



The Dean writes.....

Dear Parishioners and Friends

The Son of God was known by many names. 'Jesus'; 'Lord'; 'Saviour'; 'Messiah'. The name that I like is **'Emmanuel'**.

The angel reminded Joseph of what had been foretold by the prophet Isaiah. **'Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel ...'** (Saint Matthew 1: 23). The name 'Emmanuel' means **'God is with us'**.

When Jesus was born He entered into very humble surroundings. His bed was a manger in a stable. His first visitors were shepherds from the nearby hills. He was born, like each of us, as a small, weak, vulnerable and dependent baby.

Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, shows us God's love for the world.

God loved so He gave His Son, Jesus. He became a human being and entered into time and space to share life with us.

The name **'Emmanuel'** expresses hope and confidence for the present and for the future. Whatever our circumstances God is with us. We don't have to face the difficulties and challenges of life on our own. There is the assurance of divine help from One who is **'our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble'**. (Psalm 46: 1).

This Christmas, for many people, will be a sad time. They will have to spend the festive season in their own home, in a hospital ward, or in a nursing home, away from their families and close friends. They will be unable to celebrate as they used to do when they were younger. And then there are those families who have been bereaved during the year. This Christmas will be a sad time for them because the empty chair will remind them of someone whom they loved and who shared past Christmases with them.

There are, also, people who are hungry, who live on the streets, who are poor. We see them lying in the shop doorways in this City. So many people feel alone, especially at Christmas when they see other people enjoying the festive season with their relatives.

The name 'Emmanuel' brings a message for all such people. It tells us that, although we may feel alone, unloved and unwanted, we are never so because **God is with us**. He loves each of us and He cares about each of us.

May this message bring you hope and fill you with renewed confidence this Christmas and throughout 2020.

My wife Patricia and our daughter Dione join with me as I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a very Blessed New Year.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

Services after Christmas

Please do not forget the following days are celebrated in the Cathedral after Christmas. Often they are forgotten, but they are very important Feastdays of the Christmas Season.

The Feastday of Saint Stephen
The Feastday of Saint John the Evangelist
The Feastday of The Holy Innocents

Thursday 26th December at 10.30 am.
Friday 27th December at 10.30 am.
Saturday 28th December at 10.30 am.

**A Meeting of the Select Vestry
will be held in The Chapter House, Saint Columb's Cathedral
on Monday 9th December at 7.30 pm.**

Fountain Primary School Remembrance Service

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

The Royal British Legion was in attendance and the traditional Act of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony took place. The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart read the Scripture reading (Saint John 15: 1-17). The Children's Address was given by The Reverend Keith Hibbert, the Minister of Cumber and Upper Cumber Presbyterian Churches and the Convenor of Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church and the closing prayer was given by The Reverend Richard Johnston, the Superintendent, Clooney Hall and Carlisle Road Methodist Churches. Mr Ian Crowe, Her Majesty's Deputy Lord-Lieutenant for The City of Londonderry, was also present. Ruby Hughes and Jonathan Thompson, P7 pupils, played a Flute Duet, 'Abide with me'.

Remembrance Sunday



On Sunday 10th November 2019 the customary Act of Remembrance was observed at The War Memorial in The Diamond.

The Reverend Canon John Merrick led the short service and he was assisted by The Most Reverend Donal McKeown, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, The Venerable Robert Miller, the Archdeacon of Derry, The Reverend Richard Johnston, the Superintendent, Clooney Hall and Carlisle Road Methodist Churches and

The Reverend Paul Linkens, the Minister of Ebrington Presbyterian Church.

A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral.

The service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick. He was assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Mills, Parish Reader, who led the prayers.

The Scripture readings (Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Saint John 15: 9-17) were read by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey and by Councillor Jim McKeever, Derry City and Strabane District Council. The wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by Richard Doherty, Kevin Duncan and Maurice Brown. The sermon was preached by the Dean, The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart.

The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society

At Christmas, when we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, we think about children.

We remember children and young people who have been left without a mother or a father or, in some cases, both parents. The Londonderry Orphan Society provides financial assistance to children who live in County Londonderry.

**There will be a retiring offering for The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society
at Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December,
at the Service of Holy Communion
and at Festival Choral Eucharist on Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December.**

December Services/Events

SUNDAY	01	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order Two) 7.30 pm The Candlelight Advent Procession
MONDAY	02	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	03	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two)
WEDNESDAY	04	10.30 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm An Order for Compline
THURSDAY	05	10.30 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm A Christmas Celebration in Saint Columb's Cathedral with The High Hopes Choir, The Island of Ireland Peace Choir and Lisneal College Choir
FRIDAY	06	10.30 am The Litany 12.00 pm—7.00 pm Festival of Christmas Trees in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
SATURDAY	07	2.00 pm The Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 331 st anniversary of the Shutting of the Gates The Preacher: The Reverend William Orr, Rector of The Parish of Portadown (Saint Mark) 10.00 am—7.00 pm Festival of Christmas Trees in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
SUNDAY	08	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am The Sunday School Christmas Carol Celebration 4.00 pm Choral Evensong 5.00 pm The Service of Ordination and Consecration of The Venerable Andrew James Forster as Bishop of Derry and Raphoe in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh 2.00 pm—7.00 pm Festival of Christmas Trees in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
MONDAY	09	10.30 am Fountain Primary School Nativity Service 7.30 pm The Select Vestry will meet in Saint Columb's Cathedral
TUESDAY	10	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two) 7.30 pm The Mothers' Union will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	11	10.30 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm An Order for Compline
THURSDAY	12	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	13	10.30 am The Litany 7.30 pm The Service of Ordination and Installation of Mr J Ross Kernohan in Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church
SATURDAY	14	7.30 pm Altnagelvin Hospital Choir Concert in The Guildhall, Londonderry
SUNDAY	15	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order One) 4.00 pm Choral Evensong
MONDAY	16	10.30 am Morning Prayer The Widows' Friendship Group will meet in Bishop's Gate Hotel 7.30 pm The Joint Emergency Services Christmas Carol Service
TUESDAY	17	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two)

December Services/Events

WEDNESDAY	18	10.30 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm An Order for Compline
THURSDAY	19	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	20	10.30 am The Litany
SUNDAY	22	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Matins with The Rite of Holy Baptism 7.30 pm The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
MONDAY	23	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	24	CHRISTMAS EVE 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two) 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist (Order Two) with Carols
WEDNESDAY	25	CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) with Carols 11.00 am Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two) The Celebrant and Preacher The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe
THURSDAY	26	SAINT STEPHEN 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
FRIDAY	27	SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
SATURDAY	28	THE HOLY INNOCENTS 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
SUNDAY	29	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Matins
MONDAY	30	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	31	NEW YEAR'S EVE 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two) 11.00 pm Holy Communion (Order Two)

January Services/Events

WEDNESDAY	01	THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
THURSDAY	02	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	03	10.30 am The Litany
SUNDAY	05	THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order Two) 4.00 pm The Service of Installation of The Right Reverend Andrew Forster as Bishop of Derry
MONDAY	06	THE EPIPHANY 10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
TUESDAY	07	10.30 am Holy Communion (Order Two)
WEDNESDAY	08	10.30 am Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	09	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	10	10.30 am The Litany
SUNDAY	12	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ THE BAPTISM OF JESUS 8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One) 11.00 am Choral Matins Preacher: The Venerable Robert Miller 4.00 pm Choral Evensong

SUNDAY	12	4.00 pm	The Service of Installation of The Right Reverend Andrew Forster as Bishop of Raphoe in Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe
MONDAY	13	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	14	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
		7.30 pm	The Mothers' Union will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
WEDNESDAY	15	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	16	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	17	10.30 am	The Litany
SUNDAY	19		THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		10.00 am	Family Service
			Speaker: Rebecca Parnell, The Leprosy Mission
		11.00 am	Choral Eucharist (Order One)
			Speaker: Rebecca Parnell, The Leprosy Mission
		4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
MONDAY	20	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
		3.00 pm	The Widows' Friendship Group will meet in Cathedral House, No. 1, Saint Columb's Court
TUESDAY	21	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
			The Men's Society Annual Dinner at The Treehouse Restaurant, Muff, County Donegal
WEDNESDAY	22	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	23	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	24	10.30 am	The Litany
SATURDAY	25		THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
		10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
SUNDAY	26		THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
		8.00 am	Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am	Choral Matins
		4.00 pm	Choral Evensong
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MONDAY	27	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	28	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Order Two)
WEDNESDAY	29	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	30	10.30 am	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	31	10.30 am	The Litany

February Services/Events

SATURDAY	01	SAINT BRIGID
		10.30 am Holy Communion (Order One)
SUNDAY	02	THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
		8.00 am Holy Communion (Order One)
		11.00 am Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
		4.00 pm Choral Evensong
MONDAY	03	10.30 am Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	04	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	05	10.00 am CMD Morning for the Clergy of the Dioceses Holy Communion (Order Two) The Celebrant: The Right Reverend Andrew Forster
THURSDAY	06	10.30 am Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	07	10.30 am The Litany



8 th	December	Sunday School
		Christmas Carol Celebration
15 th	December	Holidays
22 nd	December	Holidays
29 th	December	Holidays
5 th	January 2020	Sunday school first then Church
12 th	January	Church then Sunday School
19 th	January	Family Service
26 th	January	Church then Sunday School

DONATION:

The children and teachers of the Sunday School are extremely thankful for the most generous donation in memory of Sam McCorkell.

