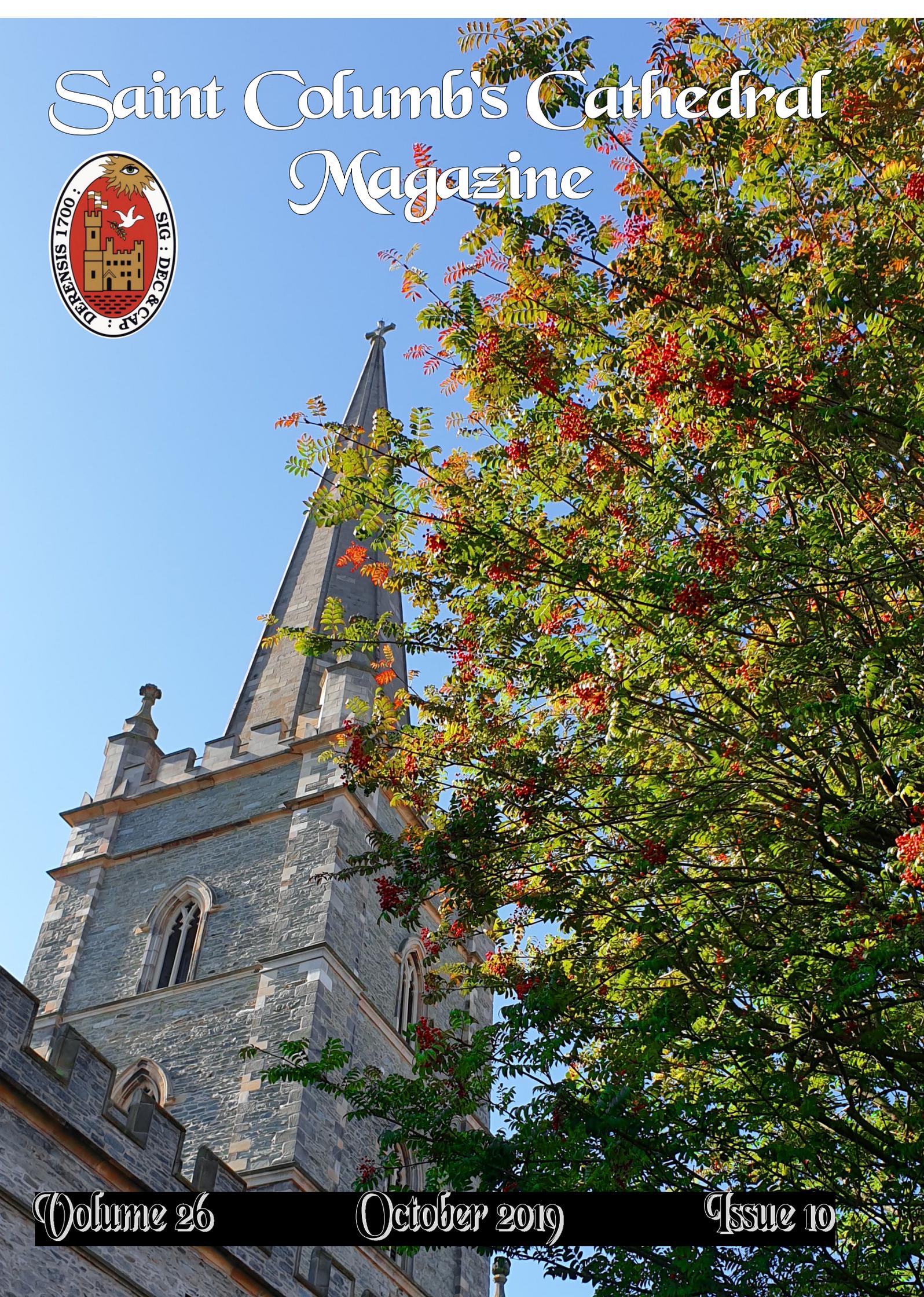


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The Dean writes

Dear Parishioners and Friends

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like".

God showed the man two doors.

Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell".

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The man said, "I don't understand". God smiled. "It is simple", He said. "Love only requires one skill. These people learned early on to share and feed one another. While the greedy only think of themselves"

The Parable of the Long Spoons has a challenging message that is relevant at Harvest-tide when we celebrate God's goodness in providing His children with the resources of earth and sea and sky to live healthy and contented lives.

We will celebrate and rejoice again this year that God has, again, fulfilled His promise that 'for as long as Earth lasts, planting and harvest, cold and heat, Summer and Winter, day and night will never stop.' (Genesis 8: 22 – The Message).

We must remember that we live in a world that God has created – a good world – but it is also a world that is divided between those who have and those who have not. We think that those who have not live on the other side of the world but, as Elizabeth Fielding reminded us recently, those who have not actually live close to home. That is why I would encourage all of us to support the Pantry Food Bank with non-perishable goods so that those who have been the victims of sickness, unemployment or other circumstances can have their trust and confidence in God and their fellow human beings restored.

A similar response should be a part of our commitment to The Bishops' Appeal – The Church of Ireland's annual appeal for funds to provide money for emergency relief and for development in countries throughout the world. We are well aware of national, local and parochial difficulties but so many of these fade into relative insignificance when we contemplate the difficulties and hardships that natural disasters cause throughout the world. How would we cope if threatened by those disasters of which we have read so many times during the year?

It is our duty as Christians – it is our duty as human beings – to share with those who have not been as blessed as we are. In a moment of great need the question that we should ask is not "Why / How did this happen?" The question that we should ask is "How can I help?"

**O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind,
may we never take your gifts for granted
but receive them always with thanksgiving.
Enable us to use them wisely and responsibly,
and to remember the needs of others,
that we may give as freely as we have received
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart





HARVEST

The Services for the Thanksgiving of Harvest
will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral
on Sunday 6th October.

- 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One)
11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
4.00 pm Choral Evensong with the Rite of Holy Baptism

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist will be **The Reverend Canon John Wade McKegey**, formerly the Rector of The Parish of Armagh (Saint Mark), 1990-2013. John is a son of the Diocese of Derry. His father, The Reverend Canon Herbert Austin McKegey, was the Rector of Saint Augustine's Church, Londonderry, 1930-1972.



The Bishops' Appeal is The Church of Ireland's annual appeal for funds to provide money for emergency relief and for development in countries throughout the world.

The Bishops' Appeal provides financial aid to countries where there have been disasters like famines, flooding, hurricanes or earthquakes and it provides financial aid for development.

With this month's issue of the Magazine you will receive a booklet that explains how the money given last year was used to support projects, and **an envelope for your personal or family contribution to The Bishops' Appeal.**

Individuals can contribute through Gift Aid. If you are a UK taxpayer, The Bishops' Appeal can reclaim tax on your donation. For example, if you make a donation of £100 that donation will be worth £125 to The Bishops' Appeal.

Please complete the details on the reverse side of The Bishops' Appeal envelope if you wish your donation to be treated as Gift Aid. It would be appreciated if envelopes could be returned on Harvest Sunday, 6th October, or as soon as possible after this date.

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of those who are members of my family, you did it to me.
Saint Matthew 25: 40

News from Mrs Joanne Miller, Diocesan Bishops' Appeal Representative

May I introduce myself as the new Bishops' Appeal Diocesan Representative. I was appointed to take over from Albert Smallwoods who was the first Diocesan Bishops' Appeal Representative for Derry and Raphoe, having served for 40 years. He was also on the Standing Committee's Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee for the past 40 years.

