



JUNE 2021

# CATHEDRAL SUMMER NEWS



## RECTOR'S LETTER

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**"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."** Hebrews 10:24-25

In the season of summer the Church is often seen as slowing up, but this year we are upping our activities and gatherings. We invite you to join us as we meet together in variety of ways, to bless every believer and to share Christ with those who are still seeking him.

The first of our summer gatherings is a BBQ on 26th June at 6pm. We are planning a similar outdoor gathering for Saturday 21st August. We would love to see you at the Cathedral for these gatherings to see and meet together.

There will also be a children's Holiday Bible Club at the end of July with events and trips away for families. Followed by lots of outdoor pursuits, food and fellowship for our young people in Mettle.

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Lisburn Cathedral

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We are also excited to be one of the Churches hosting the online “New Wine Gathering” in the Cathedral from 8th - 11th July. So do book in for this for this great time together here in Lisburn Cathedral and with others gathering in locations across Ireland.

As we emerge from restrictions we will be a new community of believers. God is doing something new in his Church, the Holy Spirit is opening the way for a new Church of committed believers and this is to be welcomed. Already we have seen people join as members of our church since we reopened for in person worship on Easter Sunday.

We also have our team in South Lisburn opening up church there. With the ordination of Pete Meenagh as a deacon in Ordained Local Ministry this autumn, South Lisburn Community Church will take another step forward.

It is our plan to start our 9.30am service in the Cathedral on 5th September and we look forward to welcoming people to this service and to having two distinct styles of worship every Sunday.

To help everyone to be part of the church that God desires for Lisburn Cathedral to be, we are inviting you to **'Love your Church Sunday'** on 12th September. In the weeks that follow we will be teaching each Sunday on what it means to love and be part of the local church. All Cathedral homegroups will be following the studies on this theme to build and grow the church.

In this new season we have much to be thankful for, and it's our plan, passion and desire to glorify Christ in the Church and share his hope and new life with as many people as possible in the community.

Please pray and encourage each other by worshipping, witnessing and building each other up, as we live as those who are committed to Christ, and to the Church he loves and gave himself up for

We look forward to seeing you all over the summer at our gatherings, events and worship.

**Sam Wright.**





# NEW VICAR INSTITUTED

The service to welcome Danielle as Vicar was remarkable in a number of ways. It marked the first visit of Bishop George Davison to the Cathedral, since his consecration as Bishop of Connor. It was lovely to welcome back our former parishioner Rev Lucy Burden as our preacher, and it was exciting to welcome Danielle as Vicar, and to have her continuing in ministry with us for the next three years.

The service opened with the inspirational ancient Irish Hymn "Be thou my Vision". The Bishop began by reminding everyone that along with Danielle we are to dedicate ourselves to the call of God, to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders, to fulfil our calling to be a healthy church that transforms its community. And to pray that, guided by the Holy Spirit, God will renew us in ministry and mission.



After Rev Canon Jim Carson and the Dean read the Bible readings, Lucy shared her experience of knowing Danielle for the past eight years. She said three things were true about Danielle: her heart for God's word; her heart for other people; and her heart for God. In her inspiring sermon, Lucy taught from Acts 20:19-32 that similarly, three things were essential for ministry.

1) Sharing God's Word. 2) Investing in other people. 3) Commitment to God. She closed with this challenge to everyone: "You are to go forth to bear fruit in his name, for his kingdom and for his glory.

The Dean presented Danielle to be constituted and instituted as vicar and the registrar Rev Canon William Taggart read the certificate of nomination. The Bishop gave his charge and commission to Danielle to serve as Vicar for the next 3 years and he prayed for the Holy Spirit to equip her for the sacred duties entrusted to her. After an enthusiastic round of applause to welcome her as Vicar, Danielle prayed for the growth of God's kingdom.

Following the final song 'Yet not I but through Christ in me', Sam closed our time together by thanking all who had taken part in the service and said the institution of Danielle as Vicar was a cause for celebration. These are demanding times for all who minister and having Danielle as a resourceful, hope-filled, Spirit-filled and life-giving Vicar of Lisburn Cathedral is a joy to him, and a blessing to the whole church family.

