



Lisburn Cathedral



Featured Stories

Holy Week

**New Youth Ministry
Co-ordinator**

**South Lisburn
Community Church**



Lisburn Cathedral

CONTENTS

- P.2-3 Holy Week**
- P.4 Easter Trail & BBQ**
- P.5 New Appointment & Home Groups**
- P.6. Mothers' Union**
- P.7 Men's Fellowship**
- P.8-9 Cameo**
- P.10. Sunday Night Youth**
- P.11. Mums & Tots/
Nimble Fingers**
- P.12 Connor Big Run**
- P.13 That's rubbish!**
- P.14. Concert**
- P.15. Update from Treasurer**
- P.16-17 South Lisburn Community Church**
- P.18. European Heritage Open Day & Thank you**
- P.19 Pastoral Info**
- P.20 Contacts**

HOLY WEEK

As Holy Week draws near, the time when we celebrate and give thanks for the Love of God displayed for us on the cross, this year we wanted to provide a number of ways for our Church family to be involved in reflecting on and sharing the good news of Easter.

At the heart of this holy week we want to do two things, firstly to create space to set time aside in our lives to allow the message of Easter to impact us in a fresh way and secondly to use holy week as a missional opportunity to reach out to others in our lives who don't know Jesus. This holy week we've provided a variety of ways to get involved practically alongside various opportunities to invite others in your life along to also hear the good news of Jesus.

Our prayer is that this holy week your faith would be revitalised and others would come to know and follow Jesus for the first time. You are very warmly invited along to all that is taking place this holy week!

Lee Boal

HOLY WEEK

LISBURN CATHEDRAL & SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WED

16

APRIL

KIDS CLUB 11AM-1PM

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

DOOR TO DOOR

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER 7.30PM

LISBURN CATHEDRAL

THURS

17

APRIL

KIDS CLUB 11AM-1PM

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

DOOR TO DOOR, MENS TEAM & BBQ 1PM

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

HOLY WEEK SERVICE 7.30PM

LARGYMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY

18

APRIL

WALK OF WITNESS

LISBURN CITY CENTRE

EASTER TREASURE TRAIL & BBQ 2PM-4PM

LISBURN CATHEDRAL & CASTLE GARDENS

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7PM

LISBURN CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY

20

APRIL

EASTER COMMUNION 9.30AM

WITH BISHOP KEN CLARKE

EASTER FAMILY CELEBRATION 11AM

WITH BISHOP KEN CLARKE

FOLLOWED BY ICE CREAM

LISBURN CATHEDRAL

7PM



Lisburn Cathedral

South Lisburn
Community Church



EASTER TREASURE TRAIL & BBQ

**FRIDAY 18TH APRIL
2PM-4PM**



**LISBURN CATHEDRAL & CASTLE GARDENS
EVERYONE WELCOME**



NEW YOUTH MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR

Hi! I'm Laura Kilpatrick, born and bred in Lisburn, and currently finishing a Masters in Christian Studies at Regent College, Vancouver. I worked at Lisburn Cathedral previously part-time in youth, and I'm excited to return!

Taking time out to study Scripture and Theology has been instrumental in shaping my faith and in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I'm looking forward to returning home and getting started in both Lisburn Cathedral and South Lisburn Community Church in September!



CATHEDRAL HOME GROUPS



Have you ever thought about joining a Lisburn Cathedral Homegroup?

Why not come along and try one for the Summer 2025 term?

Homegroups recommence w/c Monday 28 April

For more details please speak to Bill and Karen Welsh or Lee Boal

MOTHERS' UNION

Christine Mitchell



The Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse campaign is part of the Mothers' Union's ongoing commitment to support and strengthen communities and families. Our branch at Lisburn Cathedral has been actively participating in this initiative by joining in with the effort to raise awareness and decrease incidents of domestic abuse. We are focused on implementing simple steps that scale up to create churches that are informed and able to support members and the wider community to combat domestic abuse.

Our branch recently had the privilege of hosting an insightful and engaging talk on mental health, organised by Billy Moore and presented by John Campbell. We are looking forward to another session scheduled for November.

In February our monthly meeting coincided with Katy Leach's 70th birthday! We celebrated with a party for her which included a game of pass the parcel designed by Katy, complete with some interesting tasks for each person when it stopped with them. There was also a quiz, and of course birthday cake! We promised the same treatment for anyone having a

birthday with an '0' in it which falls on the same day as a Mothers' Union meeting!



