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DEAN'S LETTER

Dean Sam Wright

A CHURCH WITH CLEAR CONFIDENT FAITH - Acts of the Apostles.

It is exciting to be looking into the new term leading up to Christmas! As our different ministries get up and going again, we will be teaching all ages from the book of Acts. The members of the early church had a clear and confident faith, they were clear about the cross and resurrection of Christ, about the importance of the word of God, about the need for clear conversion to Christ, about the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and communities and they were clear about the cost of following Jesus and the sacrifices that are required to build his church.

Today, our circumstances are very different to that first generation of church builders, however, we also face many challenges as we seek to build the church of Christ into a body of believers with a clear and confident faith. Our teaching in church and home groups over the coming months and years will be structured to build you up as believers who are clear and confident in their faith. This term we will be learning for the people who were converted to Christ in the Acts of the Apostles and seeing how they grew to be clear and confident in their faith in Christ.

Confident Faith is the title of the Home Group studies, if you would like to join a Home Group please contact Bill and Karen Welsh.

Then in January we are looking forward to Keith Gardiner bringing his skills and experience as Fundraising Officer for Church Growth in the Diocese of Down & Dromore to teach for four weeks on the theme of biblical Generosity:

Week 1 - The Generosity of God

Week 2 - Being Generous with our Time and Talents

Week 3 - Being Generous with our Talk and Testimony

Week 4 - Being Generous with our Treasures - money and possessions.

Later in the 2025 we are planning for a time of mission, teaching and outreach with Rev Henry Blair and a team from SOMA - Sharing of Ministries Abroad. Paul describes the church in Romans 12:4-8 as a body with many members bring their gifts to build one another up to be clear and confident believers. So let's follow his example by bringing ourselves and our great variety of gifts to build his church.

Blessings to you one and all.

Sam

HARVEST 2024

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

COMMUNITY HARVEST SERVICE

Friday 11th October | 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: James Boyd

HARVEST SUNDAY

Sunday 13th October | 9.30am & 11am

Guest Speaker: Roderic West

Harvest Donation envelopes are
available for Cathedral Hall
Renovation Fund



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HARVEST 2024

Sam Wright

Harvest Thanksgiving Services - Exciting Possibilities.

7.30pm Friday 11th October

9.30am & 11.00am Sunday 13th October

Our Harvest Friday Evening Service will mark a new phase of ministry in South Lisburn Community Church. The Rev James Boyd is the leader of our Diocesan Pioneer Ministry Hub, he will commission Rev Pete Meenagh as our Pioneer Evangelist and speak at the Community Harvest Service.

Congratulations to Pete on successfully completing the Pioneer Ministry selection process, he will now begin three years of training with Church Army and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Pioneer Ministry to equip him for his new role as the full-time Pioneer Evangelist for the South Lisburn Community Church.



We are grateful to the Church of Ireland Pioneer Ministry Fund for covering the cost of Pete's training and providing funding to enable his move from part-time church

work to being full-time Pioneer Evangelist in South Lisburn. This is clearly a landmark moment to be celebrated at this Harvest Thanksgiving & Commissioning Service, we therefore invite you all to make a special effort to attend this service of thanksgiving and commissioning.

In recent years we have been working with Lisburn & Castlereagh City councillors, Andrew Gowan & Paul Porter and with the Resurgam Trust making applications for community funds to build a new Community Centre on the Green in Hillhall.

Two of our applications have been approved by funding bodies. While there is still a funding shortfall we are thrilled at the prospect of a new Hillhall Community Hall being built and used for church and community events to benefit the local community.

On Sunday 13th October our Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations continue with two morning services, I am delighted to welcome the Venerable Roderic West as our Harvest speaker. I have known Roderic West since our time training for ministry in Dublin. Roderic was Archdeacon of Dromore and Rector of Seapatricks Parish, Banbridge until his retirement last year. His daughter Claire and her family are members of our church.