The new person on the Advisory Committee is Miss Claire Henderson, a Diocesan Reader from Omagh, currently a second year student at The Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin.

It has been a quiet year for Bishops' Appeal due to no project in place.

The two recent projects funded by Derry and Raphoe were for malaria nets in Nigeria when £117,000 was raised to purchase 25,000 nets and £68,000 was contributed to purchase 50 cows for The Diocese of Butere in Kenya.

A future project in Bolivia may be considered following the consecration and enthronements of our new bishop.



6th October

Sunday School first then Church
(Harvest Sunday)

13th October

Church then Sunday School

20th October

Family Service 10.00 am

27th October

HALF TERM BREAK

PRIZE GIVING

44 prizes with 6 creche awards with over half of them receiving attendance awards marking over 90% attendance.

Awards were awarded to:

THE ELLA MOLLOY AWARD

1. Molly Bell
2. Ewan Copestake

THE ETHEL GALLAGHER AWARD

1. Emily Fielding
2. Harry Duddy

THE PAM MITCHELL AWARD

1. Mya Hamilton
2. Jack Duddy

THE ALEX MOLLOY AWARD

1. Olivia Brown
2. Chloe Burns

THE WILLIAM DOUGHERTY BROTHERS MEMORIAL AWARD

1. Jasmine Foster
2. Scott Burns

THE BETTY McCORKELL AWARD

1. Robbie Hamilton
2. Harry Duddy

THE NORMA GLENN AWARD

Jake Hewitt & Anna Doherty

THE TRAFFORD McINTOSH AWARD

Alesha Hamilton & Ellie McIntosh

THE SUPERINTENDENTS AWARD

Lauren Bell

THE BESSIE BELL CONFIRMATION AWARD

Elle Hamilton

TEACHERS' AWARD

Holly Callen

THE JUNIOR SHIELD

Emma Bell

THE WILLIAM GALLAGHER SENIOR AWARD

Ava Copestake

THE JEAN STANNETT MEMORIAL AWARD

Katie Hewitt

We are eternally grateful to those who sponsor our special awards as the children do work really hard to be eligible for the awards.

We are delighted to welcome Catherine Keys to our teaching staff joining Gail, David, Lynsey and Holly.

We are also especially pleased that we now have a rota of past confirmation candidates who help on alternative Sundays and we thank most sincerely Katie & Ellie, Lauren & Jasmine who help with roll book, collection and any other role required.

We operate a No Bullying policy in Sunday School and ask that all phones are switched off for the class.

Sunday 6th October is Harvest Sunday and we will have a treat day with the children having snacks and drinks and after lessons some games.

WANTED:

Any old games no longer required. We can put them to good use.

Irene

Bible Readings for October 2019



DAY	READING	THEME
Tuesday 1	Saint Luke 15:1-10	Lost and found
Wednesday 2	Saint Luke 15:11-31	The father's embrace
Thursday 3	Saint Luke 16:1-18	Whom do you serve?
Friday 4	Saint Luke 16:19-31	Who do you listen to?
Saturday 5	Saint Luke 17:1-19	A faith expressed
Sunday 6	Saint Luke 17:20-37	Person preservation
Monday 7	Saint Luke 18:1-14	Pride and position
Tuesday 8	Saint Luke 18:15-30	Possibility people
Wednesday 9	Saint Luke 18:31-43	Prayerful persistence
Thursday 10	Saint Luke 19:1-10	Personal penitence
Friday 11	Saint Luke 19:11-27	Price and prize
Saturday 12	Saint Luke 19:28-48	Passion prelude
Sunday 13	Psalms 104:1-9	Abide with me
Monday 14	Exodus 25:1-9	The glory of the house is hospitality
Tuesday 15	2 Samuel 7:1-17	Home is where the heart is
Wednesday 16	Psalms 144:9-15	Built by wisdom
Thursday 17	Psalms 79	A light for the Gentiles ...
Friday 18	Lamentations 2:1-10	Hope springs eternal
Saturday 19	Zechariah 8:1-17	East, west, home's best ...
Sunday 20	Jeremiah 24:1-7	Building up, not tearing down
Monday 21	Habakkuk 2:6-14	The cost of building well
Tuesday 22	Nehemiah 1:1-11	Dreams of a better tomorrow
Wednesday 23	Nehemiah 12:27-30	A place dedicated to God
Thursday 24	1 Corinthians 3:10-17	Building the temple of God
Friday 25	1 Corinthians 14:1-5	Gifts for others
Saturday 26	1 Peter 2:1-5	Letting your potential be realised
Sunday 27	Romans 1:1-17	Unashamed power
Monday 28	Romans 1:18-32	Visibly known
Tuesday 29	Romans 2:1-16	God's riches
Wednesday 30	Romans 3:21-31	Jesus' redemption
Thursday 31	Romans 4:13-25	Grace and hope

October Services/Events

TUESDAY	01	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	02	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	03	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	04	10.30 am	The Litany
SUNDAY	06		HARVEST / THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am	Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
			The Preacher:
			The Reverend Canon John McKegney
		4.00 pm	Choral Evensong with The Rite of Holy Baptism
MONDAY	07	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	08	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
		11.30 am	A meeting of the Chapter of Saint Columb's Cathedral
			The Mothers' Union will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	09	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	10	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	11		SAINT PHILIP THE DEACON
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
SUNDAY	13		THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am	Choral Matins with The Rite of Holy Baptism
		4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
MONDAY	14	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	15	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
		8.00 pm	The Men's Society will meet at Monreagh Ulster Scots Heritage Centre
WEDNESDAY	16	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	17	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	18		SAINT LUKE
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		7.30 pm	A Ministry of Healing Service
SUNDAY	20		THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		10.00 am	Family Service
		11.00 am	Choral Eucharist (Order One)
		4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
MONDAY	21	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
		3.00 pm	The Widows' Friendship Group will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
			Concert by King's College School Choir, Wimbledon, England
TUESDAY	22	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
WEDNESDAY	23		SAINT JAMES, THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		10.00 am	The Diocesan Synod meets in An Grianan Hotel, Burt, County Donegal

October Services/Events

WEDNESDAY	23		City of Derry
			International Choir Festival begins
THURSDAY	24	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
		10.30 am	Fountain Primary School - Harvest Service in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church
FRIDAY	25	10.30 am	The Litany
SUNDAY	27		THE FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am	Choral Matins
		4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Notes / Articles for the November issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by today			
MONDAY	28		SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
TUESDAY	29	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
WEDNESDAY	30	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	31	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
NOVEMBER SERVICES / EVENTS			
FRIDAY	01		ALL SAINTS' DAY
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		8.30 pm	Windows to the Soul— a walk of reflection for all souls
SATURDAY	02	8.30 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

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

School Service
Fountain Primary School will hold a
Harvest Service
in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church on
Thursday 24th October at 10.30 am.

THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

The Diocesan Synod will be held at An
Grianan Hotel, Burt, County Donegal on
Wednesday 23rd October
beginning at 10.00 am.

Please pray for the representatives from
The Parish of Templemore:

The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart,
Miss Muriel Hamilton, Mrs Jacqui Armstrong,
Miss Maureen Boal and Mrs Elizabeth Fielding.

CONCERT

**A Concert with King's College School Chamber
Choir, Wimbledon, England will be held in
Saint Columb's Cathedral on Monday 21st
October at 7.30 p.m.**

This Chamber Choir (45 boys aged 9-18 years)
is including the Cathedral in its visit to
Northern Ireland and Dublin,

Saturday 19th - Friday 25th October.

