Dear friends,

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. 1 Cor 3: 6

One of the things which has really struck me about the current Rugby World Cup is the importance of team work. You can be the best individual athlete in the world, but when you are participating as part of a team, unless there is a genuine sense of dependency on one another and working together, your individual gifts will count for very little. Groups of players who work well together as a team unit have a much better chance of success, given that all other things are equal, of course.

Paul was writing to a divided Church in Corinth, where some were saying that they followed Paul and others Apollos. Division is damaging for everyone concerned; there are no winners in a church context when division is experienced, other than Satan of course!

So Paul used an illustration from the world of agriculture to remind us that no matter what our role is in the planting, growing, harvesting process, without our God who gives the growth, it is all for nothing.

As we approach this year’s Harvest Festival, I would ask each of us to do 2 things.

Firstly, consider your role in “the team”. Some of us may be farmers who are heavily involved in the practical process of producing food for our consumption on a daily basis, but most of us aren’t. If like me you aren’t a farmer, then how might you be involved in this process? Well there are a number of things which you could do;

You could donate fruit, vegetables or flowers for the decoration of our Church:

You could bring a non-perishable item to Church with you on Harvest Sunday morning for distribution to those in need in our community
through Via Wings (suggested items might be pasta, tea bags, toiletries or tinned food items):
You could offer your services to operate the PowerPoint or Sound system on an occasional basis:
You could offer your voice to add to our group of willing singers at both the 10am contemporary service and the 11.30am traditional service:
You could offer to read at one of our services on a Sunday morning or evening.
The opportunities to participate in the wider sense of Harvest are almost limitless, and every time we engage more fully with the rest of “the team” we are becoming a better representation of the body of Christ.

**Secondly, remember that every team needs a captain.** Captains perform a number of functions within the team;
- They are supportive and encouraging when heads go down:
- They issue directions and instructions which need to be followed:
- They offer challenge to those who need it:
- They bring cohesion to individuals and transform them into a team.

Within the Church, Jesus is the head, Jesus is our captain.
I would encourage us all to play a fuller part in “the team” this Harvest. You can play your part in the simplest of ways by coming to one of our services on Harvest Sunday and be part of the team as we all give thanks to our God who brings the growth from the work of our hands. Services are at 8.30am, 10.45am and 6pm. Our preacher at the 10.45am service is David Rossiter from Tearfund. And as we gather for worship, I would ask each one of us to consider what part we play in “the team” through our giving. Those who support the Cathedral through the envelope system will find a Harvest Appeal envelope in their box of envelopes. Those who support the Cathedral through the Standing Order system or more occasional donations will have received a specific Harvest Appeal envelope along with this magazine. Please either bring your offering to Church on Harvest Sunday or drop it into the Church Office any time during the month of October or early November.

We recognise that for some of us, this past year may have been a particularly challenging year in terms of rising costs; if that has been your experience, then please know that we understand that you may not be in a position to support the Harvest Appeal as you may have in previous years.

Sincere thanks to everyone for your ongoing support for the work and mission of the Cathedral here in Dromore.

**Geoff**
Mothers’ Union

We are joining up with MATCH this month for our meeting. This will take place on Wednesday 18th October at 8pm and is a Fashion Show by Junes Kloset. This is a fundraiser for Maridi. I hope to see you all there.

The Area Meeting will take place in Seapatrick Parish Hall on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. Jane Corbett will be speaking about her recent visit to Barundi with the Days for Girls initiative. This would be a great opportunity to meet up with other Mothers’ Union members that we have not seen for a while because of Covid. We will organise lifts for anyone interested in attending.

Clothes and Fabrics Collection

Thank you to those who have dropped off clothing in the garage in the Clayton Hall yard. The collection will remain open until Tuesday 10th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sincere thanks to those associated with the successful Coffee Morning which was held on Friday 22nd September in the Clayton Hall.

