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Summer 2025

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Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

I'm sure that you've heard the saying "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." This isn't suggesting that our level of intelligence is affected by the amount of work we do or don't. Rather, this conventional wisdom is suggesting to us that too much work without rest brings us to a point where we lose something of our usual lustre or sparkle.

Jesus recognizes in the above verse that the disciples were in need of some rest. They've been sent out to preach, teach and heal, no mean feat when you consider that this would have been the first time for the disciples to exercise this type of ministry on their own. They return to Jesus with stories of how God was at work. So many people were coming and going that they didn't even have a chance to eat. Imagine that, busyness to the point that there isn't any room for taking time to eat. Has that ever been your experience? Have you ever reached the end of the day and thought to yourself that you hadn't even stopped to eat, hadn't even thought of food, such was the level of your busyness? I'm sure that as Jesus listened intently to their chattering about lives transformed and brokenness restored that he recognized their own need to be transformed and restored. So he suggests that they take themselves away to a quiet place to get some rest, to experience a different rhythm without the pressure or stresses of their busy lives.

We see this model of periods of extreme intensity being punctuated with rest in Jesus' own ministry. How many times do we read in the Bible that people were looking for Jesus but couldn't find him because he had taken himself away to a solitary place for rest and refreshment. Likewise if we take time and care to "read around" these occasions we find that again and again there were people asking, even demanding, *"where were you, we needed you and couldn't find you?"* Can you imagine how much pressure this must have felt like for Jesus to hear these accusing questions? Can you imagine how easily he could have slipped into going to a solitary place less frequently to avoid these negative comments and hear nothing but praise instead? And can you also imagine how quickly burn out could become the experience of someone who is constantly available, constantly on the go, constantly at the beck and call of every single person?

Jesus' model for a work/life balance isn't just good advice, it is absolutely essential for each and every one of us who want to finish the race set before us just as vigorously and passionately as we commenced it. Rest is such an important part of ensuring we are in the best place to serve others when the need arises. Yet rest can often be viewed in a negative manner and misunderstood as laziness. How many times will you hear people comment on the value of someone else being measured in their output.

Jesus values great workers as well, not just in the sense of the quantity but rather the fruitfulness of their work. That's why I'm utterly convinced he encouraged his "great workers" to come with him to a quiet place and get some rest in order that when their spiritual batteries were adequately re-charged they would be even more fruitful as they re-engaged in ministry.

What are you like what it comes to taking rest? It isn't the easiest thing for many of us because of it might be misunderstood by others, but it is essential for each of us. That's why our organisations take a break over the summer months in order that our leaders and volunteers can take a rest and come back in September and be even more fruitful.

For me, getting a rest means taking off my socks and shoes and getting the sand from a beach between my toes, hearing the sound of the ocean as it ebbs and flows around my feet. For you it may well be quite different. But one thing remains the same for all of us, rest is a very necessary part of us being fruitful workers.

Whatever you do this summer, make time for rest and come back in September refreshed and restored. Geoff

Property Update

Aside from the ongoing general maintenance there are 2 rather significant projects which we are preparing for in the next few months...

First, some of you may have noticed that the condition of the plaster to the right of the memorial window (around the Legion standard) is becoming increasingly cracked with dust grit becoming more prevalent in the seats below. This will need to be addressed over the next few months, with the wall being picked and re-plastered. This may well necessitate closing off the seating around the affected area for the duration of the work.

Second, following receipt of the Quinquennial Report, it has become apparent to the Select Vestry that the whole of the Cathedral building will need to be rewired as a matter of urgency. We are currently at the stage of seeking advice from consultants in conjunction with a firm of conservation architects and will advise on cost and timings when we have more information. The Select Vestry are also of the view that when the rewiring is being carried out that this will present an ideal opportunity to install more cost effective and appropriate lighting to better illuminate our beautiful cathedral. More details to follow as soon as we have them.

Summer Epilogue Services

It has been our custom over the summer months in recent years to have an Epilogue Service at 8pm. However, due to the fact that there is not currently a curate on staff, the Rector has decided that there will be no summer Epilogue services this year. In arriving at this decision the Rector has considered his own capacity to continue with 4 services each Sunday throughout the summer and also the practice of many churches in the surrounding area to adopt a more gentle rhythm when it comes to service patterns in order that an element of rest can be experienced in the midst of ministry.

Bible Week

Please plan to join us at the end of the summer for this year's Bible Week with pastor, speaker and author Colin Smith. Colin has entitled his teaching series, *The Art of Contentment* - a topic that is sure to attract a lot of interest. We'll be hosted by Holywood Parish Church and the Bible Week will run from 26th-29th August beginning each evening at 7.45pm.

