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Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? Matthew 6: 27

What are you like when it comes to worrying? Some of us, a few in my opinion, are able to deal with uncertainty in life without dwelling on it and allowing it to dominate and overshadow our thinking. Most of us are worriers, to some extent or another.

Some will worry about doing exams, and some will worry about those who are doing exams. Then when the exams are over, some will worry about the results and so it goes on and on, a never ending cycle of worry which can bring us low and even cause depression. And yet worrying doesn't change one thing about the situation we were worrying about. Worrying is like rocking backwards and forwards on a rocking chair, again, and again and again, never going anywhere but expending a lot of energy in doing so.

So why do we worry?

I think that a lot of the source of our worry is because our focus is in the wrong place. Jesus, in his sermon on the mount addresses, amongst many other things, the whole issue of worry. Jesus's desire for each of us is that we enjoy life, and life in all its fullness. The world teaches us that life in its fullness is enjoyed in the things we possess, the things we eat and drink, the clothes we wear. It isn't easy for us not to succumb to this thinking as we are bombarded by it quite literally each day when we turn on our televisions and surf on the internet. Advertising is so clever in convincing us that we will be more complete, more content,

more whole if we acquire that item of clothing, which has been just out of our reach up to this point. Young people will “hound” their parents until they get that pair of trainers which according to them everyone else has. We push ourselves to satisfy ourselves, and those whom we love, and every time we get that elusive item, there is yet another one just out of our reach promising the same satisfaction which the last item failed to give.

So what is the answer? Well unsurprisingly Jesus gives us a new perspective when it comes to this age-old problem of worry.

Firstly, he says take a reality check. Worry won't add an hour to your life, in fact it will take time away; time which could have been spent enjoying life in all its fullness.

Secondly, he says get a proper perspective. Your life is more important than any other thing around you. Ask the parents of a new born baby how important the first cry of their child is? The desire for things can soon take over, like expensive clothes which you can't really afford, the purchase of which can rob you of your joy and replace it with worry. But don't let go of just how important that first cry, indicative of a new life, was for you.

Lastly, he says make the right choice. *Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Mt 6: 33* Put Jesus first in all your ways, in all of your understanding and in all of your thinking. Please do pray for those who are anxious or worried at the moment, whether it be exams, medical tests, living costs or relationship problems which are the source of concern. Pray we would all look to, listen, learn from and lean on Jesus and His goodness.

Geoff

Safeguarding update for all those working with children and young people

There is a new policy that you should familiarise yourself with at this website: <https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/child-safeguarding/>

The new policy is very similar to the old one, but the important change is that all suspicions, concerns, knowledge or allegations no longer go to the Parish Panel but are instead referred to the RCB Casework Team, contact number is 07907 319085.

In emergencies go directly to statutory services (e.g. PSNI).

If you have been trained within the last 3 years you will not need retrained in the new policy –but only if you have familiarised yourself with the new reporting procedures.

Non-stop Prayer in every nation on earth

From 6-13 September 2026, the 24-7 Prayer Movement is inviting the global Church to pray non-stop in every nation on earth in an event called the Global Week of Prayer.

We sense God's invitation to unite together to lift up the name of Jesus. Why don't you join us?

What is the Global Week of Prayer?

We envision every nation on earth hosting a physical prayer room, with non-stop prayer happening night and day. Following our first Global Week of Prayer in 2025, we are joining together again, and our theme for 2026, 'At the Name of Jesus', is rooted in scripture:

*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2: 9-11*

As we pray together, we want to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all of the earth. We're seeking to encounter this beauty and power, and carry Jesus into our towns, cities and nation.

Last year, Dromore Cathedral united with several other churches in Dromore to pray individually, in prayer rooms, walking and praying around the Dromore as families, joining together to pray in the High School.

Let's lift up the name of Jesus over our town, nation and world!

Watch out for more details of plans for Dromore joining in the 24-7 Global Prayer Week 2026!

