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Dear friends

The big question of when the General Election would be has been answered - the country goes to the polls on the 4th July.

But for some of us this now raises a couple of other questions to consider...

*Why bother voting at all?*

*And if I do decide to vote, who should I vote for?*

I hope to help us arrive at a biblically informed answer to the foregoing questions as we prepare for what our Prime Minister has referenced as being a pivotal moment in our history. *'Now is the moment for Britain to choose its future. This election will take place at a time when the world is more dangerous than at any time since the Cold War.'* Rishi Sunak, 10 Downing Street, 22nd May 2024.

So firstly, in response to the attitudes of those I would call apathetic at best, I say grasp the opportunity to exercise your democratic right and vote on the 4th of July. I often hear folks moan about what difference it will make to vote for one party or another. To those who would share that outlook I would say focus on the fact that we live in a free country where our forefathers have literally fought for our freedom and laid down their lives for the right for us to be able to vote. I would argue that it would be much, much worse to live in a land where we had no such rights. Imagine what it would be like to live in a world where the weak are down trodden and the poor have no voice. Regardless of our position in our society, each and every adult has the right to vote in the United Kingdom, so use it!

Scripture encourages us to pray for those in authority, *"I urge, then, first of all, that*

*petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” 1 Timothy 2: 1-2.* Paul is acknowledging that for the peaceful ordering of society, there must be those who are set in authority over us and that we should hold them in prayer. By exercising your right to vote, you are contributing to the process of electing leaders who have the qualities and characteristics which are essential for them to govern wisely for the common good.

Secondly, in seeking to answer the second question of who to vote for, I’m not going to point you to a candidate or a political party; that is for your own discernment. But rather I am going to give you some pointers which I trust will enable you to focus on the character and qualities of the candidate you would wish to serve you and your community.

Firstly, look for integrity in your elected leader. The bible tells us that, *“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.” Proverbs 16: 22* Integrity, or rather a lack of it, is something which disappoints us and causes deep hurt when we consider some of the established failings of those in high office in very recent years. However, when we find ourselves in the presence of someone who displays true integrity, they stand tall in the presence of their peers and value that which is right, not just expedient. Think of someone known to you who has integrity. Consider how they are respected above others around them. Now consider someone with the same measure of integrity leading in the political sphere of our lives. Vote for a leader who speaks the truth in love and values the importance of being honest and transparent before those whom they are elected to serve.

But what good is the character of the person if they don’t have competence in equal measure? Competence is not only possessing the ability to conceive of a strategy to deal with a very real issue. But also having the resolve, focus and determination to deliver what has been promised. Competence in our elected leaders is something which is crucial, otherwise we find ourselves being led by those, who whilst well-intentioned, can’t address real issues and deal with issues of genuine concern within our communities.

So that is my guidance in preparation for our forthcoming General Election. Choose those who possess an equal measure of Godly character and competence. And pray for those elected, just as Paul urged young Timothy to do so. **Geoff**

## Gospel Concert—Friday 26th July 2024

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to move the date of our Country Gospel evening with BBQ from June to Friday 26th July at 7.30pm in the Rectory garden. The evening will commence at 6.30pm with food being served on arrival with the concert commencing at 7.30pm. We are very fortunate and privileged to have Canon David McBeth with us to minister in word and music. David is a Canon in St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry and is a very accomplished, much sought after gospel singer in the North West having recorded a number of CDs. Tickets are priced at £15 for adults and £5 for children and all proceeds from the evening will go to Parish funds. Tickets can be obtained from the Church Office or by placing your name on the list in the Church porch and will be on a first come basis.

## Children's Day 2024

Children's Day will take place at 10.45am on Sunday 23rd June in the Cathedral and will be followed by a bring your own picnic in the Rectory garden. This is a great opportunity for us to support our children and thank our leaders for all of the hard work which they carry out on our behalf throughout the year. The picnic in the garden is a fantastic opportunity for us to have more informal fellowship in a very relaxed environment with entertainment for the children by way of bouncy castles, face painting etc. Hot drinks and juice will be provided, all you need to bring is your own food and a blanket or seat!

## Installation of Canons—Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm

Everyone is warmly invited to an installation service for Canon Myrtle Morrison, the Rector of Newcastle, and Canon Scott McDonald, the Rector of Newry. Myrtle will replace Canon Warren Russell as Treasurer and Scott will replace Canon Mark Harvey as Prebendary of Dromara. The preacher at the service will be Scott's brother-in-law, Archdeacon Mark Harvey. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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## Bible Week in St Saviour's, Dollingstown

Down & Dromore's annual Bible Week will run from Tuesday 27th August to Friday 30th August in St Saviour's, Dollingstown. Our speaker this year is Bishop Stuart Bell, and he has entitled his teaching series, *Tales of the Unexpected — A fresh look at four parables*.

The parables are stories from Jesus which “still cut into the soul, slice away our concealments and address the deepest needs of humanity in every generation.” Don't miss!