£100 from George, Nuala & family, Blackpool

£100 from Carol, David & family, Londonderry

We are indebted to them and will make sure the families wishes are carried out.

FAMILY SERVICES

Occasionally we now join the 11 o'clock Choral Matins service with the children still taking the lead on lessons and prayers.

We welcome sisters Caitlin and Chloe Rowney to our Sunday School.

NATIVITY

We always try to facilitate all the children when they look for a particular part to play and did so again this year when Freddie asked could he play only one part – the donkey.

Thank you to our team of helpers sorting costumes Lauren, Ellie & Katie. Thank you girls.

Following the nativity the Sunday school children will receive a selection box.

ULSTER PROJECT

We have no teens participating this year but Dylan Harvey has just been selected as a leader. I'm sure we wish him every enjoyment.

SEASONAL JOKE CORNER – ALL TURKEYS!

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys in the supermarket but she couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked an assistant, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

He replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

The police arrested a turkey. Fowl play was suspected.

Can a turkey jump higher than the Canary Wharf building?

Of course – buildings can't jump!

What do you get if you cross an octopus with a turkey?

Enough drumsticks for the family.

Did you hear about the turkey that got into a fight?

He had the stuffing knocked out of him.

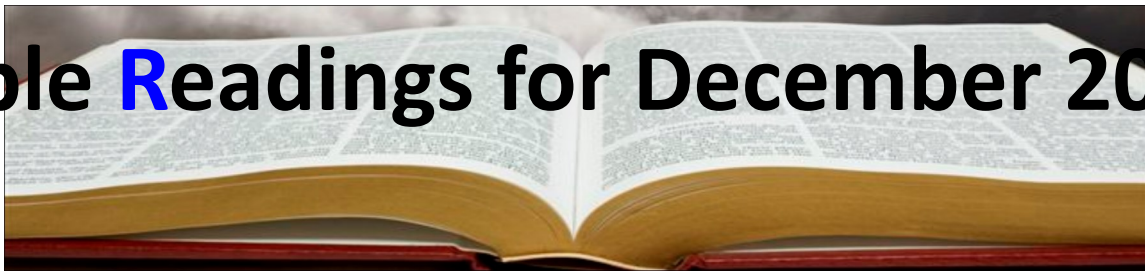
Which side of a turkey has the most feathers? The outside!



***THE MAGAZINE COMMITTEE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A GOOD NEW YEAR.***

RAY, LINDA & ROBERT

Bible Readings for December 2019



DAY	READING	THEME
Sunday 1	Micah 2:1-11	Sleeping over what?
Monday 2	Amos 8:1-12	Rotten rituals
Tuesday 3	Hosea 4:1-9	Credibility gap
Wednesday 4	Joel 2:1-14	Beware—a dog that barks does not bite
Thursday 5	Isaiah 5:1-7	Pain of God
Friday 6	Isaiah 58:1-14	Fast! Fast! Fast!
Saturday 7	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Renewal offer
Sunday 8	Hosea 6:1-11	Judgement is costly, like grace
Monday 9	Malachi 3:1-5	The unwelcome party guest
Tuesday 10	Lamentations 2:1-5	A small crumb of comfort
Wednesday 11	Isaiah 59:1-8	Another brick in the wall
Thursday 12	Isaiah 59:9-15a	We're all in it together
Friday 13	Isaiah 3:13-26	When leaders go bad
Saturday 14	Ezekiel 22:23-31	Keeping the faith and building the wall
Sunday 15	Isaiah 51:1-3	Foundations
Monday 16	Ezekiel 36:22-32	A fleshy heart
Tuesday 17	Joel 2:21-29	Flourishing
Wednesday 18	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Sing aloud!
Thursday 19	Jeremiah 31:2-14	A straight path
Friday 20	Ezekiel 37:1-14	The breath of life
Saturday 21	Isaiah 40:1-11	Speak tenderly
Sunday 22	Saint Matthew 1:1-17	Family: loved no matter what
Monday 23	Saint Matthew 2:1-6	The wise men cometh
Tuesday 24	Saint Matthew 2:7-18	God's get-out clause
Wednesday 25	Saint Matthew 1:18-25	What a day!
Thursday 26	Saint Matthew 2:19-23	God's deliverance promised
Friday 27	Saint Matthew 3:1-6	God's word fulfilled
Saturday 28	Saint Matthew 3:7-12	John the Baptist brings hope
Sunday 29	Saint Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus leads the way
Monday 30	Saint Matthew 4:1-10	Jesus overcomes
Tuesday 31	Saint Matthew 4:12-22	Jesus' ministry: no limits

Bible Readings for January 2020



DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	Saint Luke 10:25-37	Going the extra mile
Thursday 2	Psalms 23	The path of life
Friday 3	Saint Luke 15:11-32	Party time
Saturday 4	Saint Mark 4:1-20	The answer lies in the soil
Sunday 5	Micah 5:2-4	The best things come in small parcels
Monday 6	Saint Matthew 2:1-12	Follow your star
Tuesday 7	Isaiah 42:1-9	Don't curse the dark
Wednesday 8	Isaiah 49:1-7	Like moths to flame
Thursday 9	Isaiah 52:7-10	Sleeping like a baby
Friday 10	Isaiah 60:1-9	Darkness my companion
Saturday 11	Saint Luke 2:25-38	Clock watching
Sunday 12	Saint Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus' baptism
Monday 13	Ephesians 3:7-21	Mystery hidden for ages
Tuesday 14	Colossians 2:1-15	Knowledge of God's mystery
Wednesday 15	Saint John 2:1-11	Jesus manifests his glory
Thursday 16	Psalms 72:1-14	Deliverance to the needy
Friday 17	Saint Matthew 28:16-20	Disciples' commission
Saturday 18	Acts 10:34-48	Gift of the Holy Spirit
Sunday 19	Saint Matthew 5:1-12	Blessed are the peacemakers
Monday 20	Saint Matthew 5:13-16	Courageous connections
Tuesday 21	Saint Matthew 5:17-20	'Spirit' vs 'letter'
Wednesday 22	Saint Matthew 5:21-26	'If looks could kill'
Thursday 23	Saint Matthew 5:27-30	The wandering eye
Friday 24	Saint Matthew 5:31-32	Marriage: till death us do part?
Saturday 25	Saint Matthew 3:33-37	'Cross my heart ...'
Sunday 26	Saint Matthew 5:38-42	Turning the other cheek
Monday 27	Saint Matthew 5:43-48	Who is my enemy?
Tuesday 28	Saint Matthew 6:1-6	The invisible piety
Wednesday 29	Saint Matthew 6:7-18	Daily bread and daily pardon
Thursday 30	Saint Matthew 6:19-24	Where is my treasure?
Friday 31	Saint Matthew 6:25-34	Striving for the Kingdom of God

Confirmation 2020

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 28th June 2020 at 11.00 am 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 2020.

Young people who wish to be confirmed –

Must be baptised members of the Church.

Must be 13 years or over on 28th June 2020.

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.



Advent Mid-week Services

The Order of Compline will be read in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Wednesday evenings in December - 4th, 11th and 18th December - at 7.30 pm.

Mr David Bell, a member of the parish and a diocesan reader will deliver a Meditation on the Meaning of Advent.

Please come, pause and reflect.



Saint Augustine's Church has a new Rector.

The Reverend Nigel Cairns, the Curate-assistant in The Parishes of Glendermott and NewBuildings, Londonderry **has been appointed Rector of Saint Augustine's Church, Londonderry.** We wish Nigel, his wife Alison and their children Megan and Matthew every blessing for the future.

Parishioners will remember Nigel as a member of The Parish of Templemore and a member of the Cathedral Choir, and his son Matthew as a member of the Boy Choristers.

Chapter News

The Canon in Residence in January 2020 will be The Venerable Robert Miller, the Rector of The Grouped Parishes of Christ Church, Culmore, Muff, and Saint Peter's, Londonderry. Archdeacon Robert Miller will preach at Choral Matins on Sunday 12th January 2020.

Welcome!

The Dean, The Reverend Canon John Merrick and the members of The Parish of Templemore send greetings and good wishes to **Mr Ross Kernohan** who will be Ordained and Installed as the Minister of Carlisle Road and Crossroads Presbyterian Churches on Friday 13th December. We pray that Ross, his wife Fanny and their children Benjamin, Jacob and Gabi will enjoy the friendship and hospitality of the people of Londonderry.

MAGAZINES 2020

You will find enclosed with this Edition an envelope if you wish to pay for your magazines for the year – the price has remained fixed at £10.00. Thank you to all those who contributed items throughout the year – we love to hear from you and encourage everyone to keep us in touch with what's happening. **If anyone needs their magazine delivered, or posted, they should contact Ray Mace.** Thank you.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES DECEMBER

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Candlelight Advent Procession

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Holy Communion

The Dean and Canon John Merrick will be pleased to celebrate Holy Communion for parishioners who are sick, elderly or housebound and who may not be able to attend church on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

Those parishioners who are on our Holy Communion Visitation List will be contacted so that a convenient day and time to visit can be arranged.





The Widows' Friendship Group

On Monday 18th November we met in Cathedral House, No.1 Saint Columb's Court, to share some fascinating memories of past Christmases.

