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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dean Sam Wright

'Don't miss Christmas.

The innkeeper did because he was too busy with his business.

The Jewish leaders did because they couldn't be bothered to walk the five miles from Jerusalem to check things out.

Herod did because he was threatened by a baby'.

The innkeeper said, there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

The teachers of the law knew that Christ would be born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, but they didn't go to see for themselves. Matthew 2:2 Herod was disturbed and worried when he heard that the one to be born in Bethlehem would be ruler and shepherd of the people of Israel.

All of these people from the highest to the lowest missed out on Christmas and on the life that came from heaven to earth for all.



Sam and Danielle at Christmas 2019

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God's Promise -

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days." Micah 5:2.

The prophet Micah gave this prophecy many centuries before the birth of Jesus. This was a promise that God gave to his faithful people. Then an Angel appeared to Mary and gave her a promise: "You will conceive and give birth to a son....The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God". God's promise then was fulfilled by the birth of his Son.

God's Presence -

Christ's followers won't miss Christmas because God promised his presence in a whole new way. "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us')." Matthew 1:23

The birth of Jesus enables God to dwell with his people and when we believe and trust in Him we can know His present with us.

Because of his immense love for us, God sent his Son for a reason, he sent Jesus to rescue us from sin. God sent Jesus into the world with all it's mess and brokenness to rescue us, to walk beside us and be present with us in our joys and in our struggles. Through his presence we can know peace, love and joy this Christmas time.

God's Perfect Son -

Those of us who know Jesus as our Saviour and Lord of our lives won't miss Christmas because of the wonder of God's grace in sending his perfect son to pay for our sins. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9.

The Christmas message is that there is hope and life for fallen humanity through Jesus. The coming of God's perfect son means there is hope of pardon, hope of peace, and the hope of glory because at the Father's will Jesus Christ became poor, and was born in a stable so that we might identify with Him and having shown us how we should live, thirty years later he died on a cross in our place that we might have new life. This is the most wonderful message that the world has ever heard, or will hear, God has fulfilled his promise, God is present with us, God has given his perfect son for us.

So now I urge you, "Don't miss out on Christmas!" In fact I invite you to have the perfect Christmas. That means having Christ at the heart of your life. It means worshipping him as Lord this Christmas. It means above all receiving God's gracious gift of his Son and honouring him by giving your life to Christ. When that happens then your life, your time, your thoughts, your priorities, your relationships are changed.

**Christmas isn't cancelled,
Christmas is Christ.**

What is the state of your heart this Christmas? Do you trust God's promise? Do you believe the good news of God with us? Are you responding to His Son with joy and repentance, with worship and obedience, in faith and action?

My prayer is that the good news of Christ may give you joyful faith, bold obedience and life everlasting. When Christ is Lord of our lives we can never miss out, instead we'll have a truly hope filled Christmas. May the Lord bless you this Christmas and New Year.

Sam

VISION PROCESS

Dean Sam Wright

As you may know, at the beginning of this term our staff team went away on retreat together to begin a process of setting a new vision for our church. This was a helpful time, facilitated by Archdeacon Barry Forde.

As we take the next step in the process, we are inviting all members of Select Vestry and all leaders of groups or ministries to join us on Saturday 22nd January at 10am. You'll hear more about the thoughts of our team and have the chance to share your own thoughts. Please put it in your diary.





Garvin Jess

GOODBYE GARVIN

In November, after 11 years serving as Administrator in our Cathedral office, Garvin Jess moved to Belfast to a similar full time role in our Diocesan Office. We are very grateful to Garvin for all he has contributed over such a long period of dedicated service to our Church. And we wish him every blessing as he continues to serve the Lord in the Diocesan Office.

We are delighted to have welcomed our new administrator Angela Montgomery. She has a wealth of experience in administration and will be a great addition to our staff team. She will be working three mornings per week.

MEET OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Angela Montgomery

My name is Angela Montgomery, and I am the new Administrator at Lisburn Cathedral.

I'm married to Paul, a primary school teacher. We live in Maghaberry with our two children, Isaac and Joel and our pet tortoise Shelldon! I've been a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lisburn for 2 years and really enjoy the fellowship there. I love to socialise and recently taught myself how to crochet blankets and scarves.

Previously, I worked as marketing officer for the Council's City Centre Management. I'm excited to join the team at Lisburn Cathedral and I'm looking forward to being part of the church community.



