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VISION UPDATE

Dean Sam Wright

On our church vision evening it was thrilling to have a packed Cathedral as we discussed our vision together. Your contributions that evening and from your groups have helped and guided how we will share the good news of Jesus in the years ahead.

Early in September, our staff team took a few days away to further discern the vision. We wanted to take time to think about all that we had heard from church members and from the guidance Archdeacon Barry Forde had provided for us over the past year. It was a time filled with prayer, ideas and above all of seeking the Lord's guidance.

Jesus greatest commandment, is to: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12.

This is the mission Jesus gave to his church to love God and others in this all encompassing way. During the summer months I was on holiday in the south of Ireland, when I came upon a church noticeboard with these words: "God so loved us that he sent his one and only son into the world as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another, to save us from our sins." 1 John 4:10-11.

It struck me that this is the basis on which we are to love God and one another, so we will spend some time in this autumn learning more about God's love for us. And then we will turn to sharing that love for God through every member of the church.

As a staff team we discerned **four key ways to share this vision;**

Worship, Witness, Discipleship and Community.

This should be pictured in the same way that we heard in our vision process of being a virtuous circle. There is much more to say about this and we will be doing so in the coming months.

Please continue to pray for every area of the ministry in the church as we seek together to share God's redeeming love by our worship, witness, discipleship and community.

And it is our prayer that every believer, will grow in heart, soul, mind and strength in experiencing God's love and in loving others so that Jesus may be given all the glory in our lives and in the church.

Sam

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Dean Sam Wright

After the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we are beginning to reflect on just how much her life, service and faith has made an impact for good on our lives. She has been an example for humility, forgiveness and reconciliation and in doing so she has touch our lives in very special ways.

On her visits to Ireland her willingness to engage fully with people from every background gave us a very real vision of what's possible when we "first love others as Christ has loved us." By her words and actions she showed us that peace can be achieved in our land.

We will have many special memories of her visits to Northern Ireland when her radiant smile and graciousness lifted our spirits and encouraged us. That ability to touch our lives moved everyone in ways that were often unexpected, as young girl she encouraged the nation through a radio broadcast during the war and a few months ago she delighted the nation in her tea party with Paddington.

It is the strength of her faith has enabled the Queen to keep her vow to serve the nation for all her days, she recently said, "Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I find hope."

Just as the Queen supported us during her long and steadfast reign, we in Lisburn Cathedral want to honour her on her passing into glory with Christ and to support and pray for her family and for one another in the loss we all are feeling at this time.

Our greatest hope and reassurance is found in Jesus words in John 11:25-26: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

May you and all who mourn at this time know that peace and love of Christ that endures forever.



HARVEST SERVICES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

COMMUNITY HARVEST SERVICE

Friday 7th October

7.30pm

Guest Speaker:
Rev Nathan Ervine
(St Nicholas' Parish, Carrickfergus)

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 8th October

7pm

Supper & Social

HARVEST SUNDAY

9th October

10.30am (Joint service)

Guest Speaker:
Lynsey Cagueua
(Lisburn Foodbank)

6.30pm

Guest Speaker:
Rev Sarah Parkinson
(St Mark's Parish, Armagh)

Harvest Donations towards Lisburn
Foodbank (see back page for details)

ORDINATIONS

Gareth Campbell

My name is Gareth and this year I'll be serving my part-time deacon intern year in Derryvolgie Parish church on the Belsize Road with the Revd James Boyd.

My wife Sarah and I have been a part of Lisburn Cathedral now for the past 7 years, during which we have grown in family size with an extra 2 little ones, Patrick who's 4 and Eden who's 2.

Our fondest memories in that time have included many wonderful years serving at Big Church Serve, church family retreats to New Wine and consistent ongoing support from our homegroups over many years. I also have many fond memories working with the young people in mettle when 6 years ago I had the opportunity to join the staff team until 2019.

It was at a New Wine conference when we first decided as a couple to say yes to exploring a route towards ordained ministry and one that we sought out through much prayerful support with the people around us in the Cathedral. As doors have closed to us in certain routes, the door towards ordination has always remained open as we feel God calling us in this direction. We are certain that this path before us is where we are meant to be, despite it meaning uncertainties in other areas of our future, such as where we'll be living this day next year, or even where our kids will go to school.

My training has been slightly different to those who have gone before me as I have taken the longer part-time option to allow me to begin this journey prioritising my family and living at home while studying. This has meant I have been attempting to balance work, study and family life (often unsuccessfully) over the past 3 years, with now my final Deacon intern year ahead of me.