In our prayers we remembered Maisie and Millie who are both experiencing continuing health problems and Nan and Lil on their recent bereavements.

Alison and Geraldine provided a delicious afternoon tea and were also our chauffeurs. Thanks to the Dean and John for all their help and of course to Deborah. Our next meeting is on Monday 16th December when we will be having Christmas lunch in The Bishop's Gate Hotel.



The Dioceses of Derry & Raphoe

Following the hymn chosen by Isobel and the reading from Esther Chapter 4 prayers were said for the members who had been bereaved recently, Carol and family, Nan and family, Etta and family and Lil and family. Those who are ill and experiencing difficult times were remembered and

thanks given to those who heal the sick and suffering.

The speaker at the November meeting was Alison Cairns, a member of the Renal Home Therapy team at Altnagelvin Hospital. Alison chose to share her own story with members, which began in Cookstown, in a loving and caring family, with emphasis on education, church and food. Having studied for her nursing degree in New University of Ulster she worked in a mission hospital in South Africa, before returning home to meet and marry her husband Nigel. Alison faced many challenges in her personal life over the years in her role as mother, wife, daughter, and nurse. Challenges like these she told members test our courage, strength and weaknesses but being in step with God brings meaning to all these roles.

Linda McGonigle was congratulated on her design for a promotional leaflet, which was chosen by June Butler the All-Ireland President to be circulated throughout Ireland to welcome the Mothers' Union World Wide President Sheran Harper, who will be the guest speaker at Evensong in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Sunday 29th March 2020. Well done Linda.

The President's Shield Competition next year will be a Church/Community event for young families, to get to know them better and strengthen relationships. The theme will be 'Building Hope and Confidence'.

Saint Columb's Cathedral Christmas Bauble

We have had difficulties with the local supplier and have to go further afield to source what we want. Unfortunately this will mean the bauble will not arrive in time for this Christmas but we will have it in stock in plenty of time for Christmas 2020 and the Christmas Tree Festival. We would be happy to reserve some for you.

The Royal Purple Tree

The internet works! Thank you to all those people who saw the appeal for baubles for a tree that is being erected in the porch. We have been delighted with the response. People arrived at the church with gifts and a lady turned up at the Rectory in Leckpatrick with a large gift of various decorations which The Reverend Canon Paul Whittaker brought into the Cathedral. We hope to start decorating it on Tuesday 10th December. We will use purple ornaments and hang it with crowns to mark the coming of the King of Kings. We hope some people will be free on that day to help. Before that, don't be surprised, if you have a tap on your shoulder to ask for your help to transform the baubles to various shades of purple.

The Crocus Project



Holocaust Memorial Day falls on the 27th January. On this day in 1945 Soviet troops stumbled across Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. The sight that met them left an indelible mark on their lives.

Altogether six million Jews were murdered during World War II. One and a half million of these were children. Thousands of other children were put to death, together with Roma/Sinti people, people with disabilities and others because of their nationality, the colour of their skin, their faith, their sexuality or because they opposed the Nazis.

Each year Holocaust Trusts around Europe supply one and a half million yellow crocus bulbs to schools. The crocuses bloom at the very beginning of Spring reminding us that even after the most terrible of events, new life begins, and we have the hope of a better future.

As we watch yellow crocuses bud and bloom this January, let us remember the children of the Holocaust. This prayer was found written on a piece of wrapping paper near the body of a child in Ravensbruck, where 92,000 women and children died. It is a powerful demonstration of faith, hope and resilience existing amidst fear, angst and deprivation.

*O Lord, remember not only the men and women of goodwill
but also those of ill will.*

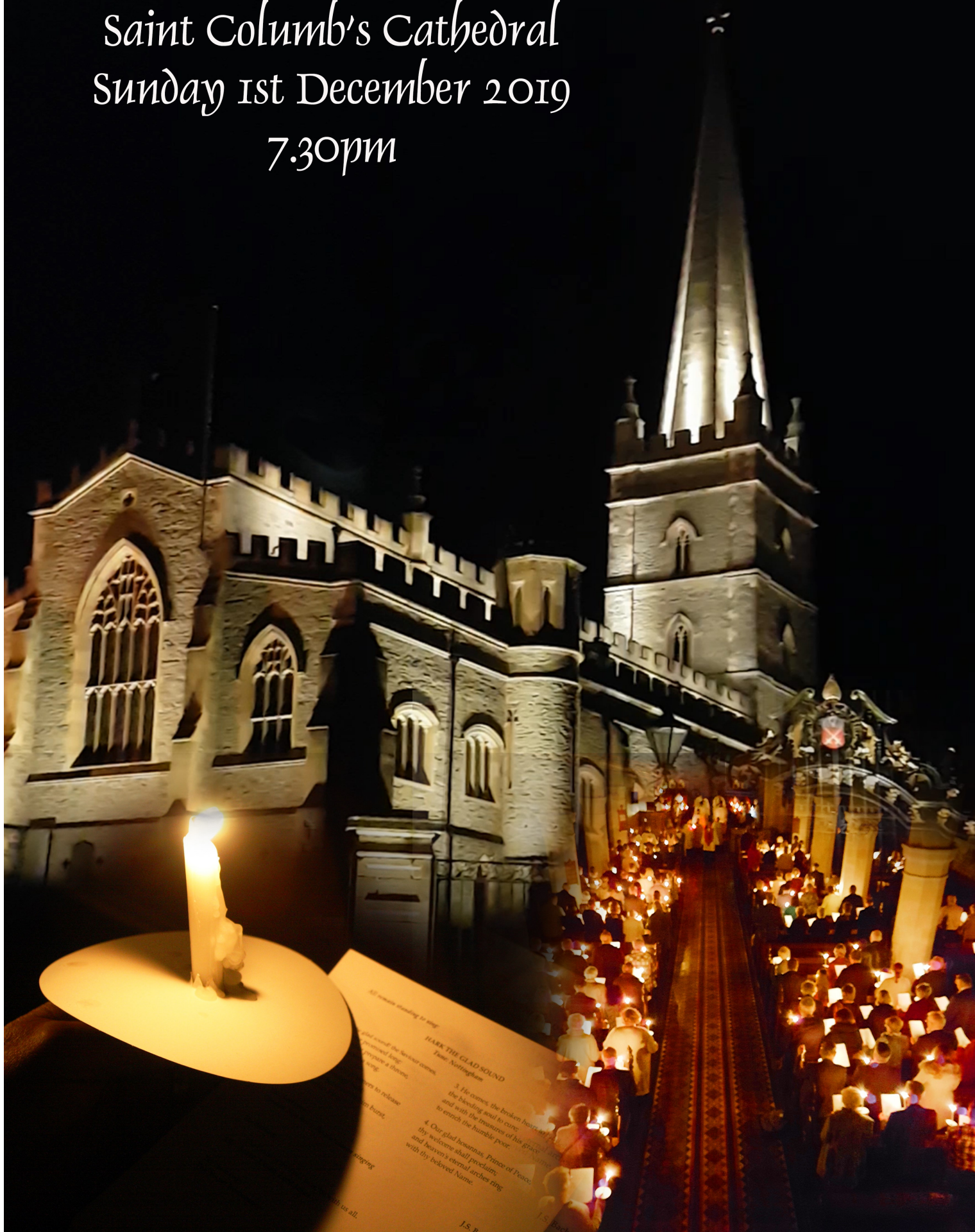
*But do not only remember the suffering
they have inflicted on us,
Remember the fruits we bought thanks to this suffering,
Our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility,
The courage, the generosity, the greatness of heart
Which has grown out of all of this.
And when they come to the judgement
Let all the fruits that we have borne
Be their forgiveness.*

Amen, amen, amen.



CANDLELIGHT ADVENT PROCESSION

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





The Men's Society met on Tuesday 19th November and we were back in Cathedral House, No.1 Saint Columb's Court, following our 'expedition' to Monreagh the previous month, with an excellent attendance of 27 and the Dean opened the meeting with prayers. He remembered Cyril Morrison, one of the founder members, Sammy McCorkell, Brother of Andy and Brother-in-Law of David Bell and Harold Simpson, Brother-in-Law of Roy Adams, all who sadly passed away in recent weeks.

The Dean introduced the speaker for the evening, Tracey McRory, who gave an enthralling talk on her Great Uncle, Father James McRory from Donegal who served as a Chaplain in The First World War, and also Laura Marion Gailey who served with the Voluntary Aid Detachment and died during the First World War while nursing wounded soldiers.



She died of pneumonia at the age of only 20 years. Laura is the only female name inscribed on the War Memorial at The Diamond. Tracey gave a detailed account of Father McGrory and Laura's service to their country by way of a presentation and two short but very engaging films. She also gave a couple of beautiful renditions on the harp and violin. A very sombre but also entertaining evening.

We do not have a meeting in December and our next meeting will be the annual dinner which will be held in The Treehouse Restaurant in Muff on Tuesday 21st January 2020, at 8pm.

I will circulate all members with a menu closer to the time.

I would take this opportunity on behalf of The Dean, Treasurer, William Lynn and myself to wish all members a Blessed Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Robert McGonigle

Many thanks to the Men's Society

..... for its support of the Mothers' Union appeal for toiletries during the 16 days of activism against domestic violence.

