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Vision Sunday

Easing of Covid restrictions

Ukraine Response

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**South Lisburn
Community Church**



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VISION SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2022

Dean Sam Wright

It has been a challenging two years in the life of the Church. As restrictions ease, and we look to the future, I am excited to let you know about a special Sunday coming up. We have begun the process of identifying a new vision for the life of the Cathedral and you are all invited to take part. Sunday 15th May will be 'Vision Sunday', when Archdeacon Barry Forde will preach at our morning services. I encourage every church member to come along and participate. Barry has already been helping the staff in a time of vision discernment for the Cathedral. We now not only want to share our thoughts with our congregation, but to invite you to be part of discerning a vision, that will shape the life and ministry of the Cathedral in the coming years. It is our prayer that this will inspire us as individual disciples, as a community of worshippers and as servants of Christ.

In the months of May and June the sermons will be devoted to vision. Some of the themes we will cover are: "Our identity in Christ; Deeper Discipleship; Ministry here, there and everywhere; Fan into flame our gifts; A city on a hill; Mission for everyone."

I am inviting every member of the church to play their part in shaping our vision, ministry and mission (for some they may discover they are already doing so and we want to affirm and bless you). Questions for reflection will be made available each week for homegroups and for personal reflection.

Two important dates for your diary, are **15th May**, when Barry will come to speak at both services and exactly a month later, on **15th June**. On that evening at our Wednesday evening Prayer Gathering, we will hear the reflections, thoughts and wisdom of our church members.

In South Lisburn they use the phrase "All in Sunday" - I would like us to be "All in" at the Cathedral on Sunday 15th May.

This is an exciting journey to take as we work out vision together as a church, to bring glory to God and to sharpen our focus as people brought together by Christ, to serve Him and to share his gospel in our wonderful city.

- Please pray for each other in following this path of vision discernment.
- Pray that as we listen to scripture and to others that we will see and hear from God.
- Pray for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that our lives will lit up by Christ our Saviour.
- Pray - Psalm 27:4 "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

It is my hope and prayer that you will be marvellously encouraged as you engage in this vision discernment for the church.

Sam



EASTER SERVICES

Easter Service and Events

Sunday 10th April

11.00am- Palm Sunday - All Age worship.

Monday 11th April

2.30pm - Mothers' Union Service

Wednesday 13th April

7.30pm - BCS Prayer Time.

Thursday 14th April

7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Passover Service

Friday 15th April

12.30pm - Walk of Witness in Bow Street

Speaker: Rev Dr Sahr Yambasu

(President of the Methodist Church in Ireland)

7.30pm - Good Friday Worship

Sunday 17th April

9.30am Easter Holy Communion

11.00am Easter Worship



EASING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS

Every church will respond differently to the relaxation of restrictions.

After Sunday 10th April 2022, we take first our steps out of restrictions.

Mask wearing and Social distancing are no longer a requirement, they become a matter of personal choice.

Booking in online comes to an end.

Choir return to seats at front during our early service.

Hymn books and Prayer books return in summer.

The use of the **one cup** at services of Holy Communion from September.

All with the proviso that COVID infections continue to fall.

UKRAINE RESPONSE:

Bishops Appeal and Sam & Silvana Shaw

Thank you for your response to the tragic war in Ukraine. In March, we prayed for two of our parishoners as they courageously travelled across Europe to help with the relief effort. Silvana Shaw travelled to Poland to assist refugees fleeing the war. A few days later, Sam Shaw drove a large van and trailer of materials that had been requested by a Ukrainian church, to the border. From there they were transferred to another vehicle for onward travel to the church and village in Ukraine. Thank you for the generosity you showed in providing some of those much needed resources and materials.

The Church of Ireland Bishops Appeal is supporting the mission of Christian Aid and Habitat for Humanity also requested funds to assist those in great need. Again, we are so thankful for the generous response of our congregation to this appeal. Your financial donations will go a long way in enabling these agencies, who are on the ground in Ukraine and the neighbouring countries, to bring relief and assistance to those whose lives have been devastated by this war.

