



...with you forever

My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering
when you see only one set of footprints, it
was then that I carried you.
-Your Heavenly Father-

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Dear friends,

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” John 14: 16-17

I wonder what you would say to someone, or give to someone, you weren't going to see again for a very long time? Perhaps your words would be a reminder to them of the depth of love you have for them. Or perhaps your actions would demonstrate something which words simply fail to do. Or perhaps you would give them something which would be a constant reminder to them that they are never alone, no matter how much future circumstances might suggest otherwise.

Jesus is in the upper room with his disciples, the 11 who have journeyed with him over a 3 year period, experiencing the highs and lows of ministry (Judas Iscariot has left their company at this stage in the narrative). The end of that earthly journey together is in sight, something which Jesus has shared openly with his disciples on a number of occasions in preparation for the journey beyond the cross. But rather than just speaking words of comfort over them as they face life without him being physically present with them, Jesus makes the most generous promise. He doesn't promise to give them something to remind them of him if they ever face a low ebb in their journey. Rather, he promises to give them someone who, in his own words, will *“be with you forever”*.

That promise was fulfilled in the most dramatic way when the Holy Spirit came in power at Pentecost, the Spirit who *“lives with you and will be in you.”* The journey was never easy for any of those early followers of Jesus, but it was always a journey of presence as God made himself real for them through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

It was a significant change in life for those early disciples, but a change which was made all the easier for them as they embraced more of, and enjoyed the presence of, God with them each step of each day, just as Jesus had promised.

Some of us are facing huge changes in our lives also. For some, it may be contemplating the first day at school for a child whom you have held so close to you over their early years. For some, it may be the change of moving from one school to another and the challenge of forming new friendships and embracing new methods of learning. For others, it may mean leaving home for the very first time. Others may be facing life without someone it seems has always been there, but is no longer with us. Others might be facing full-time employment for the very first time or the change which growing older brings as perhaps mobility, or failing health, becomes more of an issue than it has been up to this point. This list of change is by no means exhaustive but rather gives us a sense of how much change we can face in life at different stages of the journey. Often the thought of change can be quite paralysing and terrifying for many of us, just as it probably was for those early disciples. But when we are able to lift our eyes from the immediacy of the next step to contemplate the presence of God through his Holy Spirit with us each step of the journey ahead, it is liberating both for us and indeed for those around us. And that freedom is experienced by both the parent who is able to let go and the child who takes faltering steps into a new sphere of life. That freedom is experienced by those who are able to see how green the grass is and how blue the sky is in spite of failing health or growing immobility. That freedom is there for you and for me the more fully our eyes are opened to the presence of God with us. I pray that whatever changes come in this next season for each of us, that we might know more and more of the promise of Jesus to be with us forever.

Geoff

"Men United"

Never mind the name and the allusion to the best team in the land, but think on what it would mean to be part of a Men's Group where your age or experience doesn't matter. In Men United, what matters most is you.

Men United is a new Men's Group in the Cathedral family for men of all ages from within the Church family and in the wider community. It is intended to hold gatherings on a monthly basis with the first meeting taking place on Saturday 7th October 2023 with a short walk in the Mournes concluding with a coffee and a scone (code for a fry up!) in Newcastle.

Each month, we plan to have a variety of activities and speakers to encourage us in our walk with one another and with the Lord. We haven't landed on which evening would be best to meet, so this first event is just to get things moving with details of future meetings to follow as things develop.

Men United is for men within the Church and men in the wider community, so why not bring your friend/neighbour along as well. So if you are interested in getting together on a Saturday morning with a few other men, going for a short walk and enjoying some food, then please do let Geoff know on 07808 844637.

Resumption of Creche

It is hoped to resume our Church Creche in early September, meeting during the main morning services in the Clayton Memorial Hall. We are currently in the process of procuring the technology to broadcast an audio feed of our service to the hall and as soon as this is in place, creche will commence with parents being asked to accompany their child/children until such times as volunteers are in place to deliver this ministry. Anyone interested in availing of the creche should contact Andrew McNeill on 07428 433349.

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MATCH

After our Summer break, a great programme of events awaits all the ladies of MATCH. Starting on Wednesday 20th September at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall. We will be joined with Willetta who is a small business owner here in the heart of Dromore bringing a taste of her home in Michigan. Bethel's Kitchen is a representative of her faith being that Bethel means "House of God" a story of restoration after divorce and a humble story of life not going exactly how it should.

God's faithfulness to her and her two daughters.

MATCH (Midweek at the Cathedral Hall) is a ladies group who meet on the 3rd Wednesday night of each month. A varied monthly programme including invited speakers and demonstrations. Come join us.

Advance notice for Wednesday 18th October

Open Night - Fashion Show by Junes Klost

This event is a fundraiser for our link Church in Maridi and is open to everyone.

