

Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine



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November is often referred to as **'the month of remembrance'**. There is All Saints' Day (1st November) when we remember our nearest and dearest who are now in God's nearer presence.

In our own personal lives we pause to recall those whom we knew and loved – those **‘who once were comrades of our way’**. It is, perhaps, a member of our family; a friend from school; a colleague from work; a member of our church or community – someone who walked with us and shared some of life’s experiences with us – that we most remember. This month – as I’m certain we all do at many times during the year – we pause and say **“I thank my God every time I remember you”**. (Philippians 1: 3).

Is it what they said?. We would have to have a very good memory if we were to recall every word that someone said to us during a lifetime! We may recall some of the conversations that we shared with our friends – but not all of them.

These are some of the things that we remember about our good friends. It is not always what they said that made the greatest impact on our lives. It is what they did – and the way that they did it – that meant so much to us at the time and that has continued to make a positive impression upon us.

As we spend whatever time is left to us here on earth, let us do so in such a way that in time to come our family and friends can remember us and say with complete honesty,
“I thank my God every time I remember you”.

Stephen Grellet (1773-1855)

Raymond Stewart

**A Meeting of the Select Vestry
will be held in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30 pm.**

Fountain Primary School Remembrance Service

A Remembrance-tide service for the Fountain Primary School and community will be held in The Fountain Primary School on **Monday 11th November at 10.30 am.**

The Royal British Legion will be in attendance and the traditional Act of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony will take place.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The customary Act of Remembrance will be held at The War Memorial in The Diamond on Sunday 10th November at 10.30 am. We will then look forward to the service in the Cathedral at the slightly later time of **11.30 am.** We remember with thanksgiving all who have given their lives for our freedom in the two world wars and in more recent conflicts.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Mrs Daphne Gallick organised a Coffee Morning in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Tuesday 1st October in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to all the parishioners and friends who supported the event on the day and who gave a donation.

£278.00 was raised for a very worthy cause. Thank you, Daphne for organising the event.

Chapter News

A meeting of the Chapter of Saint Columb's Cathedral was held in the Chapter House following a Celebration of the Holy Communion on Tuesday 8th October.

The Dean, the Archdeacon of Derry, and four of the Canons joined with the parishioners at the Service of Holy Communion with Intercession for the Sick.

The Old Testament Lesson was read by The Reverend Canon Paul Hoey and the Epistle was read by The Venerable Robert Miller who also assisted with the Administration of the Holy Communion.

The members of the Chapter enjoyed refreshments in the Chapter House after the service. We thank those who were responsible for providing the lovely pancakes and cup cakes.

At the meeting of the Chapter the Dean referred to the two Canons who had vacated their stalls earlier in the year – The Reverend Canon Malcolm Ferry who had left the diocese in May 2019 on his appointment as the Rector of The Parish of Agherton (Portstewart) and his brother The Reverend Canon David Ferry who had retired from the Stipendiary Ministry of The Church of Ireland at the end of July 2019.

As a result of these changes **The Reverend Canon Robert Clarke becomes the Prebendary of Moville and The Reverend Canon Derek Quinn becomes the Prebendary of Aghadowey.**



The Ulster Project has commenced for 2020 and this year we have no teens from the Cathedral but we will keep you updated on events during the year. We are interviewing for leaders on Sunday 3rd November and the Cathedral will be represented, so will update next month.

Malcolm



Please remember that the December 2019 & January 2020 magazine will be a joint edition if you want to include memoriams, greetings, etc.



This month we observe Remembrance Sunday when the children think of the meaning of the poppy and the sacrifice made for us all.

We then start our preparations for our Christmas Nativity Presentation (yep, first mention of Christmas!!). The children love this time of year as we study Jesus's birth and all the magic of Christmas.

Irene



I have recently taken over from Morris Forbes as the Secretary for The Leprosy Mission at the Cathedral. I have had a long interest in Leprosy as my father was chairman of Lepra in the Londonderry area in the 1960s. Leprosy is an awful disease and there is still stigma attached to family members developing it, but it is curable

and education for people to present themselves early with symptoms is vitally important.

Therefore, the work of The Leprosy Mission is extremely important and positive. We are so fortunate that in the West we do not have such a dreadful disease and we have a free health service, that we should support The Leprosy Mission as generously as we can.

If anyone does not have a savings box, I shall be happy to supply you with one.

Shortly, I shall have Leprosy Mission catalogues available from which you can buy presents or 'virtual presents'.

If anyone would like further information, please contact me on 71342914 or

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Anne Hamilton



Getting His house sorted

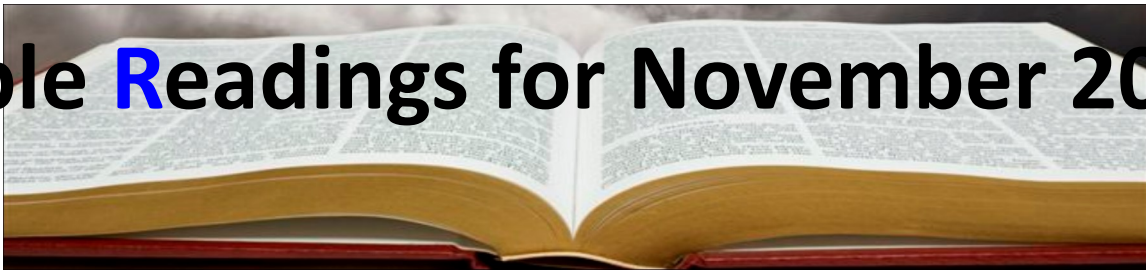
I don't know how you cope with having company but it can put one into overdrive, you want everyone to feel welcome and the place to be looking at its best- even more so when you have Christmas in the middle!

