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The Dean writes.....



The origin of Saint Valentine's Day is not entirely clear but it seems to have taken root in England.

As far back as Chaucer it was commonly observed that birds began to pair and to mate around the feastday of Saint Valentine, that is from the middle of February.

The Valentine whose name is commemorated on 14th February each year was a Christian priest in Rome who assisted martyrs during the persecution under Emperor Claudius II. He, eventually, was arrested and sent before the Prefect of Rome. When he refused to renounce his faith he was beaten and beheaded in the year 269. By offering his heart he proved himself to be a true devotee of the God of Love.

The shops are already filled with Valentine cards and appropriate gifts. These will be bought and sent by young men and women to their sweethearts during the next few weeks. Husbands and wives will speak of their undying love for each other. The spark of love will be fanned into a bright, warm flame and we will hear, on almost every radio programme, songs that capture the essence of true love.

The special bond that love creates and nurtures in family life will receive attention too. In church circles, people will be reminded of the two-fold command of Jesus, **'Love God'** and **'Love your neighbour'**.

Love for our neighbours

Our love for our neighbours must always be more than just a nodding of the head or a shaking of the hand. It must be expressed in practical ways, such as a genuine embrace or by providing food or some other resources at a time of need. I'm sure that many of you who are reading these words will be able, from your own experience, to remember a time when a helping hand was offered to you and your family from a most unexpected person. At a moment of need **'the creed and the colour and the name won't matter**

Love for God

Our love for neighbour is important but equally so is our love for God. We are taught to love God with every part of our being – with heart, mind, soul and strength. We are taught to love God because He first loved us. (1 John 4: 19). The words of Jesus recorded by the evangelist Saint John (Saint John 15: 13) **'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends'** is a wonderful revelation of God's love for all people. His love is unselfish. His love is unconditional. His love is eternal.

As we think and talk about **'love'** in these days (love between boys and girls, love between husbands and wives, love between parents and children, love between neighbours) let us allow ourselves to be reminded of the greatest love of all.

That is, **God's love for you and for me.**

Let us, also, **'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest'** the message that we find in 1 John 3: 11-24 and in 1 John 4: 7-21 and put it into practice in our daily lives.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart.

Statement from the Dean on Sunday 27th January 2019

It was with shock, sadness and concern that I heard about – and later saw the images – of the car bomb explosion in Bishop Street last weekend.

I had been away from the City for some days and, unfortunately, was unable to provide any practical assistance to those who were directly affected by this incident.

I want, this morning, to place on record my sincere appreciation of the ministry of my colleague Canon John Merrick and of the way in which other people – including the churchwardens and Robert McGonigle – acted at a time of uncertainty and inconvenience. Thankfully – apart from one window broken in No 6, Saint Columb's Court – the Cathedral and other properties – were not damaged.

Most particularly, we are grateful that no lives were lost and no individual was injured. I hope and pray that the events of last weekend will not be allowed to happen again in this City or elsewhere.

It will not be easy but let us all try to continue to promote peace and reconciliation in this City and Community.



The Dean and The Reverend Canon John Merrick would like to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed to the Christmas services and events and helped to make them so meaningful.

We had a very varied range of services during the Christmas period. Your support in every way is deeply appreciated.

Thank you, also, to those who decorated the Cathedral so beautifully and seasonally for Christmas. The hard work and commitment of all involved is very much appreciated.

We also wish to thank Dr. Derek Collins, Mr. Nicky Morton, the Gentlemen and Boy Choristers, the Cathedral Chamber Choir and The Ladies Choir for the excellent music and singing during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and, indeed, throughout the whole year. We also wish to record our appreciation and thanks to the Cathedral Staff for their assistance in practical ways with parish and civic services and with keeping the Cathedral clean and tidy.

Thank You

Raymond, Patricia and Dione Stewart wish to thank their parishioners and friends who sent them cards and presents at Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were very much appreciated.

Hospice Sunday

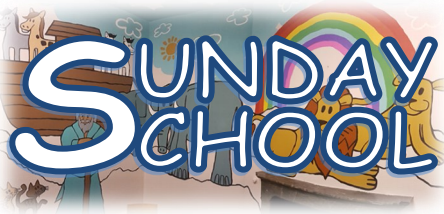
At the 2018 Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Synod it was agreed that an Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal would be established in the Diocese. The 2019 Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal will be held in all Parishes throughout the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe on Sunday 17th February with donations being given to your local Hospice.



The Men's Society started off 2019 with our annual dinner on Tuesday 15th January. This was extremely well attended by 26 members and was held in The Shipquay Restaurant, where the extensive menu and standard of service was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

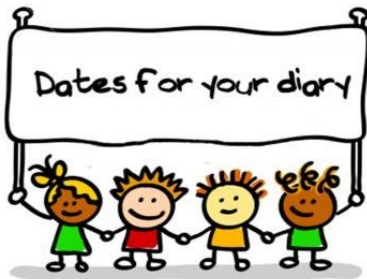
The next meeting of The Men's Society will be Tuesday 19th February at 8pm in Cathedral House, No. 1 Saint Columb's Court when we will have our annual quiz night with, as always, Hugh Gilliland as quizmaster. New members always made very welcome.

Robert McGonigle
Secretary



Church decorations: I hope that all of you noticed the stars in church this Christmas as the Sunday School children loved putting their personal touch when they helped to make them. We also want to give a big shout out to the following: Tesco Strand Road for their donation towards our selection boxes and Mrs Sadie McLaughlin and Margaret Smyth who as every year gave a donation towards the children's

Christmas Party (which did not happen this year as our families had so much on that weekend). So instead every child received a goodie bag after our Nativity Service. This year our Nativity Service involved 35 children from as young as 3 years to 13 years with the older children narrating and the younger children taking on the roles of the Nativity. The children really bring home the true meaning of Christmas to us all. We really appreciate the work the teachers carry out with the children. We have a wealth of experience with Gail, Lynsey, David, Malcolm, Madison and helper Holly. It is really appreciated by myself. Our preparation for the Confirmation Service on Sunday 19th May will commence shortly. We have moved the class and lessons to a more informal setting and the candidates even enjoy hot chocolate at the end of the class! Confirmation Day Saturday 23rd February in the Diocesan Centre. Lunch and Pizza dinner provided.



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| 3rd | February | Sunday School first then Church |
| 10th | February | Half term break |
| 17th | February | Church then Sunday School |
| 24th | February | Family Service |
| 3rd | March | Sunday School first then Church |
| 10th | March | Church then Sunday School |
| 17th | March | Church then Sunday School |
| 24th | March | Church then Sunday School |
| 31st | March | Family Service – Mothering Sunday |

Confirmation 2019

The Right Reverend Ken Good, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on **Sunday 19th May 2019 at 4.00 p.m.** to administer the Rite of Confirmation.

Parishioners (young people and adults) who wish to be presented for Confirmation should give their names to the Dean or to The Reverend Canon John Merrick by the beginning of 2019.

Dates and times of meeting will be arranged in the New Year.

Young people who wish to be confirmed -

Must be baptised members of the Church.

Must be 13 years or over on 19th May 2019.

Must attend Sunday School and Church regularly.

Must attend every meeting of the Confirmation Group.

(A note signed by his/her parent/guardian must be given to the Dean or to The Reverend Canon John Merrick to explain non-attendance).

Must complete all work sheets.