HEALTHY MINDS, HEALTHY OUTLOOKS 24/25

Sam Wright

The Church of Ireland Mind Matters Project have provided additional funding to enable the continuation of our "Healthy Minds, Healthy Outlooks" workshops and for a special morning for us to prepare for the changes the autumn season brings to our lives.

We begin with a Day of Reflection and Wellbeing for Church Members and Leaders in the Church Prayer Garden at Magheralin on Saturday 21st September from 10am - 2pm. The theme of the Prayer Garden is Psalm 23.

This is a good way to look after our well-being by coming together to enjoy a morning in a lovely church & garden to look to the Lord as our shepherd and to know that he walks with us in our everyday lives.

We will have a number of people helping us with this day and lunch will be provided in Magheralin Church. Please book for this day by signing up in church or by phoning the office 9.30-1pm Tuesday-Thursday or at www.lisburncathedral.org/psalm23

Further workshops in Mental Health Wellbeing will follow later in the year, focusing on health and wellbeing and offering one to one sessions with Mental Health Professionals for those with particular needs or dealing with ongoing stressful situations.

We also hope to offer space for us to take care and receive information on keeping our minds and outlooks healthy in the Cathedral and at our new prayer garden.



Help!

**How can I share my faith with more confidence?
Why not join a Lisburn Cathedral Home Group?**

**During the Autumn, we will be following a series called
Confident Faith.**

We meet fortnightly during term time and link to the Sermon Series.

Homegroups start up again w/c 23 September

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



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400 ANNIVERSARY PRAYER GARDEN

Many of you will have been wondering what has been going on in the Church grounds recently. It started with a boat. Then the pods moved, a new paved area has been developed and 12 posts have been planted in a bed of stones!

Fear not, there is a purpose in it all! Thanks to a grant from the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund, we have been developing a prayer space to mark the 400th Anniversary of worship on the site of the Cathedral. It is our hope that the space will be a calm place where people can retreat from the bustle of the city centre and spend some time in prayer or in quiet.

There will be significant symbolism throughout the garden, from the boat to remind us that we are fishers of men and the 12 posts representing the 12 disciples to remind us that we are all disciples of Jesus. The posts face a mosaic cross mounted in one of the pods, to remind us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. We hope to get our children to make something for the other pod!

There will be some planting in beds and pots to bring colour and scent to the garden, and a bench seat close to the wall of the Cathedral to provide a new seating area. Signage will be installed to provide prompts for prayers and reflections.

We will be holding a service of dedication later in the year and we would love to see as many of you as possible at that service. Meantime, please enjoy the garden!



Lisburn Cathedral Coffee Room



Reopening in September
Fridays 10am- 1pm

New volunteers welcome!

Coffee Training on 13th Sept
at 1pm with Johnsons Coffee.
Contact Jill Lester if you're
interested.

PRAYER GATHERINGS AT LISBURN CATHEDRAL

Lee Boal

Oswald Chambers once said 'Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater work.'

As we begin a new term in Lisburn Cathedral we want to echo the words of Oswald Chambers in recognition that prayer is foundational to everything we do as a Church.

If we want to see the ministries we serve in bear fruit, if we want to know a very real sense of the presence of God in our midst not only on Sunday mornings but as we gather in many ways throughout the week and if we want to remain in step with the work of the Holy Spirit; as we seek to be a Spirit filled and Spirit led Church, then it is crucial that we make prayer our priority.

Below are the dates this term for both Wednesday Night Prayer and Worship and Prayer, we would love to see you there:

Wednesday Night Prayer takes place at 7:30pm on Wednesday nights in the coffee room and consists of a time of worship, reflection on God's word and praying in groups for the needs of the world, our community, our Church and each other.



