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DEAN'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dean Sam Wright

“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.”

Luke 1:35

Our house is full of a sense of anticipation as we await the birth of our twin grand children. The journey to get here has had its high moments and then difficult ones for our daughter in law, Louise. On this journey towards the births we are thankful for all the advice, care and experience of our health professionals (I had never heard there was a parents twins clinic to prepare them for the arrival of two children at once!) Nevertheless there is a great sense of excitement as their birth draws ever nearer and as all the family come together to see them over Christmas.

This has brought home to me the challenges a young mother two thousand years ago would have encountered walking and riding to Bethlehem. To then arrive only to discover there were no beds to rest and then for the young mother to give birth in a bare stable where the animals were feeding. Yet Mary had received the promise from God, that her child was conceived through the Holy Spirit and that her little child was to be called the Son of God. Mary's journey towards the birth of her son, 'the holy one from God' had more than its share of ups and downs. Yet she stored these things in her heart and she knew the Holy Spirit would be with her and with her son, through the many ups and downs of their lives.

The celebration of Christmas is rightly focused on the birth of Jesus, yet if we go a little deeper it all began with the Holy Spirit. In Matthew 1:20 we read that an Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph to tell him:

“do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She is to become a mother by the Holy Spirit.”

It is the Holy Spirit who has brought this seemingly impossible thing, this completely unexpected miracle, to pass. Just as the Holy Spirit was working at the very beginning of Jesus' life journey so he would continue to be with him to the end, in all the ups and downs, on his final journey to the cross and on his resurrection from the dead.

As we celebrate this Christmas let's look a little deeper to see the Holy Spirit who was with Mary and Jesus on their life journeys, and let's seek that same power of the Holy Spirit to guide us on the ups and downs of our life journeys.

May this Christmas and New Year be a time for God the Holy Spirit to refresh your faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour and a time of rejoicing as you renew your love for Christ and for his Holy Spirit to come to you and to cover your life now and always.

Wishing you every joy and blessing this Christmas.

Sam

THANK YOU

Cathedral Christmas Market:

The Christmas Market on 25th November with over 20 craft stall holders was a great success. Thanks to all those who planned this event and to the crafters for coming and making their skills and products available.

Also a big thank you to our **Tuesday 'wee jobs' team** who work behind the scenes every week. We really appreciate all the hard work.



BISHOPS' APPEAL CHRISTMAS DONATION ENVELOPES

Bishops' Appeal is the Church's World Aid and Development Programme. It was set up by the Bishops of the Church in response to the commands in the Bible to bring good news to the poor and relief to the suffering. The Bishops' Appeal has launched a special appeal this Advent and Christmas to support those in great need in the Middle East. Your donations in the Bishops' Appeal Envelopes will help those whose lives have been devastated by the war and violence in the Holy Lands.



PRAYER RHYTHMS

Lee Boal

It has been so encouraging to see the response to the reworking of how we approach prayer as a Church. We really believe that engaging with prayer as a Church is foundational to all that we do as we seek a move of God in our Church and in our City.

Each month we seek to engage with prayer in a variety of ways, it is our hope that through providing several different expressions of prayer there will be something that each of us can engage with. **Wednesday nights** are focused on intercession by using 24/7 prayer's **Pause. Rejoice. Ask. Yield.** model of prayer based on the word PRAY, during which we also spend time in worship.

Our **Day of prayer** creates space for us to be still before God by booking into an hour prayer slot and spending time in the prayer room with several different prayer stations

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED

Sam Wright

January to March 2024

We have been teaching from 1st Peter on being "Distinctive Disciples" during the Autumn season, as we move into the new year we will turn our attention to Philippians to explore the meaning of discipleship. "Discipleship Explored" helps followers of Jesus turn up the gospel soundtrack to their lives. It's easy to make a list of the things Christians do – go to church, read the Bible, pray, share the gospel – but that doesn't really tell us much about what the experience of following Jesus is actually like. "Discipleship Explored" invites us on a journey to discover a new way of living, centred on incredible love.



designed to help us creatively engage with prayer as we seek to pray for a variety of different topics.

Our **Sunday night prayer and worship service** enables us to spend an extended amount of time worshipping God and provides a chance to receive prayer from the Prayer Ministry team.

