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The Cathedral Church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore



‘We Will Remember Them’

NOVEMBER 2023



Sponsored Cycle

A very sincere word of thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the sponsored cycle in aid of the Southern Area Hospice Services. To date, the total raised sits at £1,867, which is a fantastic amount. Every single penny of this will go to ensure that Hospice Services in the Southern Area are able to continue to support families and patients at a time when they most need it.

This year, we moved the timing of the 58 mile round-trip cycle to the end of September due to the severity of the weather in December. However, our support will continue to be channelled through the work of John Dalzell OBE as he engages in what will be his 32nd year of sitting out in Hill Street Newry, and now in his 82nd year! And a huge thank you to the cyclists who participated in our cycle this year, particularly those from the Dromore Cycling Club and the McCormick family (not pictured); every single mile which was cycled by every single person, and the money raised, is very much appreciated.

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the Curate on 028 3832 1217**

Dear friends,

In the early hours of 1st July 1916, William (Billy) McFadzean, a Private in the 14th Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles, assembled in Thiepval Wood along with the rest of his comrades in preparation for an advance on the German trenches in what was to become known as “The Battle of the Somme”.

McFadzean was born on 9th October 1895 in Lurgan, but grew up in the Cregagh area of Belfast. Like so many of his peers, at the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, McFadzean enlisted in the British Army, keen to serve his country. He trained at Finner Camp in Ireland and then Seaforth in England before embarking for the Western Front in October 1915. He was what was known as a “Bomber”, someone who was trained in handling hand-held explosives, hand grenades as we would now know them.

On that morning of the 1st July 1916, the young McFadzean was working his way through the crowded trenches with boxes of explosives, distributing them to his colleagues in preparation for “going over the top”, when the pins slipped out of 2 of the grenades. McFadzean threw himself on top of them before they exploded, killing him but injuring only one other soldier. For his action, he was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for valour that could be bestowed on a soldier of the British Empire. The citation, published in the London Gazette read as follows:

“No. 14/18278 Pte. William Frederick McFadzean, late R. Ir. Rif. For most conspicuous bravery. While in a concentration trench and opening a box of bombs for distribution prior to an attack, the box slipped down into the trench, which was crowded with men, and two of the safety pins fell out. Private McFadzean, instantly realising the danger to his comrades, with heroic courage threw himself on the top of the Bombs. The bombs exploded blowing him to pieces, but only one other man was injured. He well knew his danger, being himself a bomber, but without a moment's hesitation he gave his life for his comrades.”

McFadzean didn't consider whether he knew anyone in the trench before taking action. He didn't consider whether they were protestant or roman catholic before launching himself on top of the grenades. He didn't ask himself if there might be some benefit for himself before throwing himself on top of the 2 grenades, indeed he knew only too well that in doing so it would have fatal consequences for him.

Whenever someone chooses a particular course of action, in service of others, in the full knowledge that it may well have fatal consequences for them, then that is what sacrifice looks like.

This Remembrance Sunday, like every other one since remembering became a corporate, national event, people will gather at war memorials the length and breadth of our country. Names of the fallen will be read, silence will be kept and tributes will be paid to men and women who have laid down their lives in service of their country and indeed each of us in wars and conflicts in lands that we may never even have heard of or visited. For most of us, the names will mean nothing. They most likely aren't related to us or even known to us. However, not knowing someone doesn't mean that we shouldn't thank God for them and their sacrifice.

So let us make a huge effort this Remembrance Sunday, to stand together as we remember the fallen, those who grieve their loss most acutely and indeed those who bear the scars of conflict, whether in body, mind or spirit.

May God bless us all as we remember once more. **Geoff**

Leprosy Mission Boxes

All Leprosy Mission Boxes should be returned to Tommy Wilson or left in the Church porch during the month of November. If you are contributing by cheque, please make cheque payable to Dromore Cathedral.

If you would like to support Leprosy Mission by receiving a Mission Box, please get in touch with Tommy and he will arrange it. Thank you.