Our new Administrator, Angela

CHRISTMAS 2021

We are looking forward to gathering for a number of special services and events as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour. We'll be taking part in outreach events, family days, carol services, Kidzone nativity and sharing Holy Communion. We would love you to invite friends & family and join us at any of the service or events.

Please remember to book a seat for all our services (except 9.30am services) at lisburncathedral.org/ticketing. If you are unable to access internet and would like to come to any service, please contact our new administrator in the office.

As we aim to keep everyone safe, all services and events will be subject to Covid19 restrictions and regulations at the time.

Christmas at The Cathedral

4th December | 11am | Market Square

"A Christmas Rhapsody" with Godshandiworkpuppets
Community Orchestra & Community Children's Choir

**18th December | 11am - 2pm | Nativity Panto Trail
Cathedral and Hall**

Booking via Connor Diocese - for details see Cathedral Website
by Play it by Ear' Drama Company, Connor Diocese & Church Army

12th December | Sunday Worship

9.30am - Morning Prayer

11am - Morning Worship

6.30pm - Contemporary Carol Service led by Mettle

19th December | Sunday Worship

9.30am - 6 Lessons & Carols

11.00am - Kidzone Nativity

6.30pm - Traditional Nine Lessons & Carols

24th December | 11pm | Christmas Eve Communion

25th December | 11am | Christmas Family Service

26th December | 9.30am | Carols and Communion

2nd January 2022 | Sunday Worship

9.30am - Morning Prayer

11.00am - Baptism and Morning Worship.

CAMEO IS BACK!

Liz Spence

It has been good to meet face to face again after 18 months, even though we have to keep at a distance from each other, wear an extra layer, bring our own cups etc to ensure we stick to Covid19 guidelines and keep everyone safe as we meet.

Sadly, two of our members passed away recently- Gloria Kelly and Tina Doak. Both were lovely ladies who really enjoyed Cameo; we miss seeing them on Thursday afternoons. Some members are now in nursing homes and others have health and mobility issues which means they are unable to join us. But we are delighted to see those who can come.

We started off with a harvest celebration with Sam and Danielle, and we had visits from Pete Meenagh and Ruth & Keith Gardiner. Heather Gibson will close this session with a Christmas decoration demonstration.



Helen, Joan and Eva are delighted to be back.

Christmas dinner will again be 'in a box' this year to be delivered on Thursday 16th. Please pray for these folk that they will know God's grace, mercy and peace over the dark days of winter.

Cameo plans to restart on 13 January 2020 at 2.30 pm DV, and we are always delighted to welcome new members along!



There's nothing better than a cup of tea and a chat with friends!

COFFEE ROOM

Jill Lester

We are delighted that the Coffee Room will be open on Friday mornings from 10am to 1pm throughout December. Call in and have a chat, catch up with friends and enjoy a festive treat with your coffee.

As it had been before Covid19 hit, the Coffee Room is being run as an honesty box cafe and all money raised will go toward Church funds.