Other venues include

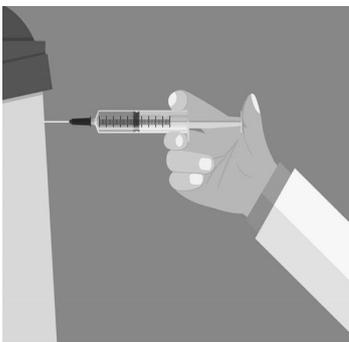
Portaferry Presbyterian Church
(Saturday 19th),

Saint Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral,
Armagh (Sunday 20th),

Willowfield Parish Church, Belfast
(Tuesday 22nd),

Saint Bartholomew's Church, Dublin
(Wednesday 23rd),

Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin
(Thursday 24th).



Clarendon Medical,

35 Northland Avenue
is having its annual flu
vaccination day on
Saturday 12th October
8.30 am - 1.30 pm
for all those over 65 years
and others at risk groups.

Saint Columb's Cathedral is a venue for
many religious services, eg. baptisms,
weddings and funerals. It is also a venue
for musical events during the year.

**On Friday 30th
August it was
the venue for
a different
kind of event
– the proposal
of marriage!
Martin
Mitchell, from
Londonderry,
proposed on
bended knee
to Rayanna
Steele, from
Seattle, USA.**



And she did say 'YES'.

Congratulations Martin and Rayanna.
We are delighted to have played a small
part in your lives and we wish you
happiness as you plan for the future.

Chapter News

**A meeting of the Chapter of Saint
Columb's Cathedral will be held in the
Chapter House on Tuesday 8th October.**
The members of the Chapter will attend the
Service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am
and the meeting will follow at 11.30 am.

Pictured with
the Dean
during a
recent visit to
the Cathedral
are Cecilia
Beddows and
her daughter
Diana,
descendants
of Archbishop
William and
Mrs Cecil
Frances
Alexander.





Ulster Project

In last month's magazine Holly Callen wrote about her experiences as the Cathedral's representative in the 2019 Derry/Londonderry Ulster Project. I was interested to read these words in the September issue of The Church of Ireland Gazette.

In an interview in which he discussed his inspirations and work, Simon Henry, National Youth Officer for The Church of Ireland, was asked,

'What have been the significant milestones in your faith journey?'

His response included these words. **'Another significant milestone was my involvement with the Ulster Project, an ecumenical, cross-community peace-building church initiative that takes Protestant and Roman Catholic teenagers to the USA together. I had never met a Roman Catholic my own age before the age of 16, nor been to the US – it certainly changed my view on the wider world and how God sees people differently from how I do. It taught me that followers of Jesus come in all different shapes and sizes, metaphorically speaking! It was as a participant and leader on the project that the seeds for future youth ministry work were sown.'**

The House of Bishops, at its meeting in Dublin on Wednesday, 18th September, confirmed the appointment of the Venerable Andrew Forster, Archdeacon of Ardboe, as Bishop-designate of the United Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

Archdeacon Forster's consecration is planned for Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Sunday 8th December at 5.00 pm.

Our new Bishop will be enthroned in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 5th January 2020 at 4.00 pm and in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe on Sunday 12th January at 4.00 pm.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS AND FWO ENVELOPES

Due to a change in The Charities Commission (NI), legislation for all churches, accounts have now to be prepared by qualified auditors/ accountants. For this reason, you will find that the layout is very different from before as, in addition, under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), **we are no longer allowed to publish the list of names of FWO contributors** unless every parishioner gives their consent in writing.

It was therefore agreed at a Vestry meeting that:

a copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statement will be made available to **all who request one** and obtainable at the church or by asking **Muriel Hamilton, Joanne Armstrong, Robert McGonigle or Ray Mace;**

any parishioner who wants to know their up-to-date contributions during the year should leave a message for Muriel Hamilton who will provide this information;

details regarding one person's contribution will only be given to another if the request is made in writing by the contributor.

We would emphasise that these changes are due to Government legislation with which we have to conform. Thank you for your co-operation.

Belfast Cathedral

Our Assistant Director of Music has been appointed! And it's a familiar face... 72 hours after officially leaving the Cathedral, Jack Wilson has been confirmed as the new Assistant Director of Music and will be returning to the Cathedral in June 2020.

Dean Forde said:

"I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jack Wilson to the vacant position of Assistant Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral. Jack has been a valuable member of the cathedral music department over the three years that he held the position of Organ Scholar, and in particular through this past year when he has been Acting Assistant Organist.

Jack will take up his appointment at Belfast Cathedral from 1st June, 2020. This allows him to fulfil his commitment as Organ Scholar at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge during this academic year, whilst studying for a Master's degree in Choral Studies. However, the relatively short terms at Cambridge mean that Jack will be playing at services at Belfast Cathedral for Christmas 2019 and Easter 2020.

Although we only said farewell to Jack this Sunday past, 15th September, it gives me huge pleasure to know that it will not be long until he will be returns to our cathedral and the staff of our music department."

Mr Matthew Owens, recently appointed Director of Music, added:

"I am delighted that Jack Wilson will be joining the music department here at Belfast Cathedral and I am very much looking forward to working with him. There is an exciting future ahead and Jack will play a full part in shaping that future.

All that is left to say is... welcome back to the team Jack!



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.



The Widows' Friendship Group



On Monday 16th September we met for afternoon tea in The Bishop's Gate Hotel. The staff were thoughtful and efficient, helping us in and out of the lift and making sure we were comfortable and well - looked after.

Our surroundings were very elegant and the food plentiful and delicious and what we couldn't eat was put into boxes to take home. Geraldine was our

driver for the afternoon and we were glad she was able to stay and join in the fun.

We raised a cup to Maisie and I have sent her a photo of us all to wish her well.

Thanks to Alison for helping with the driving and to the Dean for allowing us to park in the Deanery Mews.

Our next meeting is in Cathedral House, No. 1 Saint Columb's Court, on Monday 21st October when Angelina from Ally Foyle will be our speaker.

Harvest theme – Bicycles

The importance of bicycles in education featured on Radio 4 recently and since then discussions have seemed to happen everywhere; Bicycles decorated with knitting to remember a loved one, electric bikes banned in Northern Ireland, children learning co-ordination.

Bicycles were the single biggest factor in education and especially for the independence of women. In 1890 a third of cyclists were women; not only did it give them independence and freedom to move around without being accompanied, they moved at the same speed as a man and were able to do things sociably or individually. It enabled many women to attend college/university. This would have been impossible for women of limited means and no means of transport.

Today bicycles are playing a major part in Africa and other vast areas without modern transport. In Tanzania the Belfast based charity *Kids4school* are raising extra funds to buy bicycles for those scholars who live so far from the schools that they cannot attend on a regular basis. Edenderry Church is raising funds to buy bicycles for pastors in Africa who need transport to take the gospel to isolated people.

Bikes are also used for exercise and pleasure as a young child uses a bike (the parents might give it to them to hurry them up).

The parish too can be seen as a bike - if we want to move forward. (you can have a bike and never go anywhere- it sits in the garage and is useless. A working used bike is so much more effective. All parts need to be working in order for the machine to run properly.

We need the energy for the legs in order for the pedals to move forward.

We need the brakes for safety from those who have been in this situation previously.

We need a comfortable seat as it can be a long journey.