Worship and Prayer takes place in the Cathedral on Sunday nights at 7pm (tea and coffee from 6:30pm) and is a space to spend an extended amount of time in worship, to learn from God's word and to receive prayer ministry. This year in worship and prayer we are going to be looking at the life of Elijah, who was known as a man of prayer. In James 5:17 we are told that 'Elijah was as human as we are' and yet he was a man who 'prayed earnestly'.

God is not looking for people who know how to pray perfectly but people who come before him in prayer with sincere and open hearts and so both these prayer spaces are also an opportunity for us to learn how to pray together, please don't feel that you need to be an expert in prayer to come along, none of us are experts and we are all learning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER DATES	WORSHIP AND PRAYER DATES
WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 7:30PM, COFFEE ROOM	SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 7PM
WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 7:30PM, COFFEE ROOM	SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 7PM
WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 7:30PM, COFFEE ROOM	SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 7PM
WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 7:30PM, COFFEE ROOM	DECEMBER - BREAK FOR CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH

Lee Boal



Sunday nights in the McCammon
Room: 6:30pm-8pm:
First year to Upper sixth
Sunday Night Youth

Alternate Sunday nights 8pm-9pm:
Fifth year and above
Small Group

What is Sunday Night Youth?

Sunday Night Youth is our new youth ministry starting on September 15th. We are thankful for Mettle and how God has used it over many years to help our young people grow as followers of Jesus. We recognise that we are in a new season as a Church and believe it is time to refresh and reshape our youth ministry.

What happens at Sunday Night Youth?

Sunday Night Youth is focused on helping our young people from first year to upper sixth grow in their faith. We want to help them to know Jesus, learn how to follow him and to have lots of fun as they do that!

A typical Sunday night runs from 6:30pm-8pm and will consist of hanging out together, games, worship, teaching, discussion and praying together.

For those aged fifth year and above on alternate Sundays from 8pm-9pm we are starting a small group to set aside time that enables us to provide teaching specifically catered towards this age group to help them grow deeper in their faith.

Sunday Night Youth Autumn/Winter Term Dates 2024:

Sun 15th Sept: SNY intro night

Sun 22nd Sept: SNY / Small Group

Sun 29th Sept: Worship and Prayer

Sun 6th Oct: SNY / Small Group

Sun 13th Oct: SNY

Sun 20th Oct: SNY / Small Group

Sun 27th Oct: Worship and Prayer

Sun 3rd Nov: Half Term Break

Sun 10th Nov: SNY / Small Group

Sun 17th Nov: SNY / Small Group

Sun 24th Nov: Worship and Prayer

Sun 1st Dec: SNY / Small Group

Fri 6th Dec: A Very Connor Christmas Monkstown

Sun 15th Dec: End of term Christmas Party



Starts back
Sunday 8th
September



YOUNG ADULTS AT LISBURN CATHEDRAL

Lee Boal

At Lisburn Cathedral we are passionate about creating space for young adults to feel part of community, to be encouraged and equipped to develop a deep resilient faith and to have a confidence to both share and live out their faith in their everyday context.

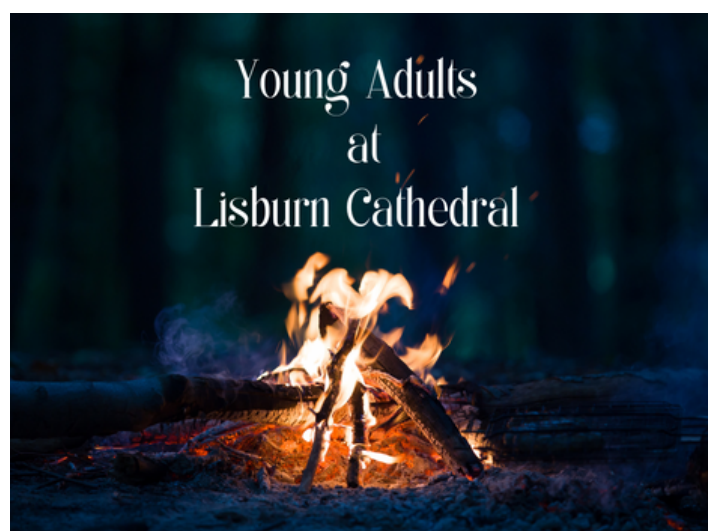
Young Adults is for those at university age up to 30somethings...ish. There are two main areas of Young Adults ministry:

Discipleship: Lee and Beth host a home group that meets at their house every other week to focus on growing as followers of Jesus. In the words of John Mark Comer we want to learn to 'Be with Jesus, Become like him and do the things that he did'. We meet together to spend time hanging out over tea, coffee and treats, study God's word alongside various teaching resources and to pray together.

Community: Several times each term we meet together to hang out and build community. Last years outings included Lazer tag, enjoying a Christmas meal together, bowling and desserts night and heading to W5 Late.



Our First outing this term will be Minigolf followed by S'mores at Lee and Beth's house on **Friday 18th October**. Please get in touch with Lee or Beth if you would like to be involved we would love to have you!



THANK YOU ANDREA AND REAH

On Sunday 16th June we presented some gifts to and thanked Andrea Johnston for her two years of service as leader of Kidzone. Andrea felt this was the right time for her to step back from leading but she will continue to be involved as a helper in our children's ministry. Andrea provided an imaginative, creative and whole hearted lead expressing her love for Jesus by her service in Kidzone.



Reah Lee has been leader of Mettle Youth for the past year, serving them at Friday drop-in as well as Mettle on Saturday and Sunday. She was unable to be present in church on 16th June so we sent on our thanks and gifts to her for her ministry with our young people. We are incredibly grateful for all Andrea and Reah gave to these important roles in children's and youth ministry.



For this new term we are making changes in the running of our children's and youth ministries, we are grateful to all who have already volunteered to serve as part of teams in these important ministries. If others are interested in helping with our children and youth in the Cathedral please speak to Sam or Lee.

BISHOPS' APPEAL - 1ST DECEMBER

At the Connor Diocesan Synod, the Education Advisor to the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Mrs Hilary McClay highlighted the wide variety of projects they support, "to show the kindness of Jesus where it is really needed to those who need to know that he cares and that his people care too,"

At Christmas each year we have sent out Bishops' Appeal envelopes to receive your generous donations. Thank you for your support to those across the world who really need this care and support from our church members.

On Sunday 1st December we look forward to welcoming Hilary as our speaker to highlight and inform us on the essential support offered from your donations. Bishops' Appeal envelopes will be available then and with our Christmas magazine, please continue to give as generously as you are able to this ministry of Christian care and love.



CHURCH RECORD KEEPING!

Richard Thompson

As Treasurer, I get to keep a lot of records, about an amazing range of things from coffee to communion wine (non-alcoholic of course), light bulbs to bouncy castles and beyond, but one of the hardest things to keep up to date is our people records.

People move! They move house, they move mobile providers, they get married and move to different houses and change their names, they have children and move services. They move away from the parish, they move back to the parish and all the while, we need to keep accurate parish records.

Accurate records are increasingly important. Legislation requires us to keep accurate and up to date information, while it is relevant for us to do so and to correct anything that is out of date.

Safeguarding requires us to keep good records of who attends, when and who the parents and carers are for those under 18 in our care.

Church administration requires us to keep records on who our registered Vestrymen and Vestrywomen are, so we know who can stand for election and who can vote.

HMRC require us to keep records for Gift Aid and so it goes on...

To aid with all this record keeping, we are moving to a new software package for the staff team. It's called ChurchSuite (see link below if you're interested in what it does) and it offers a range of facilities to aid with the record keeping and to help with Parish Life.

