually rather than fly as God intended.

We are introduced to a scene full of butterflies with wet wings in Acts chapter 2, as the disciples watch, wait and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit; they numbered around 120 believers. For some of these believers, they had failed Jesus spectacularly, just as Peter had in denying Jesus 3 times. For others, they had failed to fully embrace the truth of the resurrection until they had encountered the risen Lord for themselves, just as John, Mary Magdalene and Thomas had demonstrated in John's own account of the resurrection. But all that was to change dramatically with the coming in power of the Holy Spirit. Luke records in his account that they were *"filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them"* Acts 2: 4.

Luke continues to explain that Jerusalem was filled with *“God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven”* and that they were able to understand what was being said as *“each one heard them speaking in his own language.”*

The caterpillars had become butterflies; the butterflies with wet wings had taken flight and were now floating and flying as intended by the one who created them. And all the crowd can ask is *“What does this mean?”* Acts 2: 12.

In response, Peter takes flight in the most spectacular fashion as he stood up and addressed the crowd, delivering a clear explanation of what had happened and what was happening. Peter is no longer crawling along the ground with damp wings but has taken flight with the wind of the Spirit lifting him and enabling him to fly boldly and graciously with his words piercing the hearts of the crowd. About 3000 were added to their number that day and the believers devoted themselves to God and one another.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday each year. Such is the importance of the Spirit of Pentecost that we are required to read, at all main services, the whole account of that first experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit. But we should do more than read and remember the coming of the Holy Spirit. We should invite more and more of that Pentecost Spirit to be at work in our church and in our lives day by day.

That image of a beautiful butterfly crawling along the ground with wet wings is not an attractive one. Similarly, the reality of Christians crawling in a spiritual sense rather than flying with the Holy Spirit is a heartbreaking one. Yet it can happen so easily to each one of us as we come to Jesus but fail to live as a new creation in Christ as we allow old ways and habits to cling to us and hold us back. It can happen so easily as we allow the concerns of this world to weigh heavily on our hearts and pull us down.

Pentecost this year falls on Sunday 28th May. As we approach that day, let us not view this as just another act of worship, but rather as an opportunity for us all to embrace once more the beauty of God’s Holy Spirit as we open our hearts and lives to receive Him more fully. Let us open our metaphorical wings and allow the Holy Spirit to dry them off and allow us to fly once more, just as God intended.

With every good wish in Christ

Geoff

SOMA Weekend of Mission

SOMA UK is an Anglican Mission Agency. It was birthed out of a move of God's Spirit at the 1978 Lambeth Conference when Bishops from around the world came to the UK. Before it started, 300 charismatic Bishops and senior clergy took the opportunity to gather for a pre-conference renewal meeting. There was an outbreak of God's Spirit that energized all those in the room. SOMA was born out of this experience of an outpouring of God's grace.

But SOMA isn't limited to the UK, it is a worldwide movement. And SOMA are coming to our Diocese, indeed our Cathedral, over the weekend of Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June. We will be welcoming between 4 and 6 SOMA team members to our Parish and will be providing a number of events at which they will be sharing with us. I would encourage each of us to see this as not only an opportunity for ourselves but rather a fantastic way in which we can bring friends and family along to an event which is very much focused on sharing the gospel with those we care most about.

The following are some of the events we will be providing over the weekend..

- Men's breakfast
- Coffee morning
- Community celebration party
- Youth event
- Testimony evening.

There will be something for everyone and everyone is welcome. The challenge for each of us is to bring someone along with us. More details to follow in our next magazine.

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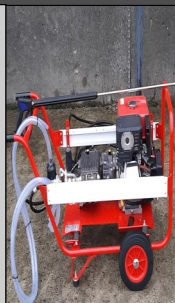
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“Big Sing” and “Big Lunch”

The weekend of the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III will be something of an historic occasion in our country and indeed in the world. Few of us will recall the last Coronation, so for all of us this will be an occasion to be celebrated and remembered for a long time to come.

As a church, the Select Vestry feel strongly that this occasion should be marked in an appropriate manner and as such are encouraging parishioners to support 2 events which will help us celebrate as a church family.