As you know Bishop Andrew Forster will be enthroned in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 5 January 2020 at 4pm and we want to put our best foot forward. Before that we have a very special choir from Dublin making their

third visit, the A.B.O.D. service on the first Saturday in December, visiting choirs and events followed by the Nine Lessons and Carols- the real start of Christmas – a very busy time! We need to have a plan if it is all going to get sorted and it will need a team of workers to make it all happen. It is such a large building that the dedicated people who clean the Cathedral on a weekly basis, and have their rota of duties, do not have the time to do all those extra jobs that needs undertaken when guests are expected.

So here is the plan- a major clean of the Cathedral will start on 25 November and hopefully by the end of the week it will all be under control. We will leave a sign-up sheet in the porch for you to indicate when you would be available to help. Tasks will be allocated when you arrive or you can indicate a preference. On Monday 2 December the first tree will be put up in the church as there are special services that week. Help on Monday to put up the tree, fluff out the branches and put on the lights would be great. Sandra will decorate it when it is at this stage. The second tree will be put up a week later in the porch, more about that later. On the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, January the church will need to be freshened up. The Christmas decorations will still be in place for the enthronement of Bishop Andrew as we are still in the season of Epiphany. We hope you will help as we do it for the glory of God as it is His house!

Bible Readings for November 2019



DAY	READING	THEME
Friday 1	Romans 5:1-11	Reconciliation
Saturday 2	Romans 5:15-21	Overflowing gift
Sunday 3	Romans 6:1-14	Dead to sin, alive to God
Monday 4	Romans 6:15-23	Free from sin, slave of righteousness
Tuesday 5	Romans 7:1-12	Cutting through the red tape
Wednesday 6	Romans 7:13-25	When the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak
Thursday 7	Romans 8:1-17	Adopted into the family of God
Friday 8	Romans 8:18-30	When prayer simply won't come
Saturday 9	Romans 8:31-39	On being 'only human'
Sunday 10	Psalms 19	Sweeter than honey
Monday 11	Psalms 34:1-10	Taste, see and remember
Tuesday 12	Genesis 8:20-22	The smell of sacrifice
Wednesday 13	Psalms 31:9-24	When we falter, God gives strength
Thursday 14	Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15-24	Feel the consequences
Friday 15	Isaiah 29:9-14	Be drunk but not with wine
Saturday 16	Isaiah 35:1-10	Embody the hope
Sunday 17	Psalms 27:1-14	Thoroughly to hold
Monday 18	Saint John 1:35-39	I see you
Tuesday 19	Saint Matthew 11:28-30	God's muscles
Wednesday 20	Psalms 23	God's eau de parfum
Thursday 21	1 Saint Peter 3:8-17	God's embodied blessings
Friday 22	Romans 12:1-2	No body, some body, Christ's body
Saturday 23	Saint Matthew 17:1-13	Touch of God
Sunday 24	Acts 16:6-15	Forbidden by the Spirit
Monday 25	Genesis 12:10-20	Abraham blunders
Tuesday 26	Genesis 29:15-30	Jacob marries the wrong wife
Wednesday 27	Genesis 37:12-28	A caravan of Ishmaelites
Thursday 28	Saint Matthew 2:13-23	The Holy Family escapes
Friday 29	Saint Mark 7:24-30	Jesus' mind is changed
Saturday 30	Exodus 32:7-14	God repents

November Services/Events

FRIDAY	01	ALL SAINTS' DAY 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One) 8.20 pm Windows to the Soul – a walk of reflection for all souls
SATURDAY	02	8.20 pm Windows to the Soul – a walk of reflection for all souls
SUNDAY	03	THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order Two) 4.00 pm Evensong (said)
MONDAY	04	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	05	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two) 7.30 pm The Select Vestry will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	06	10.30 am Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	07	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	08	10.30 am The Litany
SUNDAY	10	THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 10.30 am The Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service at The Diamond 11.30 am Remembrance Sunday Service 4.00 pm Choral Evensong
MONDAY	11	10.30 am Morning Prayer 10.30 am Remembrance Service at Fountain Primary School
TUESDAY	12	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two) 7.30 pm The Mothers' Union will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	13	10.30 am Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	14	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	15	10.30 am The Litany
SUNDAY	17	THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order One) 4.00 pm Choral Evensong
MONDAY	18	10.30 am Morning Prayer 3.00 pm The Widows' Friendship Group will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
TUESDAY	19	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two) 8.00 pm The Men's Society will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	20	10.30 am Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	21	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	22	10.30 am The Litany
SATURDAY	23	9.30 am - Mothers' Union 16 Days Breakfast 11.30 am at the White Horse Hotel, Campsie, Londonderry
SUNDAY	24	THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Matins / Family Service 4.00 pm Choral Evensong

Notes / Articles for the December 2019 / January 2020 issue of the
Cathedral Magazine are due by today

November Services/Events

MONDAY	25	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	26	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two)
WEDNESDAY	27	10.30 am Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	28	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	29	10.30 am The Litany
SATURDAY	30	SAINT ANDREW
		10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
		10.30 am Saint Columb's Cathedral Support Group
		Sale & Coffee Morning in Fountain Primary School

DECEMBER SERVICES / EVENTS

SUNDAY	01	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
		7.30 pm Candlelight Advent Procession
MONDAY	02	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	03	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two)
		7.30 pm The Select Vestry will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	04	10.30 am Morning Prayer
		7.30 pm An Order for Compline
THURSDAY	05	10.30 am Morning Prayer
		7.30 pm Musical Evening in Saint Columb's Cathedral with The Island of Ireland Peace Choir, etc.
FRIDAY	06	10.30 am The Litany
		12.00 pm - Festival of Christmas Trees
		7.00 pm in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
SATURDAY	07	10.00 am Festival of Christmas Trees
		7.00 pm in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
SATURDAY	07	2.00 pm The Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 331 st anniversary of the Shutting of the Gates
SUNDAY	08	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am The Sunday School Christmas Carol Celebration
		2.00 pm—Festival of Christmas Trees
		7.00 pm in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
		4.00 pm Choral Evensong
		5.00 pm The Service of The Ordination and Consecration of The Venerable Andrew James Forster as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh

Somme Park

The Dean celebrated Holy Communion at Somme Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry on Monday 21st October. We thank the residents for a 'retiring' offering of £20.00 that has been given to the Cathedral funds.

