



**JUNE 2023**

in wind...

in flame...

The Spirit came.



## Save the dates!

Our annual **Holiday Bible Club** will be taking place from Monday 14th August to Friday 18th August. All children primary school aged are welcome but places are limited!

This year we are travelling to "Paradise Promise" where we will learn about some of the amazing promises God has made and what these mean for us. There will be plenty of games, singing, stories, challenges, juice and biscuits! Online registration is essential and will open on Friday 4th August at 7.00pm via the Dromore Cathedral Facebook Page. If you want to register but are not on Facebook please contact me via email: [dromore.youth.children@gmail.com](mailto:dromore.youth.children@gmail.com)

Our annual **Children's Day Service** will take place on Sunday 25th June at 10.45am. The theme this year is "Heroes of the faith." 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! Hope to see you all!



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**P1-P7**

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Dear friends

I wonder how you feel about the Holy Spirit? You may be hungry for more of Him in your life. You may keep him at a distance, treating him like someone whom you don't dislike, but don't want them to get too close to you either. Or you may simply be rather passive about Him, not really that bothered one way or the other.

Jesus promised in his farewell narrative to his closest disciples that he would *"ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever."* John 14: 16 That is a wonderful promise from a beautiful saviour, and a promise which was fulfilled so profoundly with the coming of the Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost. The disciples were all together in one place. They had waited patiently and now their patience was rewarded as the Holy Spirit came in power. It is impossible for any of us to properly explain what the Holy Spirit and so it was for Luke as he recorded that there was a sound *"like the blowing of a violent wind"* and *"they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire."* Acts 2: 2-3

But rather than trying to paint a picture without paint, in a manner of speaking, Luke spends much more time addressing the effect that the Holy Spirit had in the lives of those assembled that day. Firstly, there was the new language which the disciples were able to speak. They were able to communicate with God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven in their own language. We can't communicate with those around us unless we understand their language, or indeed we have someone at hand who does. Changing culture forms part of that "language" and as church we must constantly be asking ourselves are we speaking a language which the world around us can understand. The Holy Spirit is the one who can help us in our endeavours to communicate with a world which believes the church has no voice in the 21st Century.

Secondly, there was a new boldness in the way that the message was proclaimed. It is more than difficult to comprehend the change which is brought about in the heart of Peter following the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus predicted that Peter would betray him 3 times before the cock would crow. Peter reacted angrily to such a suggestion. But his anger turned to tears when he realised that Jesus had been quite correct in his prediction and the truth cut to the very core of his being. But after the coming of the Holy Spirit we see a very different Peter. We encounter someone who, in the face of the hostility and cynicism of the crowd, raises his voice and lifts on high the name of Jesus. Peter is no longer fearful, but now proclaims with great courage and boldness the truth of the gospel.

And finally, there is the new heart which is given to the people who are gathered in Jerusalem. These are the people whom we are told are God-fearing Jews from every nation. But they are also the people who are full of cynicism and hostility as they scoffed at Peter stating that the disciples *“have had too much wine to drink.”* Acts 2: 13. But the Holy Spirit goes to work in their hearts and we are told that *“Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”* Acts 2: 41.

Without the Holy Spirit, none of this would have been possible. But with God’s Holy Spirit, all things are possible. And the same Holy Spirit is available to us as followers of Christ today. To enable us to speak a language which a watching world understands. To enable us to speak up and speak out with the good news of Christ crucified. To enable hearts to be turned from living for self to living for Jesus.

My prayer is that each of us would embrace more and more of God’s Holy Spirit which Jesus promised to those who love Him.

With every good wish in Christ

**Geoff**

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## Climate Change Committee Update

The effects of climate change are something which few people in the world would deny is one of the greatest threats to the existence of humanity. Naturalists are amongst the loudest voices advocating for measures to be taken now to address the challenge before it is too late. And the church is awakening to its biblical responsibility of stewarding the creation which our God has so generously entrusted to our care.

Dromore Cathedral, in response to this growing challenge, is active in conceiving of measures which will help us to think in a more climate-friendly way, as well as adopting some different ways of doing things with the net effect of reducing the impact of our actions on the environment.