This is what it contained but the picture tells the story

30 toothbrushes

23 soaps

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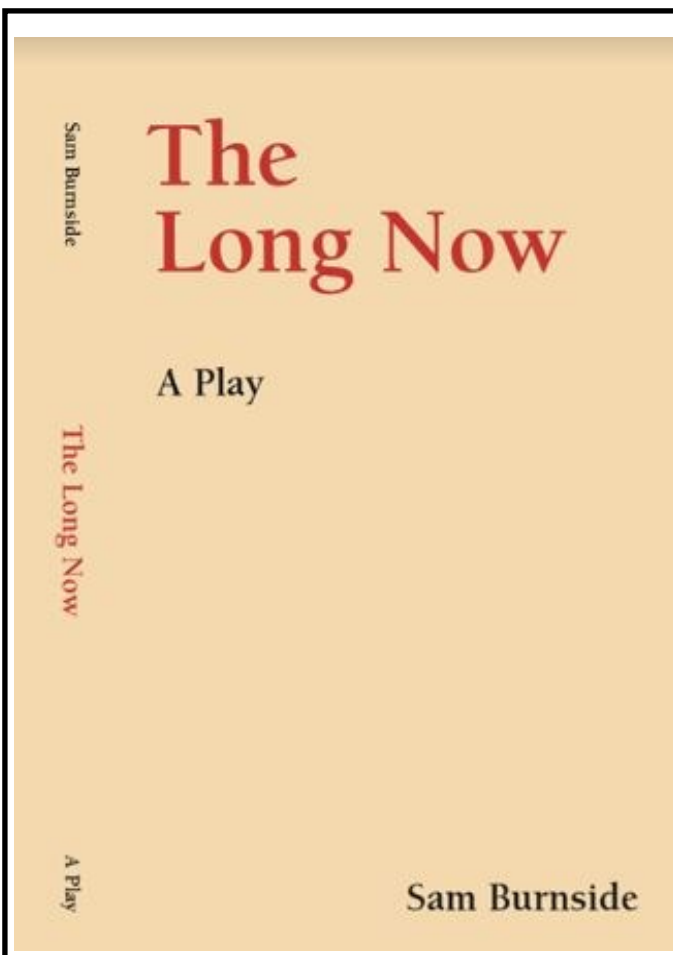
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Its wings out by the last faint spark.
Then, fluttering like a meadowlark,
It fanned it once more into flame
And good Joseph built the fire again.
Mary, smiling, blessed the bird.
Neither she nor Joseph heard
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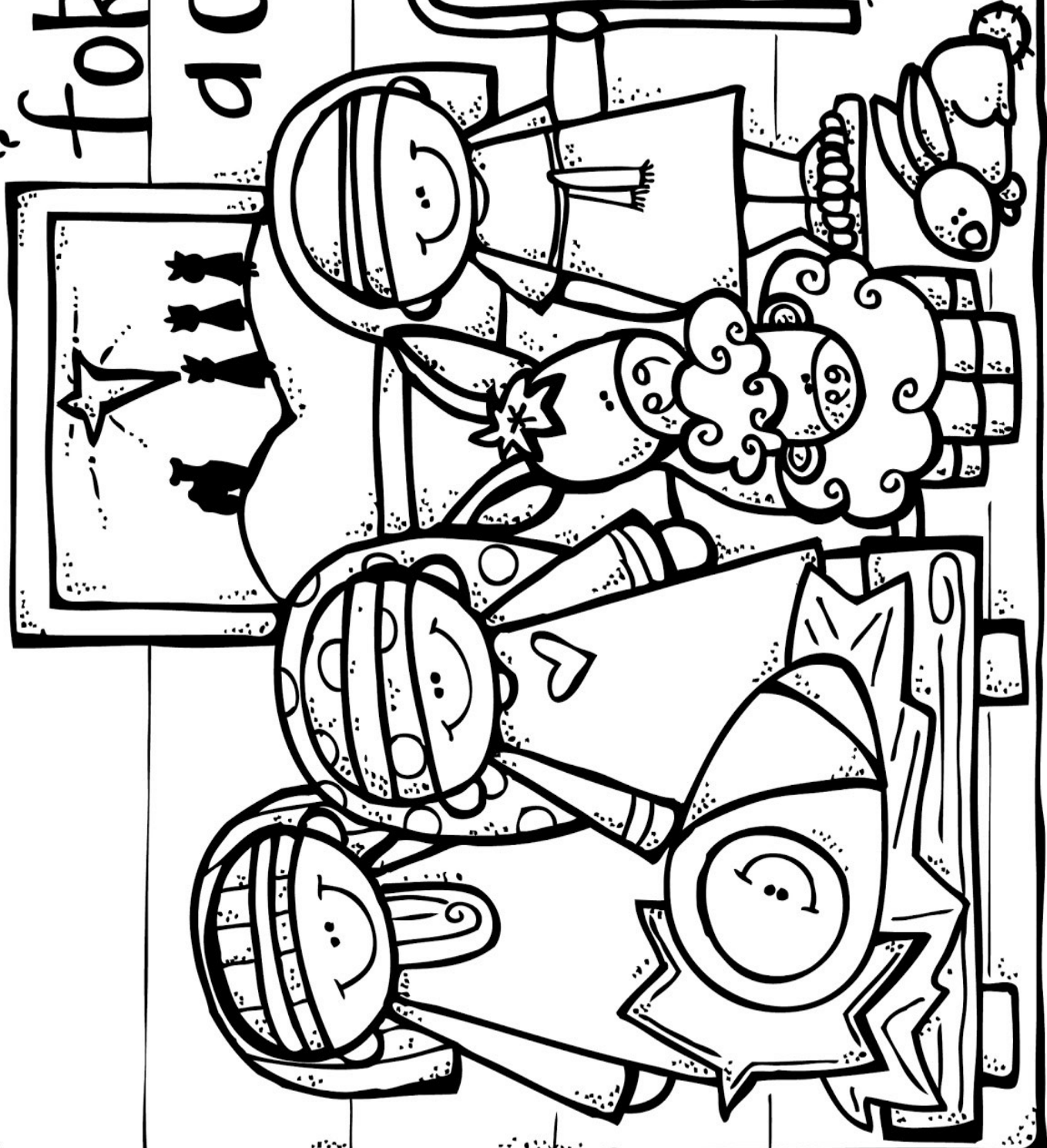
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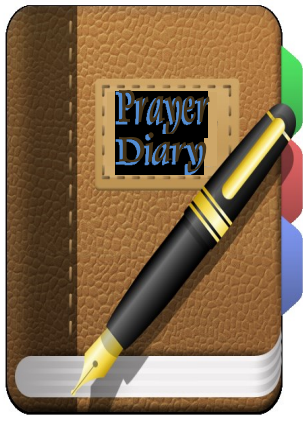
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THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019

The Church of Ireland

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

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

The Parishes of Donegal, Killymard, Lough Eske and Laghey

The Venerable David Huss, Rector. Miss Nuala Dudley, Diocesan Reader.

Pray for Mission Agencies and their work throughout the Anglican
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MISSION FOCUS - The Bible Society in Palestine

Many years ago in Bethlehem our Saviour Jesus Christ was born. Today we want to make sure that children in that city hear the good news.

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THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2019

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parishes of Stranorlar, Meenglass and Kiltreevogue The Reverend Adam Pullen, Rector.

Pray for the work of The Mothers' Union throughout the world.

Worldwide President – Sheran Harper. Chief Executive – Beverley Jullien.

MISSION FOCUS - The Mission to Seafarers in Warrenpoint, Northern Ireland

Pray for Mr John Temmink (Ship Visitor and Centre Manager).

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) / The Diocese of Sokoto

The Right Reverend Augustin Omole, Bishop of Sokoto.

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America / The Diocese of El Salvador

The Right Reverend Juan David Alvarado Melgar, Bishop of El Salvador.

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The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parishes of Convoy, Monellan and Donaghmore

The Reverend Canon Dr William (Bill) Long, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission in India

TLM India's job placement services promote inclusive employment in fair labour conditions.

Pray that they are able to raise awareness about the work potential and right to employment of people affected by leprosy or living with disability successfully among potential employers.

Pray also that employers are encouraged to ensure their enterprises conform to fair labour standards.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER 2019

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh.

Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Raphoe Group of Parishes

Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe, Raymochy and Clonleigh (Lifford)

The Very Reverend Arthur Barrett, Rector and Dean.

Pray for Christians in other denominations and the Ecumenical Movement.

General Secretary of The World Council of Churches – The Reverend Dr Olav Fykse Tveit.

General Secretary of The World Methodist Council – Bishop Ivan M. Abrahams.

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER 2019 - CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER 2019 - CHRISTMAS DAY

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER 2019 - SAINT STEPHEN

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER 2019 - SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER 2019 - THE HOLY INNOCENTS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER 2019

The Province of Rwanda / The Diocese of Gahini

The Right Reverend Alexis Bilindabagabo.

The Right Reverend Manasseh Gahima, Assistant Bishop.

The Province of West Africa / The Diocese of The Gambia

The Right Reverend James Allen Yaw Odico, Bishop of the Gambia.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh.

Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

Pray for the Diocesan Council and Associated Boards. For all clergy and lay people who volunteer to serve in this way.