DIPPING INTO THE ARCHIVES

JANUARY 1984



The Dean of Derry, the Very Rev. George Good (left) receiving a cheque for £750, for the St. Columbs Cathedral restoration Fund, from Rosemary Robinson, who is presenting the cheque on behalf of the Cathedral

Sunday School which raised the funds from a six miles sponsored walk. Included are (from left) Mr. Ian Gallagher, Sunday School teacher, Rev. Patrick Lawrence and Mr. Aubrey Fielding. 51TLS19.

WASHING A 231 YEARS OLD TABLE CLOTH



A Londonderry lady who must be a very careful washer is Mrs. Elizabeth Fielding, a member of the Mothers' Union of St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, who recently had the task of washing an Irish linen table-cloth which was once owned by the Earl of Bristol, the eccentric Bishop of Derry (1730-1803).

"The Dean of Derry, Very Rev. George Good asked me if I would wash it and I decided that I would try — but I must admit that I was a bit nervous at first!

TURNED OUT WELL

It certainly turned out very well, and I find it hard to believe that it is, in fact, so old," added Mrs. Fielding.

The cloth was, in fact, owned by Canon Young of Dungiven Parish Church, who had obtained it from friends who had bought a job lot of tablecloths at an auction — only to discover later that this valuable cloth was amongst them and they gave it to Canon Young who, upon his retirement some years ago, donated it to St. Columb's Cathedral, where it is kept in the vault for safe keeping," explained Mrs. Fielding.

JUNE 1981

15 coins stolen from Chapter House

Deep disappointment that thieves attacked St. Columb's Cathedral, in Londonderry, was expressed by the Dean of Derry, Very Rev. George Good, after the theft of 15 coins from a glass-fronted display case in the Cathedral's Chapter House.

The coins were from the reigns of Elizabeth I, James II, William III and George III and included three pieces of gun-money — coins cast from melted down guns and used by James II to pay his troops during his Irish Campaign.

LOCK FORCED

The lock on the display case was forced open by the intruders who took: Elizabeth I sixpenny piece, 1567; James II half crown, 1690 and Irish half-penny, 1686; William and Mary half-penny, 1694; William III shilling, florin and half-crown, 1697; George III, 1782.

Also taken were 30-pence pieces of brass coins.

A spokesman at police headquarters in Londonderry on Wednesday appealed for the return of the coins, which, he said, were of very little financial value "but were of considerable historical interest."

DISTURBING

The spokesman appealed to any person who had information about the stolen coins to make an immediate con-

tact with the police and said: "Because of their historical interest it is very important that they should be recovered."

Commenting on the thefts, Dean Good said it was "most disturbing" that the Cathedral should be made the target of robbers.

"It is particularly regrettable that, at a time, when more and more people are visiting the Cathedral this should happen," he continued.

MORE VISITORS

Dean Good said that until about 1967 between 100 and 150 tourists visited the Cathedral daily during the summer season but, while disturbances, the number had substantially declined.

"During the present summer there has been an upward tendency and we have had between 100 and 150 people calling weekly at the Cathedral to see the building and its historic relics," added the Dean.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES DECEMBER

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Candlelight Advent Procession

The ever-popular candlelight service to mark the beginning of Advent will be held on **Sunday 1st December at 7.30 pm**. This well established and much loved service of readings, hymns and anthems on the theme of **'Darkness into Light'** is extremely moving and inspirational. The service begins with the Choir singing in the Gallery with the Cathedral in darkness and then gradually making its way to the Chancel. By the end of the service the Cathedral is fully lit.

A Musical Evening with The Island of Ireland Peace Choir from Omagh will be held on **Thursday 5th December at 7.30 pm**.

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The Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 331st anniversary of the Shutting of the Gates will be held on **Saturday 7th December at 2.00 pm**. The Preacher will be The Reverend William Orr, the Rector of The Parish of Portadown (Saint Mark).

The Christmas Carol Celebration, presented by the children and young people of the Sunday School, will be held on **Sunday 8th December at 11.00 am**.

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Fountain Primary School Nativity Service will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on **Monday 9th December at 10.30 am**.

The Joint Emergency Services Christmas Carol Service will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on **Monday 16th December at 7.30 pm**.

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The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is the traditional celebration of the Nativity of our Lord in words and music, will be held on **Sunday 22nd December at 7.30 pm**.

Annual Report and Financial Statements 2018

The Annual Report and Financial Statements for 2018 will be available in the church on request from Wednesday 6th November.

Please ask a Church Warden or Member of staff if you wish to have a copy.

The Widows' Friendship Group



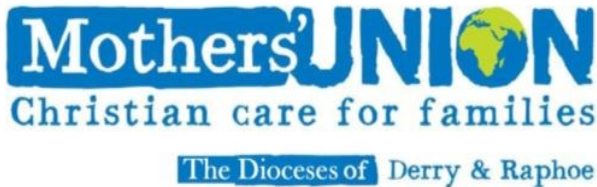
On Monday 21st October we met in Cathedral House when our speaker was Angelina Cooper from Ally Foyle. She showed us how to make a pasta and gammon dish and while we enjoyed the lovely aroma as it was cooking we enjoyed tasting it even more!

We followed it with tea and scones and shortbread and plenty of chat.

We also remembered Maisie, and Millie who has been in hospital.

Many thanks to Geraldine for all her help and to Doreen and Deborah for coming to the rescue.