<https://churchsuite.com/>



The package was originally developed for Church of England parishes and has modules to help with:

- Contact management (all those moving people)
- Under 18 record keeping and communication
- Service Planning
- Rota management
- Small Group co-ordination
- Attendance Tracking for Events

Work has been ongoing to consolidate and update our records from various existing sources over the summer and as we start a new term, we'll be carrying out further work to review and update our records and check we have all of your up to date details. After all, no one wants left off the invite to the House Group Christmas Party, but no one wants a Christmas card for the long departed Great Uncle Bulgaria either, so by taking this opportunity to check your details, we can ensure we have the right information!

Future Developments

The package offers facilities to send managed e-mails and SMS messages, but we want to ensure that you only get the communication you want, so to this end, everyone will be defaulted to no communication initially and when we check your details, you'll have the opportunity to amend these settings.

Added to that, there is an App and Website – this allows everyone who wishes to be invited, to sign up to the app/website so they can see their own details, amend their own communication preferences, see recent communications from the church, check forthcoming events in the calendar and search for the details of other parishioners who have allowed their details to be shared.

As the year goes on, we'll be looking at making more use of the package and you may find group communications, rotas and notices changing as we make the most of this new set of facilities.

If you have any queries or questions on this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Richard Thompson
Hon. Treasurer, Lisburn Cathedral

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

Pete Meenagh

We are so thankful to God for all He has been doing over the Summer and continues to do in the lives of those at SLCC. We started with Summer Madness for Connect Youth for 6 young boys who had never been to anything like this before. The same weekend we were blessed to be able to be involved in Baptisms on Ballygally beach and renewal of baptism

vows followed by a big family picnic. We also had a few folk from SLCC at the New Wine Conference in July and Chit Chat church was packed to the brim!

We look forward to joining God in what he is doing in the area of South Lisburn in the coming year.

This Summer at SLCC



Summer Madness with Connect Youth



Baptisms and and Renewal of Baptismal Vows



Chit Chat Church

Prayer Points for the year ahead

- To make more connections in the area
- Grow deeper in faith as a church
- More people to come to faith
- The community building would make good progress
- Know Gods guidance on the whole ministry
- For connect youth and those connections with the young people



South Lisburn
Community Church

THOUGHT

Joan Hudson

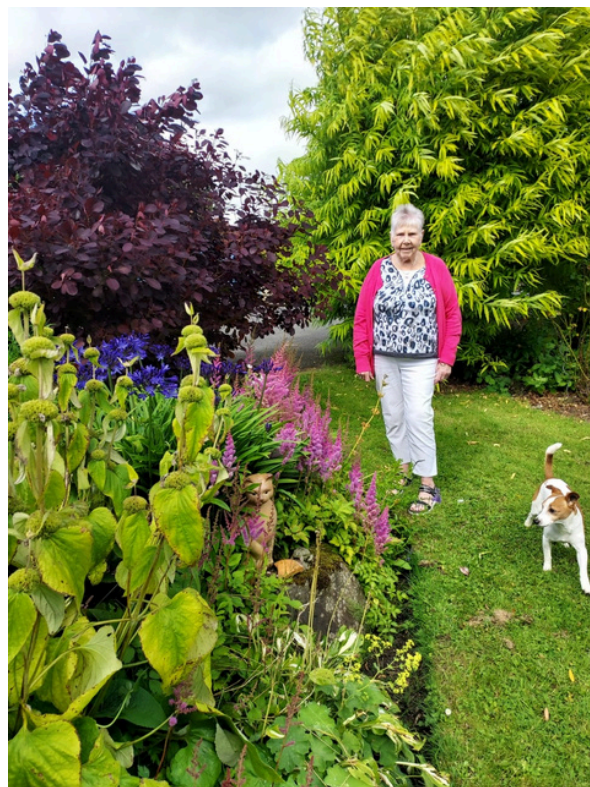
I just love working in my garden and my greenhouse. I always feel a great sense of peace when I'm outside.

When I was suddenly widowed in 1997, I almost sold up and moved from the bungalow that my husband, Peter, had built and the acre of land that we had ambitiously taken on. The thought of looking after it all on my own was overwhelming.