We have cherished our time in the Cathedral and say a bittersweet farewell as we are excited for the next chapter in our lives, yet saddened by losing some of the people who have been instrumental in our journey towards ordained ministry.

I would like to thank all those who have supported us as a family throughout our time in the Cathedral, all those who have offered us wisdom and challenges and finally those who have invested their time in my development and training. This includes, but is not limited to, sermon feedback and development, proof reading essays and checking the grammar, how to write risk assessments, fire stewarding, finance management, organising my post-it notes and even someone who taught me to weld.

I hope that each member of the Cathedral receives the warm welcome we did, and I hope you all continue to invest in the lives of the people around you. Continue to keep open house and be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, our generous Father in heaven.

Many, many thanks
Gareth, Sarah, Patrick and Eden Campbell
Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)

Lee Boal

On Sunday 11th September at a service of ordination in Lisburn Cathedral, I was ordained deacon and will serve in the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mossley, for the next ten months. I was able to spend a brief bit of time in the parish this summer through taking part in Street reach and I am really excited to get started as the parishioners and the leadership have all been so warm and welcoming.

I'm so aware of the enormous privilege it is to be able to serve God and his church in this role. Please pray for Beth and I, that we would settle quickly into this new community, form meaningful relationships and serve the people of Mossley well. Please also pray for me, I have a lot to learn, and it is only through God's strength and the equipping of his Holy Spirit that I will be able to serve him faithfully.

I am so thankful for my time at Lisburn Cathedral it has been a truly formative place for me on my journey toward ordination. Sam and Danielle have been amazing teachers and role models and have been very generous in the opportunities they've given me to develop in ministry. In 1 Samuel 2:35 God says 'I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind'.

My prayer echoes that verse, that I would be entirely faithful to God in what he has called me to be and that I would obediently serve him and the people he leads me to. We're so thankful for everyone at Lisburn Cathedral it has been amazing for Beth and I to share our lives with such an incredible bunch of people; you're all legends.



KEYS

Do you have keys you no longer need?

If you have a key for the Church or Hall that you no longer require, please return it to the church office or to a Church Warden.



HOMEGROUPS

Bill and Karen Welsh

This is an exciting time in the history of our Church Homegroups. Early feedback gathered as part of the new Cathedral Vision process has shown that Homegroups will continue to play a key role in the life of the Church. At the same time, there is an opportunity to review what we do with the aim of becoming even better in what we do. We have been particularly encouraged by:

1. Homegroup members expressing an interest in becoming homegroup leaders
2. Homegroups open to the idea of mixed age groups within their membership i.e. becoming intergenerational
3. A desire to open homegroups during the day as opposed to limiting the offer to the traditional evening slot
4. A recognition that homegroups are at different stages in their life and faith journey and therefore may require different support materials
5. An upsurge of interest in Cathedral members becoming homegroup members including both those who are new to groups and those who have previously been members.

Autumn Term 2022

We are delighted to announce that 3 new Homegroups will open in September.

These will be led by:

- Margaret & Denis Fullerton
(Lisburn; Wednesday evenings)
- Michael & Judith Goggin
(Ballinderry; Wednesday evenings) and
- Patricia & Lawrence Watson
(Lisburn; Wednesday mornings)

These are in addition to the eleven homegroups who are currently meeting each fortnight; one on a Tuesday, eight on a Wednesday and two on a Thursday.

Thank You!

We would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the Homegroup Ministry to Megan and Ricky, Tracey and Katy and Pete and Donna who are stepping aside from leading groups for a period.

Dates for your Diary

Cathedral Homegroups first study night will be week commencing 26 September 2022.

Would you like to join a homegroup?

If anyone is interested in linking in with a homegroup or has a question, please speak to Sam, Danielle, Bill Welsh or Karen Welsh.

Please feel free to contact Karen and Bill using the link posted on the homegroup section of the Church website.

Take a look below to see some reasons why you might like to join a group!

What our members told us about their Homegroup experience!

