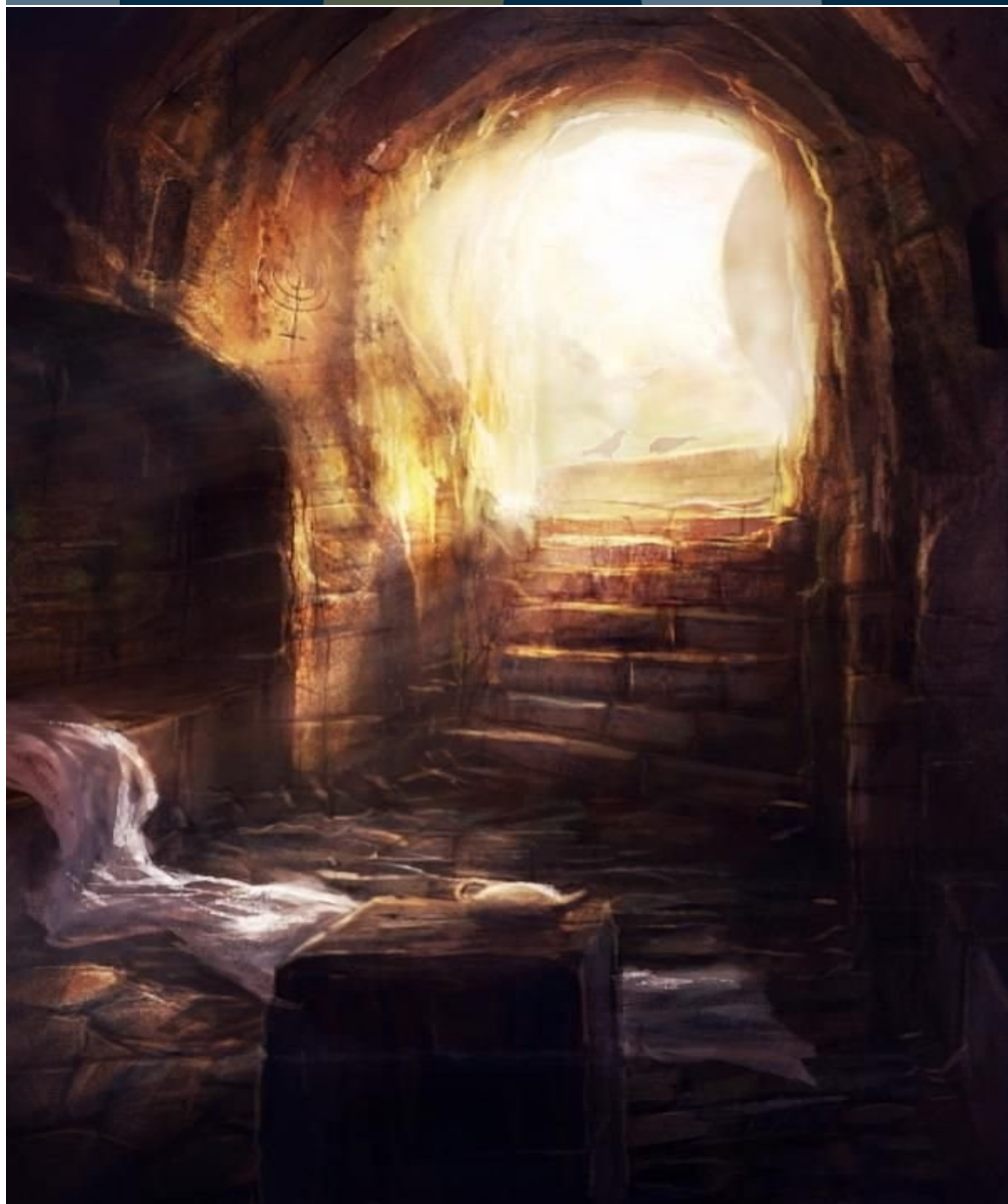


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April 2025

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*Jesus said to her, "Mary." John 20: 16*

Have you ever considered how important our names are? They help us to identify ourselves within our families and beyond. But they also help us to understand that when someone uses our name, that they know us to some extent.