Our next meeting is in Cathedral House on Monday 18th November. Looking forward to seeing you all then. **Margaret**



For the first time in the history of the Templemore Branch of the Mothers' Union, members celebrated the fact that one of their members, Jacqui Armstrong, has been commissioned as Diocesan President of Derry and Raphoe. Branch leader Margaret congratulated Jacqui, saying how proud

the members were of her and wished her God's blessing and guidance in all the work she undertakes during her term of office.

Members also congratulated Irene Hewitt for accepting the call to take on the role of Templemore Branch leader and Margaret thanked her and wished her well as she takes up this position in January.

The Reverend Katie McAteer, Pastoral Director of the combined parishes of CCCMSP and editor of N:Vision, was guest speaker at the October meeting. She has held office at Diocesan and All-Ireland level of Mothers' Union and has just been commissioned as Diocesan Chaplain. The theme of Reverend Katie's talk was "Keeping in touch with God by hearing His call"; a very appropriate theme after congratulations to Jacqui and Irene. She emphasised that taking time to discern what God's call is for each one of us is very important. Only by combining prayer and the counsel of those close to us can His call be revealed. We need to be prepared to listen and hear His call.

At the meeting Margaret remembered Lil on the death of her son, those who were ill, Nan, Muriel, Maisie and Suzanne, with special thoughts of those facing difficult times, June and Carol.

Members are reminded of the 16 days Breakfast highlighting Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Abuse, which takes place on Saturday 23rd November 2019.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November.

Christmas Tree Bauble

I know that for some of you it is too early to mention the 'C' word in November but in an exciting new development the Events Working Group is exploring the possibility of a fundraiser for the Cathedral. This will take the form of a unique Christmas tree bauble featuring an outline of the Cathedral.

The programme of events in December will feature school choirs on Wednesday lunchtimes and local adult choirs on Saturday 14th and 21st December.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Events Working Group

NOVEMBER MUSIC LIST



Sunday 3

The Fourth Sunday before Advent

11.00am

Choral Eucharist (Order Two) The Ladies Choir
The Addington Service, *Richard Shephard*

4.00pm

Evensong (said)

Sunday 10

The Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Sunday

11.00am

Special Service Order
Pie Jesu, from Requiem, *Gabriel Fauré*
So they gave their bodies, *Peter Aston*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Gentlemen of the Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor, *George Dyson*
Peace between nations, *Christopher Wiggins*

Sunday 17

The Second Sunday before Advent

11.00am

Choral Eucharist (Order One)
Mass in G major, *Franz Schubert*
Panis Angelicus, *Cesar Franck*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F major, *George Dyson*
He that shall endure to the end, *Felix Mendelssohn*

Sunday 24

The Sunday before Advent - The Kingship of Christ

11.00am

Choral Matins
Benedictus in C major, *C V Stanford*
King of glory, King of peace, *Johann Sebastian Bach arr. W Harris*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D major, *George Dyson*
Lift up your heads, from Messiah, *George Frideric Handel*

A Note from the Choir Master

The cycle of services continued in October with the Choristers and Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir being as busy as ever. On Monday 21 October the Cathedral Choir was involved in a joint concert with the Chamber Choir of King's College School Wimbledon, which was visiting from London. The concert was promoted as part of the Every Voice Festival, which is aligned to the International Choral Festival held last month. The performance attracted a very good-sized audience and was very enthusiastically received. It was a real pleasure to hear this forty-five strong choir of boys aged eight to eighteen years, who sing with great distinction, and to meet them informally for refreshments served in

Cathedral House, No 1 Saint Columb's Court. This allowed our boys and theirs to meet and swap stories and experiences of singing and was most welcome.

Our ongoing recruitment of boys is having a positive effect, with Adam and Ben joining the Chorister ranks as probationers, and we hope that further recruits will follow. Congratulations once more to Nicky Morton and Louis Fields who, as accompanists to Thornhill College Choir, were part the terrific success the Choir achieved in winning their competitions in the International Choral Festival. It was a great pleasure to hear and host the Girls' Choir from Portugal at Choral Matins on Sunday 27 October. As we look forward to Advent and Christmas and all the busyness of the season, we are grateful indeed for the effort and commitment of all those involved in the Cathedral Choir, the Ladies Choir and the Cathedral Chamber Choir.

Derek Collins

11-18 November 2019 HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX



- 1. SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.

- 2. SPECIAL ITEM:** Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with pump, or stuffed animal.

EVERY BOX NEEDS A SPECIAL ITEM!



- 3. OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies.

- 4. PERSONALISE & PRAY:** Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.



- 5. INCLUDE £5 DONATION:** A donation of £5 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through [Follow Your Box](#) and include a barcode in your shoebox to discover its destination.

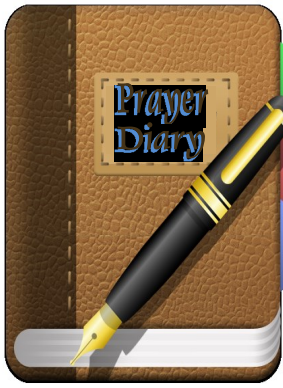
- 6. DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location **11-18 November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ



DO NOT INCLUDE used or damaged items; clothing other than hat, gloves or scarves; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; sweets, chocolate or food items; toothpaste, lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; religious or political literature; sharp or fragile items; books with mainly words.

DUE TO IMPORT REGULATIONS, TOOTHPASTE AND SWEETS CAN NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN SHOEBOXES.



FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2019 - ALL SAINTS' DAY

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2019

The Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Right Reverend Nicholas Dill, Bishop of Bermuda.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, Archbishop. Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry.

The Right Reverend Patrick Rooke.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Venerable Andrew Forster, bishop designate.

The Parishes of Gweedore (Bunbeg) with Carrickfin, and Templecrone (Dungloe)

The Reverend Elizabeth (Liz) Fitzgerald, Bishop's Curate-in-charge.

Miss Margaret Boyd, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS

The Bible Society in Uganda

When Susan was 14 she was really happy to be given a Braille Bible. The Bible Society of Uganda had come to her school to share God's Word with the pupils who were visually impaired.