Bible Readings for February 2019

| DAY | READING | THEME |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Friday 1 | Saint Matthew 26:20-29 | Denying the betrayers |
| Saturday 2 | Ephesians 2:14-22 | Christ who breaks down walls |
| Sunday 3 | Acts 17:22-28 | God is everywhere? |
| Monday 4 | Psalms 139:12-17 | The all-seeing God |
| Tuesday 5 | Isaiah 40:1-8 | The Word of God |
| Wednesday 6 | Psalms 37:1-11 | Overcoming evil |
| Thursday 7 | Saint Matthew 5:1-16 | Blessed are the peacemakers |
| Friday 8 | Nehemiah 2:12-20 | God's good work |
| Saturday 9 | Proverbs 19:18-23 | Father and son |
| Sunday 10 | Philippians 1:1-12 | Work in progress |
| Monday 11 | Philippians 1:13-18 | Surprise, surprise |
| Tuesday 12 | Philippians 1:19-26 | A change is gonna come |
| Wednesday 13 | Philippians 1:27-30 | Dare to be different |
| Thursday 14 | Philippians 2:1-11 | Considering our culture |
| Friday 15 | Philippians 2:12-18 | Stepping up, stepping out |
| Saturday 16 | Philippians 2:19-30 | What are friends for? |
| Sunday 17 | Philippians 3:1-11 | Surpassing value |
| Monday 18 | Philippians 3:12-16 | Knowing and being known |
| Tuesday 19 | Philippians 3:12-16 | The heresy of apathy |
| Wednesday 20 | Philippians 4:2-3 | Sharing one mind |
| Thursday 21 | Philippians 4:4-7 | The Lord is near |
| Friday 22 | Philippians 4:8-13 | The truth of wherever |
| Saturday 23 | Philippians 4:19-23 | A fragrant offering |
| Sunday 24 | Psalms 120 | Prayer from the heart |
| Monday 25 | Psalms 121 | Healing balm |
| Tuesday 26 | Psalms 122 | Pray for peace in Jerusalem |
| Wednesday 27 | Psalms 123 | Have mercy |
| Thursday 28 | Psalms 124 | God is for us |

**The Bible readings are from 'Fresh from the Word—the Bible for a change—2019'
produced by The International Bible Reading Association**

FEBRUARY SERVICES / EVENTS

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| FRIDAY | 01 | 10.30 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| SAINT BRIGID | | | |
| SATURDAY | 02 | | |
| THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE | | 10.30 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| SUNDAY | 03 | | |
| THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| | | 11.00 am | Choral Eucharist (Order Two) |
| | | 4.00 pm | Choral Evensong |
| MONDAY | 04 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| TUESDAY | 05 | 10.30 am | Holy Communion (Order Two) |
| | | 7.30 pm | The Select Vestry meets 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 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| | | 11.00 am | Choral Matins |
| | | 4.00 pm | Choral Evensong |
| MONDAY | 11 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| TUESDAY | 12 | 10.30 am | Holy Communion (Order Two) |
| | | 7.30 pm | The Mothers' Union Annual Enrolment Service in Saint Columb's Cathedral. |
| WEDNESDAY | 13 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| THURSDAY | 14 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| FRIDAY | 15 | 10.30 am | The Litany |
| SUNDAY | 17 | | THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - SEPTUAGESIMA |
| | | | HOSPICE SUNDAY |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| | | 11.00 am | Choral Eucharist (Order One) with Thanksgiving after Adoption and Holy Baptism |
| | | 4.00 pm | Choral Evensong |
| MONDAY | 18 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| | | 3.00 pm | The Widows' Friendship Group meets 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 meets in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court (Table Quiz) |
| WEDNESDAY | 20 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| THURSDAY | 21 | 10.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| FRIDAY | 22 | 10.30 am | The Litany |
| SATURDAY | 23 | 11.00 am | Confirmation Day at The Diocesan Centre, London Street, Londonderry |
| SUNDAY | 24 | | THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - SEXAGESIMA |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| | | 10.00 am | Family Service |
| | | 11.00 am | Choral Matins |
| | | 4.00 pm | Choral Evensong |

Notes / Articles for the March 2019 issue of the Cathedral Magazine are due by today

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| 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 |

MARCH SERVICES

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|--------|----|--|---------------------------------|
| FRIDAY | 01 | 10.30 am | The Litany |
| | | 7.30 pm | Concert of Choral & Organ Music |
| SUNDAY | 03 | THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - QUINQUAGESIMA | |
| | | 8.00 am | Holy Communion (Order One) |
| | | 11.00 am | Choral Eucharist (Order Two) |

The Bells of waiting Advent ring!

A wonderful musical evening was had by all on Friday 7th December in Cathedral House, No. 1 Saint Columb's Court, which also raised a total of £588.00 for Cathedral funds.



The Select Vestry

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

One of the items on the Agenda will be The Revision of the Register of Vestrypersons.

At the meeting the names of any parishioners who have died, or who have left the parish, during the year will be deleted and, hopefully, new names will be added.

Any parishioner who is eighteen years of age and over may have his/her name added to the Register provided that he/she fulfils the following requirements.

Signs a declaration form that he/she is a member of The Church of Ireland.

Is either a resident parishioner or an accustomed member of the congregation.

Declaration forms are available in the Cathedral. Please ask the Dean or the churchwardens for details.

Q. What is the Register of Vestrypersons?

A. The Register of Vestrypersons is the list of the names of parishioners and of people who are accustomed members of the congregation, ie. people who 'belong' to the parish but who live outside of the parish boundaries.

It is from this list that people are selected, at the meeting of The General Vestry, - ie. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish held, usually, after Easter - to serve as Churchwardens, Glebewardens and members of the Select Vestry.

Q. To what will I be committing myself if I sign the Declaration Form?

A. By having your name on the list you will be doing two things: (1) you will be able to attend the meeting of The General Vestry and to appoint parishioners to various offices, and (2) you will be able - if you wish - to be nominated for office yourself.

If you have never signed a Declaration Form, or have forgotten that you did sign many, many years ago, we can check the Register for you.

The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society

The retiring offering at the service on Christmas Eve and at the services on Christmas Day amounted to £202.50.
Thank you to all who contributed and supported the work of the Society.



Bishops' Appeal
Church of Ireland World Aid and Development

The Bishops' Appeal

Thank you to those parishioners who returned their Bishops' Appeal envelopes.
£920.00 was received.

Her Majesty The Queen's New Year's honours list



The Dean, The Reverend Canon John Merrick and all of the members of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) wish to congratulate **Mrs Elizabeth Fielding who was awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) in the Queen's New Year Honours for services to Foyle Child Contact Centre in Londonderry.**

Saint Columb's Cathedral

Carols of the Epiphany

Sunday 6th January 2019

at 4.00 pm



Carols of the Epiphany

We thank Dr Derek Collins and the Cathedral Chamber Choir who were joined by other choristers for **Carols of the Epiphany** on Sunday 6th January 2019.

We welcomed some of the members of the Chapter to the service and those who read the Lessons were – The Reverend Canons Paul Hoey, Malcolm Ferry, John Merrick, Sam McVeigh and The Venerable Robert Miller. Following the service, the members of the Chapter and their spouses enjoyed a meal in The Bishop's Gate Hotel.

Chapter News

The Canon in Residence in February will be The Reverend Canon Malcolm Ferry, the Rector of Saint Augustine's Church, Londonderry.

He will preach at Choral Eucharist on Sunday 3rd February.

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which is the traditional celebration of the Nativity of our Lord in words and music, was held on Sunday 23rd December 2018.

The Lessons were read by **Lukas Lynch** (Head Boy Chorister), **Jacqui Armstrong** (President-elect of Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union), **Elizabeth Mills** (Parish Reader), **Heather Fielding** (Parish Reader), **David Bell** (Diocesan Reader), **Muriel Hamilton** (People's Churchwarden), **The Reverend Canon John Merrick**, **The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart** and **The Right Reverend Ken Good**.

Grass Cutting at Saint Columb's Cathedral 2019

The Select Vestry would invite quotations from anybody interested in carrying out grass cutting in the Cathedral grounds during the 2019 cutting season.