In this encounter between Jesus and Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb on that first day of the week, Mary is the first to discover that the tomb is empty and it shakes her world completely. She has come to anoint the body of Jesus for burial and thinks that his body has been stolen. She is bewildered and traumatized by this discovery and, in trying to make sense of things, she has a conversation with Jesus, but takes him to be a gardener. It could be that her trauma blinds her to the true identity of Jesus at that point in time. The past week for Mary Magdalene and the followers of Jesus have been packed with drama and emotion; from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the cruel death of the one they loved, worshipped and devoted their lives to, it has been a real roller coaster of emotions.

And now here at the tomb, Jesus acknowledges much more than her identity by calling Mary by name. He wipes away all of the fear and angst which might cripple her and in so doing enables her to be the carrier of the Good News to the other disciples.

This Easter, let us also consider that Jesus sees your trauma and pain, he knows much more about you than your name, and he wants his resurrection truth to set you free from those things which hold you captive.

A very happy Easter to you all. **Geoff**

## Girls' Brigade Annual Display

Friday 4th April at 7.30pm



Parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters will all pack into the Cathedral Hall for a happy display of the work. Be there early!

## Praise, Prayer & Testimony

The next speaker on Sunday 6th April will be Samuel Adams (Revival Movement Association - Kinallen).

## Easter General Vestry Meeting

The Annual Easter General Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday 1st May at 8.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Everyone is warmly and sincerely invited to attend but only those who are registered General Vestry members will be eligible to vote or indeed stand for election to office on the Select Vestry.

## JOY

Join with us on Thursday 10th April at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall when our guest speaker will be Rev Geoff Hamilton (Titch).

Looking forward to a fun afternoon of chat and a cuppa. Bring a friend.

## Mothers' Union

Our meeting this month will be held on Wednesday 16th April, when we will meet together to worship at the Holy Week Service at 8.00pm.

After the Service we will go to the Clayton Hall for some refreshments and chat.


The Mothers' Union Festival Service is being held at Seapatrack Banbridge on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to attend and needs a lift, please let me know and I will arrange it.

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## **Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group**

The History Reading Group will hold their next meeting -

**Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7.30pm. Venue The Clayton Memorial Hall.**

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

**Abyss - World On The Brink - The Cuban Missile Crisis 1962 by Max Hastings  
(A Times History Book of the Year 2022)**

This book provides a definitive account of the brief but terrifying period in 20th century history when the world stood on the very edge of a nuclear confrontation between the United States of America and the Soviet Union.

The detailed research and highly skilled pen of author, Max Hastings, charts the nail biting days during which a potentially catastrophic conflict beckoned and focuses on the roles of those directly involved -

USA - President John F Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon Johnson, General Curtis LeMay - Chief of Staff. Soviet Union - First Secretary of the Communist Party, Nikita Khrushchev and Chairman of the Presidium, Leonid Brezhnev. Cuba - Prime Minister , Fidel Castro and Minister of Defence, Raul Castro.

Everyone is most welcome to attend this meeting and join in what promises to be a very interesting and engaging discussion about that moment in 1962 when the world stared into an "Abyss".

## **The God Story**

As I write these notes, we are just over one third of the way through our amazing journey which is The God Story. Each week we are considering one chapter of the book, which incidentally should conclude on Sunday 1st June. Please don't feel that it is too late to be part of the journey by reading the book alongside the Sunday morning sermon as you can easily catch up by getting your copy for around £12 via the internet or £10 through the Bridge Bookshop if you let Geoff know.

We will be taking a one week break from our sermon series on Easter Sunday as Bishop David and his wife Hilary will be joining us in the Cathedral for worship that morning at our Easter Celebration.

## A LOOK AT LIFE WITH THE RECYCLED TEENAGER- Purpose

There's a lot of talk about purpose. In fact some people think talking is their purpose. (I feel the fingers pointing back at me). It has been said that we cannot be happy and fulfilled unless we have a sense of purpose in our lives. I wonder why it is so hard to find our sense of purpose?

