



Lisburn Cathedral



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New Curate: Rev. Lee Boal

New Youth Worker: Reah Lee

Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend: 6th-8th October

South Lisburn Community Church



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DEAN'S LETTER

Dean Sam Wright

For I am about to do something new.
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."
- Isaiah 43:19

Although I am writing in the early days into September, it already feels like a new season in Lisburn Cathedral. It is truly exciting to welcome Rev Lee Boal as our Curate, and Reah Lee, as our youth worker. In their early days with us, they are already making a significant contribution to our staff team and to the plans we are working on together for this new term. I believe this new season goes deeper than having Lee & Reah, come to join with Pete, Andrea, Angela and I on the staff.



Over the summer other changes have taken place with some young people who played an important part in our church (& in Mettle Youth Group) having moved on to college. Yet I believe this new season goes even deeper than this change too in the life of our church. (We wish those moving to college every blessing and joy in the days ahead.)

We are also looking forward to more events to celebrate our 400th Anniversary year between now and the end of the year. The excellent exhibition currently running in The Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum on 400 years of our church is well worth a visit.



Towards the end of this month we are thrilled to have the New Irish Arts for a 400th Anniversary Concert and further special events are being planned before Christmas to round off what has been a momentous year.

Looking beyond these events, I believe this is a new season when we should be really seeking the Lord, for the new thing that he has already begun and He invites us to come before him and to seek him in fresh new ways in our lives. There comes a season in our lives when we realise that we need to be reinvigorated spiritually.

That is my prayer for each member of our church, that this may be a new season of the Spirit in your heart and soul.

In recent days I have been challenged by the words of the prophet Isaiah to have a passion for prayer, to take delight in the Lord and to come joyfully to the Lord in his house of prayer. To come with passion, delight and joy in prayer to the Lord, is God's desire for his people, in this way God sows the seeds for revival. A revival of faith, trust and love for the Lord Jesus. Let that be our heartfelt prayer for this new season - for the Lord to revive us spiritually, to light a fire of his Spirit in the lives of every member of his church.

We can only come to this new season of the spirit when we make sacrifices in other areas of our lives, when we allow the Spirit to burn away the things that have held us back from putting God first in our lives. Then after the fire the Holy Spirit brings new growth for revival to the charred ground of our lives, the fresh growth that follows is a new passion for sharing the gospel, a new delight in the Lord Jesus and a new joy in prayer to the Lord.

The Lord is willing for us to come to this new season of his Spirit and for the rivers of revival to flow through our church and land. He said in Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

In this new season let it be our prayer: "Lord Jesus, kindle the fire of your Holy Spirit in my hearts again, a fire for sharing the gospel, a fire of delighting in the Lord and a fire of joy in prayer in the house of the Lord, light the fire in my heart again, Lord. Amen"

Sam

Prayer and Worship Evening at 7pm

2nd Sunday of the Month

Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the Month at 9.30am & 11am

Other Sundays:

9.30am Morning Prayer

11am Morning Worship

Mettle Motivation Service at 7pm

Last Sunday of the Month

NEW CURATE

Hello Everyone!

My name is Lee Boal, I am married to Beth Boal and I'm very excited to say I'm your new curate.

I've been asked to share a little bit of my journey over the last few years. Prior to training for ministry I worked on my family farm for ten years raising chickens for Moy Park and growing and selling mushrooms to various wholesalers in Northern Ireland.

After being selected for training I spent three years training in Dublin, the final year included a ten month placement in Mossley Parish in Newtonabbey. I was fortunate to spend time there with a great mentor in Peter Jones and to find my way with a congregation who were so loving, welcoming and supportive.

In April this year the curacy rounds began in which prospective curates spent time visiting parishes and meeting rectors as they sought to discern God's will in where he might be calling them. For Beth and I the most important thing in this process was that we were obedient to God's will and after much prayer we felt that Lisburn Cathedral was the place that God was calling us to.