Carolyn

Youth Worker during period of Vacancy

The Select Vestry have decided to appoint a youth worker to coordinate the team of fantastic volunteers and lead the ministry with young people. This would be a part-time (8-12 hours per week, negotiable), temporary post for a period of one year, to be reviewed. The thinking of the Select Vestry is that during a period of vacancy there are more funds available in order to resource a role like this and have identified our ministry with young people as an area of huge challenge but also huge potential. Please do pray for this whole process; for the right person to be appointed, for our ministry with young people to grow and for all those involved in the appointment process.

Prayer before each Morning Service

Since early May, folks have been encouraged to gather for prayer before our service in the Cathedral Hall from around 10am. This time of prayer is not in place of our parish prayer meeting on the first Monday evening of each month, or something which is hosted by our Prayer Ministry Team. It is simply a time and space for everyone to gather to pray over the space within which we worship and indeed those who will be gathering for worship. To be part of this you don't have to be a prayer warrior, but rather someone who simply wants to encounter the Lord more fully and has the same desire for others. This practice will continue until such times as our services return to the Cathedral, at which time folks will be encouraged to gather for prayer from 9.15am if the service is at 10.00am, 10.00am if the service is at 10.45am and 11.00am if the service is at 11.30am. Everyone is most welcome to join those who already gather to pray.

Update on work in the Cathedral

Work continues at a steady rate in the Cathedral with the work of re-plastering the area around the Tower door and the Memorial window now complete. This work was not anticipated at this stage so added an additional cost to the original budget. The overall cost is now approaching £250, 000, however the Select Vestry remain confident that the necessary funds are already in place through generous regular giving, one off gifts and grants awarded. Furthermore, the Vestry are confident that a cash reserve in the region of £50, 000 will be in place when work is completed and all bills are paid. The next stage is for the church to have a deep clean before the main contractors will commence the second fix electrics, hopefully around the middle of June. Following the completion of the second fix, the scaffolding will be removed, which will necessitate a further clean before we are able to return to the building. It is not anticipated that we will return to the Cathedral for worship until July/August at some stage.

The Select Vestry remain thankful for the ongoing financial support and understanding of most folks during what has been a challenging time for us all.

Annual Gift Day

The Select Vestry have decided that the Annual Gift Day this year on Sunday 14th June will be in support of the General Account. The General Account pays staff salaries and the general running costs of the parish. In the past year, the income to the General Account has declined, in part due to increased giving to the Development Account in light of the cost of the rewiring project in the Cathedral.

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.

Rector's Farewell

The Rector's farewell will be on Sunday 28th June. If you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift, please place your donation in an envelope marked 'Rector's Farewell Gift' and place it on the collection plate or leave with Jill in the office by Sunday 21st June.

There will also be lunch in the Cathedral Hall following the service. To assist with catering, please add your name to the list in the Hall foyer by Sunday 21st June.

Audio Visual System

In anticipation of a return to the Cathedral building for worship (hopefully) soon, we are starting to think about getting the AV system back up and running.

The electrical contractor took the equipment apart to protect it from damage and they are responsible for putting it back together but we will need to spend some time recommissioning the system and making ourselves familiar with it again, when the time comes.

If you are interested in helping out or learning more about operating the system, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

You can speak to Scott Mackey or email av@dromorecathedral.co.uk for more information. There will be a training/re-familiarisation session organised for existing and new team members. Details will follow when we have a clearer idea when we will return to Church.

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Thank you. The Select Vestry.

The Table

The next meeting of The Table is on Thursday 18th June at midday, concluding at 1.30pm. The Table shouldn't be seen as a group for seniors, but rather as an opportunity for the whole community, all ages, to come together around a table and enjoy some food and fellowship.

Those who have attended have been richly blessed with good food, great chat and deep fellowship.

Should anyone require transport, please let Jill know in the church office and she will make the necessary arrangements.

Everyone is most welcome and everything is free of charge.

Mothers' Union

There will be no Mothers' Union this month as we start our Summer break. I would like to wish everyone a lovely time and look forward to seeing you all in September. Anne

Children's Day 2026

Everyone is warmly invited to our Annual Children's Day Service in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday 21st June at 10.45am.

