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*“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.” Acts 1: 4b*

Waiting is one of the most challenging things in our contemporary, fast-paced culture where everything has to happen in an instant. Broadband speeds are often bragged about and coveted, and stories of lengthy “wait times” on hold to a utility company abound!

Yet Jesus, in some of his final words to his disciples before ascending into heaven, told his followers to wait for a gift which had already been promised to them. I’m not sure about you, but I know that I would far rather run on ahead than wait, and wait, and wait....waiting is so difficult when you consider that there are so many things which need to be done. Yet waiting is precisely what we are encouraged to do. So why wait?

Well, we wait on the Lord because otherwise we....

Do things in our time rather than His;

Do things in our strength rather than His;

Do things in our way rather than His.

Someone once said to me that I shouldn’t overestimate what I could do in one year and underestimate what the Lord could do in five. Wise words which encouraged me to wait rather than rush in headlong.

Jesus was encouraging his followers to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit we are able to do God’s work in God’s way in God’s time. With the Holy Spirit we build a kingdom here on earth which will endure for ever and ever.

My prayer for each of us is that we would wait on the Lord in this new season. **Geoff**

## **Praise, Prayer & Testimony**

We are very much looking forward to our next evening of Praise, Prayer & Testimony on Sunday 4th May at 6.00pm. Julianne Noble will be sharing with us from her own journey of faith. Julianne and her family are relatively new to the Cathedral, but she is already very engaged and integrated in many aspects of church life, as a leader in Kingdom Kids, member of the Prayer Ministry Team and part of the refreshments team on a Sunday morning.

Julianne is originally from Canada, is married to Stuart and they have 3 children, Seb, Felix and Harriet. She has worked in a variety of roles as a Christian, including serving as part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's admin team and currently serves as an area manager with the Trussell Trust in Northern Ireland. These evenings are always a great way of hearing more about a church family member and discovering more about how the Lord has been at work in their lives. Everyone is most welcome.

## **A LOOK AT LIFE WITH THE RECYCLED TEENAGER - Peace**

Singers sing about it; philosophers think about it and traditionally beauty queens wish for it (world peace). But whether you are a Swifty, looking for peace in a relationship, Plato, contemplating his navel or Miss World, believing that she can bring a wee bit of influence onto the world stage, peace is a tall order to attain either personally or globally.

Many songs espouse the need for peace to make our world a better place. To name a few, Cat Steven's, Michael Jackson, Bob Marley and Fleetwood Mac have all recorded songs about peace or the lack of it, in an attempt to inspire a generation to care more and to personally make sense of the torn world we live in. Of course the 'daddy' of them all is 'Imagine' by John Lennon. Hailed as a beacon of global harmony, his song presents a view of the world without the things that divide us and dreams of a world where we live as one.

And it's on its way!

This happens to be God's dream and heart's desire for us and himself. He dreams of a new Heaven and a new Earth where the lion and lamb lie down together, where crying will be no more. There is hardly a book in the Bible that doesn't mention peace and where it comes from. We might try to create it for ourselves and peace prizes can be obtained for those who make the best job of it but truly lasting peace comes from "God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 1:7). It's a massive topic and I've not even scraped the surface. My final word on it today is - Shalom.

## 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.

## Mothers' Union

Our May meeting is a trip to Whitehead Railway Museum on Saturday 31st May.



This will be an enjoyable morning and those who would like to attend, please let me have your name. Travel arrangements and departure time will be confirmed in due course.


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The Senior Holy Communion and Afternoon Tea Service is on 15th May at 2pm in St Ignatius Church, Carryduff. Anyone interested in attending please let me know by 1st May and I will organise lifts to the venue. **Anne**

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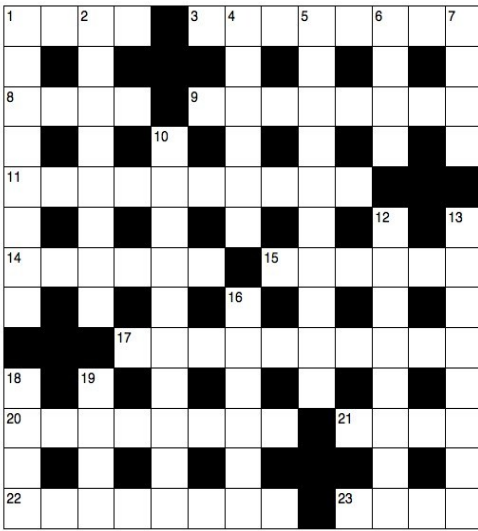
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## Across

- 1** Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)  
**3** Luis must (anag.) (8)  
**8** What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)  
**9** 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)  
**11** Anglican form of church government (10)  
**14** 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)  
**15** Ministers of religion (6)  
**17** Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)  
**20** Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)  
**21** The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)

**22** Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)

**23** '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

## Down

- 1** Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)  
**2** One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)  
**4** Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)  
**5** Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)  
**6** 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)  
**7** 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)  
**10** Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)  
**12** Hip orbit (anag.) (8)  
**13** End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)  
**16** 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)  
**18** He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)  
**19** 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

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## Services for May

### Sunday 4th

The Third Sunday of Easter

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise  
Holy Communion  
Praise, Prayer & Testimony

### Sunday 11th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
3.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism  
Royal Arch Purple Service

### Sunday 18th

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise  
Service of the Word  
Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion

### Sunday 25th

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Rogation Sunday

8.30am  
10.00am  
11.30am  
6.00pm

Holy Communion  
Cathedral Praise  
Morning Prayer  
Evening Epilogue Service

## JOY

Thank you to Rev G Hamiton (Titch) for joining with us at our April afternoon of JOY. A very enjoyable quiz and the craic was great. Everyone at JOY wishes Titch every blessing as he starts the next chapter of his life's journey, he will be missed by us all.