We would love to see you engaging with our monthly prayer rhythms, they are a chance for all of us to learn how to pray together as we meet each month.

Teaching from the book of Philippians we will discover how being a Christian means that we grow in confidence, joyfulness, togetherness, obedience, righteousness, Christlikeness, reconciliation and contentment.

To get the most out of Discipleship Explored make it your new year resolution to be in the Cathedral for worship every Sunday and to discover further treasure from the word of God you can also join one of our eleven home groups.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday 10th December
7pm

Contemporary Carols

Sunday 17th December
9.30am

6 Lessons & Carols

11am

Kidzone Christmas Worship

7pm

9 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December

10.30am-11.30am

Joint Carol Service

11pm

Christmas Eve Communion Service

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December

10.30am-11.30am

All Age Worship for Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

Sunday 31st December

10.30am-11.30am

**Informal Thanksgiving Service for
400 years & looking forward to 2024**

CREATION'S CHORUS & OUR RESPONSE

The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work of His hands.

You are worthy of it all

You are worthy of it all

For from You are all things

And to You are all things

You deserve the glory.

Photo & reflection: Anne & John Humes

Quote: 'Worthy of it all' written by: David
Brymer, Ryan Hall. Lyrics © Integrity Music

**Based on Psalm 19:1-4; Revelation 4:11;
Romans 11:36**



Lisburn
Cathedral

Nativity in Market Square
followed by SAMta
Saturday 16th Dec | 11am

LCCC
Lisburn &
Castlereagh
City Council

*you're
welcome*
Lisburn & Castlereagh

LISBURN
CATHEDRAL'S

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

SATURDAY 16TH DEC

12PM-2PM

After the Nativity in Market Square
join us in the Cathedral Hall for...

STORYTELLING

PUPPETS

CRAFTS

GRACE CAFE

HO-HO-HOPE TO SEE
YOU THERE!

FREE



KIDZONE

Andrea Johnston

Our kidzone children have had a super busy Autumn term. We had a hugely successful Night Of Lights event at end of October, when we welcomed so many people from our community to join us!

December is lining up to be even busier!

First up was the **Christmas Craft Fair**. Our Kidzone Friday children had worked hard since September making all their own Christmas decorations to sell themselves!

Then we have our **Nativity** in Market Square on Saturday 16th December at 11am when we will be joined by SAMta and his puppet friends as we share the Christmas story with all of Lisburn. After the Nativity join us in the Cathedral Hall for our **Christmas Cracker** family event from 12pm. There will be crafts, puppets, storytelling and Grace cafe - fun for all ages!

METTLE

Reah Lee

It's that time of year! METTLE has been very busy, and we are finally gearing up for the festive season! We will be having our very own Contemporary Carol service with music provided by our young people! That will be Sunday 10th of December at 7pm so make sure to come along because it's going to be an amazing night. We will also be having a Christmas Ball on Thursday the 21st of December, filled with festive fun, a dinner, a live DJ, and gifts! So come dressed for a ball and we will have a great time (tickets can be found on the website and cost £10).



Sun 17th sees the return of our fun filled **Kidzone Nativity service** at 11am.

And to finish the season prep off in style we will have our **Kidzone Friday Christmas party!** We are hoping to hire a bouncy castle for this with the money we raise at the Christmas Craft Fair.

After a short break after Christmas we will return in January for more KIDZONE fun.

Kidzone Friday returns on 12th January and Kidzone Sunday is back on 14th January.



METTLE CONT'D

METTLE so far has been a lot of fun and we have so many great activities on throughout the week, with a worship workshop every other Monday, a Coffee Dock on Friday, METTLE on Saturday, and Bible Class on Sunday so make sure to get in touch for more information because we would love to share the fun around!

A recap of the term so far has had us at Connor Takes The Castle, we have done Prophetic Art Workshops, Worship and Praise, Bible Studies and so much more, and we cannot wait for what the New Year will bring!

In January we are back on Sunday the 7th with our first Mettle Service of the year! Angus Mckeown will be speaking and we are very excited to welcome him!! Friday 12th we will have Coffee Dock back on, and Saturday 13th, METTLE resumes at its usual times!