Handlebars to grab on to and direct where we are going.

Lights to see and be seen.

Tyres to make the journey more smooth (bullet proof ones available to reduce the number of punctures – which interrupt your journey).

Tyre valve - small but vital

Spoke - to keep it all going

Hub – to share ideas

Water bottle clip - to refresh us

Pump - for emergencies

Fork - to support

Fender – to protect

Gears- when things are busy

Wheels- for speed direction

Reflector - everybody needs someone to keep an eye from behind

Chain – when everything needs to connect and work together

Everything needs to be in the correct place.

Oiled - to keep it all working



OCTOBER MUSIC LIST

Sunday 6

11.00am

Harvest/The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Third Communion Service, *William Mathias*

Thou visitest the earth, *Maurice Greene*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong with the Rite of Holy Baptism

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C major, *C V Stanford*

O God who hast again fulfilled to us, *Tim Allen*

Sunday 13

11.00am

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Matins with the Rite of Holy Baptism

Te Deum in Bb, *C V Stanford*

The Lord bless you and keep you, *John Rutter*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Gentlemen of the Choir

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor, *George Dyson*

If ye love me, *Thomas Tallis*

Friday 18

7.30pm

A Ministry of Healing Service

Sunday 20

10.00am

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Family Service

11.00am

Choral Eucharist (Order One)

'Little Organ Mass', *Joseph Haydn*

O Lord, my God, to Thee, *Jacques Arcadelt*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G major, *Herbert Sumsion*

Like the murmur of the dove's song, *Alan Smith*

Sunday 27

11.00am

The Fifth Sunday before Advent

Choral Matins

Jubilate in Bb major, *C V Stanford*

Hear my prayer, *Felix Mendelssohn*

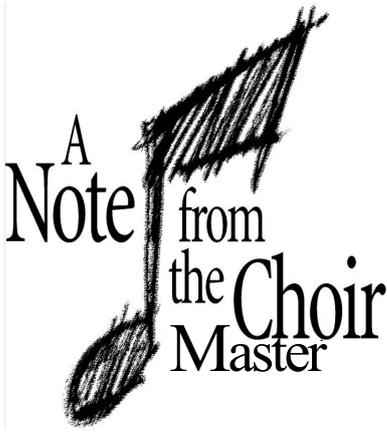
4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D major, *George Dyson*

Greater Love, *John Ireland*





September heralded the new school term and the resumption of business for Saint Columb's Cathedral Choir. I should first thank the Ladies Choir for holding the fort over the summer months, their support is very much appreciated, as is that of Nicky Morton in sharing the playing for summer services.

The new term has got off to a flying start. In addition to the cycle of services, the Cathedral Choir sang at the Mothers' Union Service and on Friday 20th September the Choristers gave a concert as part of Culture Night in the City. The Concert drew a very creditable sized audience of visitors as they toured venues across the city and had well in excess of eighty listening at any time. I am grateful to the Choristers and to Nicky Morton and Louis Fields who shared the accompanying and organ solos. We gratefully acknowledge the support of Derry City and Strabane District Council for this event. Having the boys assemble a concert of some fifteen pieces, so early in the term, certainly provided a focus but also allowed us to promote this event as a showcase for being a Chorister. I am particularly grateful to Nicky and Louis for their visits to local schools with vocal workshops to promote recruitment, and these initiatives have stimulated some interest which we hope to build upon. We would of course welcome new choristers from among the congregation and would be glad to hear from anyone interested in singing with the boys.

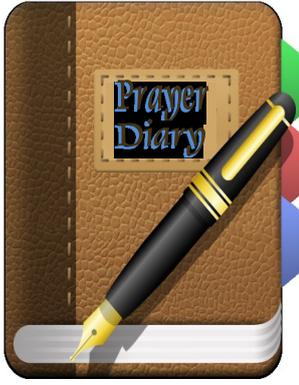
The Cathedral Choir recorded a video of 'All things bright and beautiful' for the Every Voices website as part of the Choral Festival. This site was reputed to have had some sixty thousand views in connection with last year's festival, so this may assist our profile. I am grateful to the boys and men for agreeing to the idea and for their immense patience in a very long recording session.

We have been delighted to follow Jack Wilson's progress through Queen's University and as Organ Scholar and lately as Acting Assistant Organist at Saint Anne's Cathedral Belfast. Jack has just gone to Cambridge as Organ Scholar of Sydney Sussex College and is to undertake a Master's Degree in Choral Conducting. Within days of his leaving, Saint Anne's Cathedral announced that Jack has been appointed Assistant Director of Music and that this position will be held open for him until he completes his studies next year. This is a fantastic opportunity and prospect for Jack, and we wish him every success in his career.

We are delighted too for the professional initiatives of Nicky and Louis in getting Saint Columb's School of Music off to a tremendous start. Initial interest has been very high, and the School will form an important resource of expert tuition for young musicians from across the city and beyond. Again, we wish them every success.

October promises to be as active and rewarding as September was, with the Cathedral Chamber Choir, Ladies Choir and Cathedral Choir involved in our schedule of services and events. We are looking forward to the Cathedral Choir meeting and performing in a concert given jointly with King's College School Choir from Wimbledon on Monday October 21 at 7.30pm. Do come along if possible to enjoy this event.

Derek Collins



THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 2019

The Church in Wales

The Most Reverend John Davies,
Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Down and Dromore. Bishop: Vacant.

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

The Parishes of Tullyaughnish (Ramelton), Kilmacrennan, Killygarvan (Rathmullan) and Glenalla

The Reverend Canon Harry Gilmore, Rector. Mrs. Ann Fletcher, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS

The Bible Society in Peru

Children in Peru are going hungry. Families are poor and parents are unable to feed their children. The **'Bread of Life'** project has been a huge blessing to so many families. Children are invited to church and given a nutritious breakfast. A cup of warm milk and bread with jam can give children the start to the day that they need. It might be the only meal they get that day.

While children get physically fed they also get spiritually fed. They hear about Jesus and take part in fun activities and games. They learn how to pray and sing, and each child is given his/her very own Bible Storybook.

FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2019 - SAINT PHILIP THE DEACON

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2019

The Church of the Province of West Africa

The Most Reverend Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, Archbishop
and Primate of The Internal Province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Down and Dromore. Bishop: Vacant.

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

The Parishes of Clondevaddock (Rosnaskill), Portsalon and Leatbeg

The Reverend David Griscome, Part-time Rector.

MISSION FOCUS

The Mission to Seafarers

Pray for all seafarers who have been affected by acts of piracy and those who have been held hostage.

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2019 - SAINT LUKE

Pray for those in hospitals, nursing homes and hospices.

For The Church's Ministry of Healing. For all who minister in the caring professions.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2019

The Church in the Province of the West Indies. Archbishop: Vacant.

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

The Dioceses of Down and Dromore. Bishop: Vacant.

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

The Parish of Clondehorkey (Ballymore) with Cashel, and Mevagh Union

Rector: Vacant. The Reverend Canon George Irwin, temporarily in charge.

MISSION FOCUS

Church Mission Society in Egypt

In recent months there have been times of great insecurity in Egypt, especially for the Christian Church. **Pray** for useful political dialogue between leaders as they work together for unity and peace.

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2019 - SAINT JAMES, THE BROTHER OF OUR LORD

Pray for the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Synod meeting today in An Grianan Hotel, Burt, County Donegal.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER 2019

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

The Right Reverend Dhilloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo.

