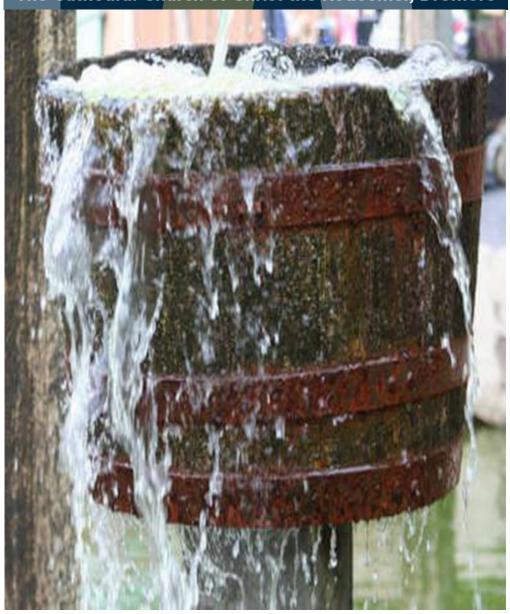
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All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... Acts 2: 4a

Frightened, bewildered and uncertain, the early disciples waited, just as Jesus had commanded them. When the waiting ended, it not only ended what appeared to be the longest of nights, but it also ended their fear and uncertainty.

Peter, who had previously denied Jesus 3 times, filled with the Holy Spirit, stood up and addressed the crowd who were watching and waiting with eager anticipation. His fear was driven out by the flow of the Holy Spirit and the overflow of the same Spirit saw around 3000 souls saved. Faith replaced the fear. Confidence replaced the uncertainty. Clarity replaced their confusion.

The Holy Spirit is the one who makes things happen in lives and in the Church. Without Him, nothing is possible. The Holy Spirit is the one who leads, guides, renews, cleanses, convicts and empowers. Holy Spirit is the engine room of the church and must not be viewed as someone we talk about but rather we receive. In our tradition, it is mandatory that Acts 2: 1-21 is read on Pentecost Sunday. There is no other Sunday in the year where this level of direction is given to the church when it comes to the use of scripture such is the importance of the Holy Spirit. But we must understand that just as we are required to read about the action of the Holy Spirit, so we should also receive Him so that we might also have in the infilling and overflow of the Spirit at work in our lives. Pray that the Lord would fill you this Pentecost once more so that we might be full of faith, clarity and confidence in Jesus. **Geoff**

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Face to Facebook

Parents/Guardians we want to invite you to our upcoming event "Face to Facebook" workshop delivered by Love for Life. The workshop will take place on Monday 23rd June at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Hall. This event is free of charge.

Love for Life deliver holistic Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) in all school types and in many different community settings across Northern Ireland. Their programmes for young people, parents and carers aim to inspire, equip and resource the next generation to know their worth, flourish in their relationships and value their sexual choices.

Face to Facebook Workshop:

This interactive workshop will provide an up-to-date overview of what's happening online, exploring topics such as cyberbullying, social media, sexting and practical tips about boundaries that could be helpful in the home. Face to Facebook builds the confidence of parents and carers, equipping them to deal with the opportunities and challenges online, and inspires them to use their unique influence as we all navigate our ever-evolving digital world.

To sign up please contact Christine Shanks on - 07586 767726/ dromore.youth.children@gmail.com

Annual Gift Day

Sunday the 8th of June will mark the re-introduction of our June Gift Day. The June Gift Day was introduced in 2014 in response to the need for funds to prepare the Rectory for the arrival of a new Rector following a period of vacancy. The following year, the Select Vestry decided that they would continue with this gift day in June to address a significant shortfall in the General Account. This remained as an annual gift day until 2020 when it was decided that the General Account was sufficiently in credit, but that this would be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

At a meeting of the Select Vestry in late 2024 it was agreed unanimously to re-introduce the June Gift Day as staff costs had risen considerably with inflation and indeed staffing levels had increased with the introduction of a part-time Curate role. Please do support this appeal if you can as we seek to ensure that the finances of the parish remain strong moving into the future. Those who support the parish finances by way of envelopes will find an envelope in their box of envelopes, whereas those who support the parish by Standing Order will find an envelope for this purpose with this magazine. This gift day will be reviewed in light of parish finances on an annual basis.