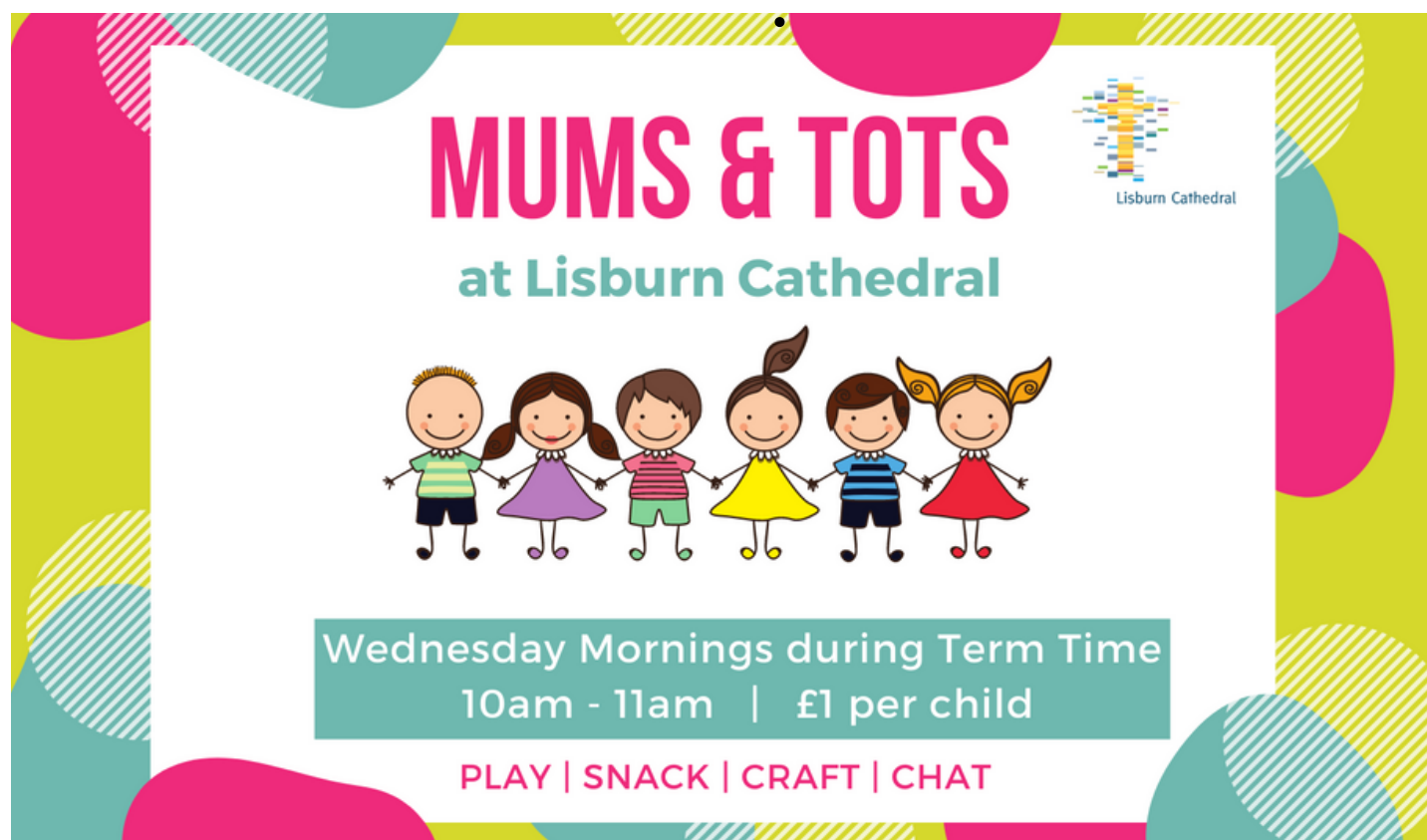


MUMS & TOTS

Martie Kennedy & Margaret Fullerton

Mums and Tots have restarted on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 am. We would love to welcome you to join us in the hall for an hour of play, snack, craft and singing. If you are a parent, grandparent or carer with children under school age please think about coming along.

Currently, we have space for 15 adults with children and ask that you would book using the Cathedral website. This gives us the information we need to make appropriate plans for each session and also for Track and Trace in case of a Covid case. We are dedicated to keeping you and your child safe whilst with us and ensuring that you both have a fun morning. If you need any further information please contact Martie Kennedy



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Richard Thompson – Hon. Treasurer

Since September things have picked up pace for us as a Church and we have been able to resume some of our usual ministries and activities. We have employed Laura, our youth worker, and continued to expand our work in South Lisburn under Rev. Pete.

As we reach the end of the year and continue to expand our activities again, I'd ask you to consider your giving both in terms of time and in the FWO.

Hopefully we can move towards resuming our full parish life in the next year and to do that, there are always jobs for willing volunteers. We also want to be able to fully cover all of our normal running costs on a monthly basis.

If every regular contributor could spare the cost of a cup of coffee per week, to increase their FWO in 2022, we would be well on our way to covering the expected and likely running costs.



Could you spare the cost of one coffee per week?

If you want to discuss the church finances in any way, I'm always available to take queries and will be happy to chat, especially over coffee!

FREE WILL OFFERING ENVELOPES 2022

Tony Clarke – FWO & Gift Aid Administrator

The majority of the FWO envelopes will be hand delivered and the rest will be posted.

This will happen during the month of December 2021. If you haven't received yours by the New Year please get in touch and let us know.

Please note that anyone with envelopes number 151 to 200 will have new numbers from now on, due to a reorganisation and reallocation of the numbers

If anyone has any queries with envelopes please contact either Richard Thompson (07584 572141) or Tony Clarke (07855 222354)



METTLE NEWS

Laura Kilpatrick – Youth Worker

Mettle have had a busy month in the run up to Christmas!