The Right Reverend Keerthisiri Fernando, Bishop of Kurunegala.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Down and Dromore. Bishop: Vacant.

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

The Parishes of Dunfanaghy, Raymunterdoney and Tullaghobegley (Killult)

The Reverend David Skuce, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS

The Leprosy Mission International

This year sees the start of a new five-year Global Strategy for The Leprosy Mission.

Pray for the International Office as it supports the Global Fellowship in the various priorities and changes needed to reach our desired impact by 2023.

MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2019 - SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE

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.

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER
Katie Hewitt
Robbie Hamilton
Sam Reilly
David Dougherty



Happy 14th Birthday
Katie
from
Granny & Granda
Happy 14th
Katie
from
Mum, Jake & Mark



Happy
birthday James
Love from
all the
family

Reflections on the Photographic Exhibition

Life has returned to normal after the successful summer exhibition, with just a few reminders still in the Cathedral; the display of wedding photographs still attracts people from all over the world - you sometimes wonder what people from Asia are discussing as they point to the photographs! Many people have been interested in the display of 'poppies' at the War Memorial, foreign visitors were observed taking close-up photographs – so I expect replicas will appear all over the world.

We noticed during the exhibition that we had a larger than usual amount of visitors from Germany and many of them were very pleased to be addressed in their native tongue when Werner was on duty. We did appreciate the help of all the volunteers who acted as stewards and welcomed the visitors.

People came from near and far to see the old photographs and many brought their own memories. One woman approached Ian and told him that there was a choir photograph of her grandfather at a young age in the exhibition and she didn't have any of him at that age and was there any way she could have a copy? It was in Ian's gift to do that and several days later, Ian got an email with the photograph of her grandfather alongside that of her father and they were mirror images of each other.

Visitors made return visits to see the photographs (some visiting three times) and remarks on the artefacts - including the coal and the slate from shipwrecks as well as the amazing variety of cameras were enjoyed. Our thanks go to all those people who entrusted us with the artefacts. Local people brought family visitors who were home on holiday and there was a lot of reminiscing going on during that time.

A highlight of the official opening was being able to return the 'Lost Bible' to Liz McCord the niece of the owner and to hear about her Aunt Sarah's amazing life. We were very blessed during the Exhibition and we were pleased to make over £4000 for Cathedral funds.

Next year we hope to move out of the Cathedral and have a fun and inspiring 'open day' in a beautiful local garden. Before that we would hope to enrich the Advent Season in the Cathedral with seasonal events that reflect the real meaning of Christmas.

The Events Working Group.



The Men's Society met on Tuesday 17th September for the first meeting of the 2019/20 season and it was very well attended by 26 members. The Dean opened the meeting with prayers and this was followed by some business when the Secretary presented the programme for the next year and took advice on a couple of the events which required a consensus of opinion and decision.

The Dean then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mr Ken McCormack, who delivered a really detailed and interesting talk on a building known by many in the City from down the years, Gwyn's Institute in Brooke Park. From the construction of the building from money left by the main benefactor, John Gwyn, as a boys orphanage which opened in 1840, to its demise due to firebombing in 1973 and final demolition in 1986, Ken also gave an enthralling account of the life of John Gwyn.

Our next meeting will be a visit to Monreagh Ulster Scots Heritage Centre, Co Donegal on Tuesday 15th October at 8pm, followed by supper. Details of the location will be sent to all members before the meeting.

Robert McGonigle, Secretary

Windows to the Soul - A walk of reflection for all souls

Saint Augustine's, Aras Columcille (Long Tower), First Derry Presbyterian and Saint Columb's Cathedral, will give a reverent look into the presentation of their faith, what it means to pray and the people keeping their church alive. All souls will attend a walking tour visiting each venue and through the metaphorical window give a musical reflection into Christ and the gathering of the soul.

Inspired from a poem by Daniel Ferguson, 'Windows to the Soul' takes a look at Christ upon a hill viewed through the windows of each church. His poem describes the architecture of each window, giving the simple variations, but in essence it is still a window. More importantly, each window is still looking at the same Christ.

All Souls, is a spiritual tour beginning at Aras Colmcille (Long Tower), moving to Saint Augustine's, First Derry and finishing at Saint Columb's Cathedral. The project involved an interviewing period where some volunteers and each church leader gave their passion of the place and its people. It will give reverence to the very fabric of each church, weaving a united tapestry in episodes.

A common prayer has been developed through consultation with the leaders from each church. Each church leader has written a verse of this common prayer to unite all souls.

The evening will be filled with original music featuring vocalists, piano and guitar inspired by the Spirit of each place and a series of hymns special to each Church.

When is it?

Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November @ 8.30pm.

Where and how long is it?

All Souls will gather in Long Tower Church. The Tour is 90 minutes long, involving a short walk between the venues.

Kieran Griffiths

The Playhouse Director/Producer

Obituaries ...

David John Jordan 10th October 1960 - 24th August 2019

I met David just a couple of weeks ago on Bishop Street and he greeted me from afar in his usual bubbly and enthusiastic manner, so it came as a great shock when I learnt that not alone was he in hospital but that he was critically ill. My sense of shock must pale into insignificance in comparison to the trauma that you his family and friends must have felt and continue to feel as you gather here today to say farewell to a much loved father, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend. Please be assured that our hearts and prayers go out to you and the ongoing sadness that will be in your hearts for many days to come.

David was born in Stockport, England, the eldest of four sons born to Ruby and John Jordan. When the family returned to Londonderry he received his education at both Templemore and Faughan Valley Secondary Schools. For those who knew David he certainly lived life to the full. As a teenager he was always adventurous and keen to try out new things. Like many other teenage boys from the Fountain – David was a ‘follower of fashion’ proudly wearing his parallels, Harington jacket and Doctor Martin boots. He even went through a phase of wearing the Bay City Roller trousers with the tartan down the legs.

As a boy he joined the Choristers here in the Cathedral and as a teenager David was involved with the Churchill Band, the Hamilton Band and the William King Band where he played the flute. He loved being part of the camaraderie the bands offered. He enjoyed going to the competitions, parades and being part of a bigger team. He was also a member of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, No Surrender Club. He had a short spell in the Royal Signals when he was 16 however, he wasn't quite ready for military service at that time and came back home. Following that, he started work as an apprentice baker in Stevenson's Bakery and served his full apprenticeship with that company. He later worked in the 'Upper Crust' Bakery on the Diamond.

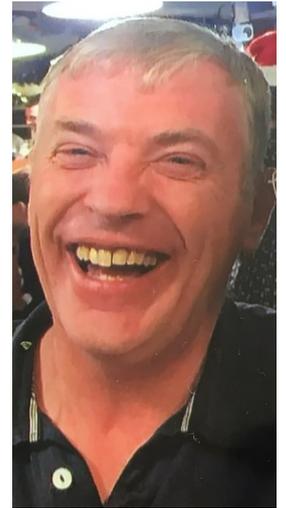
David married Mandy in 1980. They had two sons Peter and Kyle. He was always a bit of a salesman and when Peter was young David started work as a life insurance salesman in order to give them all a better life. While this worked for a while he still longed to join the Army which he did in 1983. He joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME) as an armourer- during his military service he was stationed in the UK as well as in a number of different camps across Western Germany and latterly on Ascension Island. He also served briefly in Omagh during the 1980's.

Following the breakup of his marriage, David met and later married Margaret from New Zealand. They had one son Daniel, after a couple of years living in Telford they emigrated to New Zealand and settled in the Wellington region. David worked in a number of different positions and businesses over the years including sales, taxiing and management. Once again he enjoyed life to the full and made many friends there.