Many young people struggle to know what they want to do when they leave school. Get a good job, settle down, even get married and have a family because they think that's just what society expects them to do. Nothing wrong with all those aims and ambitions but will they, on their own, bring the fulfilment humans seem to crave? I have often wondered what kind of example I've set my boys where life choices are concerned and if I've guided them to seek out what is really important.

We are daily bombarded with advice about what will make us happy. New phones, faster broadband, winning that prize draw where they give you a fantastic house or the holiday of a lifetime. I'm quite sick of the phrase, 'life-changing' being used to describe varying amounts of prize money. There is only one truly life-changing event - the experience of asking Jesus to come into your heart. That is the event that sets us back on the road to Eden and our God-given purpose.

When Geoff preached about Creation in the first chapter of The God Story, I was clearly reminded that our purpose as human beings is no different now than it has ever been. We are made to have a loving relationship with God, loving relationships with one another and to care for our planet. Our sense of purpose is to be found right back at the beginning.

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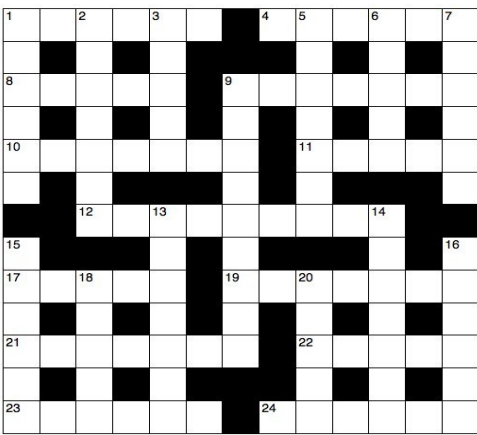
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**21** Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)

**22** Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)

**23** 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)

**24** 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

### Across

**1** Relating to the whole universe (6)

**4** The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)

**8** 'Unless I see the nail marks — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)

**9** He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)

**10** Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)

**11** 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)

**12** Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)

**17** Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3-4) (5)

**19** 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)

### Down

**1** Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)

**2** Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)

**3** Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)

**5** For example, the Crusades (4,3)

**6** 11 Across is certainly this (5)

**7** He reps (anag.) (6)

**9** Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9) **13** Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)

**14** They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

**15** The human mind or soul (6)

**16** 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)

**18** 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)

**20** Bared (anag.) (5)



## Services for April

<b>Wednesday 2nd</b>	7.30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
<b>Sunday 6th</b> The Fifth Sunday in Lent	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Cathedral Praise Holy Communion Praise, Prayer & Testimony
<b>Wednesday 9th</b>	7.30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
<b>Sunday 13th</b> The Sixth Sunday in Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Cathedral Praise Morning Prayer Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion
<b>Monday 14th</b>	8.00pm	Holy Week Service
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	8.00pm	Holy Week Service
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	8.00pm	Holy Week Service
<b>Maundy Thursday 17th</b>	6.30pm 8.30pm	Agape Meal in Cathedral Hall Holy Communion
<b>Good Friday 18th</b>	7.00am 8.00pm	A Service of Readings and Meditation A Service of Reflection
<b>Sunday 20th</b> The First Sunday of Easter	8.30am	Holy Communion
<b>Easter Day</b>	10.45am 6.00pm	Celebrate Easter with Holy Communion Easter Epilogue Service
<b>Sunday 27th</b> The Second Sunday of Easter	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Cathedral Praise Service of the Word Evening Epilogue Service

## Agape Meal - Maundy Thursday

On Thursday 17th April we look forward to our Agape meal which will take place at 6.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. The evening is for all ages and will involve a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese, and a service of Holy Communion. The evening is for the whole family, and sign up sheets will be available in the porches to allow us to plan for catering.

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service for Holy week will take place in the Cathedral at the later time of 8.30pm.