Firstly, on the evening of Sunday 30th April at 6pm, we are planning to have a “Big Sing”. This evening will consist of a blend of traditional and contemporary music, all themed on kingship and pieces which have been used at previous Coronations. We really would encourage the whole church family to come along and help us prepare for the forthcoming Coronation with music which will help us prepare for the Coronation and celebrate what kingship means in a more spiritual sense. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

And then on the weekend of the Coronation, we will be worshipping as one congregation at 10.45am on Sunday 7th May and encouraging everyone to join us afterwards for a “Big Lunch” in the Rectory garden. As with previous garden parties in the Rectory, it will be a case of bring your own picnic with tea/coffee and juice being provided, along with an ice cream for everyone attending. Bouncy castles will be there for the children along with games to help us celebrate.

Let’s celebrate this historic event as a church family in ways that help us deepen in our walk with one another and in our walk with God. Everyone is very warmly invited and encouraged to be part of these special celebration events.

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MATCH

We are very much looking forward to having an Art Workshop at MATCH with 'The Sketching Doctor', Suzanne Watson, on Wednesday 17th May at 8pm. Suzanne is a very talented lady who created wonderful paintings for us for our Agape evening and other celebrations.

If you are planning to attend please contact me to add your name to our list. Cost for the evening is £7 to cover art materials and supper.

To help us to be environmentally friendly, please bring an old mug (for water to clean brushes) and an old plate (for mixing paints).

Jane Russell

SOMA Concert

Soma will be joined on Saturday 20th May at 7.30pm by the Northern Ireland Concert Band, who are an accomplished 40+ piece band based in Belfast. All the proceeds from the evening will go to Stepping Stones Lisburn in memory of Paul Russell, beloved son of Ronnie and Jane Russell who are both members of Soma.

Tickets will be on sale from any member of Soma, Jane Russell and by contacting the Church Office. You can also find Soma Singers on Facebook and can send us a message through that. We look forward to a wonderful evening of music.

Karen Bowden

JOY

Following our Easter break JOY will be back again on Thursday 18th May at 2pm (**please note date as it is one week later than usual**).

Our guest speaker will be Jo-Anne Dobson, Kidney Care Ambassador and will speak on organ donation.

Come along and bring a friend. Following this on 8th June we are heading out for an afternoon for a stroll around and maybe a cuppa! Names can be taken at our May afternoon as a coach has been booked and is open to everyone.

Mothers' Union

We had a lovely evening of fellowship at the Area Festival Service held in St. Mark's Newtownards. It was nice to see all the Banners being processed once again to the front of the Church as they used to be before covid.

Our outing will be the next time we will meet and I will let you know where we will be going and confirm the date and time and details soon.

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Easter General Vestry Meeting

The Annual General Vestry meeting took place at 8pm on Monday 17th April 2023 in the Cathedral Hall.

The Rector welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew 2: 13-15 and reflected on the Jesus' experience as a refugee.

The Rector reflected on the past year drawing attendees' attention to some "Stand Out" events, achievements and people.

In closing, the Rector thanked all those who volunteered, in whatever capacity, for their service week by week through which the church was able to continue to deliver and develop existing and new ministries.

The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Vestry meeting were approved by those present, and signed as an accurate account of what took place.

Financial Report: Paul Cochrane, Honorary Treasurer, gave a comprehensive report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022. The Accounts were adopted by the meeting.

Auditor: S.M. Vint & Co, Banbridge was re-appointed Auditor.

Office-bearers elected to serve for 2023-24

Churchwardens: Nicholas Davies (Rector's) : Scott Mackey (People's)

Glebewardens: Ian Purdy (Rector's) : Bill Forsythe (People's)

Select Vestry: Andrew Carson, Paul Cochrane (Honorary Treasurer),
Andrew Cuthbert, Rebekah Davidson (Honorary Secretary),
Nan McMurray, Andrew McNeill, Sam Newell, Hilary Purdy,
Jane Russell, Ashley Silcock, Joanne Silcock, Leanne Teggart.

Triennial Elections : 2023-2026

Parochial Nominators:

Paul Cochrane, Andrew Cuthbert, Scott Mackey, Nan McMurray

Supplemental Parochial Nominators:

Jeremy Bowden, Gillian Corbett, Rebekah Davidson, Leanne Teggart

Diocesan Synod Members:

Paul Cochrane, Helen Forsythe, Scott Mackey, Nan McMurray

Supplemental Synod Member:

Ashley Silcock

Synod Person under 30:

Rowena McCallum

At a short meeting of the newly elected Select Vestry the following appointments were made:

Honorary Secretary: Rebekah Davidson

Honorary Treasurer: Paul Cochrane

PARISH REGISTERS 2022

Holy Baptism

2nd January	Sydney Aoife Hester Frith, The Street, Portadown
16th January	Rupert Otto Patrick Weir, Chancellors Court, Dromore
8th May	Isaac Stephen Lough, Lurgan Road, Dromore
14th August	Ezra Herbie Roulston, Villawood Road, Dromore
27th November	Ellen Mary Thompson, Moorefield Road, Dromore

Confirmation

18th September	Cody Buchanan	Brooke Wilson
	Corey Buchanan	Jackson Teggart
	Jack Chambers	Mary Jess
	Kerri Mack	Lauren McKinstry
	Harry Magowan	Sam Newell
	Anna Shepherd	

Funerals

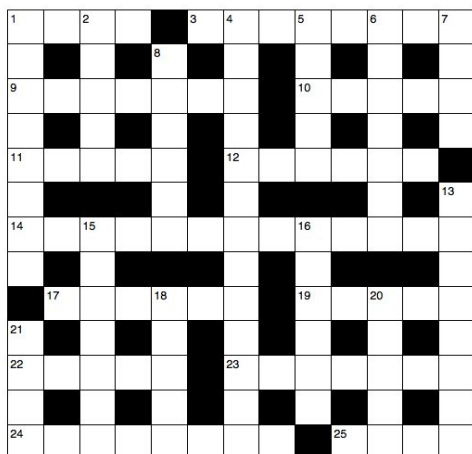
18th January	Constance Orr, Thornhill Drive, Dromore
22nd January	Cyril Cooper, Eirford Park, Waringsford
22nd February	William Thomas Sinton, Killysorrell Road, Dromore
25th March	Hugh James (Jim) Watson, Ballynahinch Road, Dromore
5th May	Ian Rolston, Barban Heights, Dromore
16th June	James Joseph (Joe) Tomlinson, Drumboneth Road, Dromore
30th June	Paul Russell, Beresford Green, Dromore
26th July	Sylvia Beattie, Gallows Street, Dromore
9th September	Edmund Walter Erwin, Lower Quilly Road, Dromore
13th September	Nigel Wiltshire, Irwin Place, Donaghcloney
11th October	Michelle Ogle, Jubilee Park, Dromore
8th December	Reta Martin, Bishops Hill, Dromore
29th December	William Samuel Pyper, Jubilee Heights, Dromore
30th December	Karin Black, Lurgan Road, Dromore
31st December	Elizabeth McClenaghan, Maypole Park, Dromore

Burial of Ashes

27th September	Sarah Murphy, St. Heliers Way, Stanley, Co. Durham
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Cremation at Roselawn

3rd January	Mavis Braidner, Mountvale Nursing Home
9th February	Lillian Ellen Mary Currie, Brewery Lane, Dromore
19th August	Katherine Mary McBride, Ashfield, Dromore



Across

- 1 'Therefore let us — passing judgment on one another' (Romans 14:13) (4)
- 3 'I — — these persons here present' (Marriage service) (4,4)
- 9 According to a prearranged timetable (Numbers 28:3) (7)
- 10 Group of eight (5)
- 11 The cell into which the Philippian jailer put Paul and Silas (Acts 16:24) (5)
- 12 — Taylor, pioneer missionary to China (6)
- 14 Otherwise known as the Eucharist, Breaking of Bread, the Lord's Table (4,9)
- 17 'So that after I have preached to others, I — will not be disqualified for the prize' (1 Corinthians 9:27) (6)
- 19 Attend to (3,2)
- 22 Approximately (Acts 4:4) (5)
- 23 Tea rite (anag.) (7)

24 Rule of sovereign (8)

25 Test (anag.) (4)

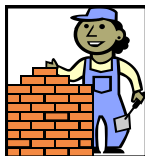
Down

- 1 The name of the street where Judas lived in Damascus and where Saul of Tarsus stayed (Acts 9:11) (8)
- 2 'The playing of the merry — , sweet singing in the choir' (5)
- 4 'We have been saying that — — was credited to him as righteous' (Romans 4:9) (8,5)
- 5 Dr Martyn — Jones, famous for his ministry at Westminster Chapel (5)
- 6 Port at which Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28:13) (7)
- 7 Observe (Ruth 3:4) (4)
- 8 Minister of religion (6)
- 13 'I am — of this man's blood. It is your responsibility' (Matthew 27:24) (8)
- 15 'Greater love has no one than this, that he — — his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (3,4)
- 16 Archbishop who calculated that the world began in 4004BC (6)
- 18 'No one can — the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit' (John 3:5) (5)
- 20 Establish by law (5)
- 21 Product of Gilead noted for its healing properties (Jeremiah 46:11) (4)