Details can be obtained by calling at the Cathedral and picking up a document specifying the requirements, or contacting Robert McGonigle, Parish Administrator at 07794 666754 or by email at robert@stcolumbs.net.

The document will also be available for downloading on our web site at www.stcolumbscathedral.org/forms

It is important that anyone quoting should make themselves aware of the requirements and all quotations should be returned in a sealed envelope for the attention of Robert McGonigle, Parish Administrator, Saint Columb's Cathedral, 17 London Street, Londonderry, BT47 6YS, **no later than 2pm on Friday 22 February 2019.**





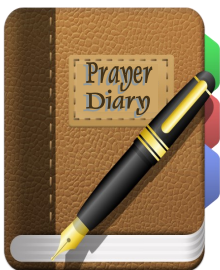
Bishop Ken writes.....

Praying for one another is a wonderful strength of being part of the body of Christ. Knowing that others are praying for us as we pray for them is a great encouragement.

Being part of a diocese facilitates the drawing up of an annual cycle of prayer and even more so when, as in the case of Derry and Raphoe, there are (more or less) the same number of parish groups as there are weeks

in a calendar year.

I know you will find this pattern to be helpful as, in the words of St Paul, you *'do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God'*. Philippians 4: 6.



The week beginning Sunday 3rd February 2019

The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Most Reverend Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi and Bishop of Makamba.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe. The Right Reverend Kenneth Kearon.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Ken Good.

The Parish of Faughanvale (Eglinton). The Reverend Canon Paul Hoey, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS - Pray for The Bible Society – Northern Ireland

Young girls in Guatemala are discovering that Jesus loves them and cares for them.

Girls who have been the victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse are finding healing and hope in God's Word. Girls as young as ten years old who are taking care of their babies are exploring what it means to be a child of God.

Children, now living in sheltered accommodation, have experienced unimaginable pain.

The Bible Society is running the 'Free to Live' project to bring much needed help to girls who are struggling to cope with what has happened to them in the past.

The week beginning Sunday 10th February 2019

The Anglican Church of Canada

The Most Reverend Frederick Hiltz, Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe. The Right Reverend Kenneth Kearon.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Ken Good.

The Parishes of Cumber Upper (Claudy), Cumber Lower (Killaloo), Banagher and Learmount.

The Reverend David Slater, Rector. The Reverend Arthur Burns, Non-Stipendiary Ministry.

MISSION FOCUS - Pray for The Leprosy Mission in Nepal

TLM Nepal is involved directly and in partnership in all of the seven provinces of Nepal.

Pray that the team are able to negotiate well with national and local governments and register all projects successfully so that their work with people affected by leprosy, disability and poverty can continue.

The week beginning Sunday 17th February 2019

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Most Reverend Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe. The Right Reverend Kenneth Kearon.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Ken Good.

The Parishes of Dungiven and Bovevagh.

The Reverend Mark Loney, Rector. Mr. Cecil Ross, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS - Pray for Church Mission Society Ireland

Pray for CMSI's mission personnel: our Mission Partners – the Briggs and the Scotts – and our Mission Associates – the Guinnesses, the Zimmermans and Isabelle Prondzynski.

May each of them know God's love and protection and may they feel the support of the wider CMSI family.

The week beginning Sunday 24th February 2019

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

The Right Reverend Julio Murray Thompson, Primate of IARCA and Bishop of Panama.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe. The Right Reverend Kenneth Kearon.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Ken Good.

The Parishes of Balteagh, Carrick, Tamlaghtard and Aghanloo.

The Reverend Canon David Ferry, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS - Pray for The Leprosy Mission in England and Wales

Give thanks for the many churches around the UK who invite TLM speakers to share the gospel and the latest progress and needs for people affected by leprosy.

Pray that all of the messages shared show the heart of Jesus, and that many new churches will invite TLM in to speak about the work.



The Widows' Friendship Group

On Monday 17th December nine members and our driver Geraldine met in the Bishop's Gate Hotel for Christmas lunch. We were made very

welcome by the attentive staff and enjoyed a delicious meal and good conversation. Many thanks to the Dean for allowing us to park in the Deanery Mews to avoid the Christmas crowds and thanks as ever to Robert for all his help.

Unfortunately our January meeting had to be cancelled due to the car bomb in Bishop Street. Our speaker, a community pharmacist, has agreed to come to our April meeting.

Our next meeting is on Monday 18th March when our speaker will be Angelina Cooper from Ally Foyle.

FWOs

Unfortunately there have been a few problems this year with the distribution of FWOs. I hope that this has now been resolved, and I thank you all for your understanding. If anyone who requires FWOs and still has not received them, please speak to Ray or Muriel to whom we say thank you for being (as always) so conscientious. RAY



We are delighted that Holly Callen is our representative for Ulster Project 2019. Holly attended Sunday School for 10 years and has recently joined the Sunday School as a helper. She is a popular young lady with both the children and teachers.

Holly will be fundraising over the next 4 months and this will include a retiring offering, date to be confirmed. I am sure we will all support Holly.

Irene



Congratulations to Paul & Rachel Doherty on the birth of their daughter Evelyn Rose Doherty (Evie), on Sunday 30th December 2018 in Pindersfield General Hospital, Wakefield



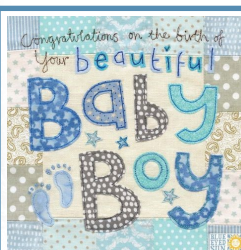
Congratulations to Pauline & Brian on the birth of (Evie), Evelyn Rose Doherty on Sunday 30th December 2018

IN MEMORY OF RUBY

This beautiful Christmas Bauble was presented by Michael Jordan in memory of his mum Ruby, and took pride of place on the Cathedral Christmas tree. Michael designed and drew the image of the Old School Building, of which Ruby had many fond memories. The bauble will be placed on our Christmas tree every year in her memory.



Happy birthday **Lucy** on 6th February
Lots of love from us all xxoo



Congratulations to parents **Alison & David Kavanagh**, Antrim and grandparents **Kenny & Elizabeth Mills**

Charlie David
11th December 2018

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2019
25 FEBRUARY – 10 MARCH

SHE DESERVES A LIVING INCOME
GET READY FOR FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT WITH THIS GUIDE TO GETTING YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVED

DON'T FEED EXPLOITATION.
CHOOSE FAIRTRADE.

FAIRTRADE

What can I do?

For now, one of the simplest ways to support cocoa farmers around the world, is by buying Fairtrade chocolate and cocoa. While this doesn't immediately solve all the issues, keeping up the demand allows farmers to sell more of their cocoa on Fairtrade terms thus increasing their income.

www.fairtrade.org.uk

A special welcome was given to the new Mothers' Union Chaplain, The Reverend Suzanne Cousins, Bishop's Curate of the Moville group of parishes, who joined with 12 of our own members at our **December** meeting. Reverend Suzanne is considering setting up a branch in her own group of parishes in Inishowen.

A special mention was given to those who had been bereaved during the year and those who find the winter months difficult and we remembered especially Canon John Mayes. Our thoughts were also with Lexie Miller on the death of Lila, his wife of 62 years and a dear friend to all members of our branch. Lila had retired from MU due to ill health and poor mobility but will be remembered by all for her sense of style, her colour coordination, jewellery, make up and nails. Lexie attended Lila's every need with loving care, especially after she lost her eyesight.

Members were entertained for the evening by the Mood Swings, a three part harmony choir, accompanied on piano by Louis Fields. They sang a number of Christmas songs finishing with a Spanish carol lullaby.

The evening finished with a delicious supper supplied by Irene and the Tesco fairy and closed with the Evening Collect and the Grace.



On **Tuesday 8th January** 10 members met for a "members' evening". We thanked Linda for producing a beautiful programme which reflected both the theme for this year and some of the activities that Templemore branch is involved in.