Home group is a place of warmth and welcome where God's word is discussed and related to our every day ordinary lives. (Anne)

It's great to spend homegroup evenings with friends, supporting and learning from each other's journeys in faith (over tea and traybakes!) (Sarah)

A family within a family (Patricia)

Where scripture comes alive and where we get to support and be supported by our Cathedral family (Heather)

The Bible's own model for enabling Christians to meet, grow and flourish in their faith (Bill)

It is a privilege to welcome members of the group into our home, to build Godly friendships and to share in the concerns and joys of life as we travel together on a journey of faith (Keith & Ruth)

Homegroup is a safe and nurturing environment in which to explore and understand the Bible better and to deepen relationships with other members of the Church community (Simon)

A diverse knowledge hub which helps equip and support me for living out my faith in day to day life (Tim)

A place where you can experience the joy of answered prayer (Karen)

A place of prayer, praise and good food and fun! (Anne)

OUR NEW CHILDREN'S WORKER

Hi everyone, My name is Andrea Johnston and I'm the new children's worker here in Lisburn Cathedral.

I'm married to Aaron. We live in Dundrod and have 3 children Grace, Beth and Isaac. Before joining the Cathedral family this April, I taught Sunday school in Glenavy for 8 years. I am also a nurse in a GP surgery. If I ever have any spare time left I enjoy reading (huge Harry Potter fan!) baking and walking.



I am very excited to get this new adventure started with all our children and am very much looking forward to seeing what God has in store for me in the role.

KIDZONE

Andrea Johnston

After a quiet July, we Kicked off August with a bang...having the best time at our Holiday Bible Club! Over the 4 days we had 56 children with us enjoying crafts, games, snacks and Bible time each day. Big shout out to all our Junior Leaders team and adult volunteers...couldn't have done it without you.

But now we are looking to a new year during which we will continue to have great fun at Kidzone on Sundays, but we have fab news...**Kidzone Fridays are BACK!!**



New children are always welcome...I'm new too see we can get to know everyone together!

We are always on the look out for new volunteers for both Fridays and Sundays. If you feel like you have any spare time to offer please speak to me...even if its only making juice. Just as a well known supermarket says...‘every little helps’

Keep your eyes peeled and ears open for for lots of exciting things happening. Bring on the fun!



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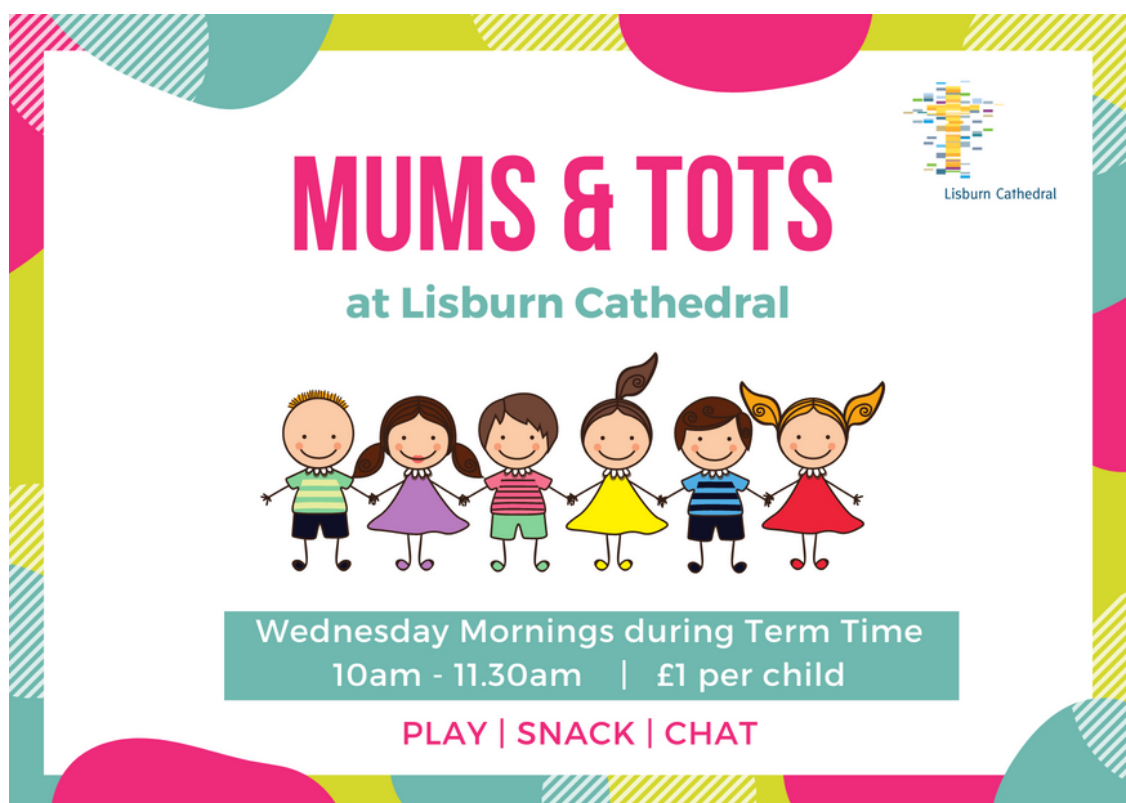
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during 11am service