The highlight of November has been seeing some of our young people get confirmed. We started the month with a weekend away with our confirmation candidates in Coleraine. This was a great time of worshipping together, praying together and simply doing fellowship together. It was a powerful weekend of teaching and hearing God speaking into our lives.

We also got our mentoring and small groups kicked off this month. If you'd like to be involved with either of these please get in touch. The last Sunday of each month we have our Mettle Motivation service and this month we had Zara from Made for More sharing with us.



One of our young people who was baptised and confirmed on the same day

She shared about the amazing work of this organisation and about God's peace in our lives. Watch this space in the new year for more involvement with Made for More!

Our next Mettle Motivation is our Contemporary Carol Service on Sunday 12th December at 6:30pm, make sure you book online for this special service.



Making a huge step in faith by being baptised



Some young people opted for full immersion baptism



Our young people on their confirmation weekend



Bishop George prays for Michael



Some of our recently confirmed young people after their first communion on Sunday 28th November

We meet each Saturday night for games, tuck shop, our Youth Alpha Course and some banter! Starting from Saturday 4th December we are starting our Christmas Nights at Mettle. We will be having a Christmas Baking Night and Movie Night.

If you are, or have, a young person in year 8 or above we would love you to come along to any of our Mettle nights and events.

On Saturday 18th December we are having our Mettle Christmas Mask-arade Ball from 7pm! Make sure you purchase a ticket for £10 which covers your dinner and dessert. Contact me if you would like a ticket! Don't forget to dress up and bring your mask!!

We're excited that Bible Class has now returned on Sunday mornings during the 11am Service. Anyone is years 8-12 is welcome to come along as we study God's word together.

Finally, we want to say a huge thank you for everyone who has supported Mettle this year in prayer and practically. A particular shout out to our fantastic leaders for sacrificing your time and energy to invest in the lives of our young people. Without you we wouldn't be able to run such a great programme for our young people.

Merry Christmas from all in Mettle!



KIDZONE

Rev Danielle McCullagh

Kidzone has been a little bit different this term. Last term we said goodbye to Donna, our Children's worker. In the summer, Sam and Danielle met with a group of Kidzone leaders to make a plan for September. We are delighted that a Kidzone Core Team came together: Andrea, Sarah, Beth & Viv. These 4 superstars have been planning, organising and leading Kidzone Sunday since September. Huge thanks also go to the parents and volunteers who help our team each Sunday to make Kidzone an amazing experience for our kids.

The team are always looking for more willing volunteers to be part of the Kidzone team rota. If you could give a Sunday or 2 a month and would be willing to lead, read a story, help with actions or crafts, please get in touch with Vivienne Thompson, or chat to Sam or Danielle.



Everyone enjoying Dive In Week at Kidzone

Kidzone Nativity



Sunday 19th December | 11am
Don't forget to book your ticket!

It's been so exciting to have lots of our boys and girls back at Kidzone each Sunday and we've been so pleased to welcome lots of new kids. If you haven't been to Kidzone in a while we would really love to see you soon!

We meet as one big group at the start and then we go to our age groups for activities:

Minizone | Nursery - P1

Juniorzone | P2 - P4

Seniorzone | P5 - P7

If you are in nursery - p7, we would love to have you join us on a Sunday morning during the 11am service for stories, songs, crafts and lots of fun.

We are really looking forward to Sunday 19th December when we will be taking over the 11am service to bring you The Kidzone Nativity. It would be so great to have you join us for that!

CRECHE 2022

Rev Danielle McCullagh

It's been such a long time since we were able to safely run Creche on a Sunday morning. All of our creche kids have now moved on to Kidzone Sunday. During that time Margaret Fullerton, who has been running Creche for many years, has made the decision to step down. We are so thankful to Margaret for her years of commitment and dedication in this role.

We have been able to welcome lots of little ones to our church family over the past year and a half, and we are very keen to be able to offer ministry for them on Sunday mornings, during the 11am service beginning in the New Year. It's so important that we can facilitate worship for all ages on a Sunday morning. So, we need your help!

We are looking for someone, or a couple of people, who would be willing look after creche overall, and coordinate a team of volunteers. We also need people to join the team and go on the rota, no more than once a month.

Parents with little ones going to creche would be ideal but anyone from the congregation would be welcome to volunteer to help on Sunday mornings. If this is a ministry you feel you could serve in, or you would like to chat more about it, please contact Sam or Danielle as soon as possible.



SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev Pete Meenagh

Hello everyone!

This is a very Northern Irish thing to say but how are we here again, on the run up to Christmas!

However as we plan and reflect on this time of year, it never loses it's wonder and awe as we look at the mystery of Jesus, the Messiah coming to us in the most humble way.

This year at SLCC we are excited that we can prepare for a few more face to face opportunities to bring the Good News and hope of Christmas to the community.

In December we plan to have a community outreach get together in the local school's playground. Sam Shaw will be coming along and we will have carols and crafts too. You would be so welcome to come join us on 11th December 11am-1pm.



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Pete with the newly designed logo and banner for SLCC



We will also have a few services over December to celebrate Christmas and worship together.

Since the Autumn term it has been great to be in the area more. Sunday services have been ongoing, with once a month having an "All-In" service, where we provide child friendly activities and then join together and share a meal. This has been a definite highlight and has brought families into the Church!



Our Sunday School kids having a great time together

We have endeavoured to begin a Sunday school since October, we have 5-6 children coming along, so we will continue to provide this space as we meet more families, please pray we will get the opportunity to share the Gospel.

We are so excited that our "Transforming lives for Good" programme has started with 5 coaches in Largymore School getting alongside 5 children to provide different kinds of support and friendship. Please pray for our coaches as they make an impact in the lives of the children and for Largymore School as they continue to be a real rock in the community.

The weekly Chit Chat Cafe continues to be a foundational ministry. We plan to have some stew lunches for the community as we head into the winter. Thank you for your support. If you would like to stay updated, sign up for our quarterly newsletter.



20S & 30S MINISTRY

Rev Danielle McCullagh

It's been so encouraging to get together with those in this age bracket from our church over the last few months. We've hung out with coffee and desserts, been for a night of bowling. We also had a brilliant night at Prison Island Escape Rooms.

The highlight for me over the past few months was the night of worship we had in the Cathedral. Rick Hill was the speaker. Rick is the Discipleship & Leadership Development Officer at Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He has recently written a brilliant book called 'Deep Roots of Resilient Disciples'. If you haven't read it, I'd highly recommend it!

Rick shared some thoughts based on his book, and challenged us about digging deep and keeping going in our faith and our relationship with Jesus.

We're looking forward to our final get together of this year on Friday 10th December. We're meeting in the hall for a Christmas Cracker - pizza, desserts and a much longed for game of Sneaky Santa.

If you're in the 20s & 30s age bracket and haven't managed to join us yet, we'd love you to come along to the Christmas Cracker! Just stick on your Christmas jumper, bring a wrapped secret Santa gift (no more than £5), and bring £5 for pizza. We'll provide the desserts! Book your spot at lisburncathedral.org/ticketing.



There'll be more great nights planned in the New Year. We're aiming to do social stuff as well having as spiritual input and we'd love you to invite your non-Christian friends and family along to our events! If you have any good suggestions for activities or speakers, get in touch with Grace Broddle or myself.

400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Ken Gibson – Planning Committee

It's all because of a man called Conway and the rest is history.

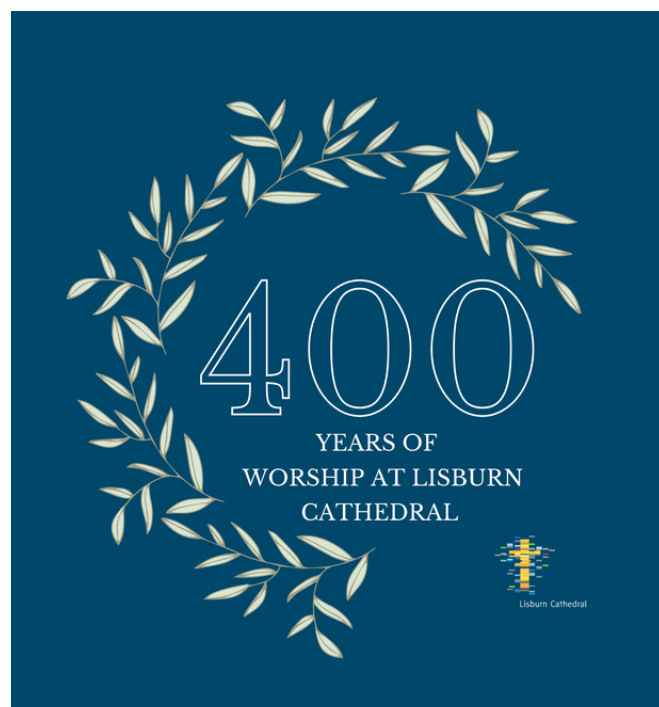
Sir Fulke Conway, having built his Castle in Lisnagarvey as it was then known, recognized that his family, staff and the small population in the Castle Street/Bridge Street and Market Square areas would benefit from having a convenient place of worship.