Over the past year, workshops have been held in all branches of the Mothers' Union across the world which were designed to encourage members to Listen, Observe and Act on how the movement should develop in the future. The theme for this year's programme "Listen, Observe, Act, In Step With God" follows on from this as we continue to listen and observe in order to act with insight and integrity neither running ahead nor lagging behind, but always in step with God.

We discussed implementing other recommendations from our diocesan MULO meetings including having a short reflection on our bible reading and remembering those recently baptised in our prayers.

Jacqui then treated us to a delightful presentation about her new role as Diocesan President and we congratulated Elizabeth on being awarded the British Empire Medal for her work at the Foyle Child Contact Centre and Pauline on becoming a Grandmother. A Day of Refreshment is being held in Garvagh on Saturday 23rd February with the Reverend Dr Robin and Joan Stockitt. It will run from 10.30am to 2.30pm and the £12 fee includes morning coffee and lunch. If anyone would like to go please contact Margaret or Doreen before Thursday 7th February.

Our next meeting is our annual service and will be held in the Cathedral on Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm.



Music at Saint Columb's Concert of Choral and Organ Music



Saint Columb's Cathedral
Friday 1st March 2019 at 7.30pm

The Cathedral Choristers, Cathedral Choir and
Cathedral Chamber Choir
Conducted by Derek Collins

Organ: Nicky Morton and Louis Fields

Admission Free

Funded by Derry City & Strabane District Council



Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Cathedral Chamber
Choir & Cathedral
Choristers Choir
Derry City & Strabane
District Council

A Note from the Choir Master

As we settle into the New Year, I would like to thank all those who sang in the busy schedule of Christmas services. From Advent Carols through to Epiphany there were over a dozen choral services and I must thank the Choristers and their parents, the Gentlemen of the Choir and the Cathedral Chamber Choir for their dedication to music in the Cathedral. Also, thanks to Louis Fields and Nicky Morton for their assistance in playing for the big occasions, Advent Carols and Nine Lessons respectively. Nicky and Louis are further to be congratulated on graduating during January with the Masters of Music Degree (M.Mus.) from the University of Ulster. This fantastic achievement was the culmination of a lot of hard work, both academic research and practical concert management, and is thoroughly well deserved.

Another well deserved honour has been awarded to the Reverend Dr Ian Mills, who has been elected President of the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters. The Society runs monthly recitals and seminars around the Province, promotes the interests of Church musicians and has trips to Britain and Europe. USOC has just celebrated its Centenary and among the many special events, a published history of the Society outlines the contribution of many former Organists of Saint Columb's. We congratulate Ian on his appointment and wish him every success at the helm of the Society. I am also delighted to congratulate Lukas Lynch who has achieved a Distinction in Grade Five Singing. This is a great achievement and we are delighted for Lukas, and continue to enjoy his work with the Choir - well done!

The Choirs will maintain a busy schedule of services in February and are also preparing for a concert on Friday 1 March at 7.30pm, to highlight the Choral tradition in the Cathedral. A lot of dedicated work and preparation by many people helps us sustain the music and the support of as many people as possible coming along to enjoy the concert would be very encouraging and greatly appreciated.

Thanks. **Derek Collins**

Britannia Band in Concert

There's a treat in store for music lovers next month. The Britannia Band will be in concert on Friday 8th February at 8pm in Kilfennan Presbyterian Church. They'll be joined by special guests Kerry Stamp, Stewart Smith and Amy Smith.

Donations in aid of Kilfennan Presbyterian Church's Building Fund.

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer is holding a Derry/Donegal Reflection Morning in Saint Peter's Church, Londonderry on Saturday, 2nd March, when the

Witness/Conductor will be Sylvia Armstrong.

09.30 a.m. Tea/Coffee in choir vestry

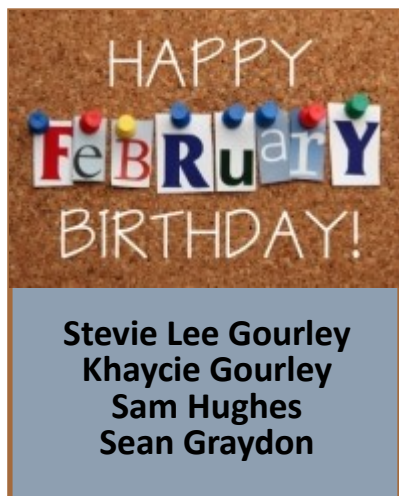
10.00 a.m. Contemplation

11.00 a.m. Break

11.15 p.m. Contemplation

12.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Followed by lunch (PLEASE bring a packed lunch – tea/coffee will be provided). Contemplations will focus on a saying of God or Jesus. Everyone welcome. A donation of £10.00/€10.00 is suggested. RSVP Maureen Williams (00353) (0)749156317



MUSIC LIST FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday 3

The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

11.00am

Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
Festival Eucharist, Noel Rawsthorne
Nunc Dimittis in F, George Dyson

4.00pm

Choral Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, E J Moeran
God is a Spirit, Sterndale Bennett

Sunday 10

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

11.00am

Choral Matins
Te Deum in F, John Ireland
The Secret of Christ, Richard Shephard

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Gentlemen of the Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G (ATB), Herbert Sumsion
View me Lord, Charles Wood

Sunday 17

The Third Sunday before Lent - Septuagesima

11.00am

Choral Eucharist (Order One)
with Thanksgiving after Adoption and Holy Baptism
Communion Service in F, Harold Darke
Blessed are the pure in heart, Walford Davies

4.00pm

Choral Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C, Stanford
Lord for thy tender mercies' sake, Farrant

Sunday 24

The Second Sunday before Lent - Sexagesima

11.00am

Choral Matins
Benedictus in C, Stanford
All things bright and beautiful, John Rutter

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in Eb, Richard Ayleward
Evening Hymn, Balfour Gardiner





E3:20 Immeasurably More

• 2019 EVENTS •

JANUARY

Month of Prayer
for D.R.Y.

23 FEBRUARY

Confirmation Day with CIYD's
Simon Henry 11am-5pm (lunch
and pizza dinner provided)
at the Diocesan Centre

6 MARCH

7:30pm at the Diocesan Centre.
Joint SEEDS and D.R.Y. training
event on mental health issues
among children and young
people with Tom Tate
from Why Mind?

10 MARCH

D.R.Y. Invites:
St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
4pm with Mark Ferguson Band
Speaker: Bishop Ken Good

29-31 MARCH

D.R.Y. Weekend at the
Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck

3-7 JULY

on the move

22 SEPTEMBER

D.R.Y. Invites:
Christ Church, Londonderry,
4pm with Mark Ferguson Band
Speaker: Archdeacon David Huss

19 NOVEMBER

D.R.Y. E3:20 Leaders
encouragement evening
7:30pm at the Diocesan
Centre with pizza

30 NOVEMBER

3:30pm-6:30pm Advent
Kickstart at The Acorn Centre,
St Peter's, Londonderry
Christmas Jumper
competition and pizza!

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Presidential honour for Larne curate

The Rev Dr Ian Mills, curate in the Parishes of Larne and Inver with Glynn and Raloo, has been appointed President of the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters.

The Society was formed in 1918 as a forum for church musicians and enthusiasts of all denominations.

Today it is thriving, maintaining a busy schedule of monthly events which include visits to organs of historical note and instruments which have been recently built or rebuilt, an overseas tour each May, an

annual Members' Recital, educational events, and masterclasses from distinguished guests. Highlights from its Centenary Celebrations in 2018 included the launch of the Society's history, *A Society Formed* by USOC member Alasdair MacLaughlin, a Centenary Conference and Dinner hosted jointly with the School of Music, Queen's University, and a Service of Thanksgiving in Saint George's Parish Church.