- Tuesday 27th August: Unvarnished realism (*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*)
- Wednesday 28th August: Unfinished business (*Luke 13:1-9*)
- Thursday 29th August: Unfair grace (*Matthew 20:1-16*)
- Friday 30th August: Unforeseen consequences (*Luke 15:11-32*)

As well as inspiring teaching, the Bible Week includes worship and prayer ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity for clergy, leaders and parishioners alike to be refreshed ahead of the busy autumn term.

### Meet Bishop Stuart

Stuart has ministered for over fifty years in various parishes in Wales and is currently leading a new congregation called Fellowship 345 in Rhydypennau, Ceredigion. He was consecrated as a Bishop in the Anglican Convocation in Europe in March 2023.

Stuart is married to Prudence, a trained occupational therapist and magistrate and they have three children and three grandchildren. He is the author of 'Recovering His Reputation' which recounts his 25-year ministry in St Michael's Aberystwyth. Stuart enjoys long distance walking, sea fishing and bread making.

Bible Week will begin each evening at 7.45pm in St Saviour's, Belfast Road, Dollingstown, BT66 7JR.

## Mothers' Union

We all enjoyed joining with MATCH for the evening with their speaker Brian Gault giving his testimony in a thoughtful but entertaining way. He inspired us all.

Nuala brought Eva to the Senior Afternoon Tea and Communion service in St. Mark's Newtownards. They both had a lovely time, the Service and the afternoon tea were lovely and Eva met up with a lady who she went to school with, an unexpected welcome surprise.

As our June outing has been postponed to a later date this year, we will now have our summer break and meet again in September.

I want to wish you all a happy, restful and sun filled summer.

**Anne Cochrane**

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## JOY

Our last date for JOY before we break for summer is Thursday 20th June. We have been given an invitation to The Right Key in Loughbrickland by Mrs Sheila Smyth. If you are planning to attend, please send me a message on 07715 707160 or let Jill in the Church Office know. If everyone could meet in the Cathedral Hall car park at 1.45pm and we can car share rather than the expense of a private coach.

Refreshments shall be served by the ladies of The Right Key. Cost for the afternoon will be £5.

I hope as many of our JOY members can attend. **Jane Russell**

## MATCH

We had a truly inspirational evening with Mr Brian Gault MBE at our May MATCH. Thank you to everyone who attended. Brian spoke for over an hour and as one lady said 'I could have listened to him all night'.

Instead of our usual night out in June this year, it has been suggested for everyone to meet at Hillsborough Lake car park at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th June. Following a walk around the Lake, we would hope to have a coffee close by.

If you are planning to join us just let another member know so that we know who is coming and we don't walk without you. **Jane Russell**

## 'The Beauty of the Bride' (Wedding Dress Festival)

Thank you to everyone who supported our Wedding Dress Festival by helping or attending. We had a very successful weekend with a good number of our Church family working together as a team. The lovely positive reviews, from almost everyone, who passed through the Church over the weekend made the hard work in organising the event so worth while. I have already individually thanked everyone or group involved at the closing service.

My vision for the weekend was in 2 parts, to raise some funds for the Cathedral Development Fund but maybe more importantly to open our doors to the public to show them that we are a welcoming Church family. It was rewarding to have several visitors asking about Church and indicating that they would like to come and attend some of our services.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to organise this event and I look forward to attending further events organised by our new Vestry. **Jane Russell**

## **Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group**

The History Reading Group will hold their next meeting on

**Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7.30PM - Venue The Clayton Memorial Hall**

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

**The Celts - Search For A Civilisation by Alice Roberts**

In 390 BC Celtic warriors defeated a Roman army and sacked Rome. It was the bold act of a people who had dominated central Europe for the previous 300 years and whose influence stretched from Britain to Turkey and from Poland to Portugal.

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Everyone is most welcome to attend the forthcoming meeting, to join in some fellowship, and to engage in a lively discussion about the Celts.

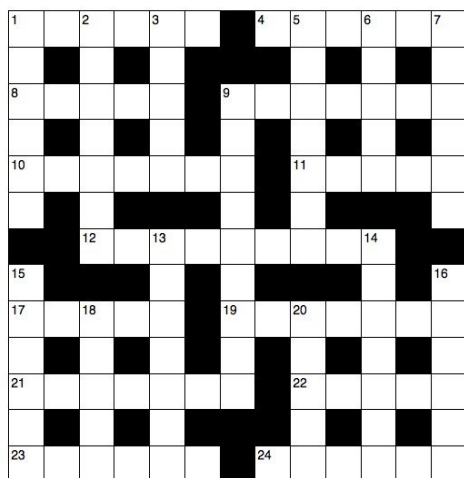
## **Car Wash and Car Boot Sale**

A very sincere word of thanks to those who attended, enabled or contributed in any way to either of the above events.

The Car Wash raised £400 for church funds and will enable mission and ministry which would not otherwise have been possible. We can never under-estimate just how important occasions like this are in terms of fellowship, but also in terms of raising much needed funds.