Clothes Recycling

Thank you to all who provided clothing for the recent recycling collection. The amount raises was **£338**.

We thank Ashley Silcock who organised this event.

Harvest Offering

A very sincere thank you to everyone who has supported our Harvest Thanksgiving Appeal. The total to date is **£7,700**.

If you would like to support our Harvest Appeal and have not already done so, you can still do so by returning your Harvest envelope any Sunday or leaving it in the Church Office.



*Jonathan and Geoff
on magazine day*

Our magazine team meet on the last Friday of each month (generally) to prepare each magazine for distribution. If you would like to part of this team, please do let Jill know in the Church Office. It generally takes around 1 hour to prepare the magazine and ends with a nice cup of tea at around 10.30am.

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Property Update

I'm sure that most of us will have noticed the huge difference which the external re-painting of the Rectory has made. It had been some time since it had been painted last and the windows were beginning to look very tired, along with the rest of the masonry.

And following the purchase of 32 Church Street earlier this year, you may recall that we had indicated that the front of the building would be "freshened up" with a coat of paint. This has now happened and has made a massive difference to the overall impression of Church Street.

Finally, worrying levels of damp have been discovered in the back hall area of the Rectory. Quotations are still being sought to complete the work of installing a damp proof course in this area of the Rectory along with replastering and redecoration of the same area.

New Pew Cushions

Some of you may recall that during Covid we were required to remove all soft furnishings from the Cathedral to reduce the risk of passing on the virus to fellow worshippers. It was always our intention to return these to the pews when we were permitted to do so. However, when we endeavoured to do so, we encountered 2 very real problems, namely the old seat furnishings did not meet fire safety standards and most of them were quite literally falling apart at the seams. The Select Vestry have now approved the purchase of new seat cushions and hope to have them in place by Christmas of this year. Each pew will cost around £90 to provide a cushion for, which when you consider the number of pews in the Cathedral, will soon add up to a considerable bill. If you would be interested in donating to this project, then you can place your gift in a plain envelope with your name and FWO number on the outside of the envelope. Gifts can be placed on the offering plate or left with Jill in the Church Office.

Service of Installation

The Venerable Mark Harvey will be installed as Archdeacon at 3.30pm on Sunday 26th November 2023 in the Cathedral. There will be no Evening Epilogue service that evening.

I received the following letter of appreciation from Bishop Moses following a pledge from our Diocese to financially support ongoing development work in the Diocese of Maridi....

Greetings to you from the family of the Episcopal Diocese of Maridi

On behalf of the administration of the Episcopal Diocese of Maridi and on my own behalf I will like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your commitment to towards support the Episcopal Diocese of Maridi and your personal support to me as a bishop.

We would like to appreciate the promised offer by your Diocese of 5,000 USD. You did ask me what we would like to do with this money. Kindly find updated plans for this offer:

Youth Conference: we are looking forward to bring 400 to 600 Youth on 14th -15th December 2023 in Christ Town Church. There will be number of rewards and trophy will be offered to the best youth groups : the Theme of Youth song competition is:

Forgiveness the master key of Christian life...Mathew 6:14

Budget : 1. Feeding and others for 600 youth for 2 days= 1,000 USD

Equipment: (Sound systems +Generator) = 1,600 USD.

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The Cathedral Choir

We are on the lookout for some additional singers to join the ranks of the Cathedral Choir. Already, in the last few weeks, some former members have returned and the difference at morning worship has been noticeable and very welcome. If you, or anyone you know, would like to sing in the choir, please speak to our organist, Matt. We would like to boost numbers on regular Sunday mornings as well as have some additional singers to join us for special occasions.

There will be some choir practices restarting and these will take place, as advised (not every week at this stage), on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Choir Room (upstairs in the Clayton Memorial Hall). Announcements will be made in Church and on our social media channels advising when they are happening. If anyone would like more information, Matt would be very happy to have a chat with you.