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can help or would like more information please speak to Danielle

MUMS AND TOTS



MUMS & TOTS

at Lisburn Cathedral

Wednesday Mornings during Term Time
10am - 11.30am | £1 per child

PLAY | SNACK | CHAT

METTLE NEWS

Laura Kilpatrick

Mettle has had a very busy summer! We ended June with the **'Follow' weekend**. This was planned and run by some of our young people in Mettle. They planned games, did talks, led worship and led small group discussions. The 3 evenings looked at 'What was Jesus like?', 'What did Jesus do on earth?' and 'How to follow Jesus'. It was an incredible way to end the year at Mettle!



Follow weekend

From 1st to 5th July, Mettle went to **Summer Madness!** The theme this year was 'Pray Without Ceasing' with Pete Greig and Hannah Heather leading the Big Top sessions. We had a truly blessed and powerful time being in the presence of God and worshipping together.



Summer Madness!

After this, we went to **StreetReach** in Mossley Parish from 5th to 8th July. Our young people served on the practical, prayer, kids and outreach teams. We met lots of new people within the Connor Diocese and it was a joy serving God together in that area. A pond was installed, fences were painted, people were prayed for and children and young people in the surrounding areas were blessed by outreach activities. Our young people stepped out in boldness for the sake of the gospel - how inspiring!



Photos from Street Reach

METTLE NEWS

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Then our **Exodus Team** got packed up and headed to **Hungary** from 17th to 27th July! We went to Nyirbator in Hungary where we served with the Reformed Church there by running their Children's Club, leading youth evenings and taking part in their Sunday service. This was a fantastic and full-on programme with the Children's Club running from 7:30am to 4pm each day!!

However the team stepped up to the challenge, leading the talks, worship, games, memory verses, quizzes and silly dances for the Children's Club. They also led the youth nights which included presenting a Northern Ireland Culture Night, leading a Worship Night, sharing our testimonies

and sharing from God's Word. The team worked hard and stepped out of their comfort zones and made great connections with the Hungarian children and young people despite the language barrier!

We finished our time in Hungary just outside of Budapest in 'Freedom Springs' camp where we had a two day retreat, living without electric, running water and a lot of comfort! It was a great time to reflect on the time we had had in Hungary and to do fellowship with another Exodus team. July was mad for Mettle but God has been so good - please ask our young people to share their stories with you!



We ended summer with two Mettle events - a Big Games Night and our Beach Day! This was a great time to introduce our new Year 8's to Mettle with some games, banter and of course food! Mettle will be back **Saturday 17th September from 7pm-9:30pm!** Everyone is welcome from Years 8 to 14. Please email mettle@lisburncathedral.org if you have any questions.

As we begin a new year at Mettle, we **NEED more Mettle leaders** - this is for all ages for anyone who has a heart for seeing our young people grow in faith, fellowship and mission. Leaders are needed for MENTORING, BIBLE CLASS, DROP-IN AND METTLE SATURDAYS. Please email me or chat to me in church if you would like to be involved in any of these Mettle ministries. Trust me, it's truly a privilege doing life with these amazing young people.

20S & 30S

Rev Danielle McCullagh

Over the last few months, we've had some great nights together with our 20s&30s. In May we borrowed a couple of pizza ovens and had a night of making our own pizzas. In June we rented out a little private cinema in the Cathedral Quarter of Belfast.



In July a group of us headed to Sligo for New Wine, where we shared accommodation for the week. Many of us experienced God in significant ways during those few days together.

In August, we took to the river Lagan on Hydrobikes before spending the rest of the evening in Danielle's house for a well earned Chinese takeaway.



As well as the monthly social events, many of our 20s&30s are also engaged in our mentoring programme, where each person has been matched with an older Christian from our congregation.

They get together on a regular basis for coffee and to chat about life and faith, with the aim of encouraging and deepening the young adult's faith and discipleship. I know that many of the mentors have also been so encouraged in their faith too, through the process of mentoring.

We're keen to build on the mentoring programme, so if you are in your 20s or 30s and would like someone to walk with you and invest in your discipleship and faith please let me know!