Life isn't easy for these pupils who have to live in a society where people who are blind are often ignored and marginalised. Susan was fortunate to be given the opportunity to go to school.

A Braille Bible is a very significant gift for someone who is blind. It shows them that God wants to communicate with them, and recognises that they have a place in society.

They are not forgotten by God.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2019

The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Right Reverend Jorge Pina Cabral, Bishop of the Lusitanian Church.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, Archbishop. Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry. The Right Reverend Patrick Rooke.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Venerable Andrew Forster, bishop designate.

The Parishes of Ardara, Glencolumbkille, Glenties, Inniskeel (Portnoo) and Lettermacaward

The Reverend Robert Wray, Bishop's Curate-in-charge.

The Reverend Michael Classon, Non-Stipendiary Ministry.

MISSION FOCUS

The Mission to Seafarers

On Remembrance Sunday remember all seafarers who have died in war.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2019

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain

(Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Right Reverend Carlos Lopez-Lozano, Bishop of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, Archbishop. Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry. The Right Reverend Patrick Rooke.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Venerable Andrew Forster, bishop designate.

The Parishes of Inver, Mountcharles, Killaghtee, Killybegs and Kilcar

The Reverend Lindsey Farrell, Bishop's Curate-in-charge.

Mrs Georgina Armstrong, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission in England and Wales

TLM England and Wales are so blessed with the support of a diverse range of vice-presidents who speak out on behalf of leprosy-affected people and give their time to speak at events and gatherings. **Give thanks** for these champions and pray for more people who can engage with the media and at events to galvanise existing and new supporters into action.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2019

The Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Right Reverend Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop of the Falkland Islands.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, Archbishop. Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry. The Right Reverend Patrick Rooke.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Venerable Andrew Forster, bishop designate.

The Parishes of Drumholm (Ballintra), Kilbarron (Ballyshannon) and Rossnowlagh

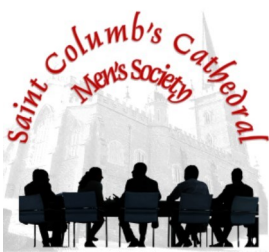
The Reverend Canon Brian Russell, Rector. Mrs Esther Russell, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS - Church Mission Society in Rwanda

Pray for the Diocese of Shyogwe's *Church and Community Mobilisation Project* (CCMP) which aims to help Christians get out of poverty through income generation projects.

Pray for continued training and quality management of these initiatives and pray that church members can keep providing for themselves.

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2019 - SAINT ANDREW



The Men's Society met on Tuesday 15 October and we were 'on the road' with our location being Monreagh Ulster Scots Heritage Centre and Monreagh Presbyterian Church, with an attendance of 22 members.

The Ulster Scots Heritage Centre is based in the old Monreagh Presbyterian Manse and we were given a really interesting tour of the centre by guides Kieran Fagan and Stewart Buchanan. We then made the short journey across the road to the Presbyterian Church where Ian

McCracken delivered an interesting talk on the history of the church and its clergy. Everyone then proceeded for a light supper to the new and impressive community hall, recently completed in February 2019. This was a really interesting and pleasant evening and we would like to thank all those at the Heritage Centre for their tremendous hospitality.

We welcome new members, Gordon Mills and Russell King, who were present with us at Monreagh.

The next meeting will be back in no.1 Saint Columb's Court on Tuesday 19 November at 8pm when our guest speaker will be Tracey McRory who will be giving a talk on 'Reflections of The Great War'.

Robert McGonigle
Secretary

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

If you or a relative is admitted to, or discharged from, hospitals or nursing homes please let the Dean or The Reverend Canon John Merrick know if you would like a Pastoral Visit.

Under Data Protection (GDPR) we **do not** have access to the Hospital Admission Forms, so we can only know that you are a patient in hospital if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us. Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you for Harvest

Harvest was a great success this year and we have a lot to be thankful for! The Food Bank was very thankful for the 26 bags of food we passed on, as well as for the £45 in cash. Kids4school are thankful for the 2 bikes we will sponsor for children in Tanzania who live far from school and cannot travel the distance every day. The Cathedral Youth Club was thankful for the gift of fruit and vegetables they received after Harvest. Those helping with harvest decorations were



thankful for all those parishioners who gave gifts so generously and went and raided their allotments and those people who went out for the afternoon and found out later that friends raided their apple trees when they were out! We were also thankful to those who loaned us bicycles for the porch display, including William's Aunt Mary, Lily, Wendy, Poppy and Phoebe and Clooney Meats for their 'message boy' bike. Many visitors (mostly men) longingly surveyed Alan's 1976

500cc's motorbike- and were surprised that we had one in the porch.





We were able to tell them that we had a car in the porch in July 2018 and jokingly told them we were in talks about an aeroplane! Lots of photographs were taken, many of them by representatives of *The Honourable The Irish Society* who were visiting. The work in getting the church decorated could not happen without a willing band of helpers, from the florist who gives us generous discount, the people who give money to buy oasis and things we need, to those who use their talents to arrange flowers at home and bring them over completed, those who are despatched on various tasks and those who clean up the mess and make endless trips to the bin. It is hard work but the experience of working in the Cathedral is a joy to meet people from all over the world and to work with God's people in the church. Many thanks. **Elizabeth**



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

Emily Fielding
Kali Dalzell
Olivia Brown
Ewan Copestake
Harry Brown



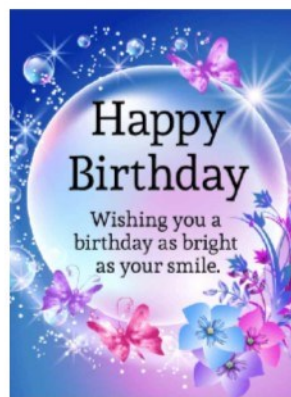
Happy 11th Birthday
Emily
Love from
Mum, Dad
and Toby x



Happy Birthday
Granny Elizabeth
Love from Emily x



Happy 90th
birthday to
Lexie on
14 November



Happy Birthday to
Gail
from all of us in
Sunday School

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.