Please continue to pray for METTLE, God is doing some really amazing things in His young people, and it is such a blessing to be a part of that, if you would like to be a part of that, please get in touch!



Lisburn Cathedral Men's Fellowship

Monday 4 December | 7.45pm-9.30pm

The next event in the Men's Fellowship calendar is an **Archery Evening** in the Lisburn Cathedral halls on Monday 4 December 7.45-9.30pm. There are spaces for 18 men to participate - any who want to watch are also very welcome. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served. Please book spaces by contacting Simon Sellars (simon.sellars@gmail.com) or Keith Gardiner (kr.gardiner@btinternet.com).

Monday 29 January | 7.30pm

We are looking forward to welcoming Rev Alastair Donaldson on Monday 29 January 2024 at 7.30pm for an **In Conversation evening**. Alastair is a Church of Ireland rector in Kinawley, County Fermanagh. In July 2022, he ran from Malin Head to Mizen Head - 461 miles - as his second Run4Christ seeking to share the gospel of Jesus with the people of Ireland he met on the journey. His first Run4Christ was in 2013, when he and a small team ran around the perimeter of Ireland to share with others what God had done in their lives. Please join us for a **Conversation on Life, Faith and Running** followed by a time for discussion.

Also in 2024..... there will be a curry night in February, a Men's work party during Big Church Serve in March, an In Conversation evening with Sam Shaw in April, and a walk up Slieve Croob and family BBQ in June.

400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REFLECTION

Sam Wright

LISBURN CATHEDRAL 400 YEAR EXHIBITION LAUNCH

It was fabulous to have an official launch of the 400th Anniversary Exhibition in the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum on 26th October. The Cathedral Chapter members and a good representation of Cathedral members attended the official launch event, the Communities & Wellbeing Chairman at Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Committee - Councillor Thomas Beckett, in his opening comments stated how remarkable it is that we are marking four centuries of history at the Cathedral site. He outlined the history of the founding of St Thomas' Church in 1623 and the subsequent conferring of Cathedral status in 1662 by King Charles II. "The history of the Cathedral," he said, "is intimately linked to the history of our town and its people, and we are delighted that our Museum and Heritage Service has partnered with Lisburn Cathedral to deliver the exhibition."

In my comments that followed I highlighted the past and present engagement of the Cathedral with our community in Lisburn. In recent years the Cathedral has been the place where we have met for inter-denominational worship on occasion of historic importance such as the the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III.



We have also continued to offer events in the Cathedral buildings and out in the community for everyone in Lisburn, such as the Big Church Serve at Easter and the Nativity in the Square in December and our Night of Lights which was happening the day after the exhibition officially opened and had been fully booked out. Our partnerships with the Council, the City Centre Management and most recently with Museum Staff are an important aspect of the role of the Cathedral as we seek to serve and witness in Lisburn.

The exhibition has been made possible by the Museum staff and Cathedral members, working in close partnership to diligently record and display significant moments in history from the past 400 years, and I am grateful to all those who have contributed. It is also thrilling to see a special model of the Cathedral and surrounding buildings, created by our *Nimble Fingers Group* for its 400th anniversary, is on display as part of the exhibition. The exhibition will be open until March 2024 and I encourage everyone to take some time to visit and to discover more about our rich heritage in the Cathedral and in Lisburn.



I am thankful to all who have contributed so much to our 400th anniversary in the Cathedral, the New Irish Arts concert was a feast of outstanding music, the Gala dinner, the family BBQ, the afternoon tea and the Friends of Lisburn Cathedral service were wonderful ways to celebrate, the six history talks have provided a wealth of information and these have followed on from a community concert, the launch service and 400 Minutes of Prayer. There is more to come as we celebrate Christmas and our 400 years, two concerts on 15th & 16th December

with Lisburn Community Orchestra, Lisburn Community Choir, Harmony Hill Primary School Choir and special guests. The celebrations will continue over Christmas and we will have a final family celebration of 400 years and looking forward to year 401 on 31st December at our joint 10.30am service. In all of these concerts and services we have an opportunity to honour Christ and his faithfulness to us and to build one another up in the Lord as we close this year and look to the future with faith and hope in Christ.