I thank God that I stayed put because the beauty of my surroundings has been a big part of my healing process.

Don't get me wrong, it is hard, physical work and my body often complains, but the feeling of well-being and satisfaction is immense.

I take great pleasure from growing plants from seeds, and I can't resist taking cuttings and



watching them (mostly) thrive. Over the years, I have discovered that I get a real sense of joy and blessing from sharing what I have grown with others. Most visitors leave my home clutching something to add to their own garden!

NIMBLE FINGERS

A huge thank you to all who are making poppies for our poppy installation over the Remembrance weekend in November, 9-10. Keep the needles and hooks moving!!

A big part of our event on that weekend will be memories. Several people have offered stories but we would like more. Photos, items of interest, stories, memories - anything that enables all of us to reflect on the war period. Please speak to me at church or send me a text. It will be an opportunity to invite your friends and neighbours to visit the Cathedral and be part of it all.

Margaret Fullerton

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TREASURER'S AUTUMN UPDATE

Richard Thompson

It's July, my happy holidays beckon and the Autumn Magazine is not far away (or so Sam and Angela tell me)! So here I am looking forward to the Autumn with its crisp leaves, foggy mornings, and the other joys of a new term (like teenagers who have to get up before lunch), and I wonder where the year has scampered off to.

Come September our hall work will still be in the plans. The initial phase to install new windows has been completed and they look very well, however, we can't commit to any further work until we have more funds available. Thank you to everyone who has made contributions or set up regular donations. The Golf Outing is looking good and is a great example of how people can come together to organise their own events to support these plans.

At present, we have about 10% of the funds we need to carry out the remaining work on the repointing of the walls, repair of the weathered sandstone, repairs to the roof and remediation of damp.

At the same time our FWO continues at a steady rate, but has not been keeping pace with rising costs, so the books just about balance on a month by month basis. This leaves us no room for the unexpected, or new and adventurous activities.

As the autumn rolls in, my ask of you is simple:

- Please consider your regular giving, can you increase this, even a little to help us continue to keep the lights on?

To support the remedial work on the hall to keep this facility up and running and ensure it is fit for the next 50 years:

- Could you make an additional commitment for a fixed time period (3-5 years)?
- Would you be able to make a lump sum donation?
- Do you have fundraising ideas or could you or your group organise an event, if so get in touch?
- Please pray for the Lord's guidance and provision to meet our needs.

As ever, if you have queries on anything to do with church finance, FWO, standing orders or Gift Aid, please do not hesitate to get in touch, or speak to me on a Sunday morning.

Richard Thompson

Hon. Treasurer, Lisburn Cathedral

*Finance & Fund Raising Sub-Committees
Simon Sellars, Tim Flanigan, Billy Moore*



Lisburn Cathedral Men's Fellowship



The Men's Fellowship is delighted to unveil plans for the autumn season

On **Wednesday 11 September**, we are delighted to partner with the **Home Groups** to start the autumn season with an open night when we will be hearing from Rev Karen Salmon, church leader of Magherally and Annaclone Parish Churches. Karen began her working life as a nurse in cardiology at the Belfast City Hospital before training as a health visitor and working as a team leader in Shankill Health Centre. She then worked for 20 year in Ethiopia with Crosslinks, teaching community development, conflict management and Christian counselling in a theological college.

Her work in Ethiopia laying spiritual foundations in people's lives was recognised by the award of MBE by the Queen in 2013. On return to Ireland, she trained for the ordained ministry in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. She was deacon in Shankill Parish, Lurgan and curate in Willowfield before being appointed to lead Magherally and Annaclone in 2022. Karen has written a book "St Patrick's Pilgrimages - Journey to Place, Journey to God" exploring the relationship between people and pilgrimage in Ireland in the 21st century".