Men United

Our next meeting of Men United will be at 8pm on Wed 1st November in the Clayton Memorial Hall. Our Curate, Rev Trevor McKeown, will be speaking on his experience of walking a number of sections of the Camino Way. The Camino Way is a spiritual journey, stretching over much of Europe, which has been a source of rich blessing to pilgrims for literally centuries. Men United is our new men's group for men of all ages and from all backgrounds. All men are most welcome.



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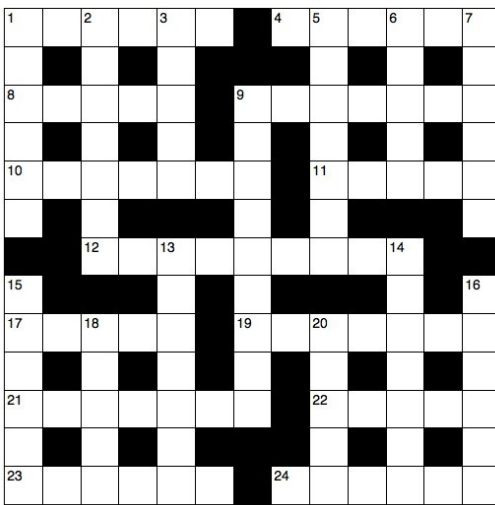
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- 1** 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4** 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8** Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9** Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10** Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11** A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12** A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17** 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19** Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21** Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)

22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)

23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)

24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

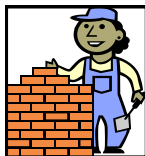
Down

- 1** Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2** 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3** Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5** Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6** and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7** A three (anag.) (6)
- 9** Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13** Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14** Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15** Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16** See 6 Down (6)
- 18** Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20** How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

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Services for November

Sunday 5th

4th Sunday before Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Praise, Prayer and Testimony

Sunday 12th

3rd Sunday before Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
Remembrance Day	9.45am	Cathedral Praise
	10.45am	War Memorial - <i>2 minutes silence at 11.00</i>
	11.30am	A Service of Remembrance
	6.00pm	Wider Act of Remembrance

Sunday 19th

2nd Sunday before Advent	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise <i>with</i> Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service with HC

Sunday 26th

The Kingship of Christ	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Combined Service
	3.30pm	Installation Service (Archdeacon Harvey)
	6.00pm	No Evening Epilogue Service

Cathedral Praise – Sunday 12th November

Please note that the time of Cathedral Praise on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November is at 9.45am and not the usual times of 10am. This is to allow us to make our way to the Cenotaph for the annual Act of Remembrance which commences at 10.45am. I hope to see you all there.

Wider Act of Remembrance – Sunday 12th November at 6pm

Remembrance Sunday can be a particularly difficult day for many of us as we call to mind those loved ones who are no longer with us. As has been our custom in more recent years, as a Church, we are providing a space for us to remember those who have passed on since last year, or indeed beyond, through our wider act of remembrance on the evening of Remembrance Sunday at 6pm in the Cathedral.

The service will consist of 2 hymns, a bible reading, a talk, prayers and a symbolic act of remembrance using a white rose. No one will feel obliged to participate, but our experience has been that a real measure of healing can come for those who do, as together we press a little further into God's grace.

Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service.

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

21st October Wilma Patterson, Barronstown 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: September

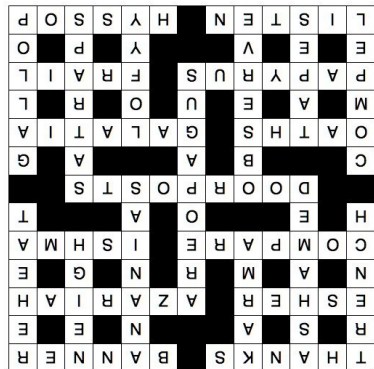
GENERAL FUND	2023/24	2022/23
September	7,723.70	8,081.00
Total to date	£50,085.90	£50,449.00
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
September	819.75	897.00
Total to date	£5,566.20	£5,221.75