We're also constantly looking for mentors to match with our young adults, so if you are perhaps beyond this age bracket and could offer an hour a month to encourage a young Christian, please chat to me or drop me an email - danielle@lisburncathedral.org

No mentoring experience is needed, and I will provide some resources to get you started!

There will be more social events and also some nights of worship and teaching over the next few months. If you are in your 20s or 30s and would be interested in joining us, we'd love to see you!

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

Rev Pete Meenagh

As we head into September, we can only reflect back on our first year at SLCC. We moved this time last year to the Black Hall as restrictions eased and opened the church up to the community. Since then we have been so thankful for the opportunities God has given us, growing our small community of around 18 people to now around 40-50 each week.

Over the summer we have had Chit Chat Church, allowing others who may not like the formal idea of church to come and test the water. We also continue with Chit Chat Cafe and have remained connected to many in the community.

Summer also allowed us to run our annual Holiday Bible Club, we cannot thank the leaders who came to down to help enough for all their support and commitment.



We are excited this term to get our first SLCC Alpha running. Please do pray that God softens the hearts of many towards him.

Please do keep us in your prayers as we start back into a busy term. Also we want to invite you all to come down and see what we are doing any time. We try to get up to the Cathedral every month or so to keep connected, but we love to see you come visit us too.

Also if you would like to serve in anyway, it would be so appreciated as we continue to grow we need help in many different forms, from helping with set up, baking and kids work!

Thank you for all your support

Yours in Christ,
Pete



South Lisburn
Community Church

400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Ken Gibson - Planning Committee

Here are key dates for your 2023 diary:-

Saturday January 7th - 400 minutes of prayer

Sunday afternoon January 15th - launch service with Bishop George and other guests. We anticipate a very special display by our Nimble Fingers craft group will be unveiled at this event.

Friday evening May 19th - Gala dinner, venue to be confirmed.

(between January and May we will hopefully have at least one and maybe 2 or 3 events launching some interesting and exciting projects. We cannot set the dates yet as they are dependant on outside factors)

Friday to Sunday June 9th to 11th - Celebration Weekend with a programme of activities including a service on the Sunday afternoon. We are inviting as many as we can track down who were parishioners or had a connection with us and who have moved away. The service will be streamed for those that cannot attend. Full details of the weekend events will be released in due course.

June/July - a series of possibly themed Open Days including exhibitions of material from our History Room.

Friday or Saturday 29th or 30th September - concert with New Irish Arts. Confirmation of the date will be publicised as soon as possible.

November - closing service

We are still working on a number of additional events and these will be added to the programme as they are finalised.



By the time you read this our **Anniversary 2023 calendar will be available for sale.** It contains images related to the Cathedral (though not the entire 400 years!!!!!!!!!!!!) provided by parishioners and by the Lisburn Museum.

What a great Christmas present and the **price is only £4**



ANSWERS from the 3 quiz questions I set in the Summer News Sheet.

Question 1 - In what year was the hall built?
Answer: 1885 - the inscription over the door says "1885 Cathedral Sunday School".

Question 2 - Who was the first female church warden?
Answer: Mrs Kathleen McCullough in 1991 and 1992.

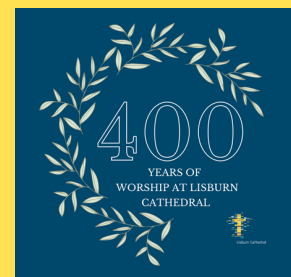
Question 3 - Who was the last Cathedral rector who went on to be a Bishop?
Answer: Rev Gilbert Wilson who became rector in 1976, being succeeded by Rev John McCammon in 1982. Rev Wilson became Bishop of the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh - in simple terms parts of Sligo, Leitrim, Longford, Roscommon, Cavan and Fermanagh.

BREAKFAST AT THE CATHEDRAL



Breakfast at the Cathedral 22nd October

Come and join us for breakfast at Lisburn Cathedral on 22nd October 2022 from 9am-12pm to kick start the celebrations of 400 years of worship in 2023. This fundraising event will include a full cooked breakfast, tea, coffee and a cake stall. The funds raised will go towards the celebrations planned for next year.



COFFEE ROOM

Jill Lester

The Coffee Room is open on Friday mornings from 10am to 1pm, serving tea, coffee, scones and traybakes. We serve a range of coffee, (including decaf), tea, herbal teas and gluten free options. Call in and catch up with old friends, or make some new ones!

