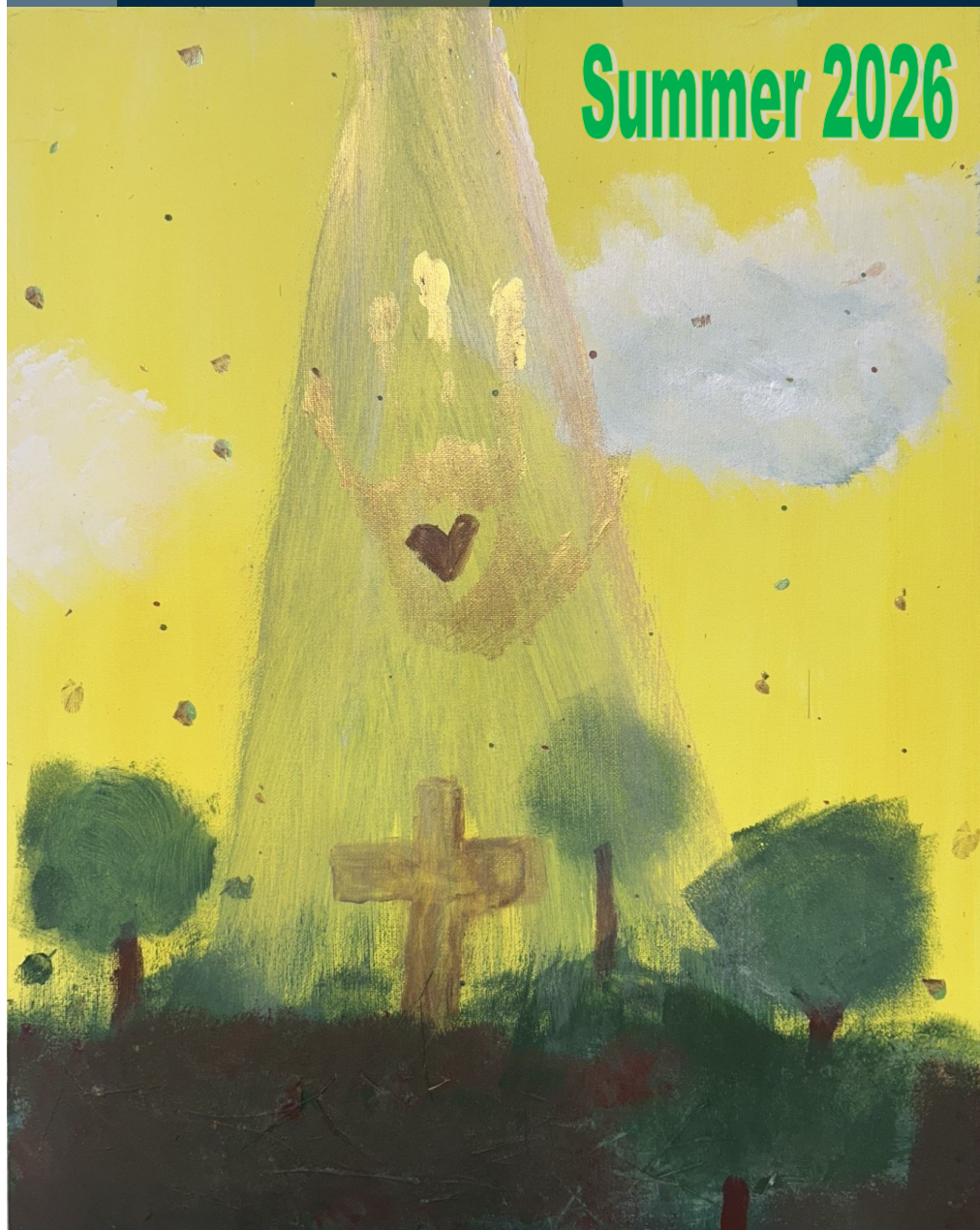


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Summer 2026



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*Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.
1 Cor 13:7*

Some of our children and young people took part in a “painting workshop” recently, facilitated by our very own Sketching Doctor, Suzanne Watson. The results I found to be very profound and moving (canvasses will be displayed in the Upper Room in the very near future should you wish to view them for yourself). One of the canvasses (on the front cover of this magazine), painted by someone still attending Primary School, speaks to us at a level way beyond what words can express. In spite of the fact that words are inadequate, I’m going to try and say how the Lord has spoken to me through this piece of art, painted by a child.

Firstly, the cross is empty. There can no doubt that the cross was a place of excruciating pain and suffering, but this is all gone now and points to a place where pain and suffering is absent due to the work of the cross.