TEA & COFFEE

We are delighted to announce the return of tea and coffee in between our 9:30am and 11am services, which will commence on **Sunday 15th October**. This has always been a great space for community in between services.

If you would be interested in volunteering or learning more about what this entails please, get in touch with **Beth Boal** or email lee.boal@lisburncathedral.org

I am so thankful to have the opportunity to learn under Sam who is a wise, gracious and godly leader and to spend the next few years serving incredible people in a Church where God is evidently at work.

Sunday's ordination is a day that I will forever remember and cherish as I was ordained alongside Gareth. There was a real sense of God's presence throughout the service and it was very special to have our former curate Danielle return as she preached such a powerful and timely message as we begin this journey. It really is such a privilege to have been ordained to serve God and his Church. A massive thank you to all who were involved in making the service and the amazing tea and coffee in the hall afterwards happen, it is very much appreciated.



Lee Boal at his ordination on Sunday 10th September



NEW YOUTH WORKER

Hi! My name is Reah Yun San Lee, and I am your new youth worker! I am so delighted to be joining Lisburn Cathedral and getting to serve God alongside you!

I am 20 years old and a student studying Psychology at Queen's, but my main passion is youth ministry. I have spent the past year volunteering with an amazing youth in Lagan Valley Vineyard and have seen how hungry for God young people are and I am so blessed to be put into a position where I can witness this and help steward young people on their journey with God.

I am so excited for this upcoming year where I can get to know everyone and serve God in whatever direction he leads me in, and I pray that Mettle will continue to grow and thrive as Kingdom Workers for Christ

Jesus. If you want to volunteer with the youth, grab me for a chat! And if you just want a chat, I'm around somewhere so make sure to find me or send me a message!



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Drop-In | Friday 3.30pm-5pm

Mettle | Saturday 7pm-9pm

Mettle Bible Class | Sunday 11am

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

COMMUNITY HARVEST SERVICE

Friday 6th October
7.30pm

Guest Speaker: Rev
Rodney Blair

Chaplain to Lurgan
Rugby Club

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday 8th October
10.30am

(Joint service)

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Canon Mark Harvey
Rector of Shankill Parish
Lurgan

Harvest Lunch in Hall after
service- please book in

6.30pm

Harvest Thanksgiving Evening
Service with Abaana celebrating
their 25th Anniversary

Harvest Donation Envelopes will be available for the
work of Abaana
Details of Foodbank items to donate are listed on back page

IT'S NOT OVER YET!!!

Ken Gibson

We still have a few months left of our 400th anniversary of a place of worship on the Cathedral site. We are delighted with progress so far, how so many people have engaged with the various events in particular the celebration weekend back in June and so on.

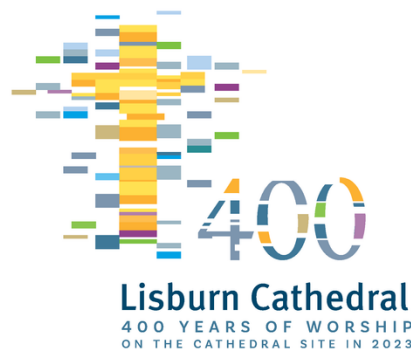
While some plans for the rest of the year are still being developed, I do want to highlight **4 things that are coming up.**

Firstly the **Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum has opened a free exhibition tracing the history of our site**, some of the key people involved in our development and so on. Those who have seen it are agreed that our Museum friends have done a great job. It is open every day except Sunday between now and January - do call in.

Next it was always our hope that we could include a **concert** in our plans. I am pleased to say that this will take place in the Cathedral on **29th September**. The performance will be in the hands of the top quality and renowned **New Irish Arts** choir and musicians.

Moving on, our next **history talk** takes place at **10am on Saturday 21st October**. The topic is Lillian and the 1914 bomb at the west window (the large window in the chancel). This is a fascinating story about a very interesting lady. Please come along.