JOY

We welcome everyone back to JOY and hope you all had a good summer.

Come join us on Thursday 21st September (*please note change of week*) at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mr Billy Stewart from the ABC Council. You may remember Billy joined us with the PSNI earlier in the year and he asked to come back! Looking forward to hearing him.

JOY stands for 'Just Older Youth' and meets one Thursday afternoon each month. We have a varied programme to enjoy and always finish with a good cuppa. Bring along a friend.

Mothers' Union

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and are looking forward to meeting up again on Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. In a change to our programme, we will be having our Visitors' night in September, when our Rector, Geoff, will tell us all about his visit to Maridi. This enables us to join with our friends in Match at their Fashion Show on 18th October. As this event is a fundraiser for Maridi there will be a £5 voluntary donation.

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 11th September until week commencing Monday 2nd 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
- Women's Clean Clothing
- Children's Clean Clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Belts
- Bed linen
- Curtains

*but we must say **NO** to:*

- Dirty or wet clothing
- Single shoes
- Off cuts of material
- Uniforms

The more clothing suitable for re-use collected, the more money we will raise! Using services of All-Tex Ltd.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We plan to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on **Friday 22nd September in the Clayton Hall.**

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.

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.

Sponsored Cycle in aid of Southern Area Hospice Services

One of the things which has been a real source of blessing in recent years has been the annual cycle from Dromore to Newry in early December through which we have raised much needed funds for the above cause. But one thing we have noticed has been just how cold and dangerous it is cycling in early December. So we have decided to hold our sponsored cycle on Saturday 30th September this year, leaving Dromore at 9am.

The route will be just the same, leaving Dromore, joining the tow path at Scarva and ending up in Newry where refreshments are usually enjoyed in a nearby café! As soon as the grub is consumed, then we make our way back to Dromore at a very leisurely pace; this isn't a race!

The plan is to hand over the proceeds of the sponsorship to John Dalzell MBE at his annual sit out in Hill St, Newry in December. John has raised over 2 million in the 31 years which he has been sitting out for the Hospice. If you are interested in being part of the team of cyclists this year, then please do let Geoff know on 07808 844637.

Safeguarding Update

The Select Vestry have decided to carry out a root and branch review and update of all staff and volunteers serving in the area of Children's and Youth Ministry in order to ensure that everyone is well and truly up to date and protected. This will mean that everyone serving in these areas will have fresh Police checks and Safeguarding training carried out, regardless of when it was last carried out. This will all happen during the month of September and October and will ensure that we are fully compliant with Safeguarding requirements.

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Parish Prayer Time

This continues on the first Monday of each month starting on Monday 4th September in the Clayton Hall at 7.30pm.

It is an opportunity for all of us to come to bring to God the needs of our Church Family and the wider world. There will be guided prayer topics, but no obligation to pray aloud, God hears all our prayers whether spoken aloud or in our hearts!

We would love to have more people join us this Autumn, you will be most welcome.

Soma

Soma Community Singing Group starts rehearsals on Thursday 31st August at 8.15pm in the Clayton Hall. We welcome new singers, no audition required and music reading is not essential. Come and try it out.

Contact soma.singers@icloud.com or speak to Karen or any member of Soma.

Combined Church Service

Following requests from a number of parishioners, it has been decided to have a combined act of worship on a monthly basis for a 6 month trial period, beginning on 24th September.

The service will fall on the 4th Sunday, of most months, at 10.45am and will consist of a blend of traditional and contemporary music in an effort to bring us together as a church family, with tea and coffee following most combined services.

This is a new initiative and from the outset may I appeal for your support and understanding as we seek to deepen our fellowship with one another across our main services.

Children will remain in church for the whole of the service, so each service will seek to engage with everyone who is part of the congregation. Please do give this new service your full support and don't treat it as an opportunity to "take a Sunday off!" Of course I would welcome constructive comments as we seek to grow God's kingdom together.



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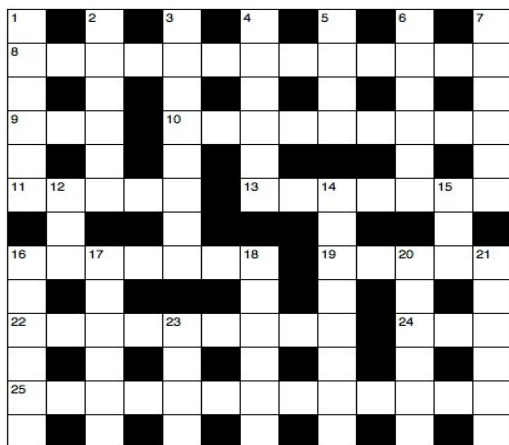
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Across

8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)

9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)

10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) **11** ‘Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ’ (Malachi 1:3) (5)

13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)

16 ‘Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger’ (John 8:6) (7)