In the midst of the unfolding horror of war it is essential that Christians respond with a message of care and love for the suffering, bringing hope through Christ as Lord.

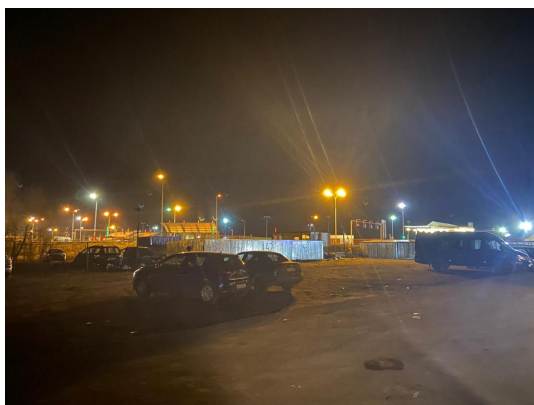
What can we do in the months to come? Please continue to support Aid Agencies and Christian organisations as they respond to the enormous needs of the Ukrainian people.

Then most importantly, you can pray! Our God is a God of compassion, justice, and mercy, and he is the Prince of Peace.

- Pray for an end to violence and for justice to be done.
- Pray that God would protect all those who have had to flee their homes and make long and tiring journeys.
- Pray that God would comfort those who have been separated from their families and for all who have lost family members.
- Pray for all the neighbouring countries who are being overwhelmed by the number of refugees.
- Pray for refugees arriving in the UK that they would feel welcomed and safe, and that our government would pursue a compassionate response to those seeking refuge.
- Pray for churches in this country as they seek to welcome and care for refugees.



Silvana with a Ukrainian lady she met on a train in Poland.



*The border
Chelm - Ukraine*



Sam (right) and his friend Mick with the van packed full of supplies for Ukraine

SELECT VESTRY 2022/2023

Dean Sam Wright

Elected on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at the Annual Easter Vestry

Blair Austin
 Grace Broddle (*Rector's Churchwarden*)
 Rodney Dowling
 Tim Flanigan
 Heather Gibson (*Rector's Glebewarden*)
 Ken Gibson
 Jill Lester
 Martin Lester (*People's Glebewarden*)
 Steve Martin
 Billy Moore
 Philip McConnell (*People's Churchwarden*)
 Michael McCune
 Rachel McIlwrath (*Honorary Secretary*)
 Jim Price
 Simon Sellars
 Richard Thompson (*Honorary Treasurer*)

It was a joy to welcome so many of you who attended the Annual Easter Vestry meeting on 30th March. It's an important event in the life of the church as we look back on the year that has been, look forward and plan for the future, and elect a new Select Vestry to steward the resources of the church well.

Welcome those who have taken up new positions. Grace Broddle has been appointed Rector's Churchwarden in succession to Michael McCune. Rachel McIlwrath succeeds Denis Fullerton, who has served as Honorary Secretary for many years. Martin Lester succeeds Steve Martin as People's Glebewarden.

Those newly elected to Select Vestry are Blair Austin and Jim Price.

Two members of the previous Select Vestry who did not stand for election this time around are Denis Fullerton and Jo-Anne Irwin. They have been very dedicated members of Select Vestry for many years and we are thankful for their service.

I am very grateful to all who served during the past year on the Select Vestry and welcome the new Select Vestry members for this year. Please pray for those who have been elected to serve the Church in this way.

WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?

Book by Canon John McCammon

Why are we still here? (Old Age is no Fun!) is now available to order. If you would like a copy please contact Denis Fullerton or the office on 028 92602400. Cost £3 each



BIG CHURCH SERVE 2022

It's hard to believe that it has been 3 years since we were on the ground in Lisburn for The Big Church Serve!