We also thank all who baked, gave donations of food/money and all who supported the event on the morning. The total raised amounted to £447.50 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Decorating of the Church for Harvest

One of the things which we have learnt in relation to the decoration of the Church for Harvest is that perhaps less is more. So, as has become our custom over very recent years, Mrs Sara McCorkell will co-ordinate a group of volunteers who will attend to the decoration of all of those areas which will be decorated.
**The Prayer Course**

Everyone prays, but no one finds it easy; we all need a little help. Pete Greig has been teaching on prayer - and leading a non-stop prayer movement - for more than twenty years. Now, for the first time, he puts his life’s work into a response to the question everybody ultimately asks: how do I pray? This down to earth introduction to life’s greatest adventure will guide you deeper in your relationship with God, helping you to become more centred and still, clearer in discerning God’s voice, more able to make sense of your disappointments and more expectant for miraculous breakthroughs too. It’s full of honest, hard-won wisdom interspersed with real-life stories - some humorous, others moving - to equip and inspire your prayer life. Journeying through the Lord’s Prayer, and accompanied by online videos from *The Prayer Course*, which has been used by more than one million people, it unpacks 9 essential aspects of prayer: stillness, adoration, petition, intercession, perseverance, contemplation, listening, confession and spiritual warfare.

From one of today’s most thoughtful and visionary communicators, for those who’ve been praying for years as well as those who want to pray but don’t know where to begin, *How to Pray* is the simple, life-changing guide we’ve all been waiting for.

Beginning on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm on the 26th September and Wednesday mornings at 10am on the 27th September, *The Prayer Course* meets in the Clayton Memorial Hall and is for everyone. Meetings will last around 90 minutes and will take place on alternate weeks with the 2nd meeting on Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October. Let’s grow and deepen in our prayer lives together - everyone most welcome.

**Creche Facility - Clayton Memorial Hall**

We are delighted to be able to announce that we now have a creche in operation for those attending both the 10am and 11.30am services. Creche is a space where parents can take their young children if they become unsettled during the service. Within the creche space there is an audio feed of the service which means that parents can still feel that they are part of the worshipping community, with lots of toys for the children to keep them entertained and amused.

In the short term, parents will need to remain in creche with their children but the plan is to eventually have a creche team in place to enable parents to remain in the service. We trust that this development will be a great blessing to the whole Church family.
Combined Services

Sunday 24th September was a significant day for us in the Cathedral, as we came together for our first combined service. The service content reflected both contemporary and traditional styles of worship, which I trust was balanced in such a way that everyone was left feeling that there was *something for them* in the service. In stating that, we must constantly remind ourselves that worship is not about us and our preferences, but rather gathering as a family to worship Almighty God, the chief object of our worship. I would like to thank everyone who attended, or indeed apologised for not being able to make it, the attendance was so encouraging for us all. I am happy to receive constructive feedback on the service in order that we can “improve” where possible, but in doing so, please remember that our words can hurt one another, and that what you might consider as an improvement might not be considered so by others. Our next combined service will be Harvest Sunday, 15th October reverting to the normal pattern of falling on the 4th Sunday in November.

Advent Lunch for All

Mothers’ Union is planning to hold a 
**Traditional 2 Course Christmas Lunch**  
in the Cathedral Hall  
on Advent Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 1pm  

**Menu:**  
*Roast Turkey and Ham* or *Roast Beef*  
*(served with all the trimmings)*  
*Christmas Pudding* or *Pavlova*  
*Tea/Coffee*

Catering by Gilberry Fayre. Cost £20 per person. Please book menus by 31st October with a £10 deposit or payment in full, to Jill in the Church Office or any MU Committee member. This will be a fun, church family occasion, not just for MU members, their family and friends –

**everyone is invited.**
Harvest Sunday: 15th October 2023

10.45am  Harvest Celebration Service
Speaker:  David Rossiter (Tearfund)
Worship led by: Karen & Matt

6.00pm  Community Harvest Festival
Speaker:  Rev Trevor McKeown

Fruit and veg will be given to those in particular need in our community through the services provided by Via Wings.

Drumore Cathedral History Reading Group

The History Reading Group will next meet on Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 7.30pm in The Clayton Memorial Hall.

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

Fortress Malta - An Island Under Siege 1940 - 1943 by James Holland.

Between 1940 and 1943 the tiny Island of Malta (smaller than the Isle of Wight) assumed great strategic significance in the context of the war in the Mediterranean and in North Africa. As a consequence the island became one of the most bombed places in history. In March and April of 1942 more bombs fell on Malta than fell on London throughout the entire period of the Blitz.

James Holland brings alive this harrowing and heroic story through the eyes of those who struggled and who, in the end, prevailed.