The Car Boot Sale was the first fundraiser for the team which will be travelling to Maridi in the autumn of this year, departing on Sunday 27th October and returning on Thursday 7th November. This Diocesan team consists of the Rector, Jeremy Bowden, Ian Cardy and Nick Davies. Earlier this year, the opportunity to serve as part of this team was widely advertised on the Diocesan website and through CMS Ireland. Jeremy, Ian and Nick were the folks who put their hands up and said "Here am I Lord, send me." The cost of the trip is considerable (£3250 per person) with each member being personally responsible for 50% of the cost with the other 50% being raised through team fundraising. This first fundraiser raised the fantastic amount of £905.92. Thank you to everyone who got behind this and contributed in any way they could. Not all of us are able, or feel called, to travel to Maridi, but all of us can support those who do. Future fundraisers include a "Lap of the Lough" on Saturday 14th September when the Rector will cycle around Lough Neagh, a distance of around 110 miles. Later in September there will be a Talent Night in the Cathedral Hall with an auction of talents as part of the evening; more details to follow.





## Across

- 1** Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4** Place of learning (6)
- 8** 'When Moses' hands grew — , they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9** Unpleasant auguries of the end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10** Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11** Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12** Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17** Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19** So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21** 'I have just got — , so I can't

come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)

**22** Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)

**23** Musical beat (6)

**24** What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

## Down

- 1** Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2** Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3** 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5** Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6** Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7** Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9** 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13** Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14** They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15** 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16** How Jesus described Jairus's daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18** The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on the first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20** Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

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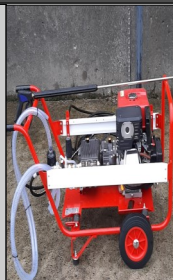
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## Services for June

### Sunday 2nd

The First Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Praise, Prayer & Testimony

### Thursday 6th

7.30pm	Installation Service
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### Sunday 9th

The Second Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion

### Sunday 16th

The Third Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of the Word
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue

### Sunday 23rd

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Children's Day
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service

### Sunday 30th

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Retirement of Rev Trevor McKeown
	6.00pm	Evening Epilogue Service

## Retirement of Rev Trevor McKeown

Rev Trevor McKeown will retire on Sunday 30th June 2024 having served for 20 years in the ordained ministry, all within Dromore Cathedral. To mark the occasion, we will have a combined service that morning at 10.45am, to which everyone is warmly invited. Following the service, we will have sandwiches and tray bakes in the Cathedral Hall followed by some presentations and speeches. If you would like to be part of the fellowship in the Cathedral Hall, then please do add your name to the list in either of the church porches or let Jill know in the office as we need to have an idea of numbers for catering purposes. There will be a basket in the foyer of the Cathedral Hall on the day should anyone wish to contribute to the cost of the hospitality. Should you wish to contribute to a retirement gift for Trevor, please place your gift in an envelope marked "Trevor's retirement gift" and place it on the collection plate in Church or give it to Jill in the office before Friday 21st June.

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

30th April      Jean Elizabeth (Lily) McAlister, Saintfield

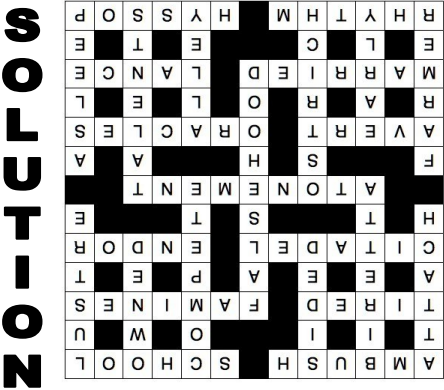
*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.”*

Church Collections: April

GENERAL FUND	2024/25	2023/24
April	7,951.50	9,252.20
Total to date	£7,951.50	£9,252.20
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
April	760.25	775.25
Total to date	£760.25	£776.25

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The Summer edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 28th June** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 21st June at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - [dromorecathedral@outlook.com](mailto:dromorecathedral@outlook.com)



## JUNE DATES

Monday 3rd	7.30	Evening Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 4th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Thursday 6th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Friday 7th	11.00	Monthly Service	The Beeches
Wednesday 12th	7.30	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall
Monday 17th	7.30	Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 19th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 19th	7.30	MATCH Outing	Hillsborough Lake
Thursday 20th	1.45	JOY Outing	The Right Key, Loughbrickland

### Re-location of Flag Pole

The Select Vestry would like to draw your attention to the erection of a flag pole at the Baptistry door, beside the notice board. This has come about due to very real concerns relating to health and safety and the erection of flags on the tower. The Select Vestry have unanimously decided that we should no longer ask individuals to climb extremely dangerous ladders in the tower to fly flags on specified occasions but remain committed to doing so using the new pole at the Baptistry door. We trust that you will understand the reasoning for doing so and agree with this decision.

June	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Mrs Stephanie Shepherd 028 9269 0118	Miss Nan McMurray	Mrs Rosemary Wilson	Mrs Mary Bradshaw	Mrs Helen Forsythe	Mrs Elizabeth McKnight

June	Refreshments Rota
2nd	Maureen Brown & Kathleen Buchanan
9th	Eileen Magowan & Rosemary Wilson
16th	Martin Mayne & Claudia Mayne
23rd	Kathy Chambers
30th	Nicola Wilson & Leanne Teggart



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