Nativity Festival

**A Celebration of the Christmas Story
Saint Nossonus' Church Innisrush**

Friday 22nd November - Sunday 24th November 2019

You are invited to pop in, come with a friend or make your visit part of a group, Christmas outing to see various aspects of the traditional Nativity Story, made by individuals, schools, businesses and other organisations.

These will be on display in Innisrush Parish Church
on the above dates.

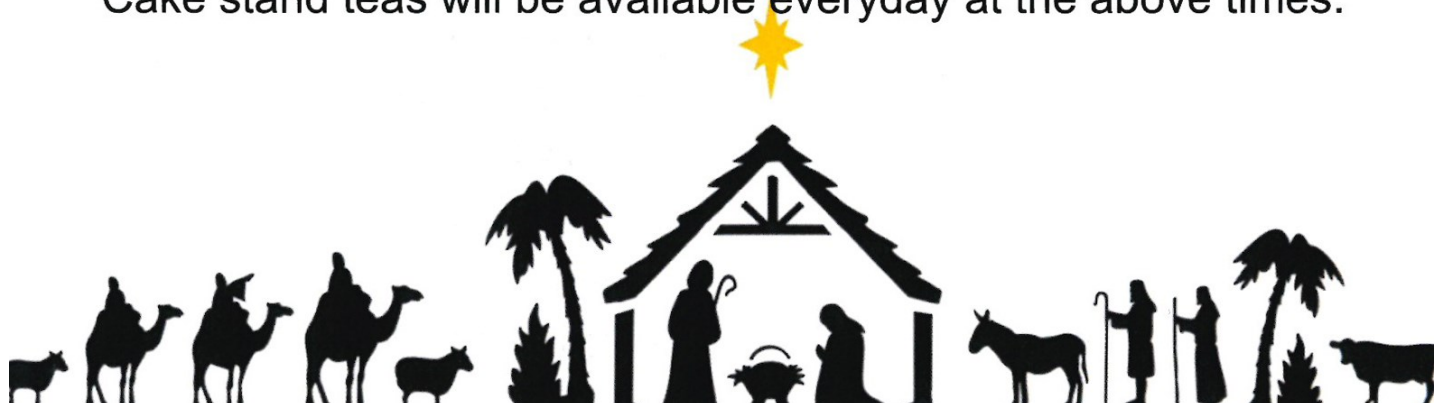
Opening Times: Friday 22nd November 2pm - 8pm.
 Saturday 23rd November 11am - 8pm
 Sunday 24th November 2pm - 5pm.

Sunday 24th at 7pm.

Closing service: Old Tyme Gospel Evening

Refreshments in Parish Hall

Cake stand teas will be available everyday at the above times.