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DECEMBER MUSIC LIST



Sunday 1

11.00am

The First Sunday of Advent

Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Festival Eucharist, *Noel Rawsthorne*

A Great and Mighty Wonder, *Michael Praetorius*

7.30pm

The Candlelight Advent Procession

Special Service Order

Sunday 8

11.00am

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Cathedral Choristers

The Sunday School Christmas Carol Celebration

Ye Shepherds leave your flocks, *Philip Moore*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

The Gentlemen of the Choir

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

Zion hears the Watchmen's Voices, *J S Bach*

Sunday 15

11.00am

The Third Sunday of Advent

Choral Eucharist (Order One)

Communion Service in F major, *Harold Darke*

Ave verum corpus, *Edward Elgar*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B minor, *T Noble*

The Truth from Above, arr. *Vaughan Williams*

Monday 16

7.30 pm

The Joint Emergency Services Christmas Carol Service

Special Service Order

The Cathedral Chamber Choir

Sunday 22

11.00am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Choral Matins with The Rite of Holy Baptism

Benedictus in C major, *C V Stanford*

A Clare Benediction, *John Rutter*

7.30pm

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Special Service Order

Tuesday 24

11.30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Midnight Eucharist (Order Two)

The Wiltshire Service, *Richard Shephard*

Wednesday 25

11.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY

Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

'Little Organ Mass', *Joseph Haydn*

Sussex Carol, arr. *Philip Ledger*

JANUARY MUSIC LIST



Sunday 5
11.00am

The Second Sunday of Christmas
Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
Wiltshire Service, *Richard Shephard*
In the bleak midwinter, *Harold Darke*

4.00pm

The Service of Installation
Special Service Order

Sunday 12
11.00am

The First Sunday after The Epiphany
Choral Matins
Te Deum in F, *John Ireland*
Listen Sweet Dove, *Grayson Ives*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Gentlemen of the Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G (ATB), *Herbert Sumsion*
Like the murmur of the dove's song, *Alan Smith*

Sunday 19
11.00am

The Second Sunday after The Epiphany
Choral Eucharist (Order One)
Communion Service in F major, *Harold Darke*
Come down, O love divine, *William Harris*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, *E J Moeran*
Day by Day, *Martin How*

Sunday 26
11.00am

The Third Sunday after The Epiphany
Choral Matins
Jubilate in Bb major, *C V Stanford*
I heard the voice of Jesus, *Richard Shephard*

4.00pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis Collegium Regale, *Herbert Howells*
Like as the Hart, *Howells*



What might happen to our faith if we approached it open to the possibility of humour? This is the central question posed by the Reverend Dr Ian Mills, author of the latest volume of the Braemor Series, "The Hermeneutics of Humour: A Serious Look at the Lighter Side of Faith". The book, which is the 11th in the Braemor Series, was launched last night (Wednesday November 20) in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute by the Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, the Very Reverend William Morton.



World Leprosy Day Service

On Sunday 26th January 2020, the annual World Leprosy Sunday service will be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Lisburn at 3.30 pm.

One week earlier, on Sunday 19th January, Rebecca Parnell, the Church Partnerships Officer with The Leprosy Mission (Northern Ireland) will visit Saint Columb's Cathedral. She will speak at the Family Service at 10.00 am and at Choral Eucharist at 11.00 am.



Well folks we are still waiting on the contractor to commence work on our Youth Club. It has turned out to be a bit of a waiting game with lots of hurdles to get over, however we are excited and hopeful that the work will start soon.

Programmes are continuing as usual and the young people look forward to the Christmas activities.

Owing to the success of the last two Christmas Celebration Events held in Saint Columb's Cathedral performed by The High Hopes Choir from Dublin, we are delighted and privileged this year to also have The Island of Ireland Peace Choir, and Lisneal College Choir. This event brings home the true meaning of Christmas, and allows us the opportunity to give a small gift to people not as well off as ourselves. If you would like to donate a gift for men or women please contact me at Cathedral Youth Club or leave it with Daphne in the Church. The Christmas Celebration will take place on **Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm** followed by refreshments in the Synod Hall, London Street. Everyone welcome!

The teenagers took part in an exciting day at Todds Leap on **Saturday 16th November**. Outdoor activities not for the faint hearted consisted of Zip Line, Rally Driving, Blindfold Driving, High Swing, Tunnel of Terror, all of which certainly motivated everyone, me included !!

A trip to Christmas Wonderland at Todds Leap will take place on **Saturday 7th December**. Of course meeting Santa and Mrs Claus as well as travelling through the Magical Tunnel, meeting the elves in Santa's Post Office, visiting Santa in his Grotto. This is a highlight for the young people in the youth club as well as a visit to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on **Friday 29th November** in the Millennium Forum.

Christmas Party will take place in Cathedral Youth Club on **Wednesday 11th December** attended by a special guest Santa Claus of course. Presents for everyone!

We will be having a special Christmas Party for the more mature residents on **Tuesday 17th December** which will consist of Bingo, and distribution of gifts from the Cathedral Youth Club. **Everyone welcome.**

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.
Jeanette

Dedication of Headstone

The Dean was invited by Lexie Miller to dedicate a new headstone in memory of his wife Lila at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry. The short ceremony of a reading, the Act of Dedication, and a prayer was conducted by the Dean on Tuesday 22nd October in the presence of Lexie and his family, Adrian and Vanessa.

Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry
Sunday 10th November 2019
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

'War and Peace' is a novel by the Russian author Leo Tolstoy. It was published in 1869. The novel focuses on the period 1805-1820 and chronicles the French invasion of Russia and the impact of the Napoleonic era on Tsarist society through the stories of five Russian aristocratic families. I have never read the novel and at this moment in time I have no intention of reading it. I may do so at some time in the future.

It is not the content of this novel that interests me today. It is its title. **'War and Peace'**. I have reflected that these words – **'War'** and **'Peace'** – are often associated with Remembrance-tide. They are included in the words that are spoken, read and sung at War Memorials, Cenotaphs and in Cathedrals and Churches where people gather on Remembrance Sunday to remember those people from their cities, towns and communities who died in – as well as those who served in and survived – 2 World Wars and all subsequent conflicts.

The words **'War'** and **'Peace'** are ingrained on our minds and they find expression in the liturgical services to which many people come on this most poignant of days.

These words encompass two completely opposite ideas and concepts.

One is the antithesis of the other. One is to be opposed, deplored and rejected.

The other is to be embraced and worked for with passion.

I have reflected that in the liturgical services of the Church there are many occasions when peace is prayed for; when those who are peacemakers are remembered and encouraged in prayer; and when 'ordinary' men and women are reminded of their duty, under God, to be **'instruments of His peace and channels of His love'**. I can find no instruction in the Bible to pray that War and all of the consequences that follow from it should be visited upon the world. We are, however, instructed and encouraged **to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us.** (Saint Matthew 5: 43).

War is something that should be avoided if at all possible. It may be considered to be a legitimate means to deter humans from killing and destroying each other, but history has shown that nothing good comes from war, nothing positive is achieved when an individual seeks to kill, injure and destroy a fellow human being.

I have reflected that those from this City and Parish who signed up for service in 2 World Wars and subsequent conflicts were warm-hearted Christian people. They were not sadistic murderers who went to foreign battlefields so that they could inflict pain on another person. They did not go to War so that later they could gloat about the number of people whom they killed.

That is not the way that I would wish to remember my great-uncle George Whitford and his cousin, both of whom served in the First World War, and I am equally certain that it is not the image that you would want to have of those whom you knew and loved.

Those who died for their country in war, those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure, were ordinary men who saw it as their duty to their King and to their Country to fight for freedom and justice so that future generations could, hopefully, enjoy a lifetime of peace. Those who were fortunate to survive the horrors of the Wars and returned home were reluctant to speak about their experiences.

The sound of the bomb and the bullet, the smell of dead bodies and the horrific memories of unimaginable pain and suffering were carried with them to the grave. Their experiences would lead them to say that there must be a better way for nations and individuals to solve their problems than to resort to violence.

It was Prime Minister Winston Churchill who coined the memorable phrase:

'To jaw-jaw is better than to war-war'. Solutions to problems are better decided in dialogue and discussion around a table, face to face, than in the squalid arena of a battlefield.

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, would show us a more satisfactory way to live and to engage with those with whom we might disagree. In the culture in which He lived and that is continued up to the present day, a greeting filled with a positive message can be heard in many Jewish communities. The greeting **'Shalom'** is much more than the well rehearsed greeting of **'Hello, how are you?'**. Its message is stronger and deeper than that. To be greeted with the word **'Shalom – Peace be with you'** – is to hear the person praying for you. It is a prayer for good, not for harm.

It is a prayer for your wellbeing; a wish for all that will be good for you today and for all times. To greet someone with such a positive message must, I suggest, have a significant effect upon his life. Even those who dislike you can be changed by such a prayer.

Here is someone whom I dislike praying for me with the intention that only good things will happen to me today.

There is a message here, I believe, for those who are in positions of leadership in this and every land. So often, in recent times, we have seen leaders of our country reduce others to tears by words that have been lacking in any semblance of Christian understanding.

What a real difference there could be, what a real transformation there could be, in our cities, towns and communities – and in the world in general – if everyone spoke that word of peace to those whom they meet every day.

Shalom – Peace be with you. I wish you all that will be good for you today and for all times.

We point the finger of blame at the leaders of society and suggest that they should know better and behave not like spoilt children but as mature adults. However, you and I, the ordinary members of society cannot and must not escape the word of criticism either. We, also, have often failed because we have not embraced the concept of peace.