- Tuesday 26th August: The hellish sin of discontent (*Jude v14-25*)
- Wed 27th August: How to handle the blessing of God (*1 Timothy 6:6-19*)
- Thursday 28th August: Learning to be content (*Philippians 4:4-13*)
- Friday 29th August: Contented in Christ (*Hebrews 13:1-6*)

Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group

It is anticipated that the History Reading Group will hold their summer 2025 meeting in the Clayton Memorial Hall on a Wednesday evening during the second half of August. At the time at which this edition of Cathedral Life has gone to print the final details have not been confirmed.

The date appointed and the book selected for discussion at the August meeting will be published on parish social media platforms as soon as they become available. Everyone is most welcome to attend and to enjoy some fellowship, discussion about the August title and lively debate around the selection of a title for the October meeting.

Summer is probably a time in the year when minds turn more to reading, be it in the back garden, in the living room, on a holiday flight or on a sunny beach. In an effort to assist with any literary decision making that might take place for the summer season the below list includes some of the stand out titles which the History Reading Group have read over the past 6 or so years -

Caravaggio - A Life Sacred and Profane - Andrew Graham-Dixon

The Extraordinary Life and Momentous Times of JMW Turner - Franny Moyle

Big Week - The Biggest Air Battle of World War 2 - James Holland

Fortress Malta - An Island Under Siege 1940 - 1943 - James Holland

Nemesis - The Battle for Japan 1944 - 1945 - Max Hastings

Stalingrad - Anthony Beevor

Berlin - The Downfall 1945 - Anthony Beevor

Dynasty - The Rise and Fall of the House of Caesar - Tom Holland

Caesar - Adrian Goldsworthy

Henry V - The Astonishing Rise of England's Greatest Warrior King - Dan Jones

John Newton - From Disgrace to Amazing Grace - Jonathan Aitken

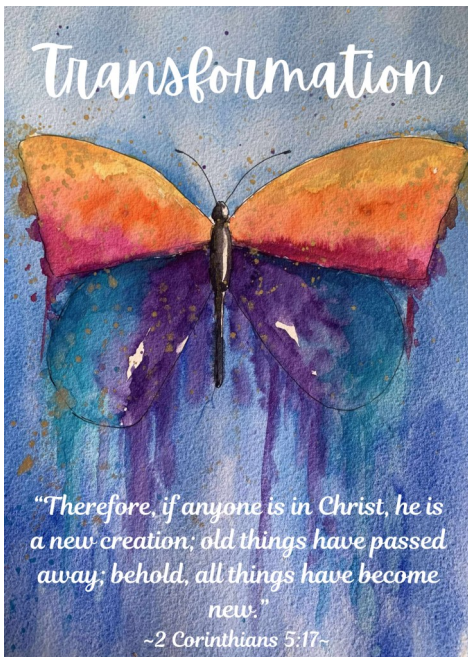
The Lion and the Unicorn - Gladstone vs Disraeli - Richard Aldous

Children's Day

On Sunday 22nd June the Kingdom Kids led the Church through the story of Saul's conversion. The children sang, recited poems, led prayers and acted Saul's journey to Damascus.

A big thank you to Suzanne Watson also known as "The Sketching Doctor" who painted this masterpiece during the service based on the theme of transformation. Each person got a printed copy of Suzannes artwork. If you would like a copy please contact Christine Shanks.

A special thanks to all the boys and girls and their wonderful leaders who put a lot of work into making the service so special.



Fun Faith Factory

SAVE THE DATES!

On Wednesday 6th, 13th and 20th August we will be running three fun nights for children who have just finished primary one up to primary seven.

Each night will follow a different theme. We have a sports and games night, a music and dance night and a make and bake night. The children will hear a gospel message each evening. Fun Faith Factory will begin at 7pm and finish at 8.30pm in The Cathedral Hall.

Children must pre-register as spaces will be limited. For more information please contact Christine Shanks -

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A LOOK AT LIFE WITH THE RECYCLED TEENAGER - Power

“Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely.” This quotation is credited to Lord Acton, 19th century politician, historian and moralist (a latter-day influencer) and suggests that the more power someone has, the more their moral sensibilities diminish.

Have I become obsessed with the letter P as both April and May's offerings (Purpose and Peace) began with that letter? Possibly! But sure there was no better way to complete the series than to give you, 'another P please Bob' (Do you remember Blockbusters?). Logically, the subject of power; who has it and what you can do with it, seemed to follow on.

Since the beginning of written records, rulers have exercised their power and status over the rest of us. Leaders are needed to organise and establish communities, uphold laws and standards and bringing order to chaos. The pattern for this is clearly seen in the Old Testament under Moses. Other ancient civilisations are available and grouped in similar ways. However, from Roman Emperors; who declared themselves gods, to Napoleon; who declared himself an emperor, to more power-hungry maniacs; who pertain to Messianic status, making everything great again, we have a history of being ruled by people who think they know better than God.