We are excited to be back in action and for those hi-vis jackets to be on display across Lisburn! This year we're following a similar pattern to BCS 2019, where as many of our activities as possible will be outside. Check out the plans below:



DAILY PLANS

Thursday 14th April - South Lisburn

9.30am Coffee at Hillhall

10am Worship at Hillhall

10.30am Team Time

11.00am Door to door and Plant Giveaway, Practical team painting, Chit Chat/Grace Cafe in Youth Club, Kids Club, Drum workshop, Bouncy Castle, Pizza Van

Friday 15th April - South Lisburn & City Centre

9.30am Coffee at Cathedral

10am Worship at Cathedral

10.30am Team Time

11am - Hillhall Kids Club continues

12.30pm - Walk of Witness

1pm - City Centre for Play it by Ear Drama, Family Easter Trail, Grace Cafe, Business Blessing, Prayer Room, Prayer on the Streets

Saturday 16th April - City Centre

9.30am Coffee at Cathedral

10am Worship at Cathedral

10.30am Team Time

11am - City Centre for Petting Farm, Puppet Shows, Balloon Modelling, Kid's Crafts, Walk about Characters, Grace Cafe, Business Blessing, Prayer Room, Prayer on the Streets, Giveaways, Cage Football, Community BBQ

There is a variety of things happening during each action packed day and we need you to be on the team!

If you haven't yet signed up, get in touch! We would love you to be part of the team, even for a day. You can download a form from our website: lisburncathedral.org/downloads or speak to Sam or Danielle.

Please pray:

*That God will mightily use BCS to display his love and power across Lisburn.

*For people to encounter and experience God through our team.

*For safety, strength and energy for the team.

*For good weather!

CHANGES AT CAMEO

Liz Spence

After more than 20 years as leader of Cameo, John Quigley has retired! A few of the words the other leaders used to describe John's service in Cameo were... "dedicated, faithful, caring, humble...."

Billy and Geraldine who have been at Cameo from its start, expressed the members' appreciation for all that John, along with Margaret, had done for them "from giving lifts, the welcome cups of tea, the lovely lunches, the interesting programmes and outings, and just for the way they cared for the members over all the years."

As a token of our appreciation, John and Margaret were presented with a restaurant token, a hamper and a photo book of Cameo memories. We wish them God's richest blessing in this new season of life.

We are equally grateful and delighted that Michael and Evelyn McCune have taken over leadership.



Presentation to John and Margaret

As we emerge after two years of the Covid 19 restrictions we look forward to the opportunity this brings for a renewed start!

They said " We are very pleased to be part of Cameo; and we are looking forward to working with the team and also getting to know everyone who comes along on Thursday afternoons."

The summer programme will include a 'street party' to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd June. This will be open to any senior who wishes to attend so, if you haven't been to Cameo as yet, or if you know someone who might like to come along, here is a chance to see what it is like!

Then, our summer outing will be on 16th June, and we will meet for regular Cameo on 5th and 19th May.

As always, we would be glad to see new people come along and enjoy the company and care. You can find out more from Sam or Danielle, or talk to Michael/Evelyn (07412421122).



New leaders - Michael and Evelyn

NIMBLE FINGERS

Margaret Fullerton

Since Christmas the members of Nimble Fingers have been making felt flowers to create Easter Rings. The variety of flowers produced would rival any garden centre display and include some of the more unusual or even new species of flowers. We are indebted to the local Sew Knit Shop, just in front of the Cathedral, for our supplies of felt.

We have been meeting on Zoom since October 2020 but from Friday 25th March we will resume in-person fortnightly meetings on Fridays in the church hall from 10-12noon. If you would like to join us please contact me on margaretfullerton@hotmail.com or 07974177058



MUMS & TOTS

Margaret Fullerton

on behalf of the Mums & Tots Team

It's been a joy to have Mums and Tots up and running again. In November, when we re-opened, our numbers were small but with regular attenders. We were closed in January, but since the beginning of February our numbers have grown - helped by the fact that some other groups remain closed but also as a result of word of mouth recommendations on Facebook sites. A huge thank you to all who have helped to spread the word.