Secondly, the scene is bright and uplifting. The sun is in the sky, though you can’t see it. A few clouds are in evidence, but not to the exclusion of the rays of the sun. The scene is not dark and dismal but rather warm and inviting.

Thirdly, there seems to be a connection between heaven and earth through the funnel of light which emanates from the sky with its focus on the cross. This suggests to me that the cross is a place where heaven and earth came close, a place where those who had eyes to see understood who Jesus really was.

Finally, the whole scene has the imprint of a hand with a heart at the centre. It suggests to me that God's hand of love was sovereign over the cross. It points me to the truth that God was in control of the events at the cross, and that He is in control of events in the Cathedral right now.

The Parish is on the cusp of significant change as I prepare to retire following just over 9 and 1/2 years of ministry. Naomi and I are entering a new season of marriage, parenthood, caring for grandchildren, but also ministry in the future. For all of us there will be massive change and some of us may well be asking "what are we going to do?" This canvas painted by a child has confirmed for me something which I have sensed for a long time; God has got this, his loving hand is over this, the future is bright and full of hope for each and every one of us.

It has been a genuine privilege to minister in the Cathedral and in doing so to forge friendships which I trust will last for a very long time. Thank you to each of you who have wholeheartedly been part of the journey and every blessing for the future as you discover God's loving hand over this forthcoming period of vacancy.

Geoff & Naomi

Some practical matters during the vacancy...

Pastoral care will be delivered primarily by Carolyn and the Care Group. In the event of any emergencies please revert to Carolyn Jackson in the first instance (contact details on page 14).

Carolyn will be employed for 7 sessions per week from 29th June, not her normal 5 sessions. Please be sensitive as to when you reach out to Carolyn as not everything needs to be communicated before 9am or after 7pm.

During the vacancy any funerals will be conducted by the Area Dean. At this point I'm not aware of who that will be but you will be informed of their identity at the earliest opportunity.

The magazine will be produced on a quarterly basis during the vacancy, at the end of August, November, February and May. Karen Ireland will be acting as editor of the magazine during the vacancy. Items for inclusion in the magazine should be forwarded to Jill in the normal manner.

Administration of Holy Communion. Bishop David has licensed the following to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion; Ashley Silcock, Liz Barr, Leanne Teggart. Please do support those who are stepping up during the forthcoming period of vacancy to assist in whatever way they can.

Audio/Visual rota. This is an area of church life which many of us will simply take for granted, until something goes wrong!! When services resume in the Cathedral we will once more call upon our team of volunteers to ensure that we can fully participate in worship by being able to see visuals and hear leaders. Alan Davidson will be coordinating this team of volunteers during the vacancy.

Dromore Cathedral History Reading Group

The History Reading Group will hold their summer 2026 meeting -

Date and Time - Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 7.30pm

Venue - The Clayton Memorial Hall

The Group have selected two books to read over the summer period -

**King of Kings - The Fall of the Shah and the Revolution That Forged Modern Iran
By Scott Anderson**

&

**Sceptred Isle - A New History of the Fourteenth Century
By Helen Carr**

Both titles are readily available at reasonable cost from the usual on line and high street retail outlets.

Everyone is most welcome to read one or both of these books and to join with the History Reading Group at the August meeting. There will be an opportunity to engage in what has the feel of an eclectic discussion about late 20th century Iran and England across the time span of the 14th century.

Christmas Fayre

After the great success of our first Christmas Fayre last year, we plan to have another one on Thursday 26th November. Tables cost £20 on booking. I will be opening tables to the public in a few weeks and they will be taken up in a matter of hours. If you are interested contact me ASAP on 07715 707 160 or jrussell20@btinternet.com

DESSERT & TABLE QUIZ

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📅 Friday 25 September 2026
🕒 7:30pm

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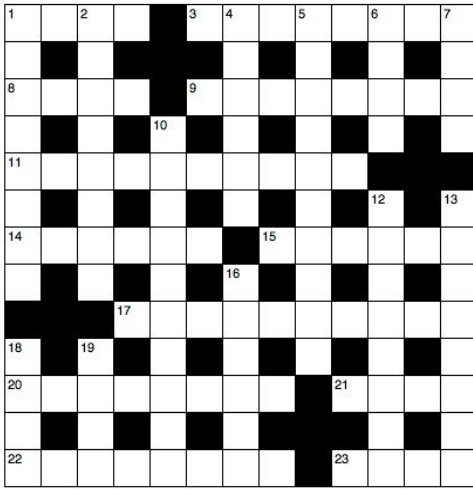
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Across