MEETINGS ARE IN THE MINOR HALL AT 2.30PM ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

(CHANGING FROM THIRD TO FIRST MONDAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2025)

MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

Annabella Hayes (founder of the Mother's Union in Ireland) presentation.

MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER

Collection of nightwear for women and children for donation to Women's Aid.

Quiz

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Mental Health presentation organised by Billy Moore

MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Christmas Event

Mothers' Union is about Christian care for families and membership is open to every family member, women and men! If you'd like more information please speak to Christine or email christinemitchell399@gmail.com



Lisburn Cathedral Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship Call to Action: Serve, Lead, Impact on Thursday 17 April 2025

This Easter Season, we have a special opportunity to step up, serve and make a real impact in our community. South Lisburn Community Church is organising a pre-Easter Outreach in Largymore Primary School on Thursday 17 April 2025 and we need your help to make it an unforgettable event for children, parents and visitors.

This will be hands-on practical service – setting up, cooking, stewarding and even painting – an opportunity to show Christ's love through action while sharing fellowship and having fun together

- Set up and Take Down Crew – Gazebos, tables and chairs – morning and afternoon
- BBQ Masters – grill and serve delicious sausages and burgers at lunchtime
- Games Stewards – keep the kids safe in the playground – lunchtime
- Fence Painters – freshen up the school's boundary – morning
- Car Park team – help in the evening for the worship service

Please let Simon (simon@sellarslegal.com) or Keith (kr.gardiner@btinternet.com) know if you are available to volunteer and what you would like to help with.

Men's Fellowship Boardwalk and BBQ -bring the whole family Saturday 7 June 2025

Please mark in your diaries and plan to join us for an unforgettable Saturday afternoon adventure on 7 June 2025 as we take in breathtaking views from the top of Divis Mountain – a scenic boardwalk that's perfect for all fitness levels. Then in the evening, we will gather for a BBQ feast, laughter and connection – hosted by Sam and Silvana Shaw.

Please note, this event is not just for men but for everyone in the Cathedral.

FIRST AID

On Saturday 8th February, twelve people from the Cathedral attended 'Emergency First Aid' Training and have received a certificate. It was a very informative training course from Avonmore.

Just a reminder, we have a First Aid Kit in the Coffee Room and another First Aid Kit located in the Hall Kitchen.



CAMEO

Michael & Evelyn McCune

Thursday the 19th December was our annual Cameo Christmas Dinner. We started with morning coffee and shortbread followed by a very meaningful communion service led by Rev. Lee Boal.

Afterwards, a full Christmas dinner was served to around sixty people, followed by a selection of deserts, tea and coffee.

Our Entertainment was provided by Stephen McLoughlin with a lovely programme of Christmas music.

Many thanks to everyone involved for all their hard work in putting on such a big event.



Cameo resumed again in January 2025.

In terms of visiting speakers we had representatives from two missionary societies.

Chris Mathison from Mission Aviation Fellowship gave a very interesting talk on various aspects of their work.

We also had Claire Bain join us to share about her work in Romania with Child Evangelism Fellowship.



At end of February, we had a sing-a-long, led by one of our parishioners Frank McClintock .

In mid March we had a Saint Patrick theme Cameo with an Irish Stew lunch followed by a talk by Canon Will Murphy. Both the food and Will's entertaining talk were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

One of our long standing Cameo members, May McClure celebrated her 90th birthday in February. May was christened in Lisburn Cathedral and has worshiped there all her life. How special is that! Here she is looking great.



On a sadder note, Molly Williamson passed away peacefully in early February. She had reached the wonderful age of 101. Molly is sadly missed and very fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Cameo starts up again after the Easter break on the 1st May 2025 at 2.30pm in the Church Hall when our speaker will be Miriam Hull.

If you haven't been to Cameo before, you are welcome to join us anytime.