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Easter General Vestry Meeting

The Annual General Vestry meeting took place at 8pm on Thursday 1st May 2025 in the Cathedral Hall.

The Rector welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with a Bible reading and reflection. The Rector reflected on the past year drawing attendees' attention to some "Stand Out" events, achievements and people.

In closing, the Rector thanked all those who volunteered, in whatever capacity, for their service week by week through which the Church was able to continue to deliver and develop existing and new ministries.

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Vestry meeting were approved by those present, and signed as an accurate account of what took place.

Financial Report: Nan McMurray, Honorary Treasurer, gave a comprehensive report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024. The Accounts were adopted by the meeting.

Auditor: S.M. Vint & Co, Banbridge was re-appointed Auditor.

Office-bearers elected to serve for 2025-26

Churchwardens:Suzanne Watson(Rector's): Brian Hanna (People's)Glebewardens:Ian Purdy(Rector's): Bill Forsythe (People's)

Select Vestry: Edgar Boggs, Andrew Carson, Rebekah Davidson (Honorary Secretary),

George Gracey, Nan McMurray (Honorary Treasurer), Andrew McNeill, Robert Poots, Hilary Purdy, Jane Russell, Ashley Silcock, Leanne Teggart,

Alan Turkington.

At a short meeting of the newly elected Select Vestry the following appointments were made:

Honorary Secretary: Rebekah Davidson Honorary Treasurer: Nan McMurray

Praise, Prayer & Testimony

Our next PPT will be on Sunday 1st June at 6pm with the Rev Anna Williams sharing something of her journey of faith.

Anna is originally from Hillsborough, trained for Ordination and served her curacy in Banbridge. Anna is currently the minister-in-charge of Magheradroll Parish, Ballynahinch, a position she has held since October of last year.

Mothers' Union

Some of our ladies attended the Senior Holy Communion and Afternoon Tea at Carryduff on the 15th May and we all had a lovely time. We met up with ladies from other branches and reconnected with some we hadn't seen in a long time. We are finished now for the Summer and we will get together again in September.

Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group

The History Reading Group will have their next meeting-

On Wednesday 25th June 2025 at 7.30 PM. Venue The Clayton Memorial Hall

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

Between Giants - The Battle For The Baltics In World War II by Prit Buttar

Prit Buttar is a Doctor and General Practitioner who also writes detailed and engaging military histories (12 books thus far) about the conflict on the Eastern Front from 1941 to 1945.

The Baltic States, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, suffered more than almost any territory during World War II, being caught between the military might of the German Wehrmacht and the Soviet Red Army.

Initially over run by the German invasion of 1941, these states became the site of one of the most ferocious struggles of the war as the Soviet counter attack pushed west and towards Berlin.

This was placed into extreme focus by the battles for the Courland Pocket, in western Latvia, which raged from October 1944 until the end of hostilities in May 1945.

Everyone is most welcome to come along to the next meeting and engage in some fellowship and discussion about one of the less well known, but epic encounters, of the Second World War.

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The Futility of Violence depicted through Memorial Quilts - SEFF

SEFF's Director Kenny Donaldson explains: "We are pleased to be working with St John's Parish Church, Dromara and Dromore Church of Ireland Cathedral to display our memorial quilts exhibition over a 2-week period. There are eight memorial quilts and an organisational tapestry which collectively remember circa 600 innocents of 'The Northern Ireland Troubles.'

The Exhibition will be on show as follows:

Wednesday 18th June 2025 - Wednesday 25th June 2025 - St John's Parish Church, Dromara

Thursday 26th June 2025 - Thursday 3rd July 2025 - Dromore Cathedral

The timings for the exhibition will be: Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's from 10am-5pm, Wednesday's and Friday's from 10am-8.30pm and Saturdays from 10am-6pm.

SEFF personnel will be present throughout the Exhibitions to engage with those visiting. Furthermore a SEFF representative will input into the Sunday services held in both Dromara and Dromore to advise of the roots of the Exhibition and its' core purpose and objectives.

Mr Donaldson added: "SEFF is committed to supporting innocent victim/survivors of 'The Troubles' across Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain. Amongst those remembered are The Herron family, Alan Corbett, The O'Reilly brothers and many others from the local area and throughout N.I, RoI, GB and mainland Europe including civilians and members of the security forces and prison service.