Amongst these measures are the following:

**The erection of a cycle rack** in the Cathedral Hall car park to enable worshippers to store their bicycle during services/events. This rack will be fixed to the wall of the kitchen to the left hand side looking from the car park (users will be responsible for the security of their bicycles);

**A reduction in the number of paper magazines** which are produced. We currently produce 450 copies of Cathedral Life for distribution throughout the Parish. If you would rather receive an electronic version of the magazine, then please contact Jill in the Parish Office via email at [dromorecathedral@outlook.com](mailto:dromorecathedral@outlook.com) or by ringing 9269 3968 and Jill will arrange for you to receive a PDF version of the magazine via email;

**A reduction in the number of FWO envelopes** which are allocated each year. If you currently support the work of the Parish via the envelope system, why not consider setting up a Standing Order instead? Standing Orders have a number of real benefits. They mean we don't have to find cash to put in an envelope, our support is not dependent on our attendance, they reduce the amount of cash we are handling as church thereby reducing risk and reduces the amount of paper we are using, as well as reducing our expenditure.

Each month, we hope to provide ongoing updates on what we are doing as a church, and what we can each do, to play our part in saving our wonderful world.

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## SOMA Mission

We are very much looking forward to our weekend of mission from Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June. We have a team of 4 missionaries coming from South Africa, England and Scotland who will be presenting the gospel at each of the events we will be organising. Each of them are members of SOMA, an international organisation committed to the **Sharing Of Ministries Abroad**.

Mission is something which Jesus calls us all to engage in, something which he presented as an imperative at the end of Matthew's gospel as he sent the disciples out into all the world.

There are a number of things which I would like to say by way of preparation as we think of what lies ahead of us and how we might be part of it.

**Firstly**, we should be approaching this weekend of mission with humility. Someone once described this work as one beggar showing another beggar where to find bread. Jesus modelled what humility looked like so powerfully for us again and again. None of us should be thinking that what we have to offer is any greater or any less than anyone else involved. None of us should be looking down our noses at those who aren't yet Christians but rather caring about people enough to consider inviting them to an event.

**Secondly**, we should be approaching this mission in a collaborative manner. The missionaries in our midst will be presenting the gospel at every event. But we, as the body of Christ, can do so many things to assist in preparing for the mission and in the delivery of it. Some of us could offer our homes. At the time of writing we still need accommodation for 2 of the missionaries from Thursday to Sunday inclusive. If you think that you could help with that, then please let Geoff know. You could donate some of the scones and tray bakes for the coffee morning. You could help with the BBQ after the children's event on the Saturday afternoon. And finally, and most importantly, you could invite as many people as you know along to each and every event.

I attended a seminar on evangelism recently and one of the things that the speaker emphasised was the importance of inviting rather than bringing. If you commit to bring people to an event and they don't come then you could be left feeling that you have failed in some way. However, once you invite someone you have succeeded, even if they don't attend. An invitation can of course be followed up with the offer of transport as you bring some of those whom you have invited. This is perhaps the most important work we can do as the missionary won't be able to fish unless there are fish in the pond!

And lastly, we should approach this mission prayerfully. All of us can pray, whether we are the most active, mobile of Christians, or housebound through illness or failing mobility. Please do pray for safety for our missionaries as they prepare to leave their families and homes to be with us. Please pray for the safety of all our events, that they would be free from incident and would clearly display the love of God. Please pray that we would have the courage to invite our friends, neighbours and family members who aren't yet in Christ. And please pray for ears to be opened and hearts to be softened at each and every gathering.

There will be something for everyone and the following gives details of what is happening, where and when:

- **Men's Breakfast Saturday 10th June at 8.45am Taste Cafe**
- **Coffee Morning Saturday 10th June at 11am Cathedral Hall**
- **Superheroes Party Saturday 10th June 3.30 - 5pm Cathedral Hall**  
**Bible story, games, challenges, crafts, prizes - (P1-P7)**
- **BBQ Saturday 10th June at 5pm Cathedral Hall**
- **Church Services Sunday 11th June at 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am**  
**Cathedral**
- **Praise, Prayer & Testimony Sunday 11th June at 6pm Cathedral**

*\* The SOMA concert on Friday evening is our own SOMA group, not the missionaries who are part of SOMA international, though SOMA international will be sharing during the evening.*

This mission is for everyone and we would encourage everyone to be part of it.