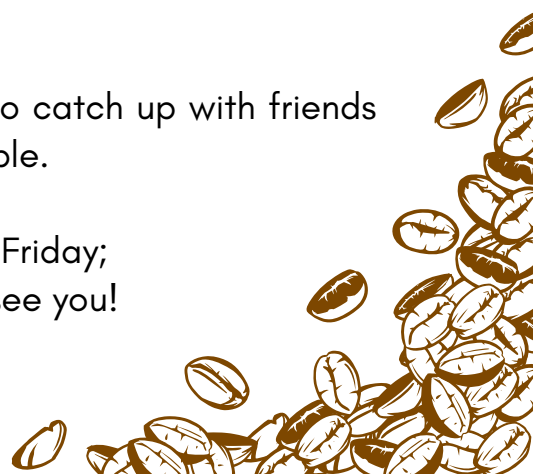
COFFEE ROOM



The coffee room is open every Friday morning from 10am to 1pm, serving up delicious teas, coffees, scones, cake, and traybakes.

It's a great spot to catch up with friends or meet new people.

Come join us any Friday;
we can't wait to see you!



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
8.15pm-9.15pm:
Fifth year and above
Small Group

SESSIONS 2025

APRIL 6TH	SNY
APRIL 13TH	SNY - SMALL GROUP
APRIL 20TH	EASTER BREAK
APRIL 27TH	EASTER BREAK
MAY 4TH	EASTER BREAK
MAY 11TH	SNY
MAY 18TH	SNY
MAY 25TH	WORSHIP & PRAYER
JUNE 1ST	END OF YEAR OUTING
JUNE 23RD	GATHER-CONNOR DIOCESE YOUTH EVENT



MUMS & TOTS
at Lisburn Cathedral




WEDNESDAYS 10AM - 11.30AM
OFF: 16TH & 23RD APRIL
STARTS BACK ON 30TH APRIL UNTIL
11TH JUNE
AFTER SUMMER BREAK, BACK ON 10TH SEPT



Nimble Fingers

Dates for 2025
April 11th and 25th
May 9th and 23rd
June 13th and 27th
Closed over summer...
Starts back on September 12th
Cathedral Hall, 10am to 12 noon

CONNOR BIG RUN

CONNOR BIG RUN

Stephen McLoughlin and his friends are embarking on a remarkable journey, running nearly 200 miles around the perimeter of the Diocese of Connor to raise funds for the renovation of Lisburn Cathedral Church Hall. This endeavor not only highlights their commitment to their cause but also showcases Stephen's incredible spirit and resilience. Despite being partially sighted, Stephen turned to running as an alternative means of transport after giving up his driving licence, and has since participated in marathons in major cities like London, Dublin, and Belfast, raising funds for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB). This perimeter run marks his first endurance event, underscoring his dedication and determination.

Support Stephen at:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stephen-mcloughlin-1?utm_term=aZ2rEYGdW



12th - 15th April 2025

facebook: Connor Big Run

THAT'S RUBBISH!

Sarah Sellars

Picture yourself somewhere scenic. Maybe you're marvelling at sunset in the mountains, watching kids play in the breakers while you have a cuppa and a (sandy) snack on the dunes, or appreciating the birdsong on a walk through a forest?

Well, savour that moment ... before a crisp bag or a paper napkin blows past. Or you spot a plastic cup, a glass bottle or a half empty can peeping out of the undergrowth. Yuk.

In Genesis we learn that God created human beings to be like Himself, blessed them, and put them in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. We've been asked to look after this earth.

As insignificant as it may seem, dropping litter shows a lack of care for the world in which we live. It can cause injury to others or to animals (eg. glass bottles) and most of it will not break down or rot away (eg. glass, plastics, textiles). In fact, a large amount of it

is washed or blown into ditches and canals, travelling into lakes, rivers and the sea, causing harm to marine life too.

At the end of the creation story, Genesis 1:31 records that *"God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased."*

Would He feel like that about the places we're living in? Probably not. But we could show God just how grateful we are for the land we live in. Let's take action to:

- Dispose of our own litter responsibly when out and about. This might involve taking it home with us if available bins are overflowing – not uncommon at a beauty spot in summer;
- Pick up litter regularly. Try to remember to take a bag (and some sanitiser or gloves) when out for a walk so that we can take litter home with us;
- Report fly-tipping or other littering problems to the Council <https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/reportit>





SAVE THE DATE!