I am sure many of you have wondered about the floral display in the wee boat next to the



two wooden pods in the Castle Street side of the graveyard. As part of our 2023 celebrations we want to leave a lasting feature and the boat is one element of that. In essence the plan is to create an **outdoor quiet prayer space** in the area shown in the photograph. It is hoped this will include seating, raised planters, paving and signage. Final design is under way and some grant aid has been made available from the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund for which we are very grateful.



We are repeating the very successful Craft Fair on Saturday 25th November in the Cathedral. Please come and bring your friends and family. Proceeds will help cover the costs of the various anniversary events.

newirisharts.com



Lisburn Cathedral
400 YEARS OF WORSHIP
ON THE CATHEDRAL SITE IN 2023

400th Anniversary Church Concert with New Irish Arts

Friday 29th September
Lisburn Cathedral at 7:30pm

Tickets are £10/£12:50
Scan the QR code for tickets





CATHEDRAL WORSHIP

Stephen McLoughlin

The term worship encapsulates every facet of our lives as Christians, but the term Worship Team is often given to the group of singers and musicians who lead the singing part of our weekly services.

As a team we recognise that we are only a small part of the church worship, but that also our team is more than the few people that stand or are seen at the front of the church.

To make the music happen we first of all need sound, and a sound engineer to control the wizardry of knobs on the desk that has more buttons than the Nord keyboard! And then for the team and the congregation we need the words as well as the illustrations and camera work controlled by the stealth-like, Mensa intelligent visual geniuses (or is that geni!?).

Anyhow the point is it takes a big team to make it all happen - and if you have a mite of talent there is a place for you within the visual, audio and music teams.

We will nurture your talent and together lead wonderful worship in our wonderful cathedral.

Just to be clear we need singers, guitarists (bass, acoustic and electric), drummers, keyboardists (aka pianists), sound engineers and visual ninjas. The teams are an open door and modesty is not an option - speak to Stephen, Martin or Des and you will be conscripted faster than a one-hit wonder's music career!!

The busy season ahead including Harvest, Christmas services, and the culmination of our 400th anniversary year celebrations is a perfect time to come on board and be part of the teams and enjoy the music and worship. Don't be a standbayer and let's do this for God.



KIDZONE

Andrea Johnston

In August we had our holiday Bible club, **Treasure Quest**. We were joined by Play It By Ear while we explored the story of Jonah together through stories, games, crafts and prayers. We welcomed around 30 children from both our Church families and the wider community. What a fun week we had!



New Term, New Fun!

We have a jam packed schedule lined up for all our children this new term! In **Kidzone Sunday** (P1-P7) we will be exploring how different events in the calendar year impact on our lives...Harvest, Halloween, Advent, Christmas. We will dig a little deeper to see our God during each of these and find his true message to us within.

Kidzone Fridays made their crazy return on Friday 15th September. Normal times of 6.30pm-8pm, for all children aged P3-Y8. This year we are planning a lot more crafting (some exciting news to follow about this!)

During the upcoming cold and dark winter Friday evenings our **KZ parents** will be welcome to stay for a cuppa, biscuit and chat in a warm (child free!) room instead of heading back out into the cold!

If you can spare even one Sunday am or Friday evening per term to help out please email me at kidzone@lisburncathedral.org

Andrea



SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

Summer has been an encouraging time at SLCC and we thank everyone who was able to help and come along.

Chit Chat Church went well over the summer with around 25-40 attending, this is a more relaxed version of church each week, with folk sharing testimonies and worshipping together.



Chit Chat Cafe continued over the summer, as well as Bible study, at the request of its members. This has been a great way to remain connected with folk and to encourage that hunger for God's word!

We also had our annual Holiday Bible Club in August, with 43 children attending. It was a busy 3 days with lots of noise and fun. We looked at the story of Joseph and encouraged the kids to Dare to Dream, to know God has a plan for them.

We were delighted that 3 of our young boys decided that they would like to follow Jesus and His plan for their lives.