Rev Karen Salmon

On **Saturday morning 12 October**, we will be visiting the **Ulster Aviation Society Museum** at Maze. We are delighted that our tour will be led by our very own Richard Norris, who will draw on his distinguished career in the aerospace industry with Shorts and Bombardier as he takes on the role of being expert guide for what promises to be a fascinating visit to the museum.

On **Saturday morning 23 November**, we will be having a breakfast together at **Café Vic-Ryn** followed by a talk on "Life, Faith and Rugby" in the T3 Conference Centre, House of Vic-Ryn from Rev Rodney Blair, Vicar, Shankill Parish, Lurgan. Rodney was a youth worker in Drumcree Parish in the Armagh Diocese before training for ordination at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Rodney plays rugby for Lurgan Rugby Football and Cricket Club and was appointed Club Chaplain in April 2022 and head of the pastoral care team offering support to players.



Rev Rodney Blair



MOTHERS' UNION

Programme 2024

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

AUTUMN/ WINTER PROGRAMME 2024

EVERY 3RD MONDAY @ 2.30PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL

SEPTEMBER 16TH
**WOMEN'S AID – TALK AND
PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

OCTOBER 21ST
CANON WILL MURPHY – TALK

NOVEMBER 18TH
MOVIE AFTERNOON

DECEMBER - DATE & TIME TBC
VISIT TO CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**RISE
UP**
against
domestic
abuse



**TOWELS AND TOILETRIES APPEAL
FOR**

WOMENS' AID

VISIT AND PRESENTATION

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2.30PM
EVERYONE WELCOME

**LISBURN CATHEDRAL MOTHERS' UNION WILL HOST BELFAST
AND LISBURN WOMENS' AID IN THE CHURCH HALL
PLEASE BRING NEW TOWELS AND TOILETRIES TO THE
COLLECTION POINT AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

Women's Aid
BELFAST & LISBURN

OUR DEDICATED TEAM ARE HERE TO LISTEN



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support@belfastwomensaid.org.uk

CAMEO

Michael & Evelyn McCune

This year for our annual summer outing we went to Harrisons of Greyabbey where we enjoyed a beautiful meal and a bit of retail therapy!

Like last year we were so fortunate to have lovely weather.



Our afternoon tea was on the 1st of August and it was so lovely to get together again to catch up.



Sadly two of our long standing Cameo members, Ivy Bell and Jacqueline Houston passed away in June. They will be sadly missed by all who knew them.

Cameo starts up again on **Thursday 12th September at 2.30 p.m.** when our speaker is the Rev. Stephen McElhinney .

Our last event this year will be the Cameo Christmas Lunch on Thursday 19th December and our starting date in 2025 will be Thursday 16th January at 2.30 p.m.

For those who have not as yet got their Cameo Autumn / Winter programme there are still plenty available in the coffee room and side porch of the church.

If you haven't been to Cameo before, you would be most welcome.

COMMISSIONING OF KEITH GARDINER ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024

Sam Wright

Congratulations to Keith on his commissioning in St Patrick's, Armoy, by Bishop George Davison. This was a wonderful evening in one of the smaller churches in our Diocese. The two other readers being commissioned were from Armoy. The occasion had a feeling of families coming together to celebrate this

significant occasion and to pray for those taking on the role of Readers.

Over the summer Keith has been preaching in the Cathedral and we can already see what a blessing it is to have him join with Denis, Garvin & Paula as our Diocesan Readers. We are grateful to them for leading and preaching at our services.



CONNOR BIG SING - 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Sam Wright

Julie Harper, Stephen McLoughlin and James Turner have everything ready to go for the Connor Big Sing. Music recordings and scores have been sent out to participants and they have a wonderful team of helpers working with them. If you are a singer or a musician who would like to take part please book your place at www.lisburncathedral.org/bigsing24





LISBURN CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
10AM - 2.30PM



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Sam Wright

A staged production of Handel's Messiah featuring professional Northern Irish musicians comes to Lisburn Cathedral 23rd November 2024



In this unusual production of Handel's Messiah the church as a setting is key. The twelve professional singers play characters from everyday life who find themselves in this sacred place. They do not know each other and they have their own reasons for being there but each is in search of something – consolation, affirmation, forgiveness, direction. Some of them carry the concept of a Messiah in their hearts; some lack that and may feel an absence; some are not religious at all.