If you are available to help on a Friday morning, please contact Jill Lester on 07850659823 or jilllester01@gmail.com. Full training will be provided and the commitment should be no more than one Friday a month. Thank you

Coffee Room Drop In

Fridays | 10am - 1pm
Tea, Coffee & Treats



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FROM THE TREASURER

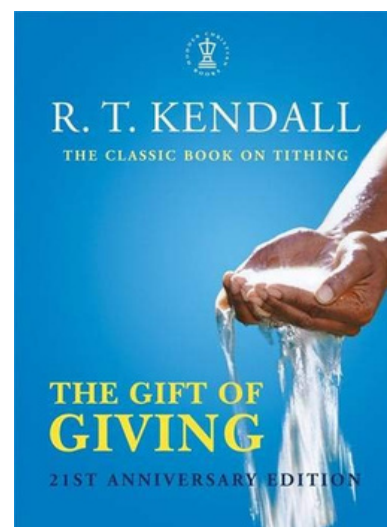
Richard Thompson

I recently read a book by RT Kendall, recommended to me by a previous Hon. Treasurer of the parish called 'the Gift of Giving'. It was first printed in 1982, but very much based on the guidance in the Old Testament on tithing a tenth of your first fruits to the Lord and still wholly relevant today. I'd commend the book and its challenge to everyone.

I'm no wordsmith, like Mr Kendall, but to summarise one of his questions in a paragraph:

The government demands income tax at 20%, then National Insurance adds another chunk and VAT raises the cost of most things we need to buy. Cars have their own tax, insurance has its own tax and so the list goes on, our God asks for only 10%, if we could all honour the Lord with the first 10% of our income, what could the church finances look like?

Looking ahead, we have many demands on our income lining up in the coming months, we need to carry out a lot of work in the hall.



Our running costs will continue to rise in line with everyone else, as food, fuel and professional costs rise. The organ needs serious attention and as ever, we want to focus as much of our attention as we can muster on outreach and building up our work in and around the parish to spread the good news.

As we launch into a new term, please give your prayerful consideration to the ways in which you can offer your first fruits to the Lord, and enable our parish to serve Him.

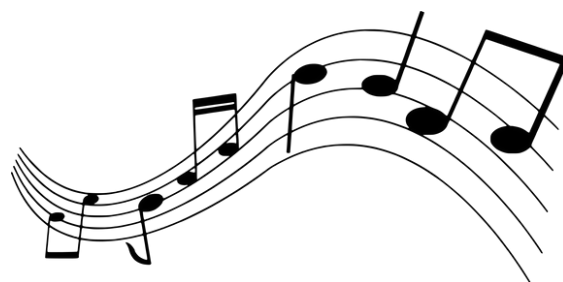
R.T. Kendall, The Gift of Giving, Hodder & Stoughton, 1982.

Richard Thompson
treasurer@lisburncathedral.org

SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS

Stephen McLoughlin

Psalm 100 tells us to make a joyful noise onto the Lord – an invitation for us all. However, Psalm 33:3 also tells us to be skilful! We are blessed in Lisburn Cathedral with a worshipping church, and our worship team & choir are always on the lookout for talent in our congregation. If you have a yearning to be involved in worship then we want you. If your toolbox isn't completely full that's ok – every day is a school day for each of us.



All we ask is a worshipping heart, open hands, a modicum of ability and a smile. Please speak to Stephen for the worship team or Andrew for the choir and we will be delighted to get you involved.

CAMEO

Michael & Evelyn McCune

We had a busy Spring/Summer programme in Cameo. On June 2nd we had The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party with almost 60 people attending. The Cameo Team provided an excellent Afternoon Tea followed by some entertainment.

Grace Broddle, one of our Church Wardens baked a beautiful Platinum Jubilee Cake for this special occasion.



Photos from the Jubilee party

June 23rd was another highlight. Our Cameo members travelled by bus to The Secret Garden in Dundonald where they had lunch followed by an enjoyable time browsing at the nursery and in the gift shops. Quite a few people enjoyed a bit of retail therapy!



Bus Trip!



In July and August we had two afternoon teas in our Church Hall. Many thanks to an excellent and hard working team for setting up, providing delicious food and for making everyone who came feel so welcome.

Sadly, Betty Belshaw, who was among the founder members of Cameo and also a Church member at the Cathedral passed away in August after a short illness.



The late Betty Belshaw

We have welcomed some new members since Easter and look forward to seeing some new people come along to enjoy the company and care.

You can find out more from Sam or Danielle or talk to Michael or Evelyn (07412421122)

GEM

Jayne Martin

We hope you all had an amazing summer and are ready for the new term.

GEM will start fellowship again on 20 September at 7:30pm.