## SUMMER SOCIALS

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We have missed seeing each other so much during the past year. We have loved getting to see and speak to some of you after church on Sunday, and with the easing of Covid restrictions we're planning some nights of fellowship together during the summer. You're invited to join our church family for a BBQ in Castle Gardens on 26th June and 21st August.

Join us anytime from 5.30pm, and **the food will be served from 6pm**. If you've been a bit hesitant about joining us in the building for worship, this is a great first step towards getting back to church! If there are people from church, who you haven't been able to see over the last year, why don't you give them a call and arrange to meet them at the BBQ? Put it in the diary and join us! We can't wait to see you all there!

To help us cover costs, buckets will be available on the night for cash donations. The suggested donation is £5 for adults and £2.50 for kids. Please let us know you're coming by booking in at the usual place: **[www.lisburncathedral.org/ticketing](http://www.lisburncathedral.org/ticketing)**



## PLANS FOR WORSHIP – AUTUMN 2021

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As restrictions ease we're beginning to plan for the Autumn with some hope! We are excited to say that we are planning (Covid restrictions permitting) to bring back our traditional service of Morning Prayer at **9.30am on Sunday 5th September**. We look forward to welcoming both our congregations back.

From September, at both our 9.30am and 11am services, we will be following a new teaching series called '**Love your Church**'. Homegroups will also be following the same series during the Autumn.

# INTERNSHIPS

A year ago we launched our Internship Programme and we were delighted with the group of interns that God raised up. Our team grew as Ryan McGucken (Children's Ministry), Laura Kilpatrick (Youth), Zoe McLoughlin (Worship) and Jayne Martin (Operations Management) took up internships. Most recently, Matthew Cairns has joined us as a Media Intern during June, July and August. In this incredibly difficult year, the interns have excelled themselves in being creative about how they could fulfill their internships. Sam, Danielle and Donna have really appreciated the extra boost of energy and enthusiasm that this group brought.

All good things come to an end though, and so as this year's interns come to the end of their internships, we are opening applications for a new group of interns to join the team!

## What is an internship?

It's a year of using the gifts that you have, learning new ones and developing your faith and leadership skills. We are excited to see how God will grow and stretch our interns, forming them into people who are becoming more like Jesus, and we are also expectant that our interns will have an amazing impact upon our church and city as we do mission together.

## How will it work?

All our internships are part time positions and so even if you're working or studying you could have the opportunity to serve Jesus and his Church. The Internships run for 1 year, September to September. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for interns to:

- Meet with, be mentored by and work alongside our staff team.
- Explore and strengthen your gifts.
- Receive training from the Cathedral, the diocese, and other organisations.
- Minister, work and learn within our existing Cathedral community.
- Bring your passion and creativity to a team who are planting and building a worshipping community in South Lisburn.

## What internships are available?

This year we are looking for interns in the following areas:

- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Media
- Worship
- Operations Management

If you are passionate about any of these areas or feel you have gifts and skills in them, we would love to talk to you about joining the team as an intern!

## CATHEDRAL INTERNSHIPS

Serve - Learn - Grow

We have big plans to see lives transformed in this city, but we cannot do it alone, come and get involved!

We're looking for passionate people to serve in the following areas:

Children's Ministry  
Youth Ministry  
Media  
Worship  
Operations Management

Duration: 1 Year (beginning Sept 2021)  
Cost £200.00

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# KIDZONE NEWS

Hi everyone!

At Kidzone we have been excited to get back to some face to face in May and June. We will tell you more about that in a moment.

Going back to Easter we joined the church in our "Together at Easter" resource.

The kids team worked together to produce some family devotionals. Families were also given resources to make an Easter tree over Holy Week. It was so encouraging to see the kids engage in the activities, to help focus on the importance of Holy Week.

Since Easter then we have alternated each week, with one week continuing on Zoom on a Sunday morning and the next weekend having our new Messy church. Two of which have been in the Church and two services outside. This has been amazing to see each other and have fun and fellowship, as well as learn more about how we are forever changed when Jesus comes into our lives.



We are excited to show our wider church family an idea of what we have been up to at Children's Day on 27th June.