On Thursday 8th May at 2pm, as well as being our next JOY Afternoon, we celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. With this in mind we hope to mark the date in Dromore Cathedral 'JOY' style with our own celebrations. If you have any VE Day memorabilia you would like to show us, please bring it along. Come join us and bring a friend.



# PARISH REGISTER

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

1st April	Mavis Pyper, Magherabeg Road, Dromore
1st April	William Derick Napier, Mountvale Nursing Home
3rd April	Mervyn Ronald McKnight, Green Dyke Walk, Dromore

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

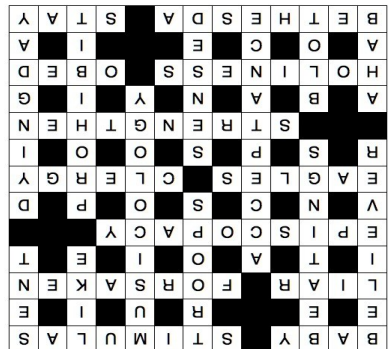
## Church Collections: March

GENERAL FUND	2024/25	2023/24
March	11,524.70	11,423.80
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£108,329.00</b>	<b>£105,669.42</b>
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
March	768.50	979.50
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>£9,210.55</b>	<b>£10,563.40</b>

## Attention all Magazine Distributors

The June edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 30th May** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 23rd May at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - [dromorecathedral@outlook.com](mailto:dromorecathedral@outlook.com)

## NOTICE





## MAY DATES

Tuesday 29th	7.30	Prayer Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Thursday 1st	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Thursday 1st	8.00	Easter General Vestry Meeting	Cathedral Hall
Monday 5th	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 6th	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 6th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Thursday 8th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Monday 12th	10.30	First Steps	Cathedral Hall
Tuesday 13th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Tuesday 20th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Tuesday 27th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory
Saturday 31st		Mothers' Union Trip	Whitehead

May Flower Rota	4th	11th	18th	25th
Mrs Sara McCorkell 9269 3760	Mrs Phyllis Mackin	Mrs Pamela McKeown	Mrs Lorna Rodgers	Vacant

May	Refreshments Rota
4th	Stuart & Julianne Noble
11th	Naomi Wilson & Leanne Teggart
18th	Gamble Family
25th	Eileen Magowan & Rosemary Wilson

### Refreshments Rota

If you aren't able to cover a date which you have been allocated, please either swap with someone else or contact the Cathedral Office. Thank you.



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- Glebewardens:** Ian Purdy (Rector's) Bill Forsythe (People's)
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## Agape Meal in Cathedral Hall

Around 70 folks gathered in the Cathedral Hall for our annual Agape meal, the meal which Jesus shared with his disciples on that first Maundy Thursday. Worship was provided by Karen, Anna, Ian & Matt and the delicious soups were provided by those attending.

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along, but particularly to those who helped set up and serve.

Our photo shows 2 new members of our catering team. As you can tell from their broad smiles, they thoroughly enjoyed serving the church family on the night.



## A Very Big Day

On 12th May last year, we sang Happy Birthday to a very special parishioner, Sally Hill, when she turned 99. So it follows that she will be one hundred years old on 12th May this year!

Many of you will remember Sally from years gone by. If so, maybe you would like to send her a card. And even if you don't know her, you might still like to send her a greeting, and share in this amazing milestone...

Cards for Sally can be left in the Church Office any time up to Friday 9th May, and will be delivered to her on her Big Day! Thank you.



## PANCAKE PARTY FUNDRAISER:

On Sunday 30th March our young people hosted a "Pancake party" to raise money to support the work of Fields of Life "Thrive project". We raised an amazing £1,225.00 which will go towards running school gardens, growing food to feed children during the school day, training in growing and protecting crops, equipment and seedlings within the project in South Sudan. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and donated. Also, a big thank you to our young people who prepared/served the refreshments!



## Farewell to our Organist, Dr Matt Milford

Sunday 20th April 2025 marked the end of an era for Organist, Matt Milford. Matt had served as Organist in the Cathedral over the past 18 months, during which time the choir grew to around 12 members. We are deeply grateful to Matt for his service and enthusiasm and wish him well for the future.

Matt will continue to be a part of the Cathedral family, assisting at the organ console as needs arise.

Our photo shows Bill Forsythe presenting Matt with a gift on behalf of the Select Vestry and Choir to mark his faithful service.



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