## **Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group**

The History Reading Group are next due to meet on -

**Wednesday 21st June 2023 at 7.30 pm. Venue - The Clayton Memorial Hall.**

The book that the group are reading in advance of this meeting is -

**The Long Shadow - The Great War And The Twentieth Century by David Reynolds.**

The Long Shadow is a book that would easily find a place on the must read list of anyone with even a passing interest in history. It has been described as a "masterly study by a historian at the top of his game"

In The Long Shadow David Reynolds explores big themes such as democracy, empire, nationalism, capitalism, civilization and remembrance. In doing so he seeks to broaden our vision of The Great War and assesses the impact of the shadow that it cast across Europe , North America and Australia from the armistice of 1918 until the present day.

Everyone is most welcome to attend the next meeting and to share in a combination of fellowship and lively historical debate.

## **A LOOK AT LIFE WITH THE RECYCLED TEENAGER - Dancing**

I love dancing! I can manage a few steps of Jive, Sequence and now Line Dancing. It is extremely good for your health, both physical and mental and opens up all sorts of social interaction. Anyone can do it but I need to remind younger people that disco was invented in the seventies and therefore belongs to my generation. If you just like a 'bop', where do we (women of a certain age) get the chance to dance? We might be seen strutting our stuff at a wedding or letting our hair down at birthday party (usually with a large number involved). Needless to say the opportunities are few.

Now, I am sorry if I have created horrific images of Mom Dancing for any of you younger readers, (should I have any) but even you will have witnessed the Kitchen Disco/TikTock phenomenon so prevalent during the pandemic. Dancing is in our DNA!

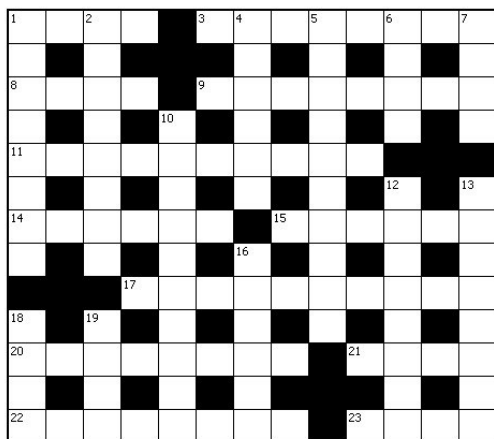
What makes us feel like dancing? In the Bible, 'David danced before the Lord'.

I believe it is an expression of joy and it is of God.

However our culture doesn't really encourage dancing, unlike Africa, where they dance at the drop of a hat. Dancing in western culture is more to do with entertainment and some people can't do it unless fortified with a taste of the hard stuff.

I think that is a great pity. How wonderful it would be to 'praise his name with dancing' Ps 149 v 3. Should our thankfulness to the Lord make us feel like dancing? Maybe try it out in the kitchen first. Meanwhile, I'm off to do some line dancing!





## Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden

of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

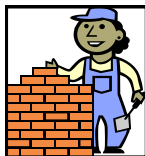
## Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

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## Services for June

### Sunday 4th

#### Trinity Sunday

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise  
Holy Communion  
Evening Epilogue *with* Holy Communion

### Sunday 11th

#### 1st Sunday after Trinity

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise  
Morning Prayer  
Praise, Prayer & Testimony

### Thursday 15th

10.00am

Diocesan Synod 2023

### Sunday 18th

#### 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise *with* Holy Communion  
Service of the Word  
Evening Epilogue Service

### Sunday 25th

#### 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8.30am  
10.45am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Children's Day  
*followed by Fun Day in Rectory garden*  
Evening Epilogue Service



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

## Jar of Grace

A very sincere word of thanks to everyone who contributed to the Jar of Grace during the season of Lent; a total of £1,371.11 was raised through your generosity, all of which will be used to provide basic medical equipment at the Bethsaida Clinic, Maridi.