Our words, our actions and our lives have been less than convincing.

Jesus calls all of us, whoever we are and whatever our status, to shield the fragile plant of peace and to allow it to grow and give hope to all.

In the year 1955, Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller wrote a song for The International Children's Choir based in Long Beach, California. The song, **Let there be peace on earth**, is still popular 64 years later.

It includes these challenging words: **Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

On this Remembrance Sunday let us, each one, pledge ourselves to pray for, to work for and to live for the peace that embraces people of all classes, colours and creeds.

And in the words of the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, let us strive to be **instruments of God's peace and channels of His love.**

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DECEMBER

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Chloe Bradley

Alfie Olphert

JANUARY

Lauren Bell

Safia Foster

Caitlin Rowney



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Grandpa Billy

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MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

10.30am Fountain PS Nativity Service

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

11.30-12.15am Foyle College

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER

1.00-1.45pm U3A Choir

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

11.30-12.00pm Longtower PS

11.30-12.00pm Holy Family PS

1.30-2.00pm Nazareth House PS

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

7.30pm St. Columb's Christmas Concert
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SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

1.00-1.45pm The Mood Swings

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
St. Columb's Cathedral Choir

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service
St. Columb's Cathedral Chamber Choir

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

11.00am Christmas Day Festival Eucharist
St. Columb's Cathedral Choir



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Sunday 22nd December 2019
7.30pm

ALL WELCOME



Obituaries ...

Samuel Robert McCorkell **30th October 1947 – 1st November 2019**

We meet today to remember and to pay tribute to Sammy McCorkell, to thank God for his life, to recall how his life touched our lives in different ways and at different times – and to uphold in prayer the members of his family.

Let me begin by expressing sympathy on behalf of myself, Canon John Merrick, and the members of The Parish of Templemore, to Brian and your wife Patricia, Simon and your wife Barbara, Sarah and your husband Graham, and to Roslyn; to the grandchildren Matthew and Jack, to Sammy's siblings – Andy and your wife Kathleen, George and your wife Nuala, Carol and your husband David, to Michael, husband of Sally; and to your families.

We pray for you today and it is our hope that we will fulfil our Christian duty to continue to pray for you in the future.

Samuel Robert McCorkell was born 72 years ago on 30th October 1947.

The son of Sammy and Sadie, his siblings were Andy, Sally, Betty, George and Carol.

The Baptism Register of this parish records that Samuel Robert McCorkell, the son of Samuel and Sarah McCorkell of 2 Clarence Place, Londonderry was baptised in this Cathedral Church on 8th November 1947. The Rite of Holy Baptism was administered by The Reverend George Charles Willoughby, the Curate-assistant.

The McCorkell family lived at Northland Way and worshipped in this Cathedral where Sammy attended Sunday School. His mother Sadie was the Brown Owl so it wasn't long before Sammy took an active interest in the Uniformed Organisations. He was enrolled as a member of the Cathedral Cub Scout Pack and of the Cathedral Scout Troop. He gained much from the years that he spent in these organisations and later helped to coach the Cathedral Cub Scout Pack Football team along with his good friend Harry Robinson.

Sammy's first job was as an apprentice with Archibalds where, under the wise guidance of the late Davey Wilson, he learned his trade as a plumber. Later, he moved on to work for GPO/BT and it is of interest to record that his crew was responsible for laying the first fibre optic internet cable in Northern Ireland.

Sammy found time in his busy home life and in his working responsibilities to relax – in, perhaps, an unusual way! He took part in many marathons. He spent many hours training for these events and on one occasion he achieved a personal goal when he completed a marathon in under 3 hours. That is no mean achievement – when you consider that a marathon is just over 26 miles, Sammy was pushing along at almost 9 miles per hour!

During 1967 Sammy was a patient in Altnagelvin Hospital and it was here that he met a student nurse named Mary. I don't know if it was love at first sight but romance blossomed and two years later, in 1969, Sammy and Mary were married in Pennyburn Chapel.

Their married life began in the Glen Estate and soon their home resounded to the patter of tiny feet. No, it wasn't an infestation of mice!. It was Brian, Simon, Sarah and Roslyn who began to make their presence felt and to play their part in family life.

Life has not always been easy or kind to Sammy. Dogged by ill-health, he was forced to take early retirement but he was not one to sit back and moan about his lot – he soon found new interests to fill his day. Fishing, playing golf, painting and gardening were some of the new activities with which he engaged. He always was willing to undertake a new adventure and quickly learned to embrace new disciplines.

Sammy was well known by his neighbours in Elmgrove. His love of gardening and the way that he cared for his property endeared him to his neighbours just as much as their enjoyment of the fruits of his labours. Sammy was generous and always willing to share the produce of his gardening skills with his neighbours, and many of them have enjoyed potatoes, lettuces and tomatoes that grew on Sammy's patch of ground.

Sammy was a people's person. He loved to engage in conversation and every day as he walked 'wee Daisy' around the Estate he would stop and chat with his neighbours.

As I have mentioned, life has not always been easy or kind to Sammy and this is particularly true when we think of a sad occasion just over 4 years ago. For many months Sammy's wife Mary was seriously ill; attending hospital in Belfast and here in Derry; and finally being admitted to the Foyle Hospice where she passed into glory on 16th August 2015. Sammy had the support of his family but he so missed Mary. He had seen the medical and spiritual support that she had received in the Hospice. He had seen the respect and dignity shown to her in her final days and he was determined to show his gratitude and appreciation for that love and care. Soon, another adventure was planned.

Sammy learned to make jam! I don't know what kind of jam it was or how good it tasted. I suspect that it tasted wonderful because it sold like the proverbial hot- cakes and Sammy was able to contribute £1000 to the work of the Foyle Hospice.

The work of the Hospice was a cause close to his heart. He played an active part in fund-raising through sponsored walks and other activities; but he will best be remembered for visiting many local homes in the run up to Christmas disguised with a white beard and a big red coat and trousers! So convincing was he that even those who were closest to him did not suspect who it was who was underneath the elaborate Santa costume!

In the past few years that I have been the Rector of this Parish I didn't have the opportunity to get to know Sammy really well but from those occasions that I did meet him I saw a person of faith. Not so many weeks ago he attended the Tuesday morning Service of Holy Communion where he conversed with his Lord and later with his fellow worshippers. It was his intention 2 weeks ago to attend the Ministry of Healing Service on the Feastday of Saint Luke, but was prevented from doing so by a bad cold.

I believe that Sammy appreciated the ministry of the Cathedral clergy, particularly during the past weeks when he was in hospital. The care and support of the medical team in Ward 26 of Altnagelvin Hospital to him and to his family was outstanding and much appreciated. But the care and support to Sammy by his own children and siblings should not be overlooked. There was always a family member in the room or close by should Sammy need something or wish to hear a familiar voice.

Your ministry to your father and brother is gratefully acknowledged today.

It has been noted by Sammy's family and others that he died, peacefully, just before 8.00 pm on the evening of Friday 1st November. This date is the Feastday of All Saints' – a day when we remember those who 'once were comrades of our way'; the ordinary men and women who influenced and encouraged us and whose memories we cherish. We tend to think today of saints as particularly holy people; an elite group whose lives were perfect; but this is not the Biblical understanding of a saint. The Bible considers a saint to be someone who is a down-to-earth individual; someone who made mistakes, who learned from those mistakes and to tried to do better. On the Feastday of All Saints' we celebrate the lives of those ordinary men and women who struggled to live out their faith in difficult days and in difficult circumstances.

In the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, the author John shares with us his vision of Heaven. It is a place of peace and tranquillity where death is no more; where mourning and crying and pain have no place.

In this vision John sees a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.

The question is asked, **"Who are these people and where have they come from?"**

And the answer is given, **"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."**

We learn that for these people all pain and suffering are no more; that the old order of things has passed away and all things are being made new.

It is into this new experience that Sammy entered on Friday evening. For him all pain and suffering has passed away. He has been welcomed into his new home by that multitude who has gone before and who stand on the heavenly shore to welcome those who join their company day by day.

To that company Sammy McCorkell now belongs. You, his family, mourn his death today and as you celebrate a life filled with love, kindness and generosity you await the day of God's choosing when you will see him again. On that day your hearts will rejoice and your joy will be complete.

Cyril Stewart Morrison
25th March 1936 - 6th November 2019

We are gathered here today in this family home, designed and built by Cyril, to support you, Nan, and your family as you say an earthly farewell to a much-loved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. We also want, and need, to give thanks to God for Cyril's life, remembering all that was good, true and faithful in that life.

We remember also today Cyril's many and varied outreaches to the people and communities in which he lived and worked - he was constantly aware of the needs of others.

Cyril was born in Belfast on 25th March of 1936. He lived in Beech Lawn Park, Dunmurry. As a young man he was a keen cyclist and cycled through Europe with a group of close friends.

He met Annie at a dance in the Floral Hall. After courting for a while they were married on 7th September 1962 at Saint Nicholas' Parish Church on the Lisburn Road. Cyril worked as a Quantity Surveyor. Eventually work took the family from Belfast to Limavady where he and Nan raised their 3 sons Alan, Colin and Derek.

Cyril developed an interest in table tennis which he used to relax from his stressful job. In his usual enthusiastic way he was soon running and supporting several clubs, all the while encouraging new players. Cyril decided to support his love of history and his family's education by purchasing the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The Encyclopaedia became a project, and this was soon read volume to volume, cover to cover.