Ian, a Minor Canon of Belfast Cathedral, has a very musical background. He grew up in Derry where he was a Chorister in St Columb's Cathedral. He did A-levels at Foyle College before studying a Bachelor degree, a Master's degree and eventually a PhD in Music at Queen's University, Belfast. Before studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Ian worked as Organist and Master of the Choristers in Derry Cathedral under the leadership of the Very Rev William Morton, now Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. He also kept a busy freelance schedule as a recitalist and accompanist, and taught in St Malachy's College and Methodist College, Belfast. Ian was also involved in making music with various choirs and ensembles. Following his ordination as a Deacon in Connor Diocese in August 2017, Ian served an Internship in the parish of St John the Baptist, Agherton, and spent two months on the clergy team at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, before taking up the role of curate in Larne following his ordination as a priest last September.

Ian is married to Kelly-Ann, a Registrar in Obstetrics & Gynaecology in the Royal Victoria Hospital and a lecturer in medicine at Queen's University.

His many interests include aviation, gardening and the architecture of the London Underground! Of his appointment, Ian said: "It is a great honour to succeed Professor Desmond Hunter as President of the Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters at this exciting time in our history.

"Our Centenary year has provided us with an opportunity to look back over 100 years of USOC and survey the changing landscape of organ playing in Ulster.

"The Society enters its second century aware of the challenges facing church musicians, but also enthused at the opportunities which lie ahead. To that end I look forward to continuing the Society's outreach to new players, especially those of young age, and seeking opportunities for further collaboration with friends in like-spirited organisations."

(The Diocese of Connor website)

The Prince's Trust – Get Started with Fashion

Katie Taggart from The Prince's Trust has asked us to promote its 'Get Started with Fashion Programme', which is being run in conjunction with The Fashion and Textile Design Hub on Shipquay Street, Londonderry. Anyone aged 16-30 is eligible and, as always, The Prince's Trust reimburse all travel and childcare costs for each young person who attends the programme. Lunch is provided each day of the programme and participation in the programme does not affect benefits.

There'll be a taster session in the Fashion Hub on Wednesday 13th February from 1-3 p.m. The programme itself will run from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February. During the programme young people will be given the opportunity to: Choose fabrics, Design garments, Cut patterns, Learn sewing techniques, Create their own garments!

Please let Katie know as soon as possible if you have any young people in mind who might be interested. Call her on 07483 306237 or email Katie.taggart@princes-trust.org.uk

Photographic Exhibition

June 2019

There is enormous interest in looking at old photographs, as those who spend time of facebook will tell you. Many local people have shown rare and interesting photos on facebook and we believe that this is only the 'tip of the iceberg'.

This year the Events Group are planning to have a photographic exhibition in the Cathedral from Saturday 1st June to Saturday 29th June and we are on the hunt to find unusual, interesting photographs that you may have in your own personal collection. Should you have photographs that you think we may be interested in, would you consider loaning them to us? They would be scanned and the original returned to you as soon as possible to avoid any damage or loss to the original. Ian and Robert would be happy to receive these photographs any time soon and they would appreciate if you would put your name on the back as well as details of who is in the photograph and when and where it was taken.

We have certain categories in mind at present - but this may develop when we see what is available, these are-

The City - perhaps you have photographs of the city and maybe family businesses that would be of interest

The Cathedral - we have some interesting historical documents and drawings but you may have photographs that would be unusual or of special occasions such as royal visits

Church Organisations - Sunday School, uniformed organisations and Mothers' Union, Bell-ringers etc. perhaps you may have photographs of district services that include other churches.

WW1 and WW2 - maybe you have photographs of army personnel during the war and the story that goes with them

Music - as well as Cathedral choirs we would be interested in the local music societies and bands.

Donegal links - you may inspire us in this category

Sport - the Cathedral had football, hockey, cricket and bowls teams to name a few.

We hope to have some artefacts to complement the photographs as well as items for the above categories. We would hope to have a display of cameras. Do you have any unusual cameras we could borrow?

It would be really helpful if you would commence your search as soon as possible as it will take time to make a selection. We would hope to have a large number of photographs on display – we believe there are 1000's out there, so please help us to make this event historical, interesting and a success.



North West Methodist Mission and the Clarendon Women's Shelter at Ashmore are recruiting for the posts of full-time and casual Support Workers. They are keen to attract as many applications as possible from across the community. Links to the job vacancies are posted on the [jobcentreonline](#) website.

Please note that the closing date is Monday 11 February and NOT 4 February as stated on the website.

Obituaries

Margaret Davis McElwee **12th October 1926 – 28th November 2018**

A funeral service is always tinged with a range of emotions; on the one hand we give thanks for the life of the deceased while at the same time their family is saddened by the loss of a loved one. This is particularly evident today as we give thanks for Margaret's life, a long life, a productive life and most of all a very happy life while you her family are saddened by the passing of a much loved Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother and Sister.

As a family and indeed many of us gathered here today, we will have fond memories of the Margaret we knew and loved. I want to share with you a few of my memories. An enduring remembrance will be her smile. Each time you met Margaret you were greeted with that amazing smile which immediately put you at ease. You felt welcomed and that your presence was valued. Even in recent weeks when I visited her on saying who I was a little smile would brighten her face. Another memory is her love for and devotion to her family. When you spoke with Margaret the conversation always came around to you her family, she would speak with a real sense of joy and pride about you, your lives, your achievements and indeed your sorrows. Of course, ever foremost was the love, devotion and commitment that she shared over many decades with her late husband Jack. An abiding memory will be Margaret's sense of dress. She always ensured that her appearance was flawless, colours coordinated, jewellery to match, as did handbag and shoes and of course her hair beautifully groomed and I have to add that on one of my recent visits her personal hairdresser and friend arrived bringing freshly laundered clothes which she had lovingly washed in her own home, Margaret was not just a client but a friend, someone she obviously respected and admired. Both she and Jack were a sight to behold when they entered this church on a Sunday morning and of course Jack always had a flower in his lapel.

Margaret Davis McElwee was born on the 12th October, 1926 to John and Flora Lumsden at Orchard Row, off the Foyle Road in Londonderry.

Margaret was one of six children born to John and Flora – Agnes, Jean, (Margaret who was the third child) followed by Alex, Billy and Flora. Unfortunately all but Flora have passed away.

Margaret had a happy childhood and family life with her siblings and on leaving school at fourteen she followed many of the young girls in the city who took up employment at one of the thriving shirt factories of the time. Welch Margetson Shirt Factory was where Margaret commenced her career in industry.

It was in 1946 that Margaret's sister Agnes was due to wed and as tradition dictated in those days a 'pre wedding' party was to be held at the Lumsden household the night before the wedding. Someone had mentioned inviting a young man from the Fountain, who had been a POW during the Second World War, to the party. His name was Jack McElwee. It appears that Jack and Margaret's romance blossomed from there. In 1947 Jack and Margaret were married in First Derry Presbyterian Church.

Jack and Margaret had three children, Jacqueline, (who sadly passed away in 1997), Ashley and Greg.

In the early 1970's, Jack became the Steward at the Services Club, Crawford Square in Londonderry. Of course Jack and Margaret had to live on the premises as part of the contractual agreement. It was not long before Margaret joined Jack behind the bar and was a regular fixture almost every night serving 'pints' to the patrons, many of whom became lifelong friends. Life at the Services Club was a 7 day a week, 364 days a year job. So when Jack and Margaret could take a holiday they frequented the USA, where Margaret's sister Jean lived, having become a GI Bride, following the war. Spain and Jersey were also on the McElwee's holiday itinerary.



Margaret and Jack both retired from their employment in the early 1990's, and were sorely missed by the many patrons who frequented the Services Club during their time there. Following retirement they moved to Saint Columb's Court where they created a beautiful home in one of the Court properties, but sadly repeated terrorist attacks on the Court House brought about intolerable damage to their home. They were forced to leave the home they had created for their retirement.