Please pray for them and for us as we try to build on youth ministry in the area. Thank you to the amazing team of volunteers... actual saints!



GOING FORWARD, HERE IS WHAT A WEEK LOOKS LIKE FOR SLCC THIS TERM:

- We are starting **church** at an earlier time of **11:30am-12:30pm** meaning Sunday Club will be 11:45am-12:45pm.
- **Bible Study** - Tuesday 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.
- **Chit Chat Cafe** continues to run 10:30am-12:00pm on a Wednesday.

Prayer points

- Pray for the team and the church as we look to seek God for His vision and plan for the year ahead for SLCC
- We are continuing to pursue how Connect Youth could grow this term, especially as we see young people wanting to pursue Jesus.
- We are in the process of appointing interns – please pray for us and for them as we start this new journey.
- For our place of worship, we continue to pursue the dream of a new hall, but in the interim that we would find a place that would welcome all.

Every blessing,

Pete, Donna, Steve & Jayne



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LADIES' EVENING

26th September at 7.45pm

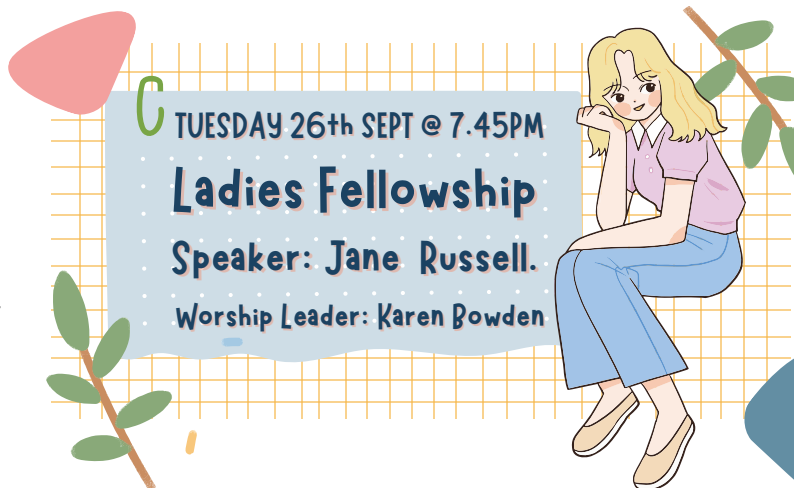
An evening for all ladies is taking place on Tuesday 26th September at 7.45pm in the Mc Cammon Room in the Church Hall. Please do join us as we worship together, enjoy fellowship together and have supper together.

We are looking forward to hearing Jane Russell from Dromore as she comes to share with us some of her Mountain Top and Deepest Valley Life Experiences and her journey of Faith.

We are also delighted that one of our former parishioners, Karen Bowden, will be our worship leader for the evening.

LISBURN CATHEDRAL MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to become a member of Lisburn Cathedral please speak to Sam, Lee or a Church Warden



It is a while since we had an event for all the ladies of the church so I would really encourage you to come along and be encouraged.

Paula

Psalm 22(b) those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever!

GEM

Jayne Martin

As I was thinking about what to write about GEM and the beginning of a new academic year I was reflecting on how quickly time goes by. I actually couldn't remember when GEM began it seems to me we've only been meeting for around 5 years but I think it's more like 7 or possibly 8. Time really does fly!!

We are constantly planning ahead and rushing around it's difficult to stop and be in the moment yet that is what God wants us to do.

The fourth commandment found in Exodus 20:8-11 tells us to "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.



Whatever it looks like for you let us thank God for Sabbath. It is an opportunity for us to stop and honour God, to restore our lives and completely rest in Jesus. After the summer break and now the beginning of a busy calendar let us remember to take time to rest, focus and reorientate our lives on God.

This incoming year GEM plans to meet at the home of Cathy McElhinney. Our meetings are usually on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm beginning on 17th October. This term we hope to study the book 'The Elimination of Hurry - How to stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the chaos of the modern world' by John Mark Comer. All ladies who would like to join us will be made more than welcome.