Come along to find out what we will be studying, we look forward to seeing you there.

For more details contact Jayne on 07891507829 or Cathy on 07525 336173.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



LISBURN CATHEDRAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AUTUMN 2022 SERIES

Tuesday 4 October

Rev Dr Richard Wright, Newcastle Methodist Church
"How should we respond to Climate Change?"

Tuesday 15 November

Ian MacCorkell, Solicitor
"Thank God it's Monday?!"

Coffee, tea and biscuits from 7.15pm
7.30pm start

McCammon Room, First Floor, Church Hall

Please bring your friends

NIMBLE FINGERS

Nimble Fingers meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10am -12 noon in the church hall. We begin with tea and coffee before working together on different types of craft.

Up to Christmas we will be knitting, crocheting and sewing to recreate the Cathedral and some of the old buildings in and around our church. If you are interested please contact me.

We will also find time to make a small decoration for your Christmas tree.

In the past, some of the members have used the ideas as presents for family and friends.



If you're in town on one of our Fridays why not drop in and see what's going on! For more information please contact me via email margaretfullerton@hotmail.com or 07974177058

Margaret Fullerton

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us every other Tuesday morning in the hall from 10.30am - 12 noon for coffee and a study

Dates

13th September / 27th September

11th October / 25th October

8th November / 22nd November

6th December



MOTHERS' UNION

We are very keen to invite new members to come and see our wonderful organisation, The Mothers' Union! You will receive a very warm welcome!

'COME AND SEE'

Calling all ladies!
After a long hot summer the good news is that the Mothers' Union is starting again on the third Monday in every month.



AUTUMN DATES Meeting in the Church Hall at 2.30 pm

Monday 19 September

Monday 17 October

Monday 21 November

Monday 12 December

Guest Speaker Canon Will Murphy

New Members' Enrolment & Beetle Drive

Guest Speaker Irene Orr

Christmas Crafts

CANON WILL MURPHY

The first meeting is on the 19th September at 2.30 in the church hall. We are very pleased to tell you that our own Canon Will Murphy has agreed to speak to us; he is a very popular gentleman amongst our Cathedral congregation!



The Mothers' Union boasts a membership of about 4 million people worldwide, and so many families have benefitted from its teaching of Christian family life.

UKRAINE UPDATE

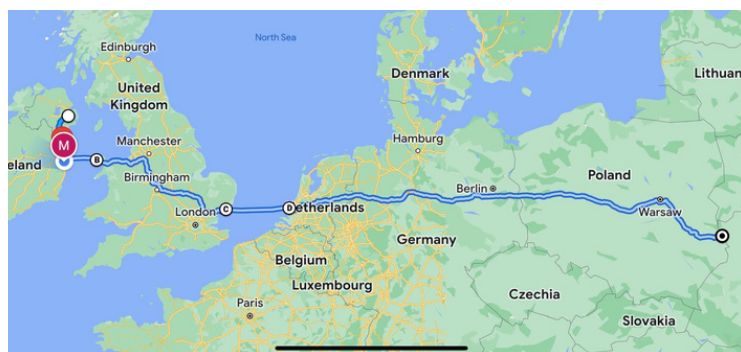
Sam Shaw

I have been struck following my friend's updates and learning how simple things have been the biggest blessings. People had planted their potatoes and vegetables in the spring, much to my friends relief, preparing for the winter ahead, for a change there was abundant rain this growing season. Harvest is abundant so far... hunger is less of a risk. The church is working on canning and freezing this harvest so there'll be provisions for the Winter.

It is humbling to hear of how simple things, like coffee and chocolates/sweets, sent earlier on in the year, were a great blessing to those men from the community who had to travel to incredibly dangerous places.

Things you can pray for:

- Those whose husbands and sons are missing after battle.
- Thankful for the ones found alive. That they may return to their families.
- Pray that the 500 Ukrainian Bibles for children that we have, would get to those who need them.



- Thankful for the rain and great harvest. Pray for the potato harvest though, and all the food preparations for the Winter (October through April).
- Pray for a full healing of legs and back of a church member. Give thanks he survived and was able to make it to medical help. For others from their area who have been wounded also, for physical healing and that they would find faith in Jesus.
- My friends brother is a baptist Pastor in the south of Ukraine, an area that is likely to be on the news in the coming weeks. I have worked with him at least once. I had said to her when his city is liberated if there is anything we can do. We would love to go back there and bring help anyway we can, especially after what he has been through in the last 6 months. But like everything it has to be in God's will.