In retirement Margaret enjoyed many holiday and day trips laid on by the Britannia Band of which Jack was a member and Secretary.

In later years following an illness Margaret was admitted to Deanfield Nursing Home in Londonderry. Having remained there for a year Margaret then moved to Culmore Manor Nursing Home where she remained for almost 3 years until her passing. The family would like to extend particular thanks to all the staff at Culmore Manor who made Margaret's life a little happier having left her home at Aughlish Court where she and Jack lived following their time in Saint Columb's Court.

Sadly, as we are all aware Jack passed away in June 2016 and was sorely missed by Margaret.

At the beginning of this address I shared with you some of my memories of Margaret. I now want to share with you my greatest memory and that was the importance of belief, faith, worship and service in and toward her loving heavenly Father and his Son Jesus Christ her Lord. This was the foundation on which she built her life. She was a faithful member of this Cathedral congregation and when she was confined to her Care Homes she constantly bemoaned the fact that she could no longer attend church services. An essential element of any visit was a Scripture reading, prayer and of course the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This faith meant that Margaret had no fear of death and increasingly she looked forward to it because it meant that she would be reunited with Jack in the nearer presence of her Lord and Master.

To you her immediate family, Ashley and your wife Dorothy, Greg and your wife Heather and we remember Jacqueline, who died in 1997 her husband Mervyn.

Grandchildren: Caroline, Jason and Laura, Christopher, Benjamin, Clarissa and Harry, Megan and Patrick. Great- Grandchildren: Rebecca, Alix, Hallie, Riley, Mason and Fionn and to her last surviving sister Flora McCandless.

I offer you my sincerest sympathies as you say farewell to a wonderful Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother. Do cherish and uphold the many memories you have of her because they will help you endure the sense of sadness and loss that you are experiencing at this moment. I ask you to hold fast to the great Christian hope that one day we will be reunited with those whom we knew and loved in this life yet see no longer, and of Margaret we pray that she might rest in peace and be raised in Glory. Amen.

(The Reverend Canon John Merrick)

Elizabeth (Lila) Miller
30th March 1930 – 6th December 2018

What a year this has been! This parish has seen the largest number of deaths for many years. I and Canon John Merrick have conducted 25 funeral services, either in this Cathedral, in a Funeral Home or in the home of the parishioner, since the beginning of the year.

And 9 of those funeral services have been within the last 12 weeks.

As I reflect on all of those deaths, I am conscious that I did not know some of those people very well. After less than two years as Rector and Dean it is not possible to have met with and ministered to every person. I am, however, conscious as I prepare for a funeral service that every person is special to his and her family and relatives and I do try to reflect that love and the warmth of the relationship within the service in the home, in the Cathedral and at the graveside.



There will always be some people who stand out more than others – and Lila Miller was one such person. It must be almost 20 years since I first met Lila and Lexie – shortly after I was installed as a Canon in 1999. They were two people whom I always saw and spoke to when I visited the Cathedral as Canon in Residence. And on every occasion Lila and Lexie would enquire about my wife and our daughter – and that interest and concern has continued right up to the present day.

Within one week of my Institution as Rector and Installation as Dean, Canon John Merrick brought me to visit some members of the parish who were in Altnagelvin Hospital or who were confined to their homes. One of those visits was to Lexie and Lila; and at the end of our visit something happened that was to become an important part of almost every visit ever since. Lexie asked me to pray and to minister to both he and Lila with the Laying on of Hands. Both he and Lila believed strongly in this ministry and found great comfort and encouragement in this form of prayer.

Due to ill-health Lila and Lexie have been unable to attend the Cathedral for worship for some years, but as I often said to them, 'If you cannot come to the church, then the church will come to you'. And a pattern of monthly Holy Communion services began to emerge and both Lila and Lexie drew spiritual strength from the Sacrament and I always knew from their response just how much it meant to them. In fact, the Canon celebrated Holy Communion in their home just a few days before Lila became a resident at Daleview House and it was, as we now know, to be the last time that they would receive the Sacrament together in their own home.

Prayer was a source of great comfort to Lila, and particularly in her latter years as her eyesight began to fail and she could no longer read she found help in being able to recite the words of the Psalms. Psalm 95 – or the Canticle 'Venite' as it is also known – was a particular favourite; one that she used in her nightly devotions and that was part of our cycle of prayer by her bedside in the past few days.

One of the parish organisations with which Lila was involved was The Mothers' Union. I invited a long-standing member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union to share her thoughts about Lila and here is a part of her reflection.

Lila was enrolled in The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union in February 1978 and remained a member for over 20 years. She was a most willing member giving of her time to help with catering and other projects.

A quiet person by nature, Lila did not seek or enjoy the limelight. She preferred to work away quietly in the background.

An important trait that many people saw and appreciated in Lila was her ability to listen – and to keep a confidence.

The members of The Mothers' Union remember Lila's generous nature and her willingness to support any event that bore the name of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

Lila was a lady who took time and care with her appearance. She displayed good fashion sense; she was someone who was always immaculately dressed with makeup on, a brooch in her coat and wearing a necklace.

Members also recall her later years in The Mothers' Union; arriving for meetings on the arm of Rosemary Morton, while Lexie child-minded the Morton brothers in the Deanery – playing snooker and talking about football, as well as trying to get 3 young boys off to bed! Due to ill-health Lila resigned from The Mothers' Union but she was always remembered and visited regularly by one of the members, who kept Lila informed about all the events and the good-natured gossip!

There is, of course, one other group of people whose memories and reflections are even more relevant. I refer to Lila's family. Within this group of people she is remembered as someone who made her family her first priority. Lexie and Lila built a strong foundation when they married on 29th December 1956. During the last almost 62 years they have been to each other a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy. They have laughed together and cried together; they have reached the highs of life and enjoyed them together and they have met and overcome together the difficulties that growing older can bring.

As I reflect on Lexie's and Lila's life it is this aspect of togetherness that speaks so powerfully. A few weeks ago while visiting Lexie and Lila, Lexie shared a story with me – an elderly man and his wife were being interviewed about their long marriage relationship. At the end of the interview the man was asked, **'If you had to live your life again, what would you like to be?'** The questioner received the answer, **'Together'**.

In the context of that lovely and loving relationship the elderly man only wanted to be with his wife. And when we think about Lexie and Lila – when I recall those occasions when I have been privileged to have ministered to them – that word 'together' is never far away. Lexie put his life and his interests on hold for the past few years because he was (and he still is) a loving, faithful and loyal husband. And Lila in turn was a loving, faithful and loyal wife. Always supportive of Lexie in his role here in the Cathedral as Verger, or in his interests at Brigade Cricket Club, or of the recognition that he received with the Investiture of MBE in 2015. Lila was there at his side – the proud wife.

But of course there was an occasion when on 20th March 2008 – Lila's birthday – she and Lexie were present in Armagh Cathedral to receive the Maundy Thursday Money from Queen Elizabeth. This was a proud moment for both of them – and for their family.

Yes, family was important to Lila.

She was a mother who was devoted to her children, Adrian and Vanessa.

Although having a job as a School Meals Assistant at Fort James when they were growing up, she ensured that she was at home to welcome them when they came home from school.

And the family home, with many family photographs, is evidence that a mother's love and interest in her children and her grandchildren was strong to the end.

We read in the Book Proverbs words that, I believe, can apply appropriately to Lila Miller and to her family:

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:

'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

(Proverbs 31: 28-31)

Today we remember Lila and we thank God for a life in which love for God and for neighbour was paramount.

We thank God for that long, loving relationship of almost 62 years of marriage and for her devotion to Lexie, Adrian and Vanessa; to Vanessa and Stuart and to Jonathan, Lucy, Sophie, and William.

We thank God for her commitment to this Cathedral Church and for her sincere love for all things holy in this place.