In 1623 he therefore created St Thomas Church on the site of the present Cathedral. We don't know a lot about that original building other than it was a lot smaller than our present building.

Over the centuries despite the building being destroyed twice and fire, riots and unrest in the area there has been a faithful witness to the gospel on our site and faithful outreach to the growing population in Lisburn and beyond.

Readers noting the mention of 1623 above will recognise that in 2 years' time it will be the 400th anniversary of the establishment of a worshipping community on our site

That anniversary and the faithful witness over 400 years on the site of Lisburn Cathedral, which continues today, is significant. Therefore the Select Vestry want to see it marked in a special way. A group of us have already met and started planning a number of events, which will take place in the anniversary year. The plans will involve present day parishioners and the wider community of Lisburn



At present we are considering: –

- A special service to launch the year of celebration
- In conjunction with the Lisburn Museum (which will simultaneously mount an exhibition) a series of historic talks in the Cathedral
- An art exhibition/competition
- A celebratory dinner
- A pictorial 2023 calendar
- A series of open days with afternoon tea
- Some sort of permanent memorial in the area near the front gates.

As things are at an early stage, plans may evolve or change.

Readers will hear a lot more about this as we move towards 2023 and celebrate faithful witness over 400 years and anticipate that witness continuing into the future.

There will be an opportunity for everyone to get involved in the celebrations in some way so do keep an ear out for more details in next year.

ABAANA NEWS

Neville Jones

Our team in Uganda have been working tirelessly in very difficult and challenging conditions to provide support to the 16 school communities, with which Abaana works. Over the last few weeks, they have been purchasing and delivering essential food parcels and presents to our sponsor children and their families, as part of our Christmas Gift Appeal.

For the boys living at our New Life Homes, life has also been very different, with their local primary school, New Foundations Kiwumu, closed due to covid restrictions.



School work has continued 'at home' using study packs provided and with their teachers visiting them to mark homework completed. A crucial part of our on-going work with the boys is to help them deal with the traumatic memories and experiences from their previous lives on the streets of Kampala. Professional Christian counsellors have been assisting the boys through one-to-one counselling and group sessions. This work is so important. One of the boys shared how the support and counselling sessions had helped him.

These are his words:

"I was so challenged with the forgiveness topics. My mother took me to the city and left me there to look for my father when I was seven years. When I failed to get my father, I lost the way home and that was how I ended on the streets and lived on the streets for seven years.

This made me to develop hatred towards my mother because she sent me away to the streets. I had promised never to forgive my mother, but after the sessions of forgiveness, I realized that I must let go my bitterness and forgive her. Uncle Oscar (Counsellor) told us that forgiveness is possible with God's help, so I started to pray for God to help me and after three weeks, I talked to my mother and told her I forgave her, I no longer have hatred towards my mother."

So, please never underestimate how God can use your kindness and support to genuinely impact the lives of the boys and girls in Uganda. They and their families continue to be so grateful and are constantly amazed that people living thousands of miles away, whom they have never met, care enough to want to help them. Your support and kindness mean more than you will ever know!

On behalf of all the Abaana staff here and in Uganda, may I wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Matthew 25:40



TEARFUND

Ruth Gardiner – Tearfund Rep

You are all invited to Tearfund's Online Christmas Carol Service! *Joyful All Ye Nations Rise*, will be broadcast on Tearfund's main Facebook page on **Thursday 16 December at 7.30pm**.

The event will include live music from some excellent artists, including Northern Irish songwriter and singer Nathan Jess, as well as traditional carols and gospel readings.

It's completely free, and you don't need a Facebook account to watch – so, save the date, and follow the link below to find out more.



You are invited!

Joyful all ye nations rise

A Christmas Concert

Join Tearfund's online Christmas carols. Celebrate with us the hope that we have through Jesus' birth.