Things didn't always work out the way he planned. There was always a bit of Del-boy about David with his get rich quickly schemes, “this time next year we will be millionaires, you just wait and see!”

David eventually moved back to Londonderry in 2016 – he had missed his UK family and especially his Mum. David and “wee Rubes” used to spar quite often during the ensuing years but they both looked out for each other. As you know, Ruby passed away in October 2018 – with her passing David lost a good friend as well as a sense of purpose.

You will all have many memories of David and these will be a great source of comfort to you as you learn to live without his larger than life presence.



If I might add a little memory that will stay with me. I was exiting the Cathedral one day (a sunny day) and suddenly around the corner came a beautiful Volkswagen Beetle convertible with the top down driven by a smiling David with his Mum Ruby beside him with an even broader smile. My greatest regret was that I did not have my camera to record the occasion. David has battled with his health for the past few years having suffered a mini stroke shortly after his return to the United Kingdom. He never fully recovered from that and struggled to get back to his former health. David valued his independence and wanted to be seen to support himself. He was a proud man, always an encourager for family and friends, "a thoroughly nice bloke". He would not have wanted to be totally reliant on others and the family believe that it was a blessing that God called him home at this time.

While David may not have been a constant attender at worship here in the Cathedral he was, however, a regular attender and it was obvious to me that David had a quiet yet a strong faith in God and in His Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. David is now in the nearer presence of that loving Father and with him will be his much loved parents John and Ruby. His suffering has ended and all pain has gone and you his family must hold fast to the knowledge that one day you will be reunited with him in the heavenly places. Today, however, we offer you our sympathy and support especially to his sons Peter, Kyle and Daniel; his brothers Michael, Paul, Sean and your families. We also remember today the Dobson family, the Wright family, the McKittrick family and the McElwee family. We give thanks to God today for David and all that was good and true in his life. May he rest in peace and be raised in glory.

The Reverend Canon John Merrick

**John William (Billy) Hamilton
12th September 1941 - 24th August 2019**

We are gathered here today in this family home to give thanks for the life of William (Billy) Hamilton and to support you Hazel and your family as you endeavour to cope with the loss of a much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with you and for you this afternoon. When I visited this home last week it was very obvious that Billy was extremely ill but not suffering thanks to the support of his Home Care team. I know that their endeavours were very much appreciated by Billy's family. It was very evident that Billy was a man of faith as he was clasping the Bible closely to his chest and the family commented that as I read from Psalms 23 and 121 and then prayed with him and the family members present that his facial expression changed and he suddenly looked relaxed and contented.

Billy was born on the 12th September 1941, the only child of William and Alice Hamilton and because of this they 'doted' on him. He grew up in Bishop Street. He attended the Cathedral School, the Cathedral Sunday School and the Cathedral for Sunday Services. He was a member of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. He was also a proud member of the Apprentice Boys of Derry Murray Club.

At the age of 14 he met Hazel his future wife, they were married at the age of 17 by the Reverend Noel Moore. They have four children, eighteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. In June they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and they were delighted to receive a card from the Queen to mark the occasion.

Billy always had a joke to tell he was always delighted to be given a new joke to add to his repertoire. He was a talented musician despite having sight in only one eye and a missing index finger. He could play by ear any tune on the keyboard or organ. One of his proudest memories was playing the organ one Christmas in the Guildhall, a story he delighted in sharing with his many grandchildren. He will be remembered as a loving family man and a well-respected member of his community. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him and the family will love and cherish his memory for ever.

This is a sad day for all of you, especially you Hazel. We extend our sympathy to you and your entire family circle. You will be grappling with the whole concept of life without his very real presence. In the midst of that darkness please hold fast your Christian faith which

assures us that because of the death, resurrection and ascension of our Saviour Jesus Christ one day we will be re-united with those whom we loved in this life yet see no longer. We will join with them in the heavenly places where there will be no more death or pain or parting and until that day comes our prayer for William is that he will rest in peace and be raised in glory.

The Reverend Canon John Merrick

Ralph Charles Andrew Wilson 19th November 1963 - 5th September 2019

We meet in this Cathedral Church this afternoon to remember Ralph Wilson and to support his family in their sad loss. On behalf of Canon John Merrick and the members of this parish, I express our sincere sympathy to you Pam and to your family – Adrian and your wife Oonagh, Chloe and your husband Eddy; to the grandchildren Isaac, Elijah and Jonah.

We, also, remember Ralph's mother Lil, his brothers David, George and John, your spouses and families.

A death at any time and in any circumstances can be a devastating experience for a family, but particularly so if the person is of a relatively young age – as Ralph was. We know that Ralph suffered from health issues but hoped that surgery just nine days ago meant that he had been given a new lease of life and was ready to enter into a new phase of employment within the next few days. That is why this whole episode seems so surreal and why people just can't believe this has happened.

I'm sure that the question **'Why?'** has been asked many times since Thursday morning. The answer to that very natural and human question may not be given as easily and as quickly as we would like. Hopefully, in time, what is now a very dark and negative episode in your lives can become something positive, and help to strengthen your faith and confidence in the God who loves you and cares for you – and who will journey with you in the doubts, darkness and difficulties of this present time.

Ralph Charles Andrew Wilson was the youngest of four sons born to David and Lil Wilson. He was born at 20 Summerhill Grove, Belmont on 19th November 1963 and baptised in Saint Columb's Cathedral by The Reverend Cecil Bradley on 2nd February 1964.

He was welcomed into the family by his older brothers David, George and John.

Ralph began his early primary education at the Model Primary School on the Northland Road, later advancing to Templemore Secondary School.

From an early age Saint Columb's Cathedral played an important part in the life of Ralph and of his brothers. Their family connections with the Cathedral span over 300 years. Their grandfather Isaac had an association with the Cathedral through his role as Dean's Verger, a position that he held for 15 years – and a position to which his son Isaac was later appointed.

Ralph attended the Sunday School, was confirmed by Bishop Robin Eames, sang in the Cathedral Choir and was a member of the Cathedral Cubs and Scouts and Youth Club.

Ralph married Pam Dorsett of Ashburn Avenue in All Saints' Church, Clooney on 19th May 1984. The Service of Holy Matrimony was conducted by Archdeacon Charles Willoughby.

Life has a funny way of bringing people together or of re-uniting people who have not seen each other for many years. While I know and minister to members of the Wilson family today I did not know Ralph, but over the past days I was reminded that Pam, her sister Julie, her brother Adrian and their mother Martha were members of the Parish of Clooney during the time that I was the Curate-assistant there 40 years ago.



In his working career Ralph worked in a number of places. His last post was as Manager of B&Q in Coleraine. What strikes many people when they talk about Ralph and the places where he worked is the fact that he was more like a floor assistant than a manager. He did not sit at a desk hidden from the public. He served the customers; he advised them about the choice of furnishings for their homes; he delivered them and their purchases to their home. Such actions have meant a lot to many people.

There is a saying, **'All work and no play makes Jack – or even Ralph - a dull boy'**.

Well, I have been informed that Ralph was not a dull person!

One of his passions was football. He was a lifelong Arsenal supporter, and a founder member of the Maiden City Arsenal Supporters' Club – and the presence here today of so many of his friends would have been a great delight to him.

Another of his hobbies was golf which he played very badly – according to John and Chloe – so, perhaps we should not talk too much about that!