We are open from 10-11.30 on Wednesday in the church hall. Lots of toys to play with, weekly craft and a regular song and story time.

We have a need for an adult to help prepare our snack time. If you are interested, please speak to either me, Martie Kennedy or Margaret Quigley for more information.

Also, if you are a parent, grandparent, carer of a preschool child, why not call in one Wednesday morning and join in the fun. Cost is £1 per child.



ALPHA

Rev Danielle McCullagh

It has been such a joy to be able to host Alpha in person once again. This time last year we had to host it via Zoom, and saw God move in ways we couldn't have imagined. As we have all learnt over the past few years though, there is something very special about being together, in person, and sharing a cuppa. That is how we have begun each of our sessions in this Alpha, with tea, coffee and treats, before exploring big topics of faith.

Over the past few months we have considered questions like 'Who is Jesus?', 'How can I pray?' and 'How can I make the most of the rest of my life?', and have had the opportunity to discuss them in a safe space where everyone's experience and opinion is valid.

One of the highlights of the course is always the 'Day away', where we explore who the Holy Spirit is, and offer the chance to be prayed for. This time around we made the arduous journey to Hillsborough! We're incredibly thankful to Hillsborough Parish for making space available to us in their church halls. During our free time we were able to make the most of the location, and after having a look around the beautiful church building, we took a walk around Hillsborough Forest Park.

We enjoyed times of sharing in our small groups, and joined in a time of worship. It was a privilege to be able to offer prayer ministry to each guest and see the Holy Spirit moving and speaking into people's lives. As a team we were beyond delighted when one of our Alpha guests said yes to following Jesus and prayed a prayer of commitment! There is no greater joy for us than watching someone grow in faith each week and making the best decision a person possibly can make!



Some of the group headed out for dinner after our day away

Here's what she said about her whole Alpha experience:

"As someone new to faith Alpha has helped me incredibly in understanding not just the how but the why also. Being a methodical thinker and having atheist friends I had so many questions and things that I had to get my head around before I could completely commit. Alpha has been an amazing experience, it has helped me to make Christian friends who encourage me in my faith and has opened my eyes so much to God's amazing grace, his love for me and the gift he has given through his Son Jesus."

A huge thank you to the fantastic group of leaders who have given up their time to help encourage others in faith! If you missed out this time but would be interested in taking part, keep your eyes peeled for our next Alpha course.



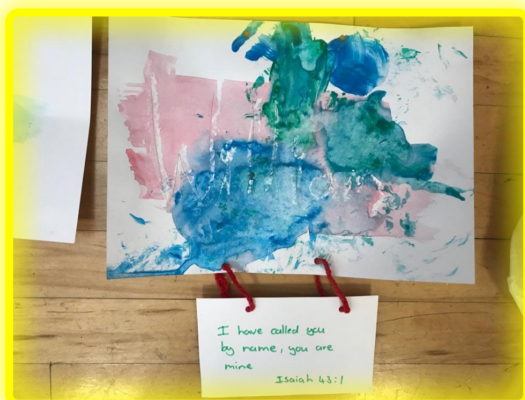
KIDZONE

It's been another fantastic term at Kidzone, with lots of fun and learning together. Recently, we've been thinking about God's plan for our lives, and we've looked at Bible characters like Samson and David and how God used them. Each month we have a special week called 'Dive-In' week which is filled with extra crafts and activities!

Thank you to all the boys and girls who have come along this term, it's been great to have you! We look forward to having you all back in Kidzone after our Easter Break. If you haven't quite made it back to Kidzone Sunday, we would love to see you next term for more stories, crafts, games and fun!

Thank you to all the parents who have been a super help in getting Kidzone back up and running since Covid. Very special thanks must go to all the leaders who have been amazing at leading this ministry so faithfully, and committed to investing in the lives of our children!