In the nineties Cyril was working with the Northern Housing Executive and with all his boys having left the Nest the decision was taken to move to Londonderry where he designed and built their home. Having completed the Encyclopaedia Britannica, he decided to pursue an interest in Philosophy and different religions.

Now as an Irish table tennis association coach he continued to encourage and grow the sport by bringing coaches to the city from different countries.

With no work to slow him down he and Nan travelled across the world visiting countries as diverse as China and Russia. In his retirement their travels together provided inspiration for his new interests of Calligraphy and painting. Combining Calligraphy and painting he soon put his artistic talents to work reproducing the book of Kells, an illustrated manuscript containing the 4 Gospels of the New Testament. Word spread and he was called to Dublin to prove he wasn't a master forger! The works he leaves behind are displayed in the Cathedral for the enjoyment of all.

Cyril supported his family and loved his wife Nan for 57 years and would often say that the best night of his life was when they met. She remains his love and best friend. His legacy spans the generations and he was delighted to meet his great granddaughter.

There can be no doubt that Cyril was a man of deep faith. For many years a regular worshipper, supporter and contributor to Saint Columb's Cathedral – a true Anglican. It has to be said, however, that he was very comfortable with, and accepting of, other faiths and religions, and through this he realised and accepted that the spirit of God was universal and the concept of a loving deity was shared equally by others. We give thanks today for his intellect, his enquiring mind and his artistic skills.

We extend our sympathy to you Nan, to Alan and Marjorie, Colin and Rhona, Derek and Lisa, the grandchildren Yasmin, Annelise, Christopher, Lydia, Megan, Jacob and Racheal, great-granddaughter Amira, and to you Iris, his sister, and your family – you are all grieving today and that grief will draw you closer as Cyril's family.

In the midst of that grief, never forget death is not an end, but the beginning of a new and better life in God's nearer presence and Cyril awaits you there, waiting for the day when you will join with him in the heavenly places where there will be no pain, sorrow and illness, but one equal joy in the company of all the saints. Today we say of Cyril – Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Elizabeth (Lily) Fielding
30th December 1930 – 22nd November 2019

Eight days ago when I was driving along the Limavady Road I called in to The Rectory Field Home to see Lily. She was sitting in the Community Room with one or two other residents, and her first words to me were, **"I didn't expect to see you. You're a busy man"**.

I assured Lily that I was never too busy to call to see her and to check on how she was getting on. In the course of our conversation she told me that she hoped to return to Somme Park within a few days. In fact, she was due to return to Somme Park on Thursday but her journey there wasn't as easy as she might have imagined or wished.

It began with a visit to A&E and then to Ward 44 of Altnagelvin Hospital where I visited her on Thursday evening. It was my privilege to spend some time with her and her family and then, before leaving, to pray with her and to commend her into the strong and loving arms of her heavenly Father. The medical prognosis indicated that Lily was seriously ill and, indeed, within an hour and a half of my departure from the hospital she made another journey – a journey from this time and place to eternity.

It has been a sad and emotional time for Lily's family, especially for Judith and Mark, and we are joining with them today to support them and all of Lily's relatives and to remember Lily with affection and thankfulness. The apostle Paul wrote in his Letter to the Philippians **'I thank my God every time I remember you'** and I believe that we can echo those words today as we remember and pay tribute to Lily.

The story of Lily's life takes us back almost 89 years.

The daughter of Samuel and Isabella Thompson of Lisdillon, Ardmore, near Drumahoe, she was born on 30th December 1930. She was the second eldest of six children, her siblings being Joe, Jean, Margaret, Ria and John.

Her early church connection was as a member of The Reformed Presbyterian Church at Faughanbridge, Drumahoe. In those early days attendance at Sunday School and Church was **'a must'** and Lily and her brothers and sisters would walk the 12 mile round trip every Sunday (or as Lily might say **'every Sabbath'**). Their eyes would light up if they saw the Buchanan family coming along, because the Buchanans had a pony and trap and the Fielding children would be offered a lift, that was always appreciated.

When Lily finished her primary education, like many girls aged 14 years she was sent out to work. Lily's first place of employment was in the Maypole in Ferryquay Street.

She, later, moved to Bond and Pollock wool shop in Butcher Street, working there with a Miss Dick, and eventually taking on the lease of the shop. During the years of 'The Troubles' Lily worked in McCutcheon's Shoe Shop where she formed a lasting friendship with the owners, Cecil and Vi Cunningham. They became more than good friends, they were more like members of the family, spending time at Millbrook Park at Christmas and Easter.

When Cecil and Vi retired from their business Lily found employment in the café at the Court House in Bishop Street. She became friendly with many of the RUC officers and made sure that they were given lovely scones and coffee.

Lily's family recalls that Lily was a wonderful cook and spending time in the kitchen was never a chore. Some of you may even remember Lily's mouthwatering pavlovas and pear puddings! Lily was a very active lady at work and at home but she also found time to be involved with the Saint John Ambulance that she attended with her cousin Nan McLaughlin. She also found time to play badminton and to dance – with a generous amount of expertise. 70 years ago, Lily met Arthur William Fielding, a member of this Parish of Templemore. They married in the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Faughanbridge, Drumahoe on 20th October 1949. Theirs was a marriage that was blessed with three children – Peter, Judith and Mark. The family lived at Gulf Road, Killaloo for some years before moving to 10 Millbrook Park, Altnagelvin.

Lily's and Arthur's marriage was marked by a strong commitment to each other and during their married life they were to each other **'a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy'**. Lily was a faithful wife ensuring that when Arthur was going to a meeting of the Masonic Lodge he **'looked like a new pin'** and that there was a clean cotton handkerchief in his pocket. Lily would not go to bed until Arthur had returned and then she would ask him about the meeting. She knew so much about his activities that, at times, the family thought that Lily was a member of the inner circle!

Lily was not only a faithful wife – she, also, was a devoted mother who ensured that her children were well cared for and loved and, perhaps, today Judith and Mark can identify with the words of Proverbs, chapter 31 in which the writer extols the virtues of the capable wife and mother.

Arthur and Lily had a wide circle of friends and they, often, entertained their friends at the old Northern Counties Club – now Bishop's Gate Hotel.

Family holidays caravanning around Ireland and Scotland, with the occasional weekend visits to Clonmany in County Donegal, are also remembered fondly.

Lily was a person who enjoyed watching television. Quizzes, current affairs and politics were some of her favourite programmes and she was able to converse about many of the political turmoils at Stormont and Westminster.

Lily's husband Arthur died on Monday 15th May 2017. She missed him greatly and a short time after his death she decided to move to live in sheltered accommodation at Somme Park. Arthur's and Lily's son Peter died on 7th October 2014 in Melbourne, Australia where he was serving in the Police. His death and that of Arthur, to whom she had been married for 67 years, had an effect on Lily. She suffered much ill-health over the past 2 ½ years, and Judith and Mark would wish to record their gratitude to all who have cared for Lily during this time. In more recent days they wish to thank the staff at Ward 44 (the Coronary Care Unit) at Altnagelvin Hospital, the staff at The Rectory Field Home where Lily received wonderful care and support, and the carers who have attended to Lily since July 2014. Without this care and support Lily would not have been able to have lived such a long and fulfilling life.

It has been my privilege to have known Lily and to have ministered to her for almost 3 years. Canon John Merrick has known her for much longer. Both of us would wish to express our sympathy to you Judith, to Mark and Phyllis, and to your families – to Lily's grandchildren and great grandchildren – and to her siblings Ria and John.

Our time of ministry to Lily, whether at home or in nursing home or in hospital, has always been a fulfilling and rewarding experience. We were always welcomed graciously; our words were listened to attentively; and our readings and prayers were received with respect and appreciation.

Our memories of Lily are ones of deep affection and thankfulness.

I began this address by mentioning that Lily was looking forward to returning to Somme Park – to the place that she called **'home'**. But she did not get the opportunity to return to her home. Instead, she was taken to another home – a heavenly home that Jesus had prepared for her.

I'm certain that Lily would have read the words of Saint John, chapter 14, many times in her life. She may have wondered about this place – what it would be like and who would be there. We have only the words of Scripture to tell us about this place. Saint John in the last book of the Bible describes it as a place where pain, suffering, death and tears do not exist. It is a place filled with people of all nationalities. It is a place in which it is a pleasure to belong. We can only read about this place and think about it. Lily Fielding knows the reality of this place. She **'belongs'** to this new community in which she is re-united with her parents, siblings, husband and son.

Lily's home will be our home some day; on a day and at a time of God's choosing. Until that day comes when God will call us **'home'** let us live as His faithful children, trusting in His love and mercy and in the assurance of His gift of eternal life.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Simpson

We remember Elizabeth Simpson (nee Adams) and all of the relatives of **Harold Desmond Simpson**, Templetown Park, Maydown, Londonderry who died, suddenly, at his home on Saturday 26th October.

We remember Harold's siblings – Ken and his wife Kay, Sylvia and her husband Cecil, Violet and her husband Bertie, Joan and her husband Bob.

Harold was a brother-in-law of Roy Adams, Ashburn Avenue, Londonderry (a brother of Elizabeth) to whom we also express our sympathy.