November	5th	12th	19th	26th
Flower Rota Mrs Sara McCorkell 028 9269 3760	Mrs Helen Scott	Mrs Ann Buchanan	Mrs Sadie Aiken	Mrs Stephanie Shepherd

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The December/January edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 1st December** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 24th November at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com

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NOVEMBER DATES

Wednesday 1st	8.00	Men United	Clayton Hall
Thursday 2nd	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Friday 3rd	11.00	Monthly Service	The Beeches
Monday 6th	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 7th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 7th	7.30	Prayer Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 8th	10.00	Prayer Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 8th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Thursday 9th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Wednesday 15th	7.30	MU Area Meeting	Seapatricks Parish Hall
Wednesday 15th	8.00	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Monday 20th	7.30	Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 21st	7.30	Prayer Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 22nd	10.00	Prayer Course	Clayton Hall

November	Refreshments Rota
5th	Stuart & Julianne Noble
12th	Kathy Chambers & Linda Jane Chambers
19th	Wendy Tate & Claudia Mayne
26th	No Refreshments

Mothers' Union

We do not have a November meeting, instead we are hosting an Advent Christmas lunch that is open for everyone in our Church family on the 3rd December 2023 in the Cathedral Hall. The cost is £20 per person. Please book with Jill in the Church Office with a £10 deposit or payment in full.

The Advent lunch will be our last meeting until January.

The Area meeting will take place in Seapatricks Parish Hall on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm. The speaker is Jane Corbett and she will be telling us about her visit to Barundi with the Days for Girls initiative.



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

A most enjoyable October afternoon was had by all when we were joined by John Wilkinson. Recalling growing up in Dromore, it stirred a lot of memories with everyone attending. Only getting through half of his memories, we have invited him back for part two next September.



Join with us on Thursday 9th November at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall when we will start thinking of Christmas!

Our annual Seniors Afternoon Tea is on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. This is always a well supported event. To help with catering, either give your name to Jill in the Church Office or sign up on the sheet in the porch on the last two Sundays in November or speak with Jane Russell.

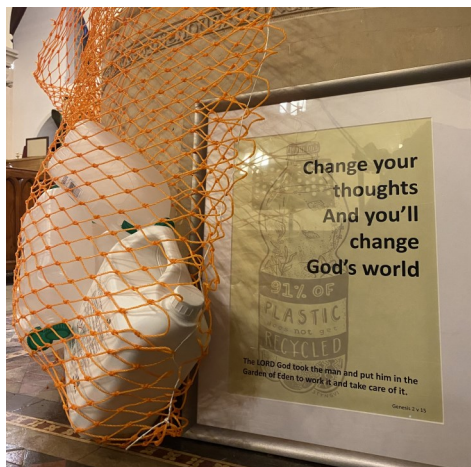
MATCH

Over 150 ladies joined with MATCH at our October meeting for a fashion show by June's Kloset, Dromara. This included ladies from own Mothers' Union, local Church groups and many friends. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks to June Hamilton and her ladies who modelled the fashions so well.

This was MATCH's fundraiser for our link Diocese of Maridi and we are delighted to be able to hand over £750 to the Select Vestry to pass on. Thank you to all the ladies who prepared the hall, provided supper, prepared and served supper and cleared up the hall. Your help, as always, is much appreciated. Thanks also to Bill Forsythe and Jim McComb for their continued help and support. We meet again on Wednesday 15th November at 8pm when we will be joined by Naomi of NMC Creations. Naomi will give a demonstration of her pearl jewellery, alongside speaking to us about The parable of the Pearl and how we are like pearls. Bring along a friend.



Ladies hand over money raised from recent fashion show to the Rector for Maridi .



A very sincere word of thanks to everyone who gave of produce, time or talent to prepare our church for our Harvest celebrations.

Our theme this year was asking us to consider what sort of harvest will we reap if we continue along the path of being half-hearted about climate change and its inevitable consequences.

A very particular thank you to Jane McKinstry who donated a crocheted model of the Cathedral which took her 3 months to make.



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