We would love all church members to join with us at 11am on 26th June for our Kidzone Sunday Service.



20S & 30S

Rev Danielle McCullagh

If you are in the age bracket we would love you to join us this term for our social events!



**20s
&30s**
at Lisburn Cathedral

Friday 8th April
Dinner at Common Market, Belfast
Meet at Lisburn Cathedral at 7pm

Sunday 1st May
Coffee and Walk after Church

Friday 13th May
Cinema Night

Friday 10th June
Canoeing


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COFFEE ROOM

Jill Lester

The Coffee room is open on Friday mornings from 10am to 1pm. Why don't you call in and have a coffee, chat and catch up with friends!

The Coffee Room is being run as an honesty box cafe and all money raised will go towards Church funds.

Can you help? We're looking for volunteers to help in the Coffee Room. If you are interested please contact Jill Lester on 07850659823 or jilllester01@gmail.com.



*Coffee Room
Drop In*

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


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METTLE NEWS

Laura Kilpatrick – Youth Worker

Mettle have had a great start to 2022! When we returned after Christmas break, we moved our meetings to outdoors again. This was a great time of reconnecting over plenty of walks, outdoor games and of course a couple of picnics. We were then excited to be back in person in February with the return of our Mettle Saturdays.

Throughout the month of February, Made for More joined us to lead Mettle. We discussed and learnt more about how to help our own mental health and how we also can help others struggling too. A huge thank you to Made for More for joining us and for all they taught us!



We had Ben from IJM (International Justice Mission) along this March to tell us about the work of IJM and how we can support them in prayer.

We have also had a Quiz Night which included Where's Wally?, a treasure hunt and eating challenges (well done our Quiz Master Sara!!).

Mettle has been continuing the Bible Class for years 8 to 12 every Sunday morning, where we have been following the Devoted series that church have been looking at. We've taken time to learn and practice prayer, Bible study, meditation and fasting. This has been amazing journeying with our young people as they go deeper in their faith.

Mettle Motivation services have continued, which are the last Sunday of each month. Joel from Exodus shared with us in January on "Stepping Out" and Ross Robinson from Home Fellowship shared his story in March on how he stepped out and began this ministry.

We started a new series called "Couch Time" as part of these nights where either leaders, guests or young people can share their story. We are looking forward to these nights continuing



Connor Takes The Castle was back in January with an action-packed day event at Escarmouche in Shane's Castle (yes Connor Takes The Castle still works!). The event included a range of activities from laser tag to maze games and connect 4 basketball! It was great to reconnect with other youth groups across the diocese again, even in the muddy and cold conditions!



Mettle were involved in the Bishop's Installation service in Lisburn Cathedral which was amazing as it was focused on the youth with our very own Isaac giving the charge from our youth.



We are very excited for some brilliant events coming up which Mettle are a part of:

- Big Church Serve - our young people can sign up to be a part of a team whether that's practical, kids, prayer on the streets or grace cafe! This is a great opportunity to serve alongside all ages in our church and get closer as a community as we share our gospel message with Lisburn!
- Summer Madness - this is a Christian festival for young people and it is running from 1st-5th July. Get your ticket!
- Street Reach - this is a local, missional experience for young people in the Connor Diocese. It is a fantastic opportunity to serve and get to know others! It runs from Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th July 2022 based in Mossley Parish in Newtownabbey. Residential Applications are open for young people who have completed Year 11. The cost for a full residential stay is £60. Non-Residential Applications are open for young people who have completed Year 8. For attending each day the cost is £10.

Mentoring, small groups and drop-in have been continuing and keep an eye out on our social media to find out more about events coming up.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura on the Mettle email - mettle@lisburncathedral.org.

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SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev Pete Meenagh

Spring has arrived! We are delighted to see it aren't we? The winter term left us at SLCC on a bit of a roller coaster. We were delighted to have had a great Christmas in South Lisburn, albeit that our community big sing was a bit of a wet one, we had a ball and connected with families old and new. A huge thank you to Sam and Silvana and Lee's band for coming along as well as the volunteers who made it possible.