If you would like to find out more about GEM please contact Jayne 07891507829 or Cathy 07525 336173.



Lisburn Cathedral Men's Fellowship



Saturday 18th November | 9am

Men's Fellowship has organised a breakfast event at the **Vic-Ryn Café** on Moira Road, Lisburn at 9am. Following a **cooked breakfast**, we will move next door into the **T3 Conference Centre** to hear **Dave Linton, Chief Executive and Founder of Madlug**.

Dave founded Madlug in 2015 in response to learning that most children in care have their belongings moved in a bin bag. He came up with a "Buy One, Wear One, Help One" approach so that with every Madlug travel bag bought, a pack-away travel bag goes to a child in care. They plan to have given away 100,000 travel bags to children in care across the UK and Ireland by April 2024

CAMEO

Michael & Evelyn McCune

Cameo had a great day on 22nd June at **Parliament Buildings Stormont** for our annual summer outing. We enjoyed a beautiful three course meal in The Members' Dining Room, followed by a tour with local MLA Robbie Butler. We were blessed with beautiful weather that day .



Three ladies from Cameo celebrated special birthdays earlier this summer.

These ladies are no longer able to be regular attenders, so it was a special joy to have them along for our final Cameo afternoon before the summer break.

From left- Jacqueline Houston was 99, Ivy Bell was 102 and Molly Williamson was 100!



There were two afternoon teas during the summer break, one in July and one in August, both of which were very well attended.

Many thanks to the Cameo Leaders' team for all their hard work in setting up, clearing up and for providing beautiful food .

Our Autumn / Winter Programme resumed Thursday 7th September. We have a varied programme of activities culminating in Christmas Lunch on Thursday 14th December.

If you wish to find out anything more about Cameo, the Autumn / Winter programmes are available in the church. Also feel free to speak with Michael or Evelyn (07412421122)

LISBURN CATHEDRAL MOTHERS' UNION PROGRAMME

September 2023 - December 2023

Monday 18th September @ 2.30pm - Miss Sheila Hughes

Monday 16th October @2.30pm - New Curate: Rev. Lee Boal

Monday 20th November @2.30pm - Quiz

Monday 18th December @2.30pm - Christmas Crackers

HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

You may recall back at Easter, there was an article about our plans to start looking at refurbishment work for the hall, with an overall estimated budget of around £500,000. In June, I spoke briefly at both services and asked that as a congregation we could start praying for a way forward, as we look at ways to finance this substantial undertaking.

I'm pleased to say that support from the congregation has started to come in and to bolster this, we have received generous grant funding of £10,000 from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council (LCCC). This does mean we need to start work in the near future and we will be looking at ways to break the overall work up into manageable chunks that can fit the finance available.



Your continued prayerful support is still vital and as we aim to source other funds, pledges of ongoing support for work on the hall uplift will be essential.

We particularly need commitments to contributions, even if they are spread out over a period of two to three years. We are actively applying for grant funding from many sources, but a lot of grant applications require us to have secured commitments of around 50% of the total cost before we can even apply. If you can tell us now that you can commit to paying, for example, £1,000 over the next three years, we can use the full value of that commitment now, even if you're making payments of only £28 per month over that period. You don't need to donate the full amount up front.

If you have any queries on this, or any other matter relating to church finances, please get in contact with me or e-mail treasurer@lisburncathedral.org

More information will follow soon!

Richard Thompson 0758-457-2141
Hon. Treasurer, Lisburn Cathedral

Why not be like over 100 members of Lisburn Cathedral and join a Home Group??