We have exciting plans for Holiday Bible Club on 29th - 31st July, including family afternoons as well. In South Lisburn we also plan to have an evening Holiday Bible Club from 3rd - 6th August. If you would be free to help, please do contact Ryan or myself.

Please pray for the kids ministry team as we seek how to move forward in supporting the kids and families in our church and the wider community.

Every blessing, **Donna**



# METTLE NEWS

Hi everyone!

It's hard to believe we're at the end of another year of Mettle already. Without doubt it has been a very difficult year, but a year that brought opportunity to be creative and engage with our young people in different ways.

Over the past year, as you may know, we took up a 4 week rhythm for our programme:

**Mentoring:** An opportunity to walk with a young person 1 to 1, though the challenges of this year

**Move:** Social events like escape rooms, bake-offs, scavenger hunts and murder mystery nights

**Motivation:** A youth service at the Cathedral with worship and a challenge from God's word.

**Meet-up:** The chance to gather in small group and chat about life and faith together.

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Over the last number of weeks we've been looking at what it means to '**Walk like a disciple**' and explore what it means to live out our faith in every area of our lives. One highlight of this series was having the super team from **Love for Life** coming to share with us. Our young people explored what it looks like to honour God in our relationships.

We're wrapping up our monthly programme for summer but that doesn't mean Mettle is over. There's lots happening over the next few months. A group of young people are going on an Exodus team to Downpatrick for a week of mission. We're having a couple of events during August: **Mettle Madness, Take 1 & Take 2.**

Make sure you get signed up!

Finally, a huge thank you to our brilliant team of leaders. Mettle wouldn't be possible without you. We appreciate the energy, commitment and dedication that you have shown throughout the year! We're looking forward to what next year will bring for Mettle!

See you all soon!

**Danielle & Laura** (Youth Intern)





## NEW WINE 21

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We will once again miss the buzz of rushing home after church to pack the car and set off for sunny Sligo, to spend a week at the New Wine Conference. Last year we had to watch alone in our homes, or in small groups.

This year, we're delighted to be able to open our church building and invite you all to join us, to watch the conference live on our screens, every night during 8th- 11th July

The conference starts 7pm each night. Our doors will be open from 6.30pm. Why don't you invite a friend and meet them for dinner in Lisburn before hand?!

Book your seat at [lisburncathedral.org/ticketing](https://lisburncathedral.org/ticketing)

New Wine will be hosting their usual range of amazing seminars online during the day. Why don't you check out what's available for you to tune in to. To access these you need to purchase a ticket through the New Wine Ireland website.

Their fantastic kids programme will also be available throughout the week - for free!!!

Check it out on their website: [newwineireland.org/summer21/](https://newwineireland.org/summer21/)

## KIDS AND YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMME

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Thanks to some funding we have been able to plan an AMAZING summer programme for our children and young people:

**Holiday Bible Club** is for kids in P1- P7, and will take place 29th- 31st July.

There'll be crafts, games, stories and songs in the morning at the Cathedral. Each afternoon, we'll pick up our packed lunches and head out on the family trips we have planned- the farm and some other exciting locations! Keep your eyes peeled on our social media for details of how to sign up!

**Mettle Madness - Take 1** is open to young people in Year 8 and up, and will take place 2nd-4th August.

We're kicking off each morning with an activity like a surf lesson on the North Coast, paddleboarding and some other fun activities. We'll also spend some time hearing from God's word, learning, praying and eating together! Check out our social media over the next few weeks for details of how to book! Keep an eye out for details of Take 2!



## MENTORS NEEDED

**As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens and influences another through discussion.**

Proverbs 27:17 (AMP)

In scripture, Paul and Timothy are a great example of an older Christian mentoring a young Christian, encouraging him in the faith.

After the success of our mentoring programme with our young people in Mettle, we are keen to offer the same opportunity to our young adults (18-30).

We're looking for some mature Christians from our church family, who could meet with a young adult for a hour or so, once a month, to listen, encourage and challenge them in their faith.

If you would be willing to be a mentor or would like more information please talk to Danielle, or send her an email: [danielle@lisburncathedral.org](mailto:danielle@lisburncathedral.org)



## DEBT COUNSELLING



For anyone struggling with debt and in need of free debt counselling, the CAP Debt Centre in Lisburn is taking on new clients and would love to hear from you!