19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)

22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)

24 and 2 Down ‘Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ’ (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)

2 See 24 Across

3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)

4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)

5 The Bible’s shortest verse: ‘Jesus — ’ (John 11:35) (4)

6 ‘Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?’ (Isaiah 49:15) (6)

7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)

12 ‘Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem’ (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)

14 Second city of Cyprus (8)

15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)

16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)

17 Braved (anag.) (6)

18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)

20 ‘Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight’ (Isaiah 5:21) (6)

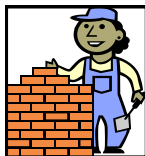
21 ‘Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God’ (Romans 8:39) (6)

23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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Services for September

Sunday 3rd

13th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 10th

14th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Evening Epilogue

Sunday 17th

15th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	7.00pm	Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion

Sunday 24th

16th Sunday after trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Combined Service
	7.00pm	Evening with Revd Greg Downes

Month of Evangelism and Outreach with Revd Greg Downes

During the month of September, Revd Greg Downes will be ministering throughout the Diocese of Down & Dromore with a specific focus on bringing folks into a living relationship with Jesus.

Greg is a gifted evangelist within the Church of England and spends his life traveling the length and breadth of the United Kingdom talking to people about Jesus. It is a real privilege to have Greg in our Diocese and during September he will be speaking at 3 events within the Iveagh Deanery, specifically....

Sunday 24th September at 7pm in our Cathedral;

Tuesday 26th September at 7.30pm at a Healing Service in Tullylish;

Friday 29th September at 7.30pm with SOMA in concert at Magherally Parish Church Hall.

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear a truly gifted evangelist share the gospel. But it isn't just for those of us who are already committed to Jesus. It is an opportunity not to be missed to bring our family and friends along who aren't yet followers. Each of these events/services are open to everyone and there is no charge for anyone.

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

21st July Anna Hill, Lower Quilly Road, Dromore

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

Church Collections: June & July

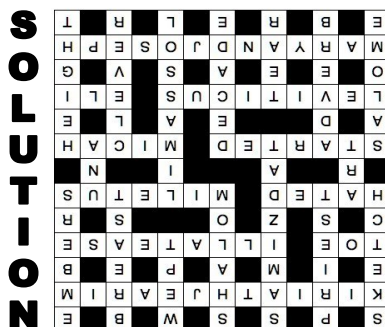
GENERAL FUND	2023/24	2022/23
June	8,576.00	8,021.00
July	8,852.50	9,194.50
Total to date	£34,594.20	£34,506.00
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
June	717.00	855.25
July	909.20	780.00
Total to date	£3,995.45	£3,702.75

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.

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The October edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 29th** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 22nd at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com



SEPTEMBER DATES

Monday 4th	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 5th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Thursday 7th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Wednesday 13th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 20th	8.00	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Thursday 21st	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Friday 22nd	10.30	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Clayton Hall
Monday 25th	7.30	Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 27th	7.30	Mothers' Union Visitors' Night	Cathedral Hall
Saturday 30th	9.00	Sponsored Cycle from Dromore to Newry	

September	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Flower Rota Mrs Sara McCorkell 028 9269 3760	Mrs Nuala Green	Mrs Dorothy Allen	Mrs Glenda Galloway	Mrs Gillian Hyde

September	Refreshments Rota
3rd	Kathy Chambers & Linda Jane Chambers
10th	Stephanie Shepherd & Diane Martin
17th	Wendy Tate & Claudia Mayne
24th	Eileen Magowan & Rosemary Wilson

Smile line...

In Common

I was the supply teacher for a class that was learning about groups. In one exercise, pupils were asked to label a group of items according to their common characteristics. Pictured were onion rings, doughnuts, and party biscuits. The correct answer would have been that all the items have holes in the centre.

But one health-conscious boy pointed out: "All of those things contain far too much cholesterol."



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Youth & Children Summer Activities



JAM Camp Kilbroney

Seth, Molly, Joey and Christine had a fantastic day down at the Diocesan JAM Camp. We participated in a treasure hunt, campfire, dancing, singing, bible lesson and water fight!



Paddle Boarding

On Saturday 29th July our youth travelled to Moira Lakes for an afternoon of paddle boarding followed by pizza! This was a fun filled afternoon, and we look forward to returning again!



Holiday Bible Club 2023

We had a fantastic week at this year's Holiday Bible Club. We enjoyed singing, dancing, bible life lessons based on the promises of God, yummy snacks, quizzes, crafts, surprise and much more. We were extremely blessed with an outstanding team of thirty volunteers which included teenage leaders. We thank each and every volunteer for their service throughout the week and thank God for all that He has done in the lives of the children and adults.



Save the Date!

We look forward to welcoming all the children and young people back to Kingdom Kids and Pulse on Sunday 3rd September 2023. More details to follow.



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