As I visited the family over the past days, I met many people who worked with Ralph; many people who knew him better than I did. And their words and thoughts revealed a man whom they were privileged to call **'a friend'**.

Many of the tributes on the Cathedral Facebook page refer to a person who was kind and loving, who was willing to help anyone in need. Such lovely words must be a comfort to you – Ralph's family – today. To know that he was a person held in high esteem by so many people and to have the assurance of their thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Behind closed doors Ralph Wilson was a family man; a husband who was devoted to his wife, a father who loved his children, a grandfather who doted on his grandchildren, a son who never missed an opportunity to visit or telephone his mother, a brother who was close to his siblings. I know that the days that lie ahead will be particularly difficult for all of you and that while your cherished memories cannot bring Ralph back they may bring some comfort and restore some peace to your lives. Keep those memories – however raw they at times may be – alive and keep those photo albums close at hand.

A poem, by Henry Scott Holland, entitled **Death Is Nothing At All**, has been of comfort to people over the years. I leave it with you, in the hope that the words will speak to your personal situation and help you to realise that while Ralph has gone from this world his life has not ended; it has been changed; and one day – in God's own time – you will be re-united with Ralph and with all whom you love.

Death is nothing at all.

It does not count.

I have only slipped away into the next room.

Nothing has happened.

Everything remains exactly as it was.

I am I, and you are you, and the old life we lived so fondly is untouched, unchanged.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name.

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no difference into your tone.

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was.

There is absolute and unbroken continuity.

What is this death but a negligible accident.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

**I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,
just round the corner.**

All is well.

Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.

One brief moment and all will be as it was before.

How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Henry Scott Holland was an Anglican priest of The Church of England who died on 17th March 1918. He was the Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford.

His reading of Scripture may have given him the inspiration to address the subject of death and resurrection.

In this poem we have strong echoes of the familiar words of Saint John, chapter 14, in which Jesus promises His disciples a new home in Heaven when they die. The words of the character in the poem endorse the Biblical and Christian teaching that death is not the end of life; that when we draw our final breath we immediately go to another place – a place that is described in the Book Revelation as peaceful and tranquil; where pain and suffering and human distress have no place; where God is and where we will see Him face to face.

While no-one has ever returned to verify this, we believe that this is not a fanciful or make-believe picture; that for those who are in Christ Jesus a wonderful new experience awaits them in the future.

It is our hope and prayer that Ralph is enjoying that experience today and that at some time in the future – at a time of God's choosing – those of us who are in Christ Jesus and who claim His promises for ourselves will enjoy that experience too.

**Jessie Hutchinson
20th February 1939 – 23rd June 2019
Reginald Hutchinson
7th July 1935 – 9th July 2017**

It doesn't happen very often that at a Service of Thanksgiving or at a Funeral Service the Officiant remembers and pays tribute to two people at the same service but that is what we are doing today. We are remembering and paying tribute to two people – a husband and a wife, a father and a mother, a grandfather and a grandmother, a sister and a brother-in-law. Reginald Hutchinson who died on Sunday 9th July 2017 and his wife Jessie who died on Sunday 23rd June 2019.

You knew these two individuals so well. They were a part of your lives. They shared their lives, their experiences, their personal stories with you. Today is a bitter sweet day for all of you because we recall that it was on this day – perhaps about this time – 58 years ago (30th September 1961) that Jessie and Reggie were married

in this Cathedral Church by The Reverend Cecil Bradley. The best man was Robert John Simpson and the bride's maid was Sarah Alexandra Gallagher.

It is a bitter sweet day for all of you because two years ago you said your earthly farewell to Reggie and three months ago to Jessie. The pain of separation was perhaps becoming less intense – but now that pain has returned. But you had to come here today – to fulfil the wishes of Reggie and Jessie who wanted to have a thanksgiving service in the church where their journey began many years ago. But, of course, that journey did not begin 58 years ago today. What happened 58 years ago today is only a part of the story of two wonderful people. With the help of Jessie's siblings let me take you back in time.

Reggie was born at East Avenue in the Waterside on 7th July 1935. He was the eldest of three children born to James and Catherine Hutchinson. His siblings were Barbara and Trafford. Reggie began his early primary school education at Clooney School and when he was old enough to leave school, like many of the young men at that time, he found employment.



Reggie's first job was at Welch Margetson's Shirt Factory on Carlisle Road where he was a shirt cutter.

Again like many of the young men of the time he frequented the dance halls in the City and it was in one of these dance halls that he met Jessie McIntosh.

Jessie was born at Fountain Place on 20th February 1939. She was the fifth child born to James and Jane McIntosh. Her siblings were Lexie, Joe, Trafford, Anna, Freddie, Junior, Kathleen, Bill and Maureen.

Jessie began her early primary school education at the Cathedral School and following her time there she progressed to the Technical College to study Shorthand Typing. She, later, found employment at Dickson and McNulty, Solicitors.

As I've mentioned Jessie and Reggie met each other at a dance. Their time of 'going out together' lasted for six years when they 'tied the knot' here in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Saturday 30th September 1961.

As a newly married woman Jessie continued to work, but when her twin daughters, Wendy and Gail, were born – followed a few years later by Cathy – Jessie gave up her work so that she could concentrate on caring for her family.

By the time that their children were growing up Reggie and Jessie had moved to live in Antrim where Reggie was employed by the MOD Police at RAF Aldergrove.

Following a few further moves Reggie and Jessie settled in Cambridgeshire – first in Huntingdon and finally in Ely where Reggie became Chief Superintendent and his services to the MOD were recognised when he was awarded an MBE.

Reggie and Jessie were loving parents to Wendy, Gail and Cathy and that love soon enveloped each grandchild as he and she was born.

Although they lived in England, Reggie and Jessie loved to return to Londonderry as often as they were able. This Cathedral Church was one of the first places that they visited; and it was on this day 8 years ago that they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in this place.

Of that day Jessie wrote – **The Dean, The Very Reverend William Morton, commenced the Blessing with a welcome to all. Following prayer he spoke eloquently about marriage referring to certain passages from the Bible. He then produced the Register opened at the page which recorded our marriage – a very thoughtful touch and one that we both appreciated very much.**

If they had been asked the question '**Where is home?**' I'm sure that Reggie and Jessie would have replied, '**8 Meadow Way, Ely**'. This is where they lived. But their roots went deeper. Home was Londonderry; the City in which they were born and the place that held so many early memories for both of them and the place to which they returned time and time again. Their Christian faith would remind them often that they were pilgrims upon this earth and that they were passing through on a journey to a better place, to a better destination, to a better home. To that home of which we heard from Saint John's Gospel – the home that Jesus has prepared for all who know and love Him.

Today is a kind of home-coming for Reggie and Jessie. Their ashes have been returned to the Cathedral that was their spiritual home, but we will not find them here. We need to look beyond the confines of these hallowed walls and beyond the confines of this time and space because their home today is in Heaven – and that is where we will find them and be re-united with them on the day and at the time of God's choosing.

Until that day we will keep the memory of two precious and godly people alive – Reggie and Jessie Hutchinson – for whose lives we thank God and say '**I thank my God every time I remember you**'.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Wilson

We remember Pam Wilson and her family – Adrian and his wife Oonagh, Chloe and her husband Eddy Baird – and all of the relatives of **Ralph Charles Andrew Wilson**, Copperthorpe, Drumahoe, Londonderry who died, suddenly, at his home on Thursday 5th September.