"The key messages of the memorial quilts are:

- · Violence was futile and totally unjustified
- · Those remembered are wholly innocent
- \cdot The legacy of those represented will live on amongst those left behind.

"SEFF's doors are open and welcoming to all innocents; whether victimised by republican or loyalist terrorism or through criminal-based actions committed by members of the security forces. SEFF is not defined by constitutional politics or denominational religion - its' our values that unite us, consistent opposition to violence".

"The quilts were developed by a team of special volunteers within SEFF under the guidance of a project facilitator. The quilts humanise those being remembered who may be said to be ordinary people but who were actually extraordinary to those who they were known to best".

The Quilts which will be displayed are titled:

Your Legacy Lives On, A Patchwork of Innocents, Terrorism knows No Borders, Uniting

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Innocent Victims, Through Remembering, We Build Bridges, Brougher Mountain Innocents Remembered, Lives that Mattered and Diversity in Life, Remembered in Unity and our Organisational tapestry (takes the form of a tree depiction with branches illustrating growth and developments over the years)

Mr Donaldson continued: "Each of the Quilt brand titles reflect core messages we wish to represent through the lives being remembered and also honoured. The basis for the quilts can be found in comments made by many families, no-one remembers us, no-one cares, we are forgotten. The SEFF Family ALWAYS remembers and will continue to do so in the months and years ahead, thus ensuring that the legacy of innocents and the way in which they chose to live their lives is represented".

"A warm invitation is extended to individuals and groups (including Schools, Youth Groups and Societies) from across Dromore, Dromara and the wider Lagan Valley, Upper Bann and South Down areas and beyond to visit the Exhibition".

For further information please contact the SEFF Office on: <u>028 6772 3884</u> (selecting option 1) or by contacting Kenny Donaldson, SEFF's Director directly on: <u>07900 882770</u>.

Who are SEFF?

South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF) was founded on 15th August 1998 to provide practical and emotional supports for a large number of individuals who had been through traumatic experiences as a consequence of 'The Troubles.'

Over the years SEFF's development as a provider of services for victims/survivors has evolved and in the last four years, additional focus has been given to developing the case of need for victims/survivors based in Great Britain and Republic of Ireland, ensuring they also have access to support services alike their Northern Ireland counterparts. The organisation now stands at over 3,400 individual members and their associated families.

Currently SEFF has six hubs for service delivery; Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh. Newtownstewart, County Tyrone, Lisburn, County Antrim, Rathfriland, County Down, Fivemiletown, County Tyrone, Richhill, County Armagh and we provide outreach to those impacted by The Northern Ireland Troubles living across the North West and North Coast Region, Great Britain, Republic of Ireland and further afield.

SEFF is also one of 24 groups attached to the Innocent Victims United umbrella organisation with a combined membership of over 15,500 individual victims survivors based in Northern Ireland Republic of Ireland, Great Britain and mainland Europe.

Mission Statement: 'Supporting Victims and Survivors, Strengthening Communities.'

Ethos Statement: We do not divide PUL (Protestant, Unionist, Loyalist) and CNR (Catholic, Nationalist, Republican). Rather we divide on the basis of our values; those who used, justify, excuse or glamorise violence are them'uns and us'uns are those of us who stand consistently against such activities - this transcends denominational religion and politics.

PARISH REGISTERS 2024

Holy Baptism

4th February Archie Kenneth William Chambers-Maze, Waringsford

13th October Reuben Thomas Frith, Portadown

Service of Thanksgiving for the Birth of

14th January Clara Victoria Shanks, Ballyknock Road, Tandragee

Confirmation

17th November Ben Hyde

Leah Hyde Tyler Mayne Felix Noble

Holy Matrimony

27th July Nicole Murray and David Hanna

Funerals

10th MarchMalcolm Stanley Patterson, Barban Hill, Dromore3rd AprilJames Kelly (Jim) Murphy, Rowantree Road, Dromore13th AprilDonald (Don) Warnock Joseph Quail, Hampton Rise,

30th April Jean Elizabeth (Lily) McAlister, Saintfield

10th June Alexander Douglas Cranston, Cowan Heron House

10th July
 29th July
 17th September
 16th October
 28th November
 Walter Black, Lurgan Road, Dromore
 Alexander Gribben, Maypole Park, Dromore
 Winifred Mary (Freda) Magee, Corriewood NH
 Kathleen (Kitty) Moore, Mount Street, Dromore