We also had various Christmas services in the church, with the afternoon tea at the All In service being a great time of fellowship and sharing the hope of Christmas. The Carols by Candlelight service in December also was such a special time with over 40 attending and many of the individuals and families that we have got to know joining us for this. With even an impromptu nativity as the number of kids attending was more than expected!

This has been such an encouragement over this winter as the families and individuals we have got to know have become part of our fellowship and being able to build community and show love and kindness through Jesus is what our heart is!

January left us restricted in what we could do but we kept connections one on one as much as possible, covid allowing.

We continue to do Chit Chat Cafe every week which is growing, we are looking forward to the warmer days to get some tables outside!



Pete and Donna Meenagh

We're excited to continue Sunday Club when we get to share Jesus with children from the local area in lots of fun ways, before our Sunday service

TLG continues to be an important and much needed ministry and resource in our local school. Please pray for our leaders and coaches as they meet with children each week. This can be an intense and demanding ministry, especially for the coaches in TLG as they are involved in supporting children suffering from anxiety and living with complex family issues.

Please do pray as we plan Easter Outreach through BCS that we continue to connect with more people who are in need of community and ultimately to know the Lord Jesus.

We are so thankful to God for this opportunity to be in the community serving Him, we are thankful for a great core of members who are so invested in the church and outreach. We also thank you for your support. You are very welcome any time to come down and see what we are up to, come join us Sunday at 3pm. We love having our extended family visiting any time, and we enjoy getting back up to the Cathedral every few weeks.

If you would like more in depth updates, please do sign up for our quarterly update by emailing Jayne at jayne@lisburncathedral.org



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GEM

Jayne Martin

God Enriched Moments (GEM) is a women's fellowship group that meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. It is a safe place to learn, share and grow together in God's word. After a tough couple of years with Covid19 we are now able to meet again in person which has been amazing.

We have just finished our series on Celebration of Discipline and are taking a break from Study until September, however we will meet up for a few social events between now and September.

It would be so lovely to have women from Lisburn Cathedral and South Lisburn Community Church join us, you would be so welcome.

If you would like more information about GEM please contact Jayne 07891507829 or Cathy 07525336173.

Wishing you all God's blessings as we move into the Easter season and beyond.



Jayne Martin

HOMEGROUPS

Karen and Bill Welsh

Our homegroups have continued to follow the sermon series during the Spring term. Based around the book "Celebration of Discipline" (The Path to Spiritual Growth) by Richard Foster we have found the meetings challenging, stimulating and refreshing.

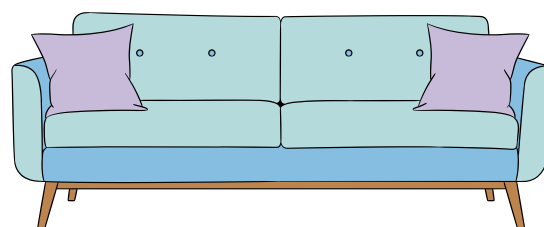
While we often find it personally challenging to enact the 12 spiritual devotions found in Foster's book, many members are experiencing an increased fruitfulness of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.

The Covid restrictions have been relaxed and some homegroups have taken the opportunity to meet face to face again. Other groups continue to Zoom.

We hope it won't be long until we can all meet up face to face with confidence.

If you are thinking about joining a homegroup but are not sure what to expect, we would love you to come along and try a group during the shorter summer term. You can then make a decision about your next step in September.

Please speak to Sam, Danielle or Karen and Bill Welsh if you would like to join a group or try one out.