We, also, remember Ralph's mother, Mrs Lil Wilson, Melvin Court, Londonderry, his brothers David, George and John, their spouses and families.

We, also, remember Ralph's and Pam's grandchildren Isaac, Elijah and Jonah.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ralph Wilson was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 8th September. The service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

The Scripture readings (Psalm 23 and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27) were read by Ralph's niece Megan Willighan and by his cousin Claire Gordan.

A Tribute was given by Diarmuid Walsh. The organist was Ralph's nephew, Jack Wilson. Following the service Ralph was buried at Upper Cumber Cemetery, Claudy.

Ross

We remember Sandra Ross and her family – Darran and Janice – and all of the relatives of **Cecil Hugh Ross**, The Hollow, Teeavan Road, Dungiven who died, peacefully, at his home on Friday 13th September.

We, also, remember Cecil's brothers Leslie and William and his sisters Edith, and Mary (deceased), their spouses and families.

Cecil was a Diocesan Reader of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

Wallace

We remember the family – Gordon and his wife Grace (Fields) – and all of the relatives of **John Henry (Jack) Wallace**, Knockwellan Park, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 14th September.

Orr

We remember the family – Suzanne, Claire and Katharine and their families – and all of the relatives of **Margaret (Pearl) Orr** (nee Martin), formerly of Whiterock and Hillsborough, who died, peacefully, at hospital on Saturday 14th September.

Pearl was a sister-in-law (the wife of his brother Stanley) of (Dean) Cecil Orr to whom, and to whose wife Valerie and their family, we also express our sympathy.

Comber

We remember Margaret Comber and her family – Jonathan, Elizabeth and Gillian, their families - and all of the relatives of **(The Reverend) Michael Comber**, Pinecroft, Kingstown, Carlisle, Cumbria who died, peacefully, at his home on Friday 20th September.

The Reverend Michael Comber was the Rector of The Parishes of Convoy, Monellan and Donaghmore, 1994-1997 and of The Parishes of Tamlaght O'Crilly Upper and Lower, 1997-2002. (Dean Raymond succeeded Michael in 2003 as the Rector of these parishes).

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Hegarty

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **The Most Reverend Dr Seamus Hegarty**, Bishop Emeritus of Derry and formerly Bishop of Raphoe who died, peacefully, at Letterkenny University Hospital on Friday 20th September.

We remember his brother Dr Diarmuid Hegarty, his sister Marie Cunningham, his sister in law Marie, his brother-in-law Joey.

We also remember The Most Reverend Donal McKeown, the Bishop of Derry, the priests and people of the Diocese of Derry.

A Funeral Mass was held in Saint Eugene's Cathedral on Monday 23rd September.

Bishop Hegarty was buried in the Cathedral grounds.

The Church of Ireland community in Londonderry was represented at the Funeral Mass by The Right Reverend Ken Good, The Venerable Robert Miller, The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart and The Reverend Katie McAteer.

Gibbons

We remember the family – Catherine and her husband Jim Riordan, Mary, Michael and his wife Rosemary – and all of the relatives of **(The Reverend Canon) William (Billy) Gibbons** (formerly the Rector of The Parish of Kill o' the Grange, Dublin, 1972-1995) who died, peacefully, at Saint Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin on Saturday 21st September.

Billy was the Curate-assistant of Christ Church, Londonderry, 1961-1965 and the Rector of The Parishes of Drumholm and Rosstown, 1965-1970.

Billy married Isobel Brownlow in Christ Church, Londonderry on 16th April 1963.

Isobel died on 8th July 2019.

Hutchinson

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of **Jessie Hutchinson** (nee McIntosh), 20th February 1939 – 23rd June 2019

and of her husband **Reginald**, 7th July 1935 – 9th July 2017,

was held in Saint Columba's Cathedral on Monday 30th September 2019.

The Scripture readings (Psalm 23 and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27) were read by Jessie's sister Kathleen Patterson and by her brother Junior.

A Tribute to Reggie and Jessie was given by four of their grandchildren – Aislin, Ruby, Findlay and Tiffany.

The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

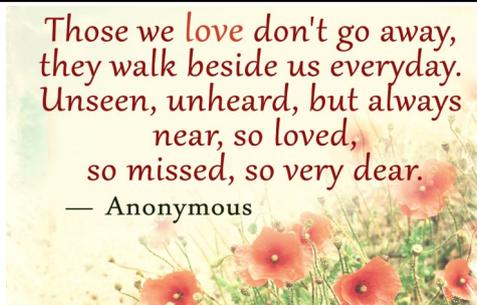
We remember Jessie's and Reg's children – Wendy and her husband Paul and their family, James and Tiffany; Gail and her husband Martin and their son Daniel;

Cathy and her husband David and their family, Aislin, Olivia, Findlay and Ruby.

We remember Jessie's surviving siblings – Freddie, Junior, Kathleen and Maureen, their spouses and families, and also the families of siblings deceased - Lexie, Joe, Trafford, Anna and Bill.

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard, but always
near, so loved,
so missed, so very dear.*

— Anonymous



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 22nd September 2019 Callum Galvin Michael Large,
son of Kieran Paul Large and Jenna Dobson,
Gortin Meadows, Newbuildings, Londonderry.

Callum's godparents are Hollie Olphert and Darren Large.

At the end of the Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs June Fields presented Kieran and Jenna with a 'Dorcas Pack'.

Burial

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Monday 26th August 2019 David John Jordan, The Fountain, Londonderry.

Tuesday 27th August 2019 John William (Billy) Hamilton, Esker Gardens, Caw,
Londonderry. Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Sunday 8th September 2019 Ralph Charles Andrew Wilson,
Copperthorpe, Drumahoe, Londonderry.
Upper Cumber Cemetery, Claudy.

Service of Thanksgiving

Monday 30th September 2019 Jessie Hutchinson and Reginald Hutchinson,
Meadow Way, Ely, Cambridge, England.

October Flower Rota

6- Mr Peter Sidebottom
13 - Mr Lexie Miller in memory of Lila
20 -
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IN MEMORIAM

FABRIC FUND	£
In loving memory of my son Ralph	
From Lil Wilson	100.00
In memory of a brother & uncle - Ralph Wilson	
From David, Lisa, Ross & Drew	50.00
In memory of Ralph Wilson	
From Muriel Hamilton	20.00
From Aimiee Moore	10.00
From Maureen Boal	20.00
From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart	50.00
In memory of John William (Billy) Hamilton	
From Georgina Dunseith	40.00
In memory of our parents Livinia & Andrew Hetherington, Eva & George Robinson	
From Mary & Harry Robinson	100.00
Birthday memories of a much loved sister Ruby Jordan	
From Etta & Ron Dobson	100.00
In memory of David Jordan	
From Muriel Hamilton	20.00
In memory of Reggie & Jessie Hutchinson	
From Marie & Lottie	20.00
From Lily	10.00
BAPTISMAL THANKOFFERINGS	
Thankoffering on the occasion of the baptism of our great grandson Callum Large	
From Etta & Ron Dobson	50.00
From his parents Jenna Dobson & Kieran Large	50.00
From his grandparents Galvin & Gillian Dobson	40.00
From his godmother Hollie Olphert	20.00
Thankoffering on the occasion of the baptism of Finn George Bell	
From Granny & Granda Bell	30.00
CHOIR ASSOCIATION	
In memory of our nephew David Jordan	
From Etta & Ron Dobson	40.00

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

Services held Monday to Friday at 10.30am

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