Call CAP freephone on 0800 328 0006 to start your journey out of debt today.

For more information please visit [www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

# **SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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Here we are at the end of June. It's hard to believe. Through the midst of all the changes God remains the same and is so faithful.

## **What we've been up to**

We continue to meet for prayer every Wednesday morning at 7am via Zoom and since Easter in South Lisburn we have been able to meet face to face for worship. We have been meeting alternate Sunday afternoons at 3pm in the space above SureStart on the Hillhall Road. It has been really encouraging to meet, worship and pray together.



We have also been sharing our stories as we deepen our fellowship together and we are delighted to say our current plan of moving to a bigger location in September is possibly going to happen next month as our numbers are growing.

From September we plan to meet weekly and have more space to open up to more of the community. Prayer is so important and that's why we want to take every opportunity to pray together and also create a space for people to take time out with God. With this in mind we have begun a prayer day which takes place on the first Friday of every month in the Lighthouse and is run by Pam Irwin.

We have been able to connect with more of the community through Donna and Jayne helping out at a parent and toddlers group.

During Easter we ran a family treasure hunt and went on prayer walks around the area, as well as litter picking. Around 20 families engaged with us during Easter. This has led to weekly litter picks and weekly walks which are headed up by Cathy McElhinney. We are excited to partner with some organisations in Lisburn to look at starting a Chit Chat cafe for the community also.



## What you can pray for?

We would love you to pray as we look to continue building relationship with the school, and also start a team to mentor children at the local primary school through a programme called **"Transforming Lives for Good"**. See below for more details!

- Please continue to pray as we seek the Spirit's leading, as we step out more and bring the love, kindness and compassion of Christ to South Lisburn.
- Pray hearts would be open to hear and receive the gospel and we'd see God really bring transformation to people's lives.
- For me and the church plant, that I would be able to lead well, keep Christ at the centre and be guided by Him. That each person would feel valued and grow in their relationship with God and grow in their giftings.

## How to keep up-to-date

If you would be keen to know more do come and speak to me! Or you can like and follow us via our Facebook page **facebook.com/SLCommunityChurch** or you can sign up for a quarterly SLCC update, by emailing our operations manager Jayne **jayne@lisburncathedral.org**

Yours in Christ,

**Pete**

## TRANSFORMING LIVES FOR GOOD



**Could you be a mentor for a child in  
our community, for an hour a week?**

"The programme enables trained volunteers to become coaches and work on a one-to-one basis with children, with the overall aim of reducing the child's felt anxieties and increasing their confidence and aspirations. TLG trains and equips volunteers with proven resources to help children explore their choices and the consequences of the decisions that they make. Our specialist training equips each coach to become a trusted support to the child, their teacher and their family."

**Come along to Vic Ryn on  
Monday 28th June at 7:30pm to find out more.**

**Contact Donna to book in.**

# FROM THE REGISTERS

## FUNERALS

19th April 2021	-	Kaye Nelson
14th May 2021	-	Margaret Moore
28th May 2021	-	Hazel Murphy
16th June 2021	-	Heather Graham

## CONFIRMATION

We have provisionally booked a date for a Confirmation service, on **Sunday 21st November**.

Young people will have the opportunity to register their interest in being confirmed, at Mettle in September. They will then embark on a Confirmation preparation course for a number of weeks.

Anyone over 18 who would like to be confirmed, or would like more details, please talk to Sam or Danielle.

## FWO ENVELOPES & GIVING

Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute financially over the last year, either by FWO envelopes or by standing order.

You can leave FWO envelopes in the basket as you exit church on a Sunday morning. Alternatively, you can post them through the letterbox of the church office. Staff are in the office on a regular basis.

If you wish to contribute your envelopes but are unable to get to church or the office, please contact Sam, Danielle or Richard Thompson (Hon. Treasurer).

## CLERGY HOLIDAYS

Sam and Danielle will be off on annual leave over the summer, during the following dates:

**Danielle: 12th- 30th July (inc)**

**Sam: 26th July - 15th August (inc)**

During the period between 26th July - 30th July local clergy will be available for pastoral emergencies. Contact details for those on duty will be available from the office.

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