As they sing through this traditional work, they engage with each other and themselves, ultimately experiencing the transformation from need and despair to understanding and hope.

This production was created in the UK in 2011 by the Merry Opera Company. It has been brought back by request almost every year since. Audiences report that it gives Handel's Messiah 'new meaning', 'new invigoration'. For this year's tour, half the professional cast and the organist are Northern Irish musicians. The MOC is grateful to Ulster Touring Opera and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council for financial support.

We are looking forward to hosting a performance of Handel's Messiah at 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd November in Lisburn Cathedral.

Tickets (£20 for adults, £10 for under 16s) are available through www.merryopera.com or by phone 03336 664466. A proportion of the proceeds will go to the Cathedral.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

MERRY OPERA'S DRAMATIC STAGING
17TH REVIVAL SEASON

Seen by more than 14,600 people

**"Breath-taking; thought-
provoking; inspiring"**

**"That was the Messiah I have
waited all my life to see"**



LISBURN CATHEDRAL

Saturday November 23rd 2024

7.30pm

24a Castle St

Lisburn

BT27 4XD

£20

£10 Under 16s

Box Office: www.merryopera.co.uk

Telephone: 03336 664 466



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ABAANA NEW LIFE CHOIR

Jill Lester

The Abaana New Life Choir tour covered 5 months, 66 concerts, over 500 host families and thousands of satisfied concert attendees! The tour raised over 500 new sponsors and enough donations to start the building of a new school in either Kadoki or Kachango, both villages in the east of Uganda. The children have now returned home where they are all settling into school and getting used to the formality of lessons after the excitement of being on tour.

The children had some wonderful experiences while they were here, including auditioning for Britain's Got Talent, although sadly they were not successful in being picked to appear on the show. As well as the 66 churches where the choir performed they sang in York Minister (sadly not a concert venue!), on The Giants Causeway, Lisburn Library and in fact anywhere they happened to be they happily

burst into song! They brought smiles and laughter to every venue and they left many happy memories with many churches.

Thank you to everyone who attended the concerts, made a donation, hosted the children or helped in anyway during the visit to Lisburn Cathedral.

Thank you,
Jill Lester



FIRST AID REMINDER

Select Vestry

Our First Aid kits are in place in easy access positions. There is one at the **back of church in the coffee room** at the wooden double doors. There is also one in the **Kitchen of the Hall beside the fridge**.

Can we kindly ask if anyone uses any items out of these that you notify Angela Montgomery in the office so that items can be replaced. This will ensure they will always be fully equipped and ready for any emergency.



LOCATED IN CHURCH



LOCATED IN HALL KITCHEN

There is an Accident /Incident reporting form which covers all age groups. These can be found beside the first aid kits and completed as necessary and returned to Angela in the office.

All Accidents or Incidents should be reported to whoever is in charge at the particular time. It is important as far as possible to complete these at/or as near to the time of the accident/incident.

It is particularly relevant to obtain all details of the injured person at the time as they may not always be known to us as they could be visiting.

Thank you for everyone's help with this.

**Upcoming Training Date:
Evacuation Procedures and Fire Warden
Duties - Wednesday 2nd October 7.30pm
in Church**

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.

HARVEST COLLECTION Lisburn foodbank

There will be an opportunity to
donate items to the Foodbank
Harvest appeal

More details to follow
in church



FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

6th April - Robert Prentice

8th May - Mary Kinnin

14th May - Robert Gibson

7th June - Ivy Bell

Baptism

31st March | Michelle Bradley

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The office hours are 9.30am-1pm
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