- Meet fortnightly over coffee and make new friends
- Increase your Bible knowledge and deepen your faith
- Build confidence to apply your faith in today's world
- Seek the Lord's help and direction in all things through prayer

Evening Groups meet Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
Day time Groups meet Wednesday mornings and afternoons

Home Groups meet fortnightly, they start back during September
For further details contact
Karen and Bill Welsh on 07918673990



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GENERAL UPDATE - FIRST AID EQUIPMENT & ACCIDENT/INCIDENT FORMS

Select Vestry

During the summer we have updated our First Aid boxes and equipment. These are now placed in easy access positions.

There is one at the back of church at the coffee shop on the back wall. There is also one in the Kitchen of the hall beside the fridge. New signage has been erected so that these can be easily visually seen.

Can we kindly ask if anyone uses any items out of these that you notify Angela Montgomery in the office so that items can be replaced. This will ensure they will always be fully equipped and ready for any emergency.

We have also developed a new Accident /Incident reporting form which covers all age groups. These can be found beside the first aid boxes and completed as necessary and returned to Angela in the office.

All Accidents or Incidents should be reported to whoever is in charge at the particular time. It is important as far as possible to complete

BOOK AID

Anyone interested in finding a good home for Christian books (including those for children) they no longer have shelf room for? If so, please consider the Book Aid Charitable Trust.

This UK organisation, begun in 1988, provides Bibles and Christian literature at locally affordable prices to bookshops as far away as Africa, the Caribbean and India. They have sent over 35 million to overseas partners to date. Book Aid has its NI base near Templepatrick and arrangements can

these at / or as near to the time of the accident/incident.

It is particularly relevant to obtain all details of the injured person at the time as they may not always be known to us as they could be visiting.

Thank you for everyone's help with this.



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be made for a volunteer who lives in Lisburn to pass on donations. Please email collectionpoints@book-aid.org to inquire about having boxes of books collected.



Book Aid also sells surplus stock, or books more suited to UK readers, in their small bookshop beside the Templepatrick warehouse (open to browsers Mondays and some Saturdays) as well as online (link from their website, <https://book-aid.org>). Any money raised this way helps cover shipping costs.

CAP

Paul Bailie

When Martin Lewis the Money Saving Expert says "Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are unsurpassed when it comes to the debt help they give people across the country" it is advice worth listening to. He knows how CAP operate and the success they have in getting people debt free. He is also aware of the health and mental wellbeing benefits that a client experiences after they phone CAP 0800 328 0006 (or visit capdebthelp.org) to make their first CAP appointment.

Why then is CAP special? Firstly the service is free to the client, because CAP is a charity and receives donations from churches and individuals who want to help people. Secondly CAP have over 25 years experience working with over 1,000 companies within the finance industry and are well respected. This means that councils, utilities and mortgage companies work with CAP because they have seen the results. They know CAP offer fair repayments based on what a client can afford.

CAP is not just for Christians - we help anyone regardless of their religious beliefs. The service is available to all individuals regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, sex and sexual orientation and appropriate measures are taken to monitor this.

How does CAP debt help service work? After a person calls CAP, a Debt Coach from the Lisburn Debt Centre will carry out the first appointment at a person's home or other suitable venue. A trained Debt Advisor will work out a realistic budget that priorities a clients essential bills. CAP will then negotiate affordable payments with each creditor and



attempt to stop unfair interest and charges where possible. The Debt Coach will then explain the budget and payments a client will need to make.

In most cases, a CAP Plan is set up for the client who will need to make one monthly payment into their CAP Plan to cover their debts and bills. CAP will then distribute this to creditors and also build up savings for the client.

If the client is in severe debt, CAP can walk them through insolvency options, such as petitioning for bankruptcy and helping them fill out forms.

A client can use their CAP Plan to pay their bills and debt repayments until they are debt free, and both the client and CAP can celebrate.

The Lisburn Debt Centre was set up over 9 years ago, and has helped 186 clients. Whilst the lead church is Lisburn Cathedral there are another 14 churches that support the work which is undertaken locally by a manager, a debt coach and 10 team members called befrienders. They work along side individual clients supporting them where necessary on their journey out of debt which can take a few months or in some cases 5 years.