The event will feature inspirational performers from across the UK, including worship leaders and social activists **The O'Connors** from Glasgow. Songwriter, producer and artist **Nathan Jess** from Portadown, Northern Ireland. **West End Has Faith**, a group of musicians and performers from London's West End productions. And The Voice UK live semi-finalist **Emmanuel Smith** from London.

Date: 16 December 2021 / **Time:** 7.30pm GMT
Cost: FREE / **Place:** Online wherever you are

More information on our website at tearfund.org/campaigns/christmas-concert
 We hope to see you there.

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BISHOP'S APPEAL 2021

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal Envelopes are available in the Cathedral to support Development, Relief, Advocacy Work in many countries.

During this year the Bishops' Appeal have supported those in need in India, Beirut, Haiti and many countries in Africa. Through the generosity of Church of Ireland dioceses, parishes and individuals, many who are in the throes of despair due to Covid-19, famine,

displacement or natural disasters have received life saving supports. Please give as generously as you can in the Bishops' Appeal envelopes.



CAP LISBURN

Christians Against Poverty

Jesus wants us to be free indeed. He calls His church to oppose that which entraps His people.

Christians Against Poverty are seeking to do this. CAP offers hope and a solution to people in debt through its top quality, in-depth service. Lisburn Cathedral has partnered with CAP and other local churches to offer debt counselling in our community. The team have led many people in Lisburn on a journey out of debt, and they are now taking on new clients.

Please get in touch if you are struggling with debt. The service is completely free. Call 0800 328 0006 to book an appointment with CAP Lisburn. Visit the CAP website to find out more.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Sam & Danielle

This has been a very difficult 18 months for all of us. We are acutely aware of how many people are struggling mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

We want you to know that we are here for you. Please just get in touch and let us know how we could minister to you or help you in any way.

We'd be happy to pray with you in person or on the phone, meet you for a chat, or signpost you to other agencies who could help. Please get in touch if you are in any kind of need.



PASTORAL VISITORS

Paula Wright

Throughout the ongoing Covid19 Pandemic our Pastoral visitors have continued, alongside the clergy, to faithfully keep in touch with our more senior members. They have played a huge role in helping to keep an ongoing sense of community, at a time of much uncertainty. This, I have heard from a number of people, has played a significant role in helping them to know they are thought of and to feel cared for, particularly those who live alone, are no longer able to come to church, or have had a period of illness.

It was great, at the start of Advent, to take the opportunity to invite all Pastoral Visitors to come together to catchup and enjoy a light lunch and a few treats, as a thank you for supporting others within our church family. We are very grateful for their dedication and the cheerful way in which they carry out this role.

Please keep them in your prayers, in the run up to Christmas, as they check in on our older folk. As the pandemic continues, to keep everyone safe, they have been advised to make contact by phone or by a doorstep visit. Whilst this is a bit restricting, I am certain it will not in anyway impact on their genuine warmth and eagerness to ensure all know they are valued members of our congregation.

PASTORAL INFO

New to Lisburn

Welcome to Lisburn Cathedral. In the 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 in the Cathedral and if you need any assistance please contact our Administrator by phone or email.

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. 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.

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 before a firm booking is taken.

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 and Nursing Home admissions

Due to current restrictions, visits to Hospital and Nursing Homes are severely curtailed. Please inform Sam or Danielle about anyone going into hospital, they will then arrange for the hospital chaplains to visit them. The clergy are available to phone or FaceTime anyone in need of a visit or pastoral care and their families. Our Pastoral care team also assist with calls and keeping in contact.

CLERGY HOLIDAYS

Sam and Danielle will be off on annual leave after Christmas, during the following dates:

Sam: 27th Dec - 3rd Jan (inc)

Danielle: 10th - 16th Jan (inc)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

20th July 2021 - David Palmer
 16th October 2021 - Robert James (Jim) Elliott
 22nd October 2021 - Gloria Kelly
 3rd November 2021 - George Jefferson
 3rd December 2021 - Christina (Tina) Doak

Baptisms

31st October 2021 -

Eden Campbell
 Paige Bradley
 Blake Bradley

21st November 2021 -

Rhianna Fisher
 Shawntae Jefferson
 Daniel Thompson

Confirmations

21st November 2021

Hope Allister	Samuel Allister
Hannah Burleigh	Emma Dennison
Rhianna Fisher	Charlie Harper
Shawntae Jefferson	Michael McCullough
Scott McElhinney	Callum Mohan
Faith Mohan	Andrew Thompson
Daniel Thompson	Jessica Welch
Tegan Welch	

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