Sam



400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REFLECTION CONT'D

Ken Gibson

As we move towards the end of 2023 and the 400th anniversary of worship on the Cathedral site, readers might have thought they had heard the last from me on the subject of that anniversary - not so - there are still a few things I want to say.

Firstly if you have not already been, don't forget that the Museum exhibition runs until January. It is definitely worth a visit and is open daily except Sundays.

Secondly, you will have seen plans to create a permanent feature to mark the anniversary in the form of a prayer space in the area adjacent to the wooden pods in the graveyard. The time taken to finalise the design and identify a suitable contractor means it will be early in 2024 before this is completed.

As some of you might know, alongside the programme of events, we sourced funding to engage expert advice on how best to



properly preserve, store and catalogue the thousands of old books, prints, photos and documents in what is known as the History Room on the top floor of the Cathedral office building. The way forward is being considered by the Select Vestry and we will keep you posted.

I would like to publicly thank all those who helped in any way at all the events during the year - there are too many to name and it's great that so many got involved. I do want to single out the group that worked with me throughout -

Jill Lester, Joanne Irwin, Lynda and Billy Moore, Gordon Galloway and, in the early planning stages, Philip McConnell.

We do have lots of notes and photos which we can leave for whoever is planning the 500th anniversary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE - 7PM 28TH APRIL 2024

The Confirmation & Baptism introduction evening for all who might be interested is on Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm in the McCammon Room. This is open to young people who will be over 14 years old in this academic year and to adults who are interested in either confirmation or baptism.

We ask those who are considering confirmation to attend worship each week and the confirmation preparation course (we will try to arrange it on the evening that suits most people). We encourage adults who are interested to attend the Alpha course beginning on the 18th January and to get in contact with Sam or Lee for more information.

ALPHA

Lee Boal

We are really excited to announce the return of the Alpha course which will commence on **Thursday 18th January 2024**, in the McCammon room. Over the years Alpha has been instrumental not only in seeing new believers come to faith but also in the revitalisation of people's Faith. We would really encourage you take this opportunity to both prayerfully consider who you could invite along to participate in Alpha and also pray



that God would work powerfully this year as we seek to see more people come into a relationship with Jesus. If you would like to sign yourself or a friend up please do get in touch with Lee, there will also be a sign up sheet available weekly on Sundays in the Church coffee room.

CAMEO

Michael & Evelyn McCune

Our Autumn/ Winter programme resumed after the Summer break with a panel of three members of the congregation, Wendy Forsythe, Patricia Watson and our Church Warden, David Davidson. It was good to learn a bit more about each of them and how they came to worship at Lisburn Cathedral. The panel was chaired by Will Murphy who brought a lot of humour to the afternoon.



At the end of September we celebrated Sheila Hughes' 95th birthday, a special occasion for a special lady.

On October 19th we had a very interesting talk on bee keeping by Geoff Davidson.



Other events included a Soup Lunch followed by a talk in the church by Kenny Gibson about some interesting historical figures with connections to Lisburn Cathedral.

November 16th was an opportunity to learn a bit more about our new Curate Lee Boal, who was interviewed by Michael.

We are looking forward to communion followed by our annual Cameo Christmas Dinner on December 14th.

Many thanks to a very faithful and hard working Cameo team. We continue to welcome new members and look forward to seeing others come along to enjoy the company and craic!

Cameo starts up again on **Thursday January 11th 2024 at 2.30pm.**

If you wish to find out more about Cameo, please speak with Michael or Evelyn (07412421122)

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

Hello and Happy Christmas from us all at SLCC!

This term has been an exciting few months, as we have had a few changes. The change of the church times and adding to our team with 2 fantastic interns.

We were able to restart our youth programme in November and are excited to have all the young people back together!

Our Youth Intern is Lauren - she has been coming along to SLCC since Easter 2022 and made a commitment to Jesus since coming along to SLCC. She and her family are an integral part of our church family. Here is what Lauren had to say about the internship:

"I am so excited to be working with SLCC youth! God has been guiding and building me up to this role and it seemed like the perfect opportunity to grow! With our combined enthusiasm to serve, this is such a promising step to SLCC growth! God is working through our Community and we haven't even scratched the surface yet!!"