CONCERT

IN AID OF CHURCH
HALL RENOVATION

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025

3 P M

LISBURN CATHEDRAL



**FEATURING MUSIC AND
SONG BY**

Jenny Bourke - Voice

Hayley Howe - Violin and Voice

Frasier Hickland - Piano

Tickets - £10.00

For further information please
contact Hayley on 07814434265

or email

hayleyhowe21@btinternet.com



UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Richard Thompson

The approach to Easter can mean many things to people, Lent and a time of reflection, giving up chocolate, or as it has been in our house for many years; Year End accounts, as the race to get the annual accounts finalised, signed and printed, before the Annual Easter Vestry ensues.

Reviewing 2024, we find ourselves in a positive position which at the headline level can appear a lot more substantial than the details actually reflect. You will of course be able to see the full details when the accounts are published in April, where we have a small surplus in our unrestricted funds.

The big numbers relate to these key areas of activity that we are managing funds for:

The Church Hall

Throughout 2023 and 2024 we have been talking about work in the hall. The windows were swapped out with support from Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and since then we've been building up the funds to be able to start work on more substantial repairs and renovations.

So far, we've raised about £100,000 of the £500,000 needed and spent around £35,000 on the windows. Positive responses to the January sermon series have led to an increase in regular contributions towards the hall work, our youth work and FWO. Various fund raising events like the recent quiz have further increased the income.



As this continues, the new Vestry will be in a sound position to consider how to push ahead with this work and may look at options to break it into more manageable work packages.

South Lisburn

In parallel, we continue to work in partnership with the Council and Resurgam Trust to develop a community facility in Hillhall and the funds to support this are safely ring fenced.

Youth Work

Finally, as you will have heard, our new Youth Work Co-Ordinator has now been appointed and will start later in the year. Donations to ensure we can finance this additional full-time staff position have been a great encouragement to the Select Vestry and Staff team and ongoing support for this position will ensure we can continue to support this vital area of work, both in the Cathedral and at South Lisburn Community Church.

As ever, if you have queries on church finance, one off gifts or regular giving, please do not hesitate to get in touch, either in person, or by e-mail to: treasurer@lisburncathedral.org

Richard Thompson
0758-457-2141
Hon. Treasurer, Lisburn Cathedral

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH UPDATE

Hello from everyone at SLCC!

The beginning of 2025 has been a busy one at SLCC. In February we started Who Let The Dads Out again and it was good to connect with the dads and kids who came along. We will look to run this again later in the year.



Every 8 weeks Pete has been continuing his pioneer training in Sheffield with Church Army, from May this year until next May training will be taking place in Dublin at CITI. It's been really beneficial to meet with others across the UK and Ireland who are looking to plant fresh expressions of church or new church communities.

Since January, on Sundays we have been doing a sermon series on spiritual disciplines and spiritual gifts.

Our All-In service fell on Mother's Day this year and we had an afternoon tea and some plants for the women in the congregation. The All-In has been a great platform to meet the extended family and friends of our congregation and to connect with those who are not yet attending church.

We are beginning a daytime Alpha in May so please do pray that whoever comes to that will really engage with it.

Transforming Lives For Good has continued to be a really great programme for the School and for us. We have a new coach onboard which is amazing and another coach going through training. Many of our youth group are young people who we first connected with in TLG. Please pray for the kids we are working with as many of them need a lot of support as they prepare for secondary school in September.

Stronger together is starting up again in April and it's to engage our community in getting outdoors and connecting together through a walk or jog! We are delighted that Caroline (a new parishioner) and Hazel will be coordinating this for us this year.

Our youth group continues to meet for drop-in every Wednesday and every other Friday evening – this group of young people are fantastic to work with and getting to know them is such a joy. As we introduce them to discussions about faith, keep Lauren in your prayers as she leads this ministry.



Erin continues to lead and coordinate our worship with the worship team growing and playing once a month. We also thank Rachel, Ian, Blair and Beth for coming down to lead us in worship too. Erin has been running worship jam sessions to allow folk to explore playing worship songs in a relaxed environment. If you would like to get involved, do contact Erin.

As we look to Easter, we hope to make more connections with folk in the community around us. We know there are

so many in need, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Keep praying that God would continue to open people's hearts to Him and that we would see His Kingdom come.

For Easter Serve we are running a kids club in Largymore School on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th April along with handing out pot plants and offering prayer door to door. A family BBQ on Thursday and a service on Thursday evening with guest speaker Ste Fitzgerald from the centre of mission on the Shankill Road. Ste has a real gifting in evangelism and we look forward to having him along.