- 1** Proverbs describes her as being ‘of noble character’ (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3** ‘Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?’ (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8** A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9** ‘Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ’ (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11** Resentment(Ephesians 4:31)(10)
- 14** In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 51** ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to— ’ (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17** Intense (1 Thess 4:5)(10)
- 20** Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)

21 ‘At midnight the cry rang out, “Here’s the bridegroom!Come out to — him”’ (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 ‘As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God’ (Psalm 42:1) (4)

Down

- 1** Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2** Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4** ‘We three kings of — are’ (6)
- 5** Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6** Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7** ‘Open your — and look at the fields!’ (John 4:35) (4)
- 10** Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22)(10)
- 12** Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13** Forebear(James2:21)(8)
- 16** Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)
- 18** Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34)(4)
- 19** Rear(anag.)(4)

DC Care Group:

These wonderful folk from DC were recently prayed for and commissioned to serve in our DC community in a variety of ways...

Andrea Millar

Andrew McNeill

Andy Carson

Ashley Silcock

Carolyn Jackson

Chelsey McNeill

Christine Shanks

Dorothy Farrell

Edgar Boggs

Helen Forsythe

Ian Cardy

Joanne Silcock

Jonny Jackson

Joy Morton

Julianne Broten Noble

Liz Barr

Sue Pegrum

Care in our context can include visits in homes and hospitals (all ages), dropping off food at significant times, sending cards around bereavements and births, showing care at The Table, and being a welcoming presence in church. Generally encouraging us all as a church community to in turn look out for one another, showing God's love.

If you have a care need please contact Carolyn in the first instance or leave a message with Jill in the church office.

Rewiring Update

Work in the Cathedral is progressing steadily and it is very much hoped that there will be a return to worshipping in the Cathedral for the first Sunday in September. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in, and supported, the whole process, particularly our fantastic Glebewardens Bill Forsythe and Ian Purdy.

Harvest Celebrations

Harvest Sunday will take place on Sunday 18th October with services at 10.45am and 6.00pm, as has been the custom for a very long time.

The speaker at the morning celebration will be Pastor Phil Emerson from Emmanuel Church in Lurgan. Phil planted Emmanuel church almost 30 years ago and it now has upwards of 1000 worshippers each Sunday reaching people in Lurgan that more traditional churches are unable to reach. The speaker at the evening celebration has yet to confirm but details should be in the next magazine.

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AV System

Further to the June magazine, we hope to return to worship in the Cathedral in early September and will need help to set up and reconfigure the AV system. If you are an existing team member or are interested in helping out with AV there will also be a refresher session and the details will be communicated on social media.

Please make contact with us by email at av@dromorecathedral.co.uk or speak to me if you would like to help out or join the team.

Thank you, Scott Mackey

Jar of Grace

A sincere word of thanks to everyone who supported the Jar of Grace during the season of Lent; the fantastic amount of £986.00. These funds will be used to support children at school in South Sudan ensuring they will have food in their tummies each day.

Global Week of Prayer Update

We hope to have a Family Prayer Trail around Dromore on the weekend of Saturday 12th/13th Sept and a community prayer event in the High School on Sunday 13th Sept at 6pm.

Watch out for more details about these events and also opportunities to use our Prayer Room and pray at home during this significant time.

Cathedral Hall

We have a truly incredible team of volunteers in the Cathedral and are once more indebted to Bill Forsythe and Andy Carson for their work in repainting the exterior of the Cathedral Hall. Over the past few years the paintwork was getting more and more tired looking. Not any longer, as the whole of the exterior has been completely repainted. Thank you again to Bill and Andy for their commitment and expertise in restoring the façade of our main hall.

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Service—1045sm	Holy Communion	United	
Leader/Preacher	Rev Alan Barr	Capt Gary Roberts	
	Sun 2nd August	Sun 9th August	
Service—1045am	United	Holy Communion	
Leader/Preacher	Rev Alan Barr	Rev Titch Hamilton	
	Sun 6th Sept	Sun 13th Sept	
Service—9am			
10am	Cathedral Praise		
11.30am	Morning Prayer		
10.45am		United Service	
6.00pm	Holy Communion		

Worship Rota for July/August and template for beyond

Our worship pattern over the past few months has been disrupted significantly as our place of worship has relocated to the Cathedral Hall whilst essential electrical works are carried out in the Cathedral. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with the new patterns of worship and for your understanding in what has been a time of challenge for everyone.