- Lauren



Lauren & Erin

Our Worship Intern, you will all know very well - Erin Gardiner. We are so excited to have Erin and her wealth of skill and her passion for worship. Erin has been a growing part of the SLCC community over the past 2 years and we are delighted to have her join the team.

"It's in human nature that everyone worships something- what is that for us? - I'm excited to be at SLCC this year to encourage the growth of genuine worship not just on Sundays but every day of the week, in a multitude of ways. I'm really keen to bring people to worship more together, grow their confidence in music, and learn from each other." - Erin

Please pray for our Interns as they begin this new adventure!

We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with the community in South Lisburn. We have various opportunities for the community to join us through things like our 'Christmas All In Service', a ladies evening of wreath making, 'Carols in the Highway' and other Christmassy celebrations with the youth and children and the community around us.

Please do come and join us at any point, it is always an encouragement for us to have our Lisburn Cathedral family join us anytime!

Pete, Donna, Jayne & Steve



Pete, Donna, Lauren, Erin, Steve & Jayne

CHRISTMAS AT
SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas Nativity All In

Sunday 17th December - Black Hall at 11:30am

Kids Nativity and Christmas Buffet

Carols in the Highway

Thursday 21st December at 7pm

Carol Service

Sunday 24th December - Black Hall at 11:30am

Refreshments after the service



South Lisburn
Community Church

You are so welcome

CATHEDRAL HOME GROUPS



Why not be like over 120 members of
Lisburn Cathedral and enjoy a warm welcome
at one of our *eleven* Home Groups?

Home Groups meet fortnightly during term time.
We will be following the 'Discipleship Explored' teaching
series from January to March 2024."

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

Starting back week commencing Monday 8th January 2024

For further details contact Bill and Karen Welsh, Sam Wright or Lee Boal



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HALL RENOVATION UPDATE

Planning Permission has now been Granted for the proposed work, following considerable work to get this agreed. We expect to maximise use of the grant funds provided by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council to do a portion of the work in the coming year, while continuing to raise funds for the more substantial work that will follow.

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.

BIG CHURCH SERVE 2024

Sam Wright

Information & Worship Sunday 28th January

It is easy to opt out of outreach, it is better to opt in to making Christ famous in Lisburn.

With Easter falling at the end of March we want to make good plans for sharing Christ in our words and actions during Holy Week. On the last Sunday morning in January we will share details about Big Church Serve 2024 and offer every person in the Cathedral an opportunity to sign up to our outreach teams. There is plenty to do and you are invited to play your part in events, prayer, welcome, preparations, worship, cafe, witness, music,



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

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Hon. Treasurer, Lisburn Cathedral



blessings, kids club, teaching, concert, and sharing of ideas for the Big Church Serve.

The dates are **Wednesday 27th March until our final Big Church Serve Celebration on Easter Sunday Morning 31st March at 11am.**

You are invited to Opt in to Big Church Serve 2024 to "Make Jesus famous" in Lisburn this Easter-time.

BIG SING



The Connor Big Sing is returning in 2024. The Dean & Chapter at Lisburn Cathedral are inviting singers, musicians, music composers who are interested in contemporary church music to come to Lisburn Cathedral at 3pm on 22nd September for an afternoon of musical workshops to be followed by a "Connor Big Sing Celebration Service" at 7pm. It's going to be a mighty day of singing and music with trumpets, harps and guitars making a joyful noise for the Lord Jesus.

ABAANA

Jill Lester

Exciting News!! The New Life Choir is returning to the UK in February 2024!

After much waiting, we are delighted that the Abaana New Life Choir are coming back to a venue near you! Get ready to experience the music, dance and joy as they share their stories, culture and infectious energy with us. You won't want to miss this one!!



Lisburn Cathedral date is Friday the 29th March.

We will have 20 children and 3 adults travelling from Uganda and we need a team of 7 adults from the UK/Ireland to tour with them. If you would like to help care for, mentor and disciple these special young lives, please contact fiona@abaana.org for a chaperone interest form.