FESTIVAL OF

Christmas Trees



St. Eunan's

CATHEDRAL

RAPHOE, CO. DONEGAL

FRI 6TH DECEMBER - SUN 8TH DECEMBER 2019

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CAROL SERVICE

SATURDAY
7TH DECEMBER
10AM TO 7PM

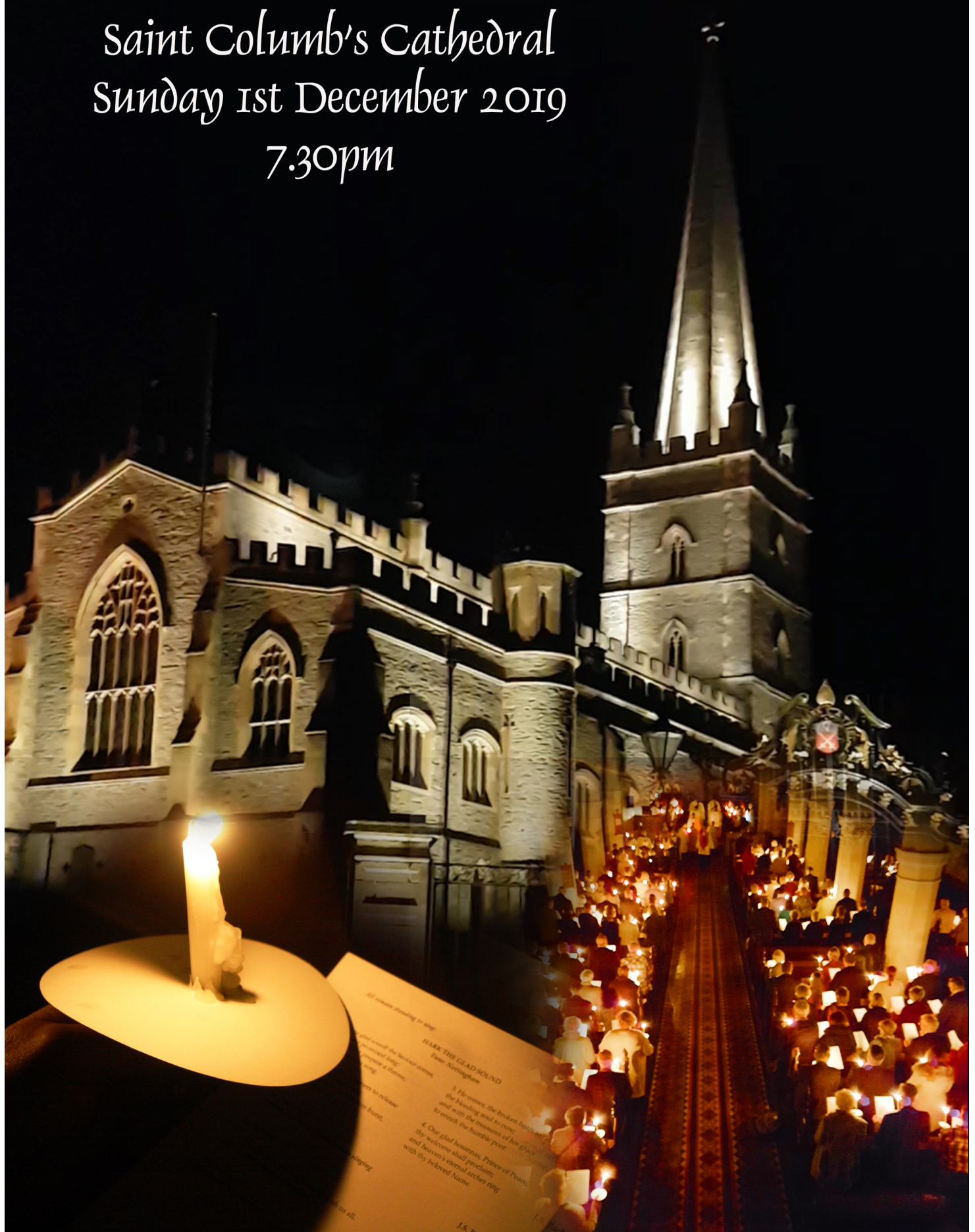
SUNDAY
8TH DECEMBER
2PM TO 7PM

Donations towards Cathedral
Restoration Project 2020

Everyone very welcome!

CANDLELIGHT ADVENT PROCESSION

Saint Columb's Cathedral
Sunday 1st December 2019
7.30pm



Obituary

Ronald (Ron) Dobson
2nd August 1928 – 18th October 2019

The introduction to this service tells us why we are here. We have come here today to remember Ron Dobson, to give thanks for his life, and to support his family in their time of sadness.

Let me say to you Etta and to your family – Rosaleen, Joanie and Galvin, to your spouses Charlie, Gary and Gillian, to the 9 grandchildren and to the 21 great grandchildren – the members of the Cathedral family offer to all of you our deepest and sincerest sympathy at this time. We uphold you in our thoughts and prayers and come alongside you in this time of sadness.

Ronald Dobson was born 91 years ago – on 2nd August 1928 – at Gateshead, Northumberland. He was the only child of Matthew and Catherine Dobson.

Ron never knew his mother because she died in childbirth.

His father re-married and Ron became the older brother to Rosaleen, Margaret and Matthew.

Matty is still alive and lives in Sydney, Australia.

Ron's early years were spent in Stocksfield, just outside of Newcastle.

His first employment was as a leading Stoker with the Royal Navy. Here he had the opportunity to learn a trade, but also to see the world. Trips to countries in the Mediterranean and to other places overseas were frequent. On one occasion he came to Northern Ireland and found himself in Londonderry. He fell in love with the City and with one of its citizens – Etta McElwee – who was to become his wife.

Ron and Etta were married here in Saint Columb's Cathedral almost 67 years ago – on 27th December 1952. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Gerry Carson.

The bestman was John Jordan. The bride's maid was Elizabeth Chapman. And according to Etta, it was a very cold day. Following their marriage Ron and Etta lived for a short time at No. 5, Albert Street in the Fountain with Etta's parents Archie and Ruby, her sister Kathleen Wright and her 4 children. They later moved to live in the Glen Estate in the late 1950's.

During this time they were blessed with three children – Rosaleen, Joanie and Galvin.

Ron was working at Dunlop's Factory in Pennyburn as a loom mechanic and he later became a production manager with the company.

Times were not easy in those days, but the Dobson family was happy and contented.

In the early 1970's they moved to England for a few years but the ties to Londonderry were strong and they returned to set up their home at Seymour Gardens in Nelson Drive.

Ron found employment at Clarke's Textile Factory in Upperlands, near Maghera.

It, probably, was the only time that he and Etta were separated in 66 years, because Ron lodged in Upperlands during the week and returned home at the weekend.

It seems that he missed Etta and his family because he left Clarke's Factory, returned to the City, and found employment with the Post Office.

As a young man Ron had served in the Royal Navy and the travel bug never left him.

He and Etta, their children and their children's spouses spent many wonderful holidays at home and abroad.

Ron was a family man and he liked nothing better than to spend time with his family.

This was possible when every year he rented a holiday home in Portrush when all of his family could come together and when Ron had time to engage with his grandchildren, enjoying the wee concerts that they held for him.



Granda Ron was a favourite person because of the lovely treats that he gave to his grandchildren. Sliced apples coated with sugar, and ice cream drinks, became favourite treats and even earned the name **‘Something different’**.

Ron’s love later extended to his great grandchildren and a visit to Summer Meadows Court never ended without a coin or a note being slipped into their hand.

Ron had a passion for football and he enjoyed watching the ups and downs of his favourite football teams – Newcastle United and Berwick Rangers. Irish music and Irish Dance were also favourite pastimes – and ones that he passed on to Rosaleen and Joanie when they were younger.

Did you know that Ron was a piper? – he played the Highland bagpipes with Kildoag and Molenan pipe bands, and passed on this interest to his son Galvin who now plays those same pipes with Bready Ulster Scots.

Some time ago, when Ron was making preparations for his funeral, he chose the hymns that we are singing today. He also wished the pipes to be played. He made his own choice of tunes and these will be played at Ballyoan Cemetery later today.

Ron and Etta were loyal and supportive members of Saint Columb’s Cathedral, attending worship here Sunday by Sunday unless prevented by illness. One of Ron’s duties on a Sunday morning was to chauffeur Etta and her sister Ruby Jordan to church. Being a diligent and obedient husband and brother-in-law, he refrained from speaking or making a comment and allowed the two ladies to chat away until they arrived at the Cathedral.

Although Ron was 91 years young, he kept up to date with modern technology. The social media was a way for him to interact with his family and friends who always looked forward to his many posts and selfies. I often found a ‘like’ or a comment from him on the Cathedral Facebook page in response to a notice about some event in the Cathedral.