Our focus this year is "The Life of Joshua" as we explore lessons of faith, courage and trust in God through songs, memory verse, and story from our Kingdom Kids children. Following the service, there will be a church family picnic in the Rectory Garden with bouncy castle and garden games (weather permitting). Please bring your own food and a picnic blanket. Hot drinks and juice will be provided!

We look forward to welcoming you all!

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Discipleship Explored

After the success of Christianity Explored, this is a course we're hoping to run in the autumn. It's for Christians looking to grow in their love for Jesus and to understand what it means to follow Him today.

It's easy to make a list of the things Christians do — go to Church, read the Bible, Pray, share the Gospel — but that doesn't really tell us much about what the experience of following Jesus is actually like. That's where Discipleship Explored comes in.

The structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study, a talk using short films, and a discussion based on the talk.

The series is based on the book of Philippians and is full of human stories from every continent about the reality of being a Christian in today's world.

Session 1 - Confident in Christ

Session 2 - Living in Christ

Session 3 - One in Christ

Session 4 - Obedient in Christ

Session 5 - Righteous in Christ

Session 6 - Transformed in Christ

Session 7 - Rejoicing in Christ

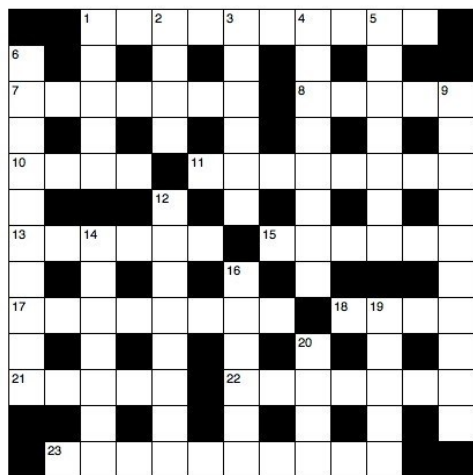
Session 8 - Content in Christ

Discipleship Explored helps followers of Jesus turn up the gospel soundtrack to their lives.

It would be wonderful to have many in our church community joining in, exploring going deeper with God and one another.

We hope to run this course on 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 6:45-8:30pm starting October 25th.

Carolyn



Across

- 1** Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7** Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8** The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10** 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11** Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13** 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15** Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17** 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—

- ' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18** Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25) (4)
- 21** 'As for man,his days are like— ,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22** Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23** Those guilty of 1 Across (Romans13:4)(10)

Down

- 1** 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2** 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3** Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4** 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5** Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6** Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9** Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10)
- 12** Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14** Aceturn(anag.)(7)
- 16** Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
- 19** 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
- 20** 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)

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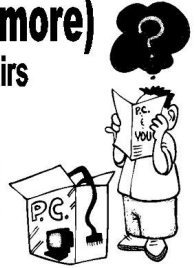
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Services for June

Sunday 7th

The First Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 14th

The Second Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service *with* Holy Baptism

Sunday 21st

The Third Sunday after Trinity 10.45am Children's Day

Sunday 28th

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity 10.45am Farewell Service for Rector

SHELTERBOX GARDEN EVENT AT CLANMURRY

John and I were delighted to open our garden last Sunday 17th May. In spite of a rather dire weather forecast, people turned out in good numbers.

The main thing was that the Rhododendrons and Azaleas were at their best, not to mention the Handkerchief tree (*Davidia involucreta*), Viburnum, Laburnum - and many others.

It was wonderful to see so many happy people exploring the various gardens and the woodland paths, while children were doing cartwheels on the lawn!

A huge thank you is due to several members of our Church who helped to 'make it happen'.

Bill Forsythe, Ashley Silcock, Paul Cochrane, Jim McComb and Ian Purdy helped with the set up and car parking.

Anne Cochrane, Anne McComb and Edna Jeffries were flat out all afternoon, serving tea with plenty of cake!

SHELTERBOX steps in with practical support when disaster strikes and people are left with nothing.