A Youtube link to the choir can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@AbaanaCharity>



Here at Abaana we are launching our internship programme once more. This is perfect for somebody who wants to gain some valuable experience & skills and support a worthy cause. Whether you are a recent graduate, taking a career break or looking for a new challenge, this could be perfect for you. Or perhaps you know somebody that this could suit? Email fiona@abaana.org or visit our website to find out more.



Christmas cards are available from the Abaana website with all proceeds going to support the work of Abaana in Uganda.

Thank you to all at Lisburn Cathedral for your continued support of Abaana and we look forward to seeing you at the choir concert.

Happy Christmas and a blessed new year to all from all at Abaana.

Jill

CAP

Paul Bailie

christians
against
poverty

Last issue I wrote about Martin Lewis (Money Saving Expert) saying that Christians Against Poverty (CAP) were unsurpassed when it came to helping those in debt. Now I am going to discuss the number of adults who need help with their debt and whether or not they are asking for help.

A recent YouGov poll for CAP showed that in Northern Ireland:-

- Over 1/3 (35%) adults surveyed (an estimated 509,000 people) have been finding keeping up with bills and credit commitments a heavy burden
- 12% now have debts that they do not know how they will repay.
- A third of adults (33% or about 480,000 people) in Northern Ireland feel they have become financially insecure.
- 1/4 (25%) adults (367,000 people) say that they would not be able to pay an unexpected expense of £200.

So if the population of the Lisburn area was 120,000, approx 12,000 need help. Disturbing but not surprising figures as I remembered an article published a couple of years after our Debt Centre was opened in Lisburn in 2014 which indicated that about 10% of the adult population were in unmanageable debt but were doing little or nothing about it. Unfortunately nothing much has changed, indeed it probably has got worse. I also believe the causes for debt are also similar. Causes such as, illness, death of a partner, relationship breakup, property crash, interest rate rise, inflation, redundancy, business failure or unexpected bill i.e. home or car repair.

Whilst there are a number of 'not for profit' debt agencies available, I think many people bury their head in the sand and pretend all is well. You and I pass them everyday of the week, not realising what a miserable life they are leading which would be resolved if they only asked for help. A friend of mine who is also a CAP Debt Centre Manager gives a talk where he asks his audience to turn to each

other and say 'You look just like a CAP client' because it gets across the message that debt is no respecter of persons.

Why then are people reluctant to ask for help? Pride is probable the greatest obstacle in asking for help because we feel embarrassed, ashamed, afraid of what people might think, believe that it will affect our credit rating and a reluctance to burden other people with a problem of our own making. Well as Martin Lewis says your problems will only go away when you ask for help and there are many agencies available such as Step Change, Advice NI, or the new Debt hub at the Lisburn Food Bank. (We work closely with the Food Bank as many of our clients have benefitted from food parcels over the years and hopefully will continue to do so.)

So my plea today is that if you are in unmanageable debt or know of someone who is, or have influence in the community where you live, ask for help or spread the word that there is help available. In the case of CAP, it is free and confidential. We will visit the client at their home or if that does not suit any other suitable place. I remember helping a young man who lived at home but did not want his parents to know and we helped him keep his privacy by meeting away from his home. I really don't mind which of the 'not for profit' charities people use but we in Lisburn CAP would love to help but you need to phone CAP at **0800 328 0006** to make an appointment. The phone will be answered by people in CAP HQ in Bradford who are friendly, understanding and sympathetic.

We have helped numerous people who have waited years before they eventually summoned the courage and asked. They regretted the delay as having made the call they found they could sleep at night knowing their difficulties would be resolved by help from professionals who had a proven track record, cared for them, and would stick with them until they were debt free. Join the many people in N.I who have gone debt free and don't remain a miserable statistic. **As our Lord said "I have come that they may have life, and life in abundance"**

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.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Wedding

23 Sept | Becky Lester & Josh Sucher

Funerals

21st Sept | Ronnie Andrews

3rd Oct | Andreas Walken

25th Oct | John Kirk

6th Nov | Jean Maxwell

Baptism

5th Nov | Theo Bell

OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9.30am - 1pm

Christmas holidays

The office will close at **1pm on Thursday 21st December 2023** and reopens at **9.30am on Tuesday 9th January 2024**



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