Here are a few of the normal weekly get togethers at SLCC. You would be so welcome along any time.

Tuesday 7:30pm Youth Centre – Bible Study (Alternate weeks – opposite to home groups)
Last Tuesday in the month – Prayer Night 7:30pm–8:30pm
Wednesday 10:30am–12.30pm Youth Centre – Chit Chat Cafe
1st Friday of the month – Youth Centre – Prayer Day (10am–4pm)
Sundays at 11:30am – SLCC at Largymore Primary and Sunday Club.

We continue to thank you for all your support, we are so thankful for our Lisburn Cathedral family enabling and encouraging us in this ministry.

Pete, Donna, Jayne & Steve

EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2025



A BIG THANK YOU!

I would like to give a BIG thank you to all my wonderful church family who took care of me after my knee replacement surgery a few months ago. It is impossible to name everybody, but I literally couldn't have managed without their help!

Also, thank you so much to the Mothers' Union, and particularly Christine and Rae for organising a lovely tea party for my big birthday last month.

I am truly blessed,
Katy Leach

PASTORAL INFO

New to Lisburn ?

Welcome to Lisburn Cathedral. It gives us great joy to welcome new people to worship. It is our desire to provide a caring worshipping community where through teaching and prayer we grow and mature as Christians who know Christ and learn to follow him as our personal Lord and Saviour.

Registration

Then following prayerful consideration, if you decide the Lord is calling you to commit to worshipping regularly in the Cathedral, the registration forms will enable you become members of the church. These forms can also be filled out should you have moved house. We can only store information with the consent of those who are registered members and this information enables us to serve the needs of our members more effectively. Registration forms are available for download on our website, and printed copies are available in the porch of the Cathedral. If you need any assistance accessing these please contact our Administrator by phone or email.

Weddings

Christian Marriage is the most important decision any couple can make together. All couples are asked to attend Church each week, attend the Marriage Preparation Course and uphold Christian standards as they prepare for their Marriage.

All dates should be checked with the Dean before booking with hotels as the staff and Cathedral may not be available for specific dates. A Wedding Information sheet will be provided to couples, which should be returned to the clergy, before a firm booking is taken.

Baptism

What a joy it is to welcome the children of believing Christians into the fellowship of Lisburn Cathedral through baptism. The Clergy should be contacted to provide the parents with the 'Baptism at Lisburn Cathedral' leaflet. You can download this leaflet from our website: **lisburncathedral.org/family-celebrations**

Once parents have read this information they may decide to bring their baby for baptism or thanksgiving service. Both parents should be regular attenders at Lisburn Cathedral and have the clear intention of bringing up their child in the fellowship of the Christian Church.

The purpose of our Children's Ministry in the Cathedral is for all children to have the opportunity to come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Funerals

Please notify clergy or staff immediately upon serious illness or death of parishioners for support and guidance. The Clergy should always be consulted before any funeral plans or times are arranged.

Hospital & Nursing Home admissions

We are no longer automatically informed about admissions by hospital chaplains, so we would value your help in keeping us up to date with parishioners who are unwell or in hospital.

When Clergy are informed of church members in hospitals and nursing homes they would be pleased to visit them.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

Billy Andrews | 3rd April 2025

OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open:
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9.30am – 1.30pm

Easter holidays

The office will close at 1pm on Thursday
17th April and reopens at 9.30am on
Tuesday 29th April 2025

Lee Boal will be off from Monday 28th
April until Monday 5th May (inclusive).
Pete Meenagh will be providing pastoral
cover while Lee is off.



Lisburn Cathedral

CONTACTS

Curate

Rev. Lee Boal

82 Thornleigh Drive

T: 07738174134

E: lee.boal@lisburncathedral.org

Lee's day off is Monday

Pioneer Evangelist

(South Lisburn Community Church)

Rev Pete Meenagh

T: 07812724244

E: pete@lisburncathedral.org

Hon Secretary

Mrs Jill Lester

E: jilllester01@gmail.com

Hon Treasurer

Mr Richard Thompson

T: 9266 7059

E: treasurer@lisburncathedral.org

Church Wardens

Mrs Julie Harper

E: julieannharper@btinternet.com

Mr David Davidson

T: 07522337665

E: dav.dav1946@gmail.com

Administrator

Angela Montgomery

T: 92602400

E: angela.montgomery@lisburncathedral.org