Over £2,000 was raised in Dromore on Sunday. Hopefully these funds will go a small way to alleviate suffering in another part of the world.

Sara McCorkell

PARISH REGISTER

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

15th May William Brian Whitten, Hillsborough Road, Dromore

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

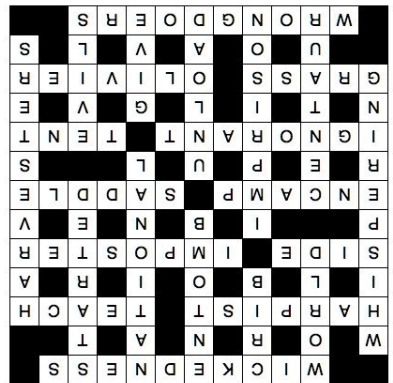
Church Collections: April

GENERAL FUND	2026/27	2025/26
April	7,447.72	8,515.20
Total to date	£7,447.72	£8,515.20
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
April	1,073.50	600.00
Total to date	£1,073.50	£600.00

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The Summer edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on **Friday 26th June** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 19th June at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com

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JUNE DATES

Monday 1st	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 2nd	10.30	Craft Class (ends 23rd June)	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 3rd	7.00	Pickleball (most Wednesdays)	Cathedral Hall
Thursday 4th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Monday 15th	7.30	Select Vestry Meeting	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 17th	7.30	History Reading Group	Clayton Hall
Thursday 18th	12.00	'The Table' Community Lunch	Cathedral Hall
Friday 19th	11.00	Monthly Service	The Beeches

June Flower Rota	7th	14th	21st	28th
Arranger Mrs Stephanie Shepherd	Mrs Rosemary Wilson	Mrs Mary Bradshaw	Mrs Helen Forsythe	Mrs Elizabeth McKnight

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.

June	Refreshments Rota
7th	S & J Noble
14th	K Chambers & L J Maze
21st	Children's Day
28th	Rector's Farewell Lunch
July 5th	E Magowan & R Wilson
12th	Shepherd & L Teggart
19th	C Mayne & M Mayne
26th	D Farrell & H Forsythe



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Glebewardens: Ian Purdy (Rector's) Bill Forsythe (People's)

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Kingdom Tots

Exciting new Children’s Ministry launching this September!

We are delighted to announce the planned launch of Kingdom Tots, a new ministry for children from pre-school through to primary two beginning this September.

Kingdom Tots will focus on play-based learning in a warm, welcoming and faith filled environment. Each week, children will enjoy a variety of activities including singing, Bible stories, crafts and play, helping them learn about God’s love in a fun and engaging way.

There will also be a parent-led creche available for babies and toddlers up to two years and nine months. As part of this new development, Kingdom Kids will transition to children who are in primary three up to primary seven.

This exciting new ministry is dependent on building a team of volunteers to support and lead the programme.

Please keep this new venture in your prayers as we look forward to this next chapter in our children’s ministry.



KINGDOM
TOTS

FOR CHILDREN IN PRE-SCHOOL-PRIMARY 2



KINGDOM
KIDS

FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY 3- PRIMARY 7

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2026

Confirmation in Dromore Cathedral – Sunday 3rd May



Congratulations to those members of our church family who were confirmed on Sunday 3rd May in the Cathedral Hall by Bishop David McClay.

Bishop David spoke very clearly and quite prophetically into each of the candidates lives, both the young people and adults. It was a very special occasion for not only the candidates but also for their friends and families.

Following the service we all enjoyed some lovely desserts and tea/coffee.

Confirmation should not be seen as some sort of “passing out parade”, as has been the case for many of our young people in particular in the past. Rather it should be seen as the next stage in an ongoing journey with Jesus through which we learn to recognise his voice more and more and respond to it as he calls into deeper relationship with Him.

Please do pray for our young people and adults in this significant step in their journey of faith. As members of the body of Christ we are called to love one another. One significant way in which we can do this is through holding each other in prayer. Let us all pray for one another in love.



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