Unloading at the church and us unloading our van and trailer on the border

LOVE FOR LIFE

Jude Cairns

It's a new term, a new season and we are called to STAND!

As this term begins, the team have enjoyed a much needed break after one of our busiest years. We are so thankful for all the schools and groups that book our programmes. The team have loved being back to normal (ish) and as an organisation it is a privilege to connect with over 35,000 young people annually! Please pray for our team as this new term starts. Our diary is so full, which is wonderful, but it also means there is a lot to juggle! Pray for energy, wisdom, protection, and creativity.

Love for Life have been Inspiring Relationships for 20 years. I will have been in post as CEO for 12 years in January and the landscape has changed dramatically in my time. There is no doubt there are challenges and much confusion in culture. We want to bring clarity and confidence as we engage with the issues. We also want to celebrate this milestone!

We have planned a Thanksgiving Fundraising Ball on **Saturday 26 th November 2022** in Titanic Belfast. The big news is, there is **no ticket charge** and will focus on celebrating our history and funding our future.

You may be thinking "that sounds counterproductive". There are a few reasons why we believe that this is the right decision, at the right time:

1. Our desire is to move beyond a single event that has successfully secured one-off donations, to one that builds sustainable income for our future. Our hope is that people will be more open to making a smaller ongoing commitment, without feeling like they've 'given twice'.



2. We want people's financial decisions to be about responding to our vision that we'll share on the night.

3. We acknowledge that for some, the purchasing of a ticket is a barrier to attending. We want to do all we can so those people want to hear about work can be there and respond in a more manageable way that doesn't require a large upfront cost.

An event like this, costs a significant amount of money and in taking this decision, we're taking a step of faith that the right people will be in the room.

So why not gather some friends and join us for what promises to be a fabulous night. Each table hosts 10 people. Email simon@loveforlife.org.uk to book.

So, we plan - ambitiously and in faith! I am more aware than ever of the need to "Put on the full armour of God, so that ... you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." I believe God is indeed asking us to Stand. We are trusting that people will choose to stand with us, and together, inspire the next generation to know their worth, flourish in their relationships and value their sexual choices.

Jude Cairns



ABANNA NEWS

Neville Jones

OUR GOD DOES ALL THINGS WELL

We are so thankful for your prayers, encouragement, and support. What a privilege to be able to work together to give boys and girls living in poverty in Uganda genuine hope of a better future.

New School for St Mary's Kagoli

Plans are well advanced for the new primary school for St Mary's. We are currently in the process of letting the building contract. Imagine the excitement of the local community when they see work starting on site.



One of current school buildings

Other building projects

Building work is well underway on Teachers' Accommodation at Tekoo Primary in the north of Uganda. Being able to provide some simple accommodation for teachers means that they will not have to travel significant distances to and from school each day.

Over the next number of months, we also hope to provide a new well for our school at Busia and finalise plans for a new nursery building at Prince of Peace Primary.



Teachers' accommodation



Making a Difference (MAD300)

We have recently launched our MAD 300 campaign to find sponsors for 300 children over the next 12 months. We are looking for as many people as possible to simply share with their friends, family, and work colleagues about the campaign. We have lots of resources available for people to share. Just go to our website and search for MAD300.

<https://www.abaana.org/what-we-do/mad300>

Abaana New Life Choir

Clear your diary, as God willing, we hope to bring the New Life Choir back to the UK and Ireland in 2024!!

We hope to confirm plans by the end of this year.

Sharing about the work of Abaana

We love sharing with churches, schools, and other groups about the work of Abaana. If you know of someone who would like us to come and give a short talk or presentation about our work, please do get in touch. This would be so helpful.

Thank you all again for your amazing support and partnership in literally changing lives in Uganda.

Deuteronomy 7:9

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

Not every hospital has a chaplain and therefore we are no longer automatically informed about admissions, so we would value your help in keeping us up to date with parishioners who are unwell.

After 2 years of restrictions, we would be delighted to visit those in hospitals and nursing homes.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

2nd September | Zoe Irwin & Andrew Martin

Funerals

1st August | Ken Hackett

13th August | Betty Belshaw

18th August | Geraldine McBride

Dedication

28th August | Jude Gibson, son of
Aimee & Neville

OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9.30am - 1pm

HARVEST COLLECTION



Harvest Donation envelopes will be available. The following items can be donated to the Harvest appeal;

- UHT MILK
- SUGAR
- CUSTARD
- RICE PUDDING
- DILUTING JUICE
- JAM
- BISCUITS



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