## APRIL DATES

Tuesday 1st	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 1st	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Friday 4th	7.30	Girls' Brigade Display	Cathedral Hall
Saturday 5th	7.00	Bangers & Darts	Cathedral Hall
Monday 7th	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 8th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Wednesday 9th	8.15	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Thursday 10th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Thursday 10th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Wednesday 16th	8.00	Mothers' Union - Holy Week Service followed by refreshments	Clayton Hall
Thursday 17th	6.30	Agape Meal	Cathedral Hall
Tuesday 22nd	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Wednesday 23rd	7.30	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 29th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory

April	Refreshments Rota
<b>6th</b>	K Chambers & L Chambers
<b>13th</b>	D Farrell & H Forsythe
<b>20th</b>	No Refreshments
<b>27th</b>	S Shepherd & D Martin

April Flower Rota	6th	13th	20th	27th
Mrs Sara McCorkell 9269 3760	In Memory of Mr & Mrs Dick	Miss Marjorie Gamble	Easter Vestry Flowers	Mrs Eileen Magowan

# PARISH REGISTER

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

31st March      Robert Mills , Aughnacloy Nursing Home, Lurgan

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

## Church Collections: February

GENERAL FUND	2024/25	2023/24
February	8,554.00	8,709.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£96,804.30</b>	<b>£94,245.62</b>

DEVELOPMENT FUND		
February	809.00	639.00
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£8,442.05</b>	<b>£9,583.90</b>

## Attention all Magazine Distributors

The May edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 25th April** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 18th at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - [dromorecathedral@outlook.com](mailto:dromorecathedral@outlook.com)





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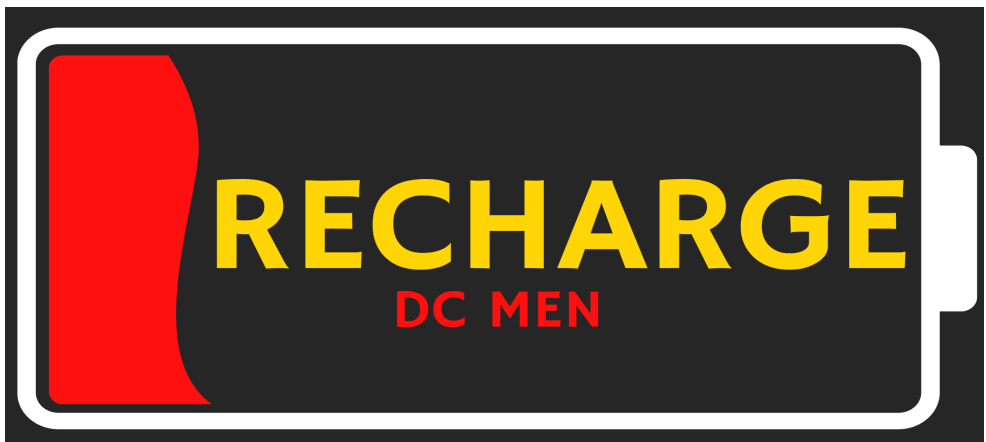


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RECHARGE kicked off with a visit to the cinema in Banbridge as we watched a movie entitled September 5. It was a gritty watch as it chronicled a terrorist incident from the Munich Olympic Games in 1972. The rationale that underpins RECHARGE is the desire to create the space for men to connect with one another in an informal setting as this enables us to build community.

I'm not sure who said it, but I've always valued the following quote. *"Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop."* I think there is a life lesson in this for all of us, and hopefully RECHARGE can be a place to laugh, unwind and rest. Information on our next night out will be coming soon!

We are really saddened to be losing our organist, Dr Matt Milford. Matt has been our organist over the past 18 months, during which time he has not only grown in his mastery of the console but has grown the choir, not least for special occasions and celebrations. We are indebted to Matt for all that he has given in service and wish him well for the future. Matt will continue to be a valued member of the Cathedral and will help out on an occasional basis as and when he is available.

Matt's last Sunday as our organist will be Easter Sunday.



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