What is important is for individuals who need debt help or know someone who does to make the call to CAP on 0800 328 0006. It can be a life changing experience.

OSPREYS ARE BACK IN NI!



Local conservationists were ecstatic this August when they heard that a pair of osprey (or 'fish hawks') had successfully reared a few fledglings at a secret location in the Fermanagh lakelands. Chicks of these endangered birds had not been seen in Ireland for over 200 years, mainly because in the past osprey were shot for taxidermy and their eggs were frequently stolen for collections. In recent years, wildlife charities and ornithologists, landowners, legislators and many volunteers have worked to preserve suitable habitats for osprey, and monitor and protect those which have built their twiggy nests ('eyries') in treetops, on cliff ledges or special nesting platforms.

These majestic brown and white birds have a wingspan of over 1.5 metres - that's the width of double doors! You can tell flying osprey apart from other large birds of prey such as buzzards by their 'M' profile. Osprey spend winters in Africa and migrate to Northern Europe in spring. Pairs tend to mate for life and, astonishingly, they have been known to return to the same nest for 20 years.

Three theological takeaways for everyone in LC (not just bird watchers!)

Firstly, there's the role we humans have as **stewards**, appointed by God, to care for and serve the rest of creation on God's behalf. In the opening chapter of the Bible (Genesis 1: 26-28) we read about God making humankind in His image on the sixth day of creation. He let them have dominion over the fish, birds and land animals. In some sense, human beings represent, within creation, God's rule over his creatures. Crucially, it's not that the rest of the created world is just there for the benefit of people, something to be exploited as we wish.

Let's also keep in mind that we humans are

fundamentally **part of a community of other creatures**. God's instructions in Genesis 1:29-30 to humans about giving every kind of vegetation as food to living creatures surely tells us that human use of the earth ought not to prevent other creatures from doing so too. Genesis 9:8-17 has a similar message. It's easy to overlook the fact that God made a covenant not only with Noah and his descendants - but also with every living creature - to never again destroy by flooding the entire earth, their common home. Also, before the flood God gave Noah the job of preserving creatures that otherwise would have drowned and become extinct.

Finally there's the **relationship between the rest of creation and their creator God**.

The first creation account makes it clear God values everything that he made. Sometimes we sing in church about all creation praising God, and we find this in many Psalms (especially Psalm 148) as well as the New Testament (eg Revelation 5:13). Simply by existing as God created them, all creatures worship God. In Matthew 6:26 ('Do not worry...') Jesus taught that God takes care of the basic needs of all living creatures and suggested that people should learn from the birds and wild flowers. Maybe because birds simply eat their food from nature and don't process it, their dependence on God's provision is more apparent and immediate. In our modern urban environment, absorbed with the daily work of fulfilling our basic needs, we can so easily forget the truth that we are dependent, just like the birds, on God for life's essentials.

So, lots of food for thought! If you want to find out more, see the books or the YouTube video 'The Bible and the Environment' by theologian Professor Richard Baukham.

ABAANA

Neville Jones

What a joy it was to join you all for Morning worship on Sunday 27th August 2023. It was a great opportunity to share with the Cathedral Family about the impact your support is making 'on the ground' in Uganda.



New Premises

Abaana is moving into a very busy phase as we prepare, God willing, to move into our new premises in Main St. Bangor, hopefully before Christmas. The new premises will provide for Abaana needs for the foreseeable future. We'll let you know when everything is completed, and you'd be so welcome to visit - it's just 5 minutes' walk from Bangor Train station.

Abaana 25th Anniversary

Abaana is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. We are so thankful for God's provision and blessing throughout the last 25 years. We are really looking forward to Scott and the team sharing the Abaana story at the Harvest evening service in October

Diary date: Sunday Evening 8th October 2023



New Life Choir

We are thrilled, that, God willing, the Abaana New Life Choir will be coming back to tour the UK and Ireland between Feb and early June 2024. Many of us will remember previous Choir visits to the Cathedral.