It is hoped that worship will resume in the Cathedral early in September. Assuming that to be the case I felt that it would be helpful to print, in tabular format, what the new pattern of worship will look like so that at a glance you can see what service is where and at what time. The reason for the change of pattern is to ensure that worship patterns are more sustainable during the forthcoming period of vacancy, but also to make worship patterns more attractive to potential new incumbents. Please do support these changes and hold the worshipping community in prayer as more opportunities for worshipping together present themselves each month. Worship should be the number one priority of every follower of Jesus so as this new season of vacancy begins very shortly, “let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.” Hebrews 10: 25

	Sun 19th July	Sun 26th July	
	United	United	
	Rev Alan Barr	Rev Alan Barr	
	Sun 16th August	Sun 23rd August	Sun 30th August
	United	United	United
	Rev Alan Barr	Mrs Rita Marsden	Capt Gary Robert
	Sun 20th Sep	Sun 27th Sep	5th Sunday
		Holy Communion	
	Cathedral Praise		
	Morning Prayer		
		Holy Communion	United Service
	Evening Epilogue		Evening Epilogue

Discipleship Explored

After the success of Christianity Explored, this is a course we're running 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.

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 6.45pm starting on Sunday 11th October with tea and coffee to begin.

All welcome.

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Services for July, August & September

JULY

Sunday 5th July

5th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 12th

6th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service
3.00pm Lower Iveagh District Orange Service

Sunday 19th

7th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service

Sunday 26th

8th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service

AUGUST

Sunday 2nd August

9th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service

Sunday 9th

10th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service with Holy Communion

Sunday 16th

11th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service

Sunday 23rd

12th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service

Sunday 30th

13th Sunday after Trinity 10.45am United Service

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th September

14th Sunday after Trinity 10.00am Cathedral Praise
11.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September

10.45am United Service

Sunday 20th September

10.00am Cathedral Praise
11.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Evening Epilogue

Sunday 27th September

9.00am Holy Communion
10.45am United Service with Holy Communion

PARISH REGISTER

HOLY BAPTISM

- 14th June Oliver Thomas Davidson, Skeagh Road, Dromara
- 14th June Robbie Stuart Hanna, Monree Hill, Donaghcloney

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

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

- 6th June Sarah Hill, Lisburn Care Home
- 20th June William John Forsythe, Castlewood, Dromore

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

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.

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 28th August** with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by **Friday 21st August at 1pm**. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing - dromorecathedral@outlook.com

Crossword Solution

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July	Flower Rota Mrs C Wallace 9269 3506	August	Flower Rota Mrs S McCorkell 9269 3760
5th	Mr & Mrs H Wallace	2nd	Poots Family
12th	Mr & Mrs C Patterson	9th	Mrs M Hobson
19th	Mrs Sarah Pollock	16th	Miss J Castles
26th	Mr & Mrs S Mackey	23rd	Mr & Mrs I Doig
		30th	Mrs S McCorkell

July	Refreshments Rota	August	Refreshments Rota
5th	E Magowan & R Wilson	2nd	L & M McKinstry
12th	S Shepherd & L Teggart	9th	K Chambers & L J Maze
19th	C Mayne & M Mayne	16th	S & J Noble
26th	D Farrell & H Forsythe	23rd	Gamble Family
		30th	E Magowan & R Wilson

Church Collections: May

GENERAL FUND	2026/27	2025/26
May	8,479.00	8,426.55
Total to date	£15,926.72	£16,941.75
DEVELOPMENT FUND		
May	956.50	1,305.00
Total to date	£2,030.00	£1,905.00



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Children's Day 2026

On Sunday 21st June, our church family gathered for a special service led by the children, centred on the life of Joshua, one of the great heroes of the Old Testament.

The children led us in worship through a selection of songs, a memory verse, prayers, demonstrating all they had learned during the past term in Kingdom Kids.

One of the highlights of the morning was an interactive retelling of the story of the Walls of Jericho.

There was plenty of laughter during the talk as our Rector, Geoff, enthusiastically took part in a series of Sports Day-style races against the Kingdom Kids male helpers. Through these fun challenges, we were reminded of Joshua's faith and encouraged to trust God and walk in obedience to Him.

Following the service, the church family gathered in the Rectory Garden for a picnic. There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout, with great fellowship enjoyed by all. The children especially enjoyed the two dinosaur bouncy castles!

The day was a joyful (and sunny!) celebration of faith and family. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful children for leading the service, to our dedicated team of volunteers, and to everyone who came along and helped make the day such a memorable occasion. Christine





The whole community of Dromore said thank you to the rescue services who served us so well recently in the recovery of someone from the river Lagan. Each of these folks are volunteers who give freely of their time on each and every call they attend. The funds raised were the product of a coffee morning in the Cathedral Hall which raised well over £4,000, which, along with funds raised by the family concerned brought the total gift to £5,840. Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning and huge thanks to the following organisations which each received cheques for £1,460; Skywatch NI, SARDA NI, Community Search & Rescue & Lough Neagh Rescue.



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