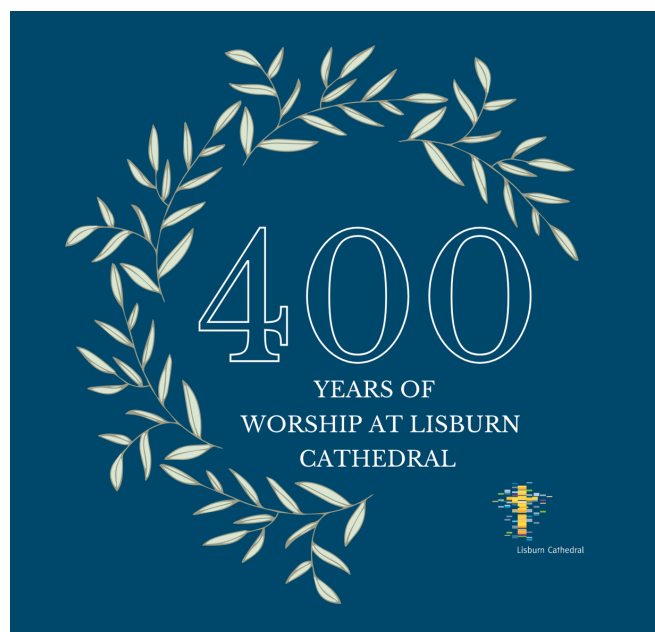


400 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Ken Gibson – Planning Committee

Readers may recall that back before Christmas I announced that we would be holding a series of special initiatives and events to coincide with 2023 which marks the 400th anniversary of a church on the present Cathedral site. I added that I would provide updates as plans began to firm up and here is the first of those updates and you will see that some dates etc. have still to be confirmed :-

- an anniversary calendar with images of the Cathedral and surrounds will be available this summer – an ideal Christmas present for you to give to friends and relatives;
- 400 minutes of prayer will be held on **7 January 2023** to set us off on the right footing for the year;
- a special celebratory service will be held, provisionally, on Sunday 15th January in the afternoon;
- there will be a special dinner, hopefully in the Lagan Valley Island Centre, in May;
- a weekend of events in June including a service on the Sunday and a themed afternoon tea on the Saturday. It is hoped that many former parishioners will join with us for that weekend either in person or online;
- we plan a series of open days when we hope to welcome visitors – perhaps community organisations, groups from other churches etc. to show them our rich history and heritage and, importantly, how, 400 years on, we are still focused on outreach, teaching and fellowship;



- Lisburn Museum hope to mount a special exhibition over the summer of 2023;
- a concert is planned for October/November; and
- our Nimble Fingers group is preparing a knitted model of the church and surrounds from its early days. This will be on display at various events and times during the year.



Now here is a wee quiz – answers next time *Prize will be a calendar*

Question 1 How many rectors have there been over the centuries?

Question 2 Many of the memorials on our walls are to Church of Ireland folk. At least one definitely isn't. Which one?

Question 3 In what year did the bust of Saumarez Dubourdieu, Pastor of the French Church in Lisburn fall from his perch in the Cathedral on a Sunday afternoon?

Email your answers to Ken Gibson or in an envelope placed in the collection plate.

ABANNA NEWS

Neville Jones

OUR GOD IS FAITHFUL

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support for the work of Abaana. We have been humbled by the kindness and generosity of so many people in supporting the children and families we work with in Uganda.



Return to school

What a joy to see the schools re-opening again across Uganda in January. The over-riding emotion in the schools is one of joy at being back at last.

Getrude Namuli has just started secondary school and summed up her feelings:

"...I am very happy to be here today...I was losing hope because the pandemic happened...I am happy Abaana stood by my side ...offering me support and that's why I'm at school today..."



Getrude Namuli



Joshua Byamukama

Rescued from the streets

Joshua Byamukama does not know where his parents are and cannot recall the last time he saw them. Having ended up living rough on the streets of Kampala, he was rescued and recently came to live in the safety of our New Life Homes.

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He says "...I like being at NLH so much because I'm always sure of food, here we have uncles and aunts who love us so much. Here we are loved. I like my bed and enjoy good food. I also like attending phonics classes..."