Everyone is most welcome to come along to this meeting of the History Reading Group and to share in some fellowship and lively discussion.
A LOOK AT LIFE WITH THE RECYCLED TEENAGER- Family

Time for a Hugo Duncan -style teaser! What is given to you at birth that you did not choose, will be yours for life and you cannot lose? Answer - your name.

Two things need to be addressed here. Firstly, Hugo Duncan! Seriously? My secret is out! Yes I am of an age where I will listen to his radio show on Radio Ulster 1.30pm - 3pm. I should explain I am not a big fan of Uncle Hugo (pronounced Qugo if you’re near Dromara) but he does play great music.

Secondly the fact that we have no control over our names and especially our surname; identifying us as part of a family. Everywhere we go people want to find out our pedigree and use our names as a way of assessing lots of things about us. Of course they say you can choose your friends but not your family and that is either cause for celebration or commiseration.

However, I have been reminded lately how important mine is to me. We are made for community and that starts with the community that is our family. They frustrate us at times, they amuse us too but essentially they are a support network like no other.

Our Church family is no less important. When we spend time in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, the Holy Spirit is there amongst us, bringing blessing and comfort, shining a beacon out towards a hurting world. I encourage you to get involved; be an active part of this family that you do get to choose to be part of.

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Across
1 He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
4 ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
7 ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’ (Ps 107:27) (4)
8 See 19 Across
9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
16 ‘He has sent me to bind up the — ’ (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
19 and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
27 ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a — !’ (John 2:16) (6)

Down
1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
4 ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’ (John 3:3) (5)
5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
6 ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’ (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
14 ‘This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
15 One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
22 Bats (anag.) (4)
23 ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)
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## Non-perishable items and how they can bless others at Harvest

This Harvest time, why not consider bringing a non-perishable item such as a packet of pasta or a packet of tea bags to Church? This might be a lovely thing for both young, and not so young, to engage in and provide us with an opportunity to have conversations about what is behind this act of kindness and how it might bless others.

All non-perishable items can be brought to the front of Church either during the service on Harvest morning, or as people arrive, and will be delivered to Via Wings for distribution to those with particular needs at the moment.
Parish Register
Christian Burial
15th September  Elaine Skelton, Scholars Court, 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: August

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Attention all Magazine Distributors

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

Men United is a new group in our Church for men of all ages. Our first event will be a modest walk in the Newcastle area on Saturday 7th October 2023, leaving the Cathedral Hall car park at 9am, or meeting in Donard car park, Newcastle at 9.45am. We’ll take a short walk of 2-3 miles at a very leisurely pace concluding with tea/coffee and scones (code for a fry!).

We plan to be back in Dromore for no later than 1pm, so still plenty of time to attend to those jobs around the house which you can only get done on a Saturday. If you’d like to attend, or find out more, contact Geoff on 07808 844637.
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MATCH

Our first night back at MATCH following our summer break was attended by the largest number since pre-covid. Our guest speaker was Willetta from Bethel’s Kitchen in Dromore.

You could have heard a pin drop by the thirty five ladies attending. Willetta certainly is a child of God. Her personality, enthusiasm and her love for Jesus just pours out of her. She has overcome many obstacles in her life. Ladies were able to take home jars of mixed pickles and famous pecan pie!

Bethel’s Kitchen is situated beside the old Ulster Bank, now renamed the Beauty Bank. Open daily, give her a visit.

At our October MATCH we are hosting a fundraising fashion Show by June’s Kloset, Dromara. Money from the evening will be given from MATCH to our link church in Maridi. Suggested voluntary donation is £5 and payable at the door. A selection of fashions shall also be available to purchase on the night. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the list in the Church Porch to help with catering.

JOY

A very informative afternoon started back our JOY programme. Mr Billy Stewart from the Policing & Community Safety Partnership joined with us. Plenty of advice was given for personal safety, cold callers and scams. We all left with a goodie bag including personal alarm, purse bells and security stamper. Joining us on Thursday 12th October at 2pm will be Mr John Wilkinson. (Postponed from March due to snow). A native of Dromore who will have plenty of stories and craic for us. Would be lovely to have a good crowd, if possible, please bring along a friend with you.
New Cathedral Organist

We are delighted to announce that Dr Matthew Milford has been appointed as our new Cathedral Organist.

Matt is no stranger to us, often playing the piano at our contemporary services and, more recently helping out and filling in at the organ console. He will take up his position with effect from Sunday 1st October.