We thank God for the friendship and fellowship that we each enjoyed with Lila, for the example she has left us in sickness and in health, and for the hope and assurance in the Christian Faith that one day we will meet again in the place where sickness and suffering are no more, where every tear is wiped away and where all things are made new.

Isobel Kilpatrick

10th October 1928—12th January 2019

Isobel Hamilton Kilpatrick was born on 10th October, 1928 to Isabella and James Williamson. She was baptised in Saint Columb's Cathedral on the 21st November by Reverend Leslie Lawrenson. The eldest of five children, her siblings were Harry, Mina, Tilly and Jim. The family home was in Bishop Street. Isobel attended Bishop Street School and when she was 14 years old she left school and went to work in Welch Margetson's shirt factory, where she was a side seamer. The calibre of her work was so good, it was used for sample shirts to be shown to prospective buyers such as Marks & Spencer.

In 1946, Isobel met Albert Kilpatrick, whom she always called Bob.

Albert (Bob) was in the Navy and was stationed at Sea Eagle.

They met at a local dance and Albert was wearing his Navy uniform.



They were married on 7th August, 1947, in Saint Columb's Cathedral by the Reverend Charles Willoughby. They were married the same year as the Queen and they went on to celebrate their 50th Anniversary at a garden party in Hillsborough attended by the Queen. They were also invited and attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace in 1995, to mark 60 years since the ending of World War Two.

Isobel and Bob lived for a short time at Sea Eagle, until they moved to 40 Erne Gardens, where she lived for the rest of her life. When Bob was posted to Hong Kong with the Navy, Isobel refused to go as she had only got her house and it was so important to her to keep the family home.

Isobel and Bob had three children, Pat, Marilyn and Angela. She was a great homemaker and used to sew and knit the girls' clothes: dresses in summer and tartan skirts in the winter. The girls all attended their first dance with dresses she made for them. She also went on to make her granddaughter's school formal dress.

She was a hard worker and worked in various jobs fitting them around her family life. Isobel was proud of her family; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren, who affectionately called her Granny Belle. She was always asking "how are the weins"? Her commitment to her neighbours was strong and practical. She even helped to deliver some of her neighbour's babies.

She liked to wear bright colours, such as purple, blue and pink and I often commented that she was colour co-ordinated for the seasons and was wearing her purple coat for Advent. She was a lifelong and regular attender at Saint Columb's Cathedral where her presence will be sorely missed.

Isobel was an active member of the Lisnagelvin Women's Group and even in her 90th year was always out meeting people and keeping herself active. She got the bus regularly to Foyleside or to see her family in Limavady.

On her 90th birthday on the 10th October, she celebrated and enjoyed a get together with all the family.

Isobel was many things to many people; a kind and helpful neighbour, friend, a loving wife, a devoted mother and grandmother.

In conclusion in this life, sadly, when we hear the word legacy we immediately think in terms of property, money and possessions. This afternoon I want to speak to you Isobel's family, friends and neighbours of her legacy. In Holy Scripture we are told that we should love the Lord our God with all our heart and all our soul and our neighbour as ourselves. This is all we have to do to earn eternal salvation. This is Isobel's legacy to you Pat, Marilyn and Angela, to you Jim and Eddie, to you her grandchildren Ryan, Yvette, Mark and Chris, to you her great-grandchildren Erin, Ethan, Ella, and to you her brother Jim. This is an inheritance that will never fade. It will never suffer loss. It is priceless. She has instilled this in you through word and example. The mantle now passes on to you both individually and collectively. Remember it, honour it and expand it and you will inherit an unfading crown of glory. I know your hearts are saddened today and this is coupled with a sense of emptiness. Support one another in your grief while at the same time reflecting on the many happy and fond memories of life in this home with both your mother, Isobel and your late father Albert (Bob). Please be happy for her as she is now in the nearer presence of her Creator God in the company of her late husband Bob and her siblings where there is no more pain or sorrow but one equal light and joy in the Heavenly places, secure in the knowledge that one day you will be reunited with her and them and so we pray and say "Thanks be to God who has given us the victory".

(The Reverend Canon John Merrick)



Parish Register Burial

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Friday 30th November 2018

Margaret Davis McElwee, Culmore Manor Care Home, 39 Culmore Road, Londonderry (formerly of 3 Aughlish Court, Caw, Londonderry).

Monday 10th December 2018

Elizabeth (Lila) Miller, 16 Clements Court, Waterside, Londonderry. **Ballyoan Cemetery.**

Monday 14th January 2019

Isobel Hamilton Kilpatrick, 40 Erne Gardens, Waterside, Londonderry. **Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.**

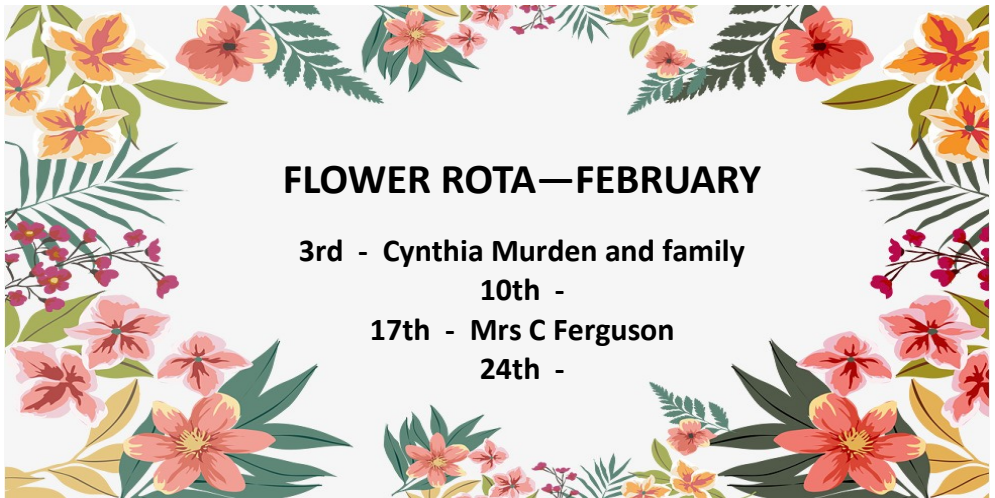
Holy Matrimony

Those whom God hath joined together, let no one put asunder.

Saturday 5th January 2019

Stuart Lee Corns, 139G Union Grove, Aberdeen, Scotland and **Sarah Nicola Forgie**, 139G Union Grove, Aberdeen, Scotland.

The Officiant was The Very Reverend Dr William Morton, The Dean and Ordinary of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.



FLOWER ROTA—FEBRUARY

3rd - Cynthia Murden and family

10th -

17th - Mrs C Ferguson

24th -



HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

If you or a relative is admitted to 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.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

McElwee

We remember the family – Ashley and his wife Dorothy, Greg and his wife Heather, and Mervyn – the husband of Jacqueline (deceased) – and all of the relatives of **Margaret Davis McElwee**, Culmore Manor Care Home, 39 Culmore Road, Londonderry (formerly of 3 Aughlish Court, Caw, Londonderry), who died, peacefully, on Wednesday 28th November.

We, also, remember Margaret's grandchildren, Caroline, Jason and Laura; Christopher, Benjamin, Clarissa and Harry; Megan and Patrick; and her great grandchildren, Rebecca; Alix; Hallie, Riley and Mason; and Fionn.

We, also, remember Margaret's surviving sibling, her sister Flora McCandless and her sister-in-law Etta Dobson and Etta's husband Ron.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Davis McElwee was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Friday 30th November. The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart and by The Reverend Canon John Merrick who also gave the Address.

The Service was followed by a Service of Cremation at Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan.

Johnston

We remember the family – Ann, Robert, Gary, Heather, Elizabeth and Amanda – and all of the relatives of **Robert John (Bobby) Johnston**, formerly of Daleview Care Home, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 25th November 2018.