Over the past while Ron has not been very well, but he remained positive – never wishing to upset Etta or his family. For the past few weeks he was a patient at Altnagelvin Hospital and I know that his family would want me to record their deepest thanks to the team of dedicated doctors and nursing staff who cared for him.

It always was a pleasure to minister to him at home or in hospital, but due to another engagement I was unable to be with him and his family on Friday evening.

I wish to record my thanks to The Reverend Robert Boyd of Glendermott Parish who ministered to Ron’s family at that sad and difficult time on Friday.

Ron’s family also wishes to record its thanks to Adair and Neely, Funeral Directors, the clergy, staff and parishioners of Saint Columb’s Cathedral and to all family, friends and neighbours who have been so kind and supportive at this difficult time.

Ron and Etta were married for almost 67 years. During those years they have experienced many trials and disappointments – as well as many happy occasions. I have been privileged to have shared with them over the past years in the celebration of the marriage of a grand-daughter and in a number of baptisms of great grandchildren – as well as celebrating the lives of family members whose journey here on earth had ended.

On those occasions when I had the privilege of ministering to Ron and Etta in their home at Summer Meadows Court I became aware of the strong relationship that many years of marriage had held together. I could sense – in the words of a prayer - that each was to the other **‘a strength in need, a counsellor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy’**.

Today is a sad day for you Etta and for your family and I know that you will miss Ron very much. I hope that, even in the dark moments of these days, you will find it possible to echo the words of Saint Paul as you think of Ron: **I thank my God every time I remember you.**

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Dobson

We remember Etta Dobson and her family – Rosaleen and her husband Charlie Green, Joanie and her husband Gary Lovell, Galvin and his wife Gillian, and their families – and all of the relatives of **Ronald (Ron) Dobson**, Summer Meadows Court, Londonderry, who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 18th October. We, also, remember Ron's grandchildren – Alana, Richard, Jamie, Jason, Galvin, Matthew, Hollie, Jenna and Katie, and his 21 great grandchildren.

We, also, remember his brother Matthew (Matty) in Sydney, Australia and the families of his sisters Rosaleen and Margaret.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ron Dobson was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Monday 21st October. The service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

The Scripture readings (Psalm 23 and Romans 5: 1-5) were read by Galvin Lovell and Jody Bradley.

Ron's grand-daughter Katie Dobson read 'Do not stand at my grave and weep'.

At the end of the service two of Ron's great nephews, Chris Wright and Alan Wright, accompanied by Nicky Morton on the organ, sang 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'. Following the service Ron was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 6th October 2019

Rylee Denise Dalzell,

the daughter of Rodney and Deanna Louise Dalzell,
16 Kennedy Street, Londonderry.

Rylee's godparents are Tamara Archibald and Davan Archibald.

At the end of the Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Margaret Rowlandson, the Branch Member of the Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Rodney and Deanna with a 'Dorcas Pack'.

Sunday 13th October 2019

Noah Blake Henderson,

the son of Alan David Henderson and Jessica Lauren Nixon,
8 Rosstown Gardens, Londonderry.

Noah's godparents are Karissa Donaghy, Hannah Thompson,
Andrew Warke and Rhys Heyward.

At the end of the Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Geraldine Sloan presented Alan and Jessica with a 'Dorcas Pack'.

Burial

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Monday 21st October 2019

Ronald (Ron) Dobson, Summer Meadows Court, Londonderry.
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.



IN MEMORIAM

FABRIC FUND	£
In loving memory of a dear husband and father, Sydney Haslett From Maisie & family	100.00
In memory of David Jordan & Ralph Wilson, two of the Founder Members of Cathedral Youth Club From Cathedral Youth Club - David Jordan £25.00 Ralph Wilson £25.00	50.00
Birthday memories of our beloved son Alan From Mum & Dad Montgomery	50.00
In memory of Ronald & Jessie Hutchinson From Raymond Walker	20.00
From Maureen Foster & family	50.00
From Mr & Mrs Andrew Walker & family	20.00
From Junior & Grace McIntosh & family	50.00
From Helen & Mick Rivers	20.00
In memory of Ella Webb on her first anniversary From her loving family	50.00
In memory of a dear brother David Jordan and also dear Mum and Dad Ruby and John, sorely missed From Sean, Liz and family	100.00
In loving memory of my husband Ron Dobson From his wife Etta Dobson	500.00
In loving memory of our dad, granda and great granda Ron Dobson From Rosaleen & Charlie Green, grandchildren Alana, Richard and all great grandchildren	200.00
In loving memory of our dad, granda and great granda From Joanie & Gary Lovell, grandchildren Jamie, Jason, Galvin, Matthew, Hollie and all great grandchildren	200.00
In memory of our father, grandfather and great grandfather Ronald Dobson From Galvin & Gillian Dobson; Jenna, Kieran & Callum; Katie, Adam & Robbie	200.00



IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Uncle Ron

From Paul & Laura Jordan NZ\$ 100.00

In loving memory of our dear Uncle Ron

From Sean & Liz Jordan 100.00

In memory of Ronald (Ron) Dobson

From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart 60.00

In memory of Ron Dobson

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From Mr Ken Gamble 200.00

From The Residents of Somme Park 20.00

THANKOFFERING

From Mrs Betty Gallagher, Portrush 100.00

BAPTISMAL THANKOFFERING

Thankoffering on the occasion of the Baptism of Rylee Denise Dalzell 40.00



November Flower Rota

3 - The Wilson Families

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17 - Mr Andrew Walker

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SUNDAY SERVICES:	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	(1st & 3rd Sunday of the month) Choral Eucharist
		(2nd & 4th Sunday of the month) Choral Matins
	4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
4th SUNDAY:	10.00 am	Family Service
EACH TUESDAY:	10.30 am	Holy Communion

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Saint Columb's Cathedral
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Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th November 2019

10.30am - 12 noon

Fountain Primary School

All the usual stalls

Cost £3.00

Tea/Coffee (inc. a selection of pastries)