McCorkell

We remember the family – Brian and his wife Patricia, Simon and his wife Barbara, Sarah and her husband Graham McIntosh, and Roslyn - and all of the relatives of **Samuel Robert McCorkell**, Elmgrove, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 1st November.

We, also, remember Sammy's grandsons, Matthew and Jack, and his siblings – Andy and his wife Kathleen, George and his wife Nuala, Carol and her husband David Bell, and their families.

Also Michael Barfoot-Mills, the husband of Sammy's sister Sally (deceased), and their family. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Samuel Robert McCorkell was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Tuesday 5th November. 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 (2 Timothy 4: 7-8 and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27) were read by two of Sammy's children – Brian and Sarah. A poem 'Don't Cry For Me' was read by his grandsons, Matthew and Jack.

Following the service Sammy was buried at The City Cemetery, Londonderry.

Morrison

We remember Annie (Nan) Morrison and her family – Alan and his wife Marjorie, Colin and his wife Rhona, Derek and his wife Lisa, and their families – and all of the relatives of **Cyril Stewart Morrison**, Bridgewater, Caw, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Wednesday 6th November.

We, also, remember Cyril's and Nan's grandchildren Yasmin, Annelise, Christopher, Lydia, Megan, Jacob and Racheal, and their great granddaughter Amira.

We remember Cyril's sister Iris Norris and her family – Gary and his wife Linda, Julie and her husband Gary, and their families.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Cyril Stewart Morrison was held at his home, Bridgewater, Caw, Londonderry on Tuesday 12th November.

The service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick who also gave the Address. Following the service Cyril was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Fielding

We remember the family - Peter (deceased), Judith and her son Peter (Newtownards), Mark and his wife Phyllis (Portstewart) and their family, Jonathan, Andrew and Aaron – and all of the relatives of **Elizabeth (Lily) Fielding** (nee Thompson), Somme Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry (formerly of Millbrook Park, Altnagelvin) who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 22nd November.

We, also, remember Lily's great grandchildren Noah, Jack, Harvey, Freddie, Tommy and Evie; her sister Ria McBaine and her brother John Thompson; the families of her siblings who are deceased – Joe Thompson, Jean Wright and Margaret Ross.

We, also, remember Margaret Fielding (England), Aubrey and Elizabeth Fielding (Londonderry), Maurice and Eileen Fielding (Glaslough, County Monaghan), and their families.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth (Lily) Fielding was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 24th November. 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 (Isaiah 61: 1-3 and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27) were read by Lily's son Mark Fielding.

Following the service Lily was buried at Cumber Lower Parish Churchyard, Killaloo.

The ashes of Arthur's and Lily's son Peter were interred in the family grave at Cumber Lower Parish Churchyard, Killaloo. The Baptism Register of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) records that **Peter William Gerald Fielding, the son of Arthur William and Elizabeth Fielding, 6 Gulf Road, Killaloo, Londonderry was born on 10th August 1957 and baptised on 15th September 1957 by The Very Reverend Leslie Robert Lawrenson.**

Peter died on 7th October 2014 in Melbourne, Australia where he was serving with the Police.

Parish Register

Burial

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Tuesday 5th November 2019

**Samuel Robert McCorkell, Elmgrove, Londonderry.
The City Cemetery, Londonderry.**

Tuesday 12th November 2019

**Cyril Stewart Morrison, Bridgewater, Caw, Londonderry.
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.**

Sunday 24th November 2019

**Elizabeth (Lily) Fielding, Somme Park, Londonderry.
Cumber Lower Parish Churchyard, Killaloo.**

Interment of Ashes

Sunday 24th November 2019

**Peter William Gerald Fielding, Melbourne, Australia.
Cumber Lower Parish Churchyard, Killaloo.**



IN MEMORIAM

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In loving memory of Norman Jefferson	
From his sister Ann & brother-in-law Mervyn Tweedie	25.00
Birthday memories of my husband David Murden on 31st December	
From his loving wife Cynthia	50.00
In memory of Ron Dobson	
From Iris Carruthers	30.00
From Helen Jones	30.00
In loving memory of Ron Dobson	
From The Walled City School of Dance	50.00
From Michela Temple	25.00
From Mrs Ray Mace	20.00
In memory of a dear Brother & Uncle Samuel McCorkell	
From Andy, Kathleen & Lisa McCorkell	100.00
In memory of Samuel McCorkell	
From Aimiee Moore	20.00
In loving remembrance of Mum & all our Loved Ones	
From Gwen & David Higgins	100.00
In loving memory of Holmes Haslett	
From Betty	100.00
In loving memory of our Parents Lily & John Skeet & Sam & Annie Hughes	
From Roland & Joan	50.00
In loving memory of Family & Friends	
From Iris Carruthers	100.00
In memory of my Mum & Dad, Brothers Herbie, Lexie & Raymond & Sister-in-Law Sylvia	
From Freda Burnside	625.00
In memory of my Parents Morris & Helen Lynn & the Coulter Family	
From William Lynn	100.00
In loving memory of my dear Husband Trafford & my beloved Parents George & Violet Stewart	
From Sylvia	50.00
Precious Memories of our Parents Robert & Jennie, Sister Kathleen & Brothers Ivan, Alwyn & Alister	
From Kenneth, Noreen, Lynne & Sharon	100.00
Cherished memories of our children Ryan & Trudy	
From Leslie & Sharon Wells	25.00
In loving memory of our Loved Ones	
From Cathleen, Charles & Joan Ferguson	50.00
In memory of Cyril Morrison	
From Muriel Hamilton	20.00
From Aimiee Moore	20.00
From Maureen Boal	20.00



IN MEMORIAM

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In loving memory of our Mum - Margaret Moore	
From Lynn, Alison & Suzanne	30.00
In memory of Mr Ralph Wilson	
From Gordon & Audrey McSparron	30.00
In memory of my Parents John & Christine Turner & my Sister Joy & Brother John	
From Mrs Muriel Hughes	100.00
In memory of our Dad Jim Thompson	
From Joy, Ann & Family	50.00
In memory of our Mum & Dad Jim & Emily Thompson	
From Joy, Ann & Family	50.00
In Memory of Mrs Elizabeth (Lily) Fielding	
From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart	50.00
In Memory of a dear and valued friend who will be sadly missed	
From William and Jayne McCay, Lismacarol Road, Drumahoe, Londonderry	50.00
From John Colhoun, Somme Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry	30.00
From The Apprentice Boys of Derry Parent Club	
c/o Victor Kitson, Hazelbank Road, Drumahoe, Londonderry	30.00
From Janice, John, Alastair and Iona McNeilly, Victoria Road, Londonderry	40.00
From Phyllis Quigley	20.00
From Elizabeth and Billy Campbell, Copperthorpe, Drumahoe, Londonderry	50.00
From Mrs Sheena Johnston, Mullagh Road, Virginia, County Cavan	40.00
From Elizabeth and Aubrey Fielding	100.00
From Dr Alison Howe	25.00
From Maureen Boal	20.00
From Agnes and Tom Adair	25.00
From John Thompson	40.00
In memory of my Husband David Warke	
From Jeanette	50.00
Christmas memories of a Devoted Wife, Mother & Grandmother Lila Miller	
From Husband Lexie	200.00
From Son Adrian & Family	100.00
From Daughter Vanessa & Family	100.00
Donations to Fabric Fund	
From Saint Columb's Cathedral Support Group	2,500.00
From Winifred Copley c/o Mrs Ann Grattan, Strathallan Park, Belfast	200.00

Flower Rota

December

1st Mr Andrew Walker
21st Templemore Mothers' Union

January

5th Bishop's Installation
19th Mrs Ray Mace

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

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Saint Columb's Cathedral

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany

Sunday 1st December

The First Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)
11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
7.30 p.m. The Candlelight Advent Procession

Tuesday 3rd December

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order Two)

Wednesday 4th December

7.30 p.m. An Order for Compline

Thursday 5th December

7.30 p.m. A Christmas Celebration with The High Hopes Choir
The Island of Ireland Peace Choir and Lisneal College Choir

Sunday 8th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)
11.00 a.m. The Sunday School Christmas Carol Celebration
4.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Monday 9th December

10.30 a.m. Fountain Primary School Nativity Service

Tuesday 10th December

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order Two)

Wednesday 11th December

7.30 p.m. An Order for Compline

Sunday 15th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)
11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Order One)
4.00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Monday 16th December

7.30 p.m. The Joint Emergency Services Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 17th December

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order Two)

Wednesday 18th December

7.30 p.m. An Order for Compline

Sunday 22nd December**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

11.00 a.m. Choral Matins with The Rite of Holy Baptism

7.30 p.m. The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th December**Christmas Eve**

11.30 p.m. Midnight Choral Eucharist (Order Two) with Carols

Wednesday 25th December**Christmas Day**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One) with Carols

11.00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

Thursday 26th December**Saint Stephen**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

Friday 27th December**Saint John the Evangelist**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

Saturday 28th December**The Holy Innocents**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

Sunday 29th December**The First Sunday of Christmas**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

11.00 a.m. Matins

Tuesday 31st December**New Year's Eve**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order Two)

11.00 p.m. Holy Communion (Order Two)

Wednesday 1st January**The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

Sunday 5th January**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)

11.00 a.m. Choral Eucharist (Order Two)

4.00 p.m. The Service of Installation of The Right Reverend
Andrew Forster as Bishop of Derry

Monday 6th January**The Epiphany of our Lord**

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Order One)