Your gift will be a huge blessing to the people of Maridi who use the Clinic.

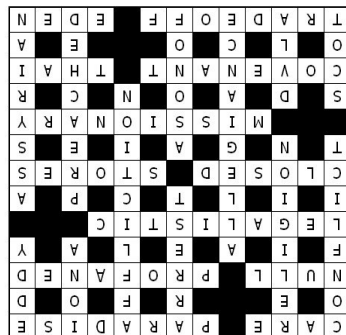
## Church Collections: April

GENERAL FUND	2023/24	2022/23
April	9,252.20	7,009.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£9,252.20</b>	<b>£7,009.00</b>
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
April	776.25	652.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£776.25</b>	<b>£652.00</b>

## Attention all Magazine Distributors

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

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## JUNE DATES

Thursday 1st	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Monday 5th	7.15	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 6th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Thursday 8th	2.00	JOY	Mystery Bus Tour
Saturday 10th	10.00	Men's Breakfast	Taste Café
Saturday 10th	11.00	Coffee Morning	Cathedral Hall
Saturday 10th	3.30	Superheroes Party	Cathedral Hall
Saturday 10th	5.00	BBQ	Cathedral Hall
Tuesday 13th	7.30	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 14th	10.00	Grace Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 14th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Thursday 15th	10.00	Diocesan Synod	Cathedral
Wednesday 21st		MATCH	Boyles Restaurant

June	Refreshments Rota
<b>4th</b>	M Brown & K Buchanan
<b>11th</b>	N Wilson & L Teggart
<b>18th</b>	S & J Noble
<b>25th</b>	No Refreshments (combined Service)

June	4th	11th	18th	25th
<b>Flower Rota</b> Mrs Stephanie Shepherd 07821 573756	Miss Nan McMurray	Mrs Rosemary Wilson	Mrs Mary Bradshaw	Mrs Helen Forsythe

## 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.



## The Cathedral Church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore

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## MATCH

We were delighted to be joined with the 'Sketching Doctor' at our May MATCH night. Suzanne Watson is a Doctor by day and an artist by night. Suzanne's love of art shines through as she demonstrated her artwork. Everyone then got the chance to join in on her workshop and all left with a number of pieces of artwork needing framed.

Our June MATCH is on Wednesday 21st June when we shall enjoy a lovely meal in Boyles Dromore. If you would like to join us please contact me before Friday 9th June.



## JOY

A big thank you to Jo-Anne Dobson, Kidney Care Ambassador for Northern Ireland, along with Andrew and Stephen for joining with us at our May JOY.

Jo-Anne had donated her kidney to her son Mark and both are keeping very well. We all appreciated the very informative talk on Kidney donation in Northern Ireland.

*Photo: Jo-Anne Dobson, Jane, Beverley and Stephen Mawhinney (who had a Kidney transplant a few months ago)*



JOY is heading out on a Mystery Bus Tour on Thursday 8th June, leaving the Cathedral Hall car park at 2pm and back home for 5pm. This event is open to all who fall under the 'Just Older Youth' category. There is no charge for the bus. If you would like to join us, please speak to Jane Russell or leave your name with Jill in the Cathedral Office.





## SOMA Concert

On Saturday 20th May Soma performed their first concert to a packed audience in the Cathedral Hall.

We had a varied programme of music including stunning solos and a fun duet from Ian Cardy and Shona Norris. We were joined by the award winning Northern Ireland Concert Band, led by Mr. Martin Wall, who provided a great selection of music for us. We would like to express sincere thanks to all those who came along to support us on the night and to Geoff who acted as MC (and may have told a few jokes!) Special mention to Bill Forsythe, Jim McComb and all who volunteered help setting up and taking down again.

The concert was a fundraiser for Stepping Stones Lisburn, in memory of Paul Russell, son of our members Ronnie and Jane. Paul had greatly benefitted from the work of Stepping Stones. We are delighted to announce that we raised a total of £1,585 from the evening.



### Jim McComb

Congratulations to Jim McComb on his appointment as Sexton.

Jim is a lifelong member of the Cathedral and has served in many voluntary capacities down through the years. We wish Jim every blessing in this new season of ministry.



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.