We only need to see the fruits of their labours to know their credentials. For people who are in positions of power, how they show compassion says a lot about them. How they treat the least and most vulnerable in our world, says a lot about us -the people who put them there.

The Lord will have the final word. “Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.” (Romans 14:11)



Dromore Cathedral

Christmas Fayre

**Thursday 27th November
in the Cathedral Hall
at 6:30pm**

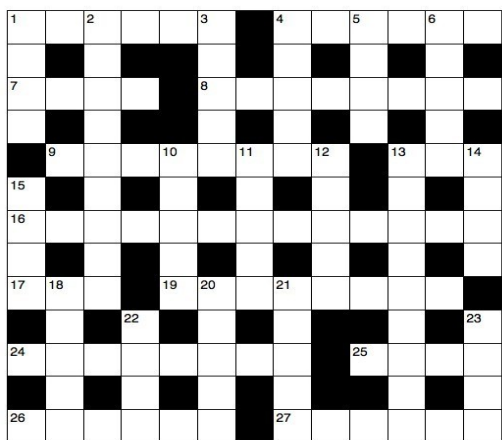
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Across

1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)

4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)

7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)

8 See 5 Down

9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)

13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)

16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)

17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)

19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)

24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)

25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)

27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)

2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)

3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)

4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)

5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)

6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)

10 Trout (anag.) (5)

11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)

12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)

13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)

14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me'" (Mark 14:20) (4)

15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)

18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)

20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)

21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)

22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)

23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

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Services for July and August

JULY

Sunday 6th July

3rd Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday 13th

4th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th

5th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise <i>with</i> Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of The Word

Sunday 27th

6th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd August

7th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

8th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th

9th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise <i>with</i> Holy Communion
	11.30am	Service of The Word

Sunday 24th

10th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Morning Prayer

Sunday 31st

11th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Cathedral Praise
	11.30am	Service of the Word

PARISH REGISTER

Christian Burial

13th June Violet Cranston, Aughnacloy House, 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: May

GENERAL FUND	2025/26	2024/25
May	8,426.55	8,601.00
Total to date	£16,941.75	£16,552.50
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
May	1,305.00	1,160.15
Total to date	£1,905.00	£1,920.40

Cathedral Office Opening Hours - July

The Church Office will be open from 9am - 1pm on Monday and Friday only during the month of July. Normal office hours 9am - 1pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday will resume from August onwards.

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The September edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 29th August** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 22nd August at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com

Crossword Solution

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July Caroline Wallace 9269 3506	Flower Rota	August Sara Mccorkell 9269 3760	Flower Rota
6th	Mr & Mrs H Wallace	3rd	Poots Family
13th	Mr & Mrs C Patterson	10th	Mrs M Hobson
20th	Mrs Sarah Pollock	17th	Miss J Castles
27th	Mr & Mrs S Mackey	24th	Mr & Mrs I Doig
		31st	Mrs S McCorkell

July	Refreshments Rota	August	Refreshments Rota
6th	C Mayne & M Mayne	3rd	D Farrell & H Forsythe
13th	K Chambers & L Chambers	10th	E Magowan & R Wilson
20th	S & J Noble	17th	Gamble Family
27th	N Wilson & L Teggart	24th	S Shepherd & D Martin
		31st	M Mayne & C Mayne

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The Ladies of the Mothers' Union enjoying their morning out at Whitehead Railway Museum and Edna trying out her skills as a steam train driver.

On the 31st May we enjoyed a great day out in Whitehead. We visited the Railway Museum where Nuala, a volunteer guide, gave us a guided tour. The morning was a lot of fun and educational. We thank Nuala for her input organising the visit and her entertaining guided tour. Of course we all enjoyed a lovely cup of coffee and scone provided by the café.

We will get back together in September and I hope everyone has a lovely summer break. **Anne**

JOY

For the last meeting of JOY before we have our summer break, our guest speaker was no stranger to the group! Our rector, Rev Geoff Wilson, spoke to us about his visit to Portugal and undertaking the Camino Walk alongside his wife Naomi a few years ago. A very interesting presentation but I don't think I will be walking it any time soon! After some refreshments all members were wished a happy relaxing summer break.

We next meet on Thursday 4th September (*please note change of week*) in the Cathedral Hall at 2pm. **Jane & Beverley**





Titch was presented with a beautiful painting of the Cathedral by Brian and Suzanne, which was painted by Suzanne.



Farewell Titch!

We said our farewells to Rev Geoff (Titch) Hamilton on Sunday 1st June. Titch joined us in the Cathedral in early October 2024 and in 8 short months made a huge impact in the lives of both young and old.

Titch has been appointed to serve as the Mission Director with SAMS Ireland, a mission agency which is very dear to his heart, having not only served with them in Argentina for 3 years, but also worked for them prior to his ordination for over 10 years.

We wish Titch well in this new season of ministry and pray God's blessing upon him and Gill as they adjust to this new rhythm.



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