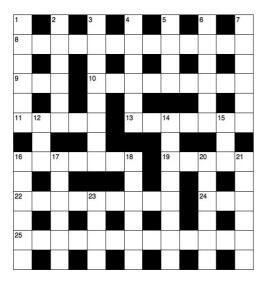
Burial of Ashes

17th January Keith Lynch M.B.E., Wallace Court, Dromore

7th October Thomas Kenneth Cunningham, Dungannon Care Home

25th October Winston (Wynn) Crothers, Hillside, Dromore

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Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33)(9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- **13** 'Terrors him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- **19** Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- **24** 'On their way to out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- **25** Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- **3** The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- **4** The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- **5** Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- **6** One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2.4)
- **12** Ate (anag.) (3)
- **14** 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- **18** 'I... asked him the true meaning of all -. he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)



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Sunday 1st

The Seventh Sunday of Easter 8.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Combined Service

6.00pm Praise, Prayer & Testimony

Sunday 8th

The Day of Pentecost 8.30am Holy Communion

Whit Sunday 10.00am Cathedral Praise
11.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion

Sunday 15th

Trinity Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion

11.30am Service of the Word6.00pm Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 22nd

The First Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Children's Day

6.00pm Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 29th

The Second Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Cathedral Praise11.30am Service of the Word6.00pm Evening Epilogue Service

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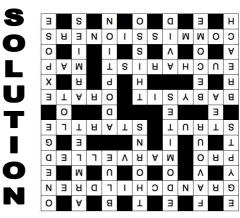
"By your prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage this child in the life and faith of the Christian Community."

Church Collections: April		
GENERAL FUND	2025/26	2024/25
April	8,515.20	7,951.20
Total to date	£8,515.20	£7,951.20
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
April	600.00	760.25
Total to date	600.00	£760.25

Attention all Magazine Distributors

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





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JUNE DATES				
Monday 2nd	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting Clayton Ha		
Tuesday 3rd	10.30	Craft Class (ends 24th June) Clayton Hall		
Tuesday 3rd	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory	
Thursday 5th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home	
Tuesday 10th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory	
Wednesday 11th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall	
Thursday 12th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall	
Monday 16th	7.30	Select Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall	
Tuesday 17th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory	
Tuesday 24th	7.30	Parish Prayer for Vision	Rectory	
Wednesday 25th	7.30	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall	

June Flower Rota	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Mrs Stephanie Shepherd 07821 573756	Miss Nan McMurray	Mrs Rosemary Wilson	Mrs Mary Bradshaw	Mrs Helen Forsythe	Mrs Elizabeth McKnight

June	Refreshments Rota	
1st	K Chambers & L Chambers	
8th	D Farrell & H Forsythe	
15th	Gamble Family	
22nd	No Refreshments	
29th	S Shepherd & D Martin	

AV system Refresher Training

If anyone is interested in training or a refresher about how to effectively use the AV system in the Cathedral, we are planning to hold an evening or two to facilitate this. There are a lot of new people involved in operating the system, so this may be an opportunity to learn more and be able to work the system more fully. If you are interested (existing or new volunteers), please speak to me or contact Jill in the office. **Scott Mackey**



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Children's Day 2025

Children's Day will take place at 10.45am on Sunday 22nd 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!

JOY

A change of plan for our May JOY, saw some ladies meet in Dromore Town Square to join with others for the lighting of a Beacon for Peace and Remembrance of the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Join with us in the Cathedral Hall on Thursday 12th June at 2pm for our last afternoon of the 24/25 season. A lovely relaxing afternoon is planned.



We shall then take a break in July and August and meet again on Thursday 4th September at 2pm (please note date). Wishing everyone at JOY a lovely summer. **Beverley and Jane**





What a Lady!

It was a real joy for myself and Bishop David to visit a very special lady on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Sally Hill reached this incredible milestone on Monday 12th May and was in fine form as we shared some of her memories over such a long life. Sally considers herself to have been very lucky and was a real blessing to visit. Thank you to Sally's daughter Esther for organizing her mum's celebration and to her dear friend Sue Pegrum for our joyful photos. And thank you to everyone who took the time to write/make a card to help Sally celebrate.



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