Diary Date: New Life Choir Concert - Good Friday, 29th March 2024.



Choir Chaperones

We are currently recruiting chaperones who will travel with and look after the Choir children during the Tour. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact the Abaana office or follow the link below

Interns

Would you like to join the Abaana team in Bangor and serve the children of Uganda?

We are currently looking to recruit a number of interns, part of whose duties will include supporting the choir children and the Tour in general. You'll have the opportunity to join the Choir as a substitute Chaperone, to release the full-time chaperones for a well-earned break.

<https://www.abaana.org/get-involved/work-with-us>

Making a genuine and lasting difference to the lives of children living in poverty in Uganda is a Partnership. Nothing can happen without the kindness, generosity and prayers of amazing supporters like you. Thank you all so much. Philippians 1: 3 - 5

PASTORAL INFO

New to Lisburn ?

Welcome to Lisburn Cathedral. It gives us great joy to welcome new people to worship. It is our desire to provide a caring worshipping community where through teaching and prayer we grow and mature as Christians who know Christ and learn to follow him as our personal Lord and Saviour.

Registration

Then following prayerful consideration, if you decide the Lord is calling you to commit to worshipping regularly in the Cathedral, the registration forms will enable you become members of the church. These forms can also be filled out should you have moved house. We can only store information with the consent of those who are registered members and this information enables us to serve the needs of our members more effectively. Registration forms are available for download on our website, and printed copies are available in the porch of the Cathedral. If you need any assistance accessing these please contact our Administrator by phone or email.

Weddings

Christian Marriage is the most important decision any couple can make together. All couples are asked to attend Church each week, attend the Marriage Preparation Course and uphold Christian standards as they prepare for their Marriage.

All dates should be checked with the Dean before booking with hotels as the staff and Cathedral may not be available for specific dates. A Wedding Information sheet will be provided to couples, which should be returned to the clergy, before a firm booking is taken.

Baptism

What a joy it is to welcome the children of believing Christians into the fellowship of Lisburn Cathedral through baptism. The Clergy should be contacted to provide the parents with the 'Baptism at Lisburn Cathedral' leaflet. You can download this leaflet from our website: lisburncathedral.org/family-celebrations

Once parents have read this information they may decide to bring their baby for baptism or thanksgiving service. Both parents should be regular attenders at Lisburn Cathedral and have the clear intention of bringing up their child in the fellowship of the Christian Church.

The purpose of our Children's Ministry in the Cathedral is for all children to have the opportunity to come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Funerals

Please notify clergy or staff immediately upon serious illness or death of parishioners for support and guidance. The Clergy should always be consulted before any funeral plans or times are arranged.

Hospital & Nursing Home admissions

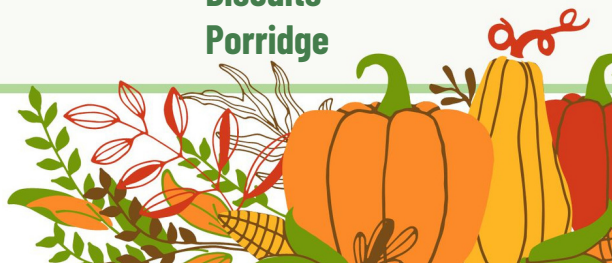
We are no longer automatically informed about admissions by hospital chaplains, so we would value your help in keeping us up to date with parishioners who are unwell or in hospital.

When Clergy are informed of church members in hospitals and nursing homes they would be pleased to visit them.

HARVEST COLLECTION Lisburn foodbank

The following items can be donated
to the Harvest appeal;

Long Life Milk
Sugar
Custard
Rice Pudding
Small diluting juice
Jam
Biscuits
Porridge



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

29th March | Caroline Crozet
28th June | Margaret Coulter
17th July | Edith Adams
1st August | Kathleen (Cassie) Courtney
9th August | Ken Forbes

Dedication

14th May | Aurora Totten

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