Bobby was a brother-in-law of Ann Johnston, 181 The Fountain, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

Miller

We remember Lexie Miller and his family – Adrian and his partner Vanessa, Vanessa and her husband Stuart Postle and their families – and all of the relatives of **Elizabeth (Lila) Miller** (nee Mullan), 16 Clements Court, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Daleview Care Home, Londonderry on Thursday 6th December 2018.

We remember Lila's and Lexie's grandchildren – Jonathan, Lucy and Sophie, and William. We, also, remember the members of the Mullan family circle.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lila Miller was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Monday 10th December 2018. 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 were Psalm 95 (read by Lexie's and Lila's grandson Jonathan Miller), 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (read by Lexie's and Lila's son Adrian Miller) and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27 (read by The Very Reverend Cecil Orr).

Following the service Lila was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Hamilton

We remember James, Duke of Abercorn and his family – Jamie, Sophie and Nicholas – and all of the relatives of **Alexandra Hamilton, Sacha, Duchess of Abercorn**, Baronscourt Estate, Newtownstewart, County Tyrone who died, peacefully, in London on Monday 10th December 2018.

Gallagher

We remember the family – Cathy, Ann-Louise, Ciara and Daniel and their families – and all of the relatives of **Jean Gallagher** (nee Coyle), 13 Clondermott Park, Londonderry who died on Sunday 23rd December 2018.

We, also, remember Jean's sister Caroline and her brother-in-law Robert Gibson, 5 East Avenue, Londonderry, to whom we also express our sympathy. (Robert is a member of the Cathedral Bellringers and Caroline was a former Brownie leader).

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Speers

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Isabella Christina Speers**, 10 Bell Road, Urney, Strabane who died at The Harold McCauley Nursing Home, Omagh. Her funeral service was held in Christ Church, Urney on Thursday 27th December 2018. We remember Christina's daughter Anne and her husband (The Reverend Canon) David Crooks, Taughboyne Rectory, Churchtown, Carrigans, County Donegal.

McKnight

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Malcolm McKnight** who died in Antrim. We also remember Malcolm's mother, Betty McKnight of 11 Bann Drive, and his brothers and sisters – Billy, Jackie, Trevor, George, Elizabeth, Susan, Avril, Dorothy, Ruth and Alison – to whom we also express our sympathy. Malcolm was buried on Saturday 5th January 2019.

White

We remember the relatives of **Mary (Minnie) White** of Belfast and formerly of Portavogie who died, suddenly, at hospital on Thursday 3rd January 2019. Minnie's husband Bill (deceased) was a cousin of Elizabeth Fielding to whom, and to whose husband Aubrey and their family, we also express our sympathy.

Jepp

We remember Ron Jepp and the family and all of the relatives of **Margaret Jepp** who died in Bury St Edmunds in England recently. We also remember Margaret's mother Beth Riddels in Antrim.

Margaret was a cousin of David Bell, 16 Hayfield Park, Newbuildings, Londonderry to whom, and to whose wife Carol and their family, we also express our sympathy.

Kilpatrick

We remember the family – Pat, Marilyn and Angela – and all of the relatives of **Isobel Hamilton Kilpatrick** (nee Williamson), 40 Erne Gardens, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 12th January.

We, also, remember Isobel's sons-in-law Jim and Eddie, and Norman (deceased); her grandchildren Ryan, Yvette, Mark and Chris; her great grandchildren Erin, Ethan and Ella; and her brother Jim Williamson.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Isobel Kilpatrick was conducted in her home, 40 Erne Gardens, Waterside, Londonderry on Monday 14th January by The Reverend Canon John Merrick. Following the service Isobel was buried at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.

McFarland

We remember the family – Kenny and Trevor – and all of the relatives of **Joseph McFarland**, 5 Duncastle Park, Newbuildings, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Monday 21st January.

Joseph's wife Iris (deceased) was a sister of Renee Moyse, 42 Woodburn Park, Londonderry to whom, and to whose husband Alan and their family, we also express our sympathy.

McKittrick

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Ken McKittrick** who died in England recently.

Ken was a brother of Raymond McKittrick, 24 Clements Court, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

Ramsay

We remember the family—Glynis & Cheryl— and all of the relatives of **William Ronald (Ronnie) Ramsay** who died peacefully at Deanfield Nursing Home on Friday 25th January. Ronnie was the grandfather of Lisa Moyse, 65 Heron Way, Londonderry, to whom and to whose husband Bobby we also express our sympathy.

Harvey

We remember June Harvey and her family – Paul, Gary and Mark – and all of the relatives of **Mervyn Harvey**, 9 Iona Terrace, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

We remember Mervyn's and June's son Paul, daughter-in-law Louise and their family, 31 Carnmoney Park, Campsie.



IN MEMORIAM

FABRIC FUND

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| In loving memory of my husband Trafford, and my parents George & Violet Stewart | |
| From Sylvia McIntosh (Apologies for omission from December/January magazine) | 50.00 |
| In memory of Anna Matilda Molloy | |
| From her four grandsons Richard, Andrew, Paul & Mark | 400.00 |
| In loving memory of a dear friend and neighbour Anna Molloy | |
| From Evelyn & Ken Wilson | 50.00 |
| In memory of our dear son Ian Begley | |
| From Mum & Dad | 200.00 |
| In loving memory of our brother Ian | |
| From Alison & David | 100.00 |
| In memory of uncle Ian | |
| From McCauley, Ellie & Freddie | 50.00 |
| In loving memory of a devoted wife, mother & grandmother - Lila Miller | |
| From husband Lexie, son Adrian, daughter Vanessa & family-Precious Memories | 500.00 |
| In memory of Lila Miller—a dearly loved sister-in-law | |
| From Hugo & Gwen Miller | 40.00 |
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| In memory of all my family | |
| From Miss Muriel Hamill | 100.00 |
| In memory of all our loved ones | |
| From Charlie, Joan & Cathleen Ferguson | 50.00 |
| In memory of Mrs Margaret McElwee | |
| From her family | 100.00 |
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| From The Cathedral Youth Club | 25.00 |
| In memory of all my loved ones | |
| From Aimiee Moore | 400.00 |
| In memory of my dear friends—Florrie Price, Kathleen Porter, Margaret Armstrong & Georgie Stewart | |
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| In memory of my great-grandson—Harvey Neely | |
| From great-granny Aimiee | 30.00 |
| In loving memory of the Majilton family | |
| From Betty Gallagher | 50.00 |
| In memory of Mary White | |
| From Aubrey & Elizabeth Fielding | 40.00 |
| From Phyllis Quigley | 20.00 |
| In memory of granny, mother, aunt May & aunt Evelyn, with love & thanks | |
| From Judy | 400.00 |
| In Loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother—Mrs Isobel Kilpatrick | |
| From daughter Pat | 100.00 |
| From daughter Marilyn & son-in-law Jim | 100.00 |
| From daughter Angela | 100.00 |
| From grandson Ryan & wife Judith | 50.00 |
| From granddaughter Yvette & husband Ian | 50.00 |
| From grandsons Mark, Chris & wife Helen | 50.00 |
| From great-grandchildren Erin, Ethan and Ella | 30.00 |
| In loving memory of Mrs Isobel Kilpatrick | |
| From Clive Forbes | 20.00 |
| From Mr & Mrs William Forbes | 20.00 |
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| In loving memory of Holmes Haslett | |
| From his wife Betty | 100.00 |



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| In memory of my mother, father & brother- Jessie, James & Norman Jefferson | |
| From Mrs Ann Tweedie | 100.00 |
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| From Mrs Stella Burnside | 150.00 |
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| In memory of our precious twins, Hannah and Jack | |
| From Nigel and Alison Cairns | 100.00 |

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



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