What lies ahead?

The next months are very busy. We hope to:

- raise funds to build a new school for the children of St Mary's Primary in Kagoli.
- find 300 new sponsors to give children the life-changing gift of education.

God willing, we hope that the New Life Choir will be able to come on tour in 2024.

As we all begin to slowly move out of a difficult time, we thank God for His unending faithfulness to us and the children and communities we serve in Uganda.

MISSION WALKS AND TALKS - MAY 2022

Dean Sam Wright

The Dean and Vicar of Lisburn Cathedral are undertaking mission walks & talks with four mission agencies during the month of May. Dean Sam & Vicar Danielle will walk to chat with staff at CMSI, Abanna, SAMS & Bishops Appeal to hear about their work in Yei, South Sudan; Kampala, Uganda; South America and Ukraine. These walks will take them to the offices of each mission agency in Belfast, Bangor, Lurgan and to the Connor Diocesan Office to chat with the Bishop of Connor about Bishops Appeal.

All proceeds raised through sponsorship donations will be divided equally between each of these four mission societies, to support the important kingdom work they do in these countries. Details of how you can donate will be announced in church soon.

CMSI UPDATE

Jenny and Billy Smyth visited Yei Diocese in February, a tentative move back to travel following the pandemic. Jenny reported that "Yei IS far less busy than I remember it. A major change, apart from the security situation, is that it is no longer on the main trading route to Juba." However, people continue to return to Yei from refugee camps in Uganda and there is more of a sense of community in the town.

CMSI have recently been able to secure funding for 20 returning refugee students to study at the Vocational Training School which is going from strength to strength under the management of Morris Logolomu. During Billy's visit he was part of a strategic planning programme to set out the aims and direction of the College for the next five years. Jenny said: "The YVTC was a hive of activity with 80 students all busy doing practicals in their various disciplines - Homecrafts, Hairdressing, Building, Mechanics, Electrics, Tailoring and Catering. It was so encouraging to see so much productive learning and the enthusiasm of the students."

Bishop Levi is presently focusing on building up clergy for evangelism and discipleship in remote parishes which have been without clergy since many fled during the unrest. He has



brought all clergy together twice so far this year. New clergy were ordained and CMSI was able to assist by sending funds for vestments and capacity building training. When Jenny visited she was also able to see the new coffee project, which aims to bring a sustainable income for the Diocese.

Jenny and Billy were also able to visit Bishop Hilary and Mama Joyce who have not yet moved to their new home although good progress has been made. Bishop Hilary and Bishop Levi have made visits to refugee camps together and there is both a sense of continuity and progress in the Diocese. The appreciation for partnership with the Church of Ireland, in particular Connor Diocese, is clearly something that Bishop Hilary has passed on to Bishop Levi. Thank you for standing with Yei Diocese in generosity and prayers.

VOLUNTEER TEAM

For the last few summers Heather Gibson has brought together a volunteer "wee jobs team" and is seeking people to join her team from the 5th of April onwards. The team usually meets on Tuesdays. The tasks include painting gates, removing ivy from graves, staining fences, spring cleaning kitchen cupboards and utensils, tidying store cupboards and of course having tea and scones!

Contact Heather on 07846387410 if you can help.



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 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 and Nursing Home admissions

Due to incidents of Covid, visits to Hospitals and Nursing Homes remain somewhat 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.

SUMMER EVENTS

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events and Services

Church Picnic in the Park

Visit of Bishop Levi (Bishop of Yei, South Sudan)

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism

2nd January 2022 – Daniel Crothers

Funeral

14th January 2022 – David Scott

CLERGY HOLIDAYS

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

Danielle: 18th April – 25th April (inc)

Sam: 21st April – 28th April (inc)

Details will be available on the Rectory phone of pastoral cover from Thursday 21st April – Monday 25th April.

OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open during the following hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9.30am – 1pm

The office will be closed for Easter from 18th April – 22nd April.



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