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Services for May

Sunday 7th

5th Sunday of Easter

8.30am

10.45am

6.00pm

Holy Communion

Combined Worship to mark the

Coronation of King Charles

Praise, Prayer & Testimony

Sunday 14th

6th Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

8.30am

10.00am

11.30am

6.00pm

Holy Communion

Cathedral Praise

Morning Prayer

Evening Epilogue *with* Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension

Day

8.30am

10.00am

11.30am

6.00pm

Holy Communion

Cathedral Praise *with* Holy Communion

Service of the Word

Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 28th

The Day of Pentecost

WhitSunday

8.30am

10.00am

11.30am

6.00pm

Holy Communion

Family Service

Morning Prayer

Evening Epilogue Service



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GENERAL FUND	2022/23	2021/22
March	9,699.00	10,261.50
Total to date	£104,245.15	£101,418.80
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
March	896.25	1,009.90
Total to date	£10,481.75	£10,666.05

Sunday Morning Refreshments

Could you spare an hour 3 or 4 times a year?

Every Sunday morning after our 10am service we are invited to join for refreshments in the Cathedral Hall. This is a very relaxed cup of tea or coffee (which we all enjoy) with a chance to continue fellowship and friendship with our Church family and meet up with parishioners from our 11.30 service. We have found that numbers are increasing each week, and we require a few more helpers. If you feel you could help prepare refreshments and serve it please speak to Jane Russell or Jill in the Cathedral Office. If you attend the 10am service, we would aim that the most you need to help is one hour every 3 months. (15 mins preparation before service and up to 45 mins after service. If you attend the 11.30 service your help would be appreciated to set up and serve out before your service then someone from the 10am can finish off. All help would be much appreciated (and men can make tea as well).

Attention all Magazine Distributors

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

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MAY DATES

Monday 1st	7.15	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 2nd	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 2nd	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 3rd	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Thursday 4th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Wednesday 10th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 16th	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 17th	10.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 17th	8.00	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Thursday 18th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Saturday 20th	7.30	SOMA Concert	Cathedral Hall
Tuesday 30th	7.30	Grace Course	Cathedral Hall
Wednesday 31st	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall

May	Refreshments Rota
7th	No Refreshments (combined Service)
14th	S Shepherd & D Martin
21st	W Tate & C Mayne
28th	Kathy Chambers & Linda Jane Chambers

May	7th	14th	21st	28th
Flower Rota Caroline Wallace 028 9269 3506	Mrs Phyllis Mackin	Mrs Pamela McKeown	Mrs Lorna Rodgers	Mrs Sara McCorkell

Diocesan Synod 2023

Diocesan Synod is the governing body of our Diocese, with members made up from both clergy and lay people from across the Diocese. Synod meets on an annual basis for one day and this year, we are privileged to be hosting Synod here in the Cathedral on Thursday 15th June, something which I believe is a first in our history. The day will begin with a service in the Cathedral at around 10am followed by the business of Synod, concluding at around 3.30pm.



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Children's Day

There is huge excitement down at Kingdom Kids on Sunday mornings as the children have begun to prepare for our annual Children's Day. The service will take place on Sunday 25th June at 10.45am. Our theme this year is "Heroes of the faith." We will be thinking about some famous bible characters, and how we too can make a difference for God. The children will be leading,

singing, reciting a poem and leading the Bible reading and prayers. Following the service we will have a family fun day in the Rectory garden.

We would ask that you bring your own picnic and we will provide hot and cold drinks. There will be bouncy castles, music, garden games and most importantly ice cream! Please plan to attend to support and encourage our children in our service and to join together in fellowship with one another in the Rectory garden afterwards.



Members of the Tuesday Craft Group are knitting poppies to help the British Legion decorate the Town Hall on Remembrance Sunday.

Other groups in the town are also involved - they would like 6,000 poppies, so we'll not be responsible for them all!

It sounds really nice to see poppies cascading from library windows, so ladies "keep those needles clicking."

Our AGAPE meal on the Thursday of Holy Week was a wonderful opportunity for the whole church family to come together and enjoy food, fellowship and a very special service of Holy Communion. Our photos show participants gathered at tables positioned in the shape of a cross, something which the journey through Holy Week is all about.

Very sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who contributed food, time or their talent to making the occasion very special indeed. And a particular word of thanks to Karen Bowden who brought everything together so beautifully.



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