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**HOLY WEEK
PLANS**

**FAREWELL TO
LEE, BETH & OLLIE**

**SOUTH SUDAN
TRIP**



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DEAN'S LETTER

PAID IN FULL

When I and others from the Cathedral went to visit the Christians Against Poverty headquarters in England we were regularly interrupted by a loud bell ring across the busy workspace. Everyone would instantly stop what they were doing to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord as the bell ringing signified that another person somewhere in the UK had been declared debt free. With the help of the CAP team the crippling debt they had was now "Paid in Full", their years of struggling were "Finished" and they were "Freed from Debt."

When Jesus shouted out his last words as he died on the cross: "It is Finished", he was declaring with a triumphant shout, that he was paying in full the debt of sin for all mankind. Then on Easter Sunday, his resurrection proved that the sacrifice of his life for our sins had been acceptable to God. In other words his sacrificial death fully paid the price for our sinfulness, by his death the debt our sins amassed were "Paid in Full."

It is little wonder then that from the earliest days of the church, Christians have wanted to tell everyone the good news: anyone who trusted that Jesus had taken the punishment for their sins when he died would have their sins forgiven and be guaranteed eternal life.

“Everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name,” they said. “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” They passionately told others this news, because they personally knew it was true.

Everyone who is declared debt free by CAP has recognised that they needed assistance from someone else to help them. It has taken courage on their part to seek that help, but as the bell rings for them, their willingness to pick up the phone and call 0800 3280 006 has brought them a freedom from worry and sleepless nights that they could barely imagine.

If you need the assistance of Christians Against Poverty please do call them and ask for their help with your debts.

When Jesus agonisingly and triumphantly shouted out “It is Finished” the debts of all who believe in Him were paid in full to almighty God. Jesus sacrifice on the cross paid the full cost of your sins and mine.

It is through his death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Day that we can know our sins are buried with him and in Jesus we are born again to new life. Paul describes God’s great



love for us in this way: “But God was merciful! We were dead because of our sins, but God loved us so much he made us alive with Christ, and God's gift of undeserved grace is what saves you.” ***Ephesians 2:4-5***

This Easter just like those believers in the early church we should be reaching out to others to tell them about the hope, peace and new life, that Jesus offers to the world. For he alone offers freedom from sin and new life to all who put their trust in him as Lord.

We wish you all, great joy and happiness this Easter.

Sam & Paula



LISBURN CATHEDRAL

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: PRAYER & WORSHIP

SUNDAY

29

MARCH

Palm Sunday services

9.30am & 11am

THURS

2

APRIL

Journey to the Cross

10am - 12pm

2pm - 4pm

MONDAY

30

MARCH

Mothers' Union afternoon Holy Communion

2.30pm

Maundy Thursday Worship

Largymore Primary School 7.30pm

TUESDAY

31

MARCH

Journey to the Cross Prayer stations 7pm-9pm

If weather permits the Cathedral Prayer Garden is also available

FRIDAY

3

APRIL

Good Friday:

Journey to the Cross 10am - 12pm

Walk of Witness

Speaker: Sam Wright 12.30pm

Prayer Walk 2pm

Tenebrae service 7.30pm

An opportunity to sit quietly and reflect on the story of the Passion

WED

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APRIL

Journey to the Cross Prayer stations

10am - 12pm

2pm - 4pm

Holy Week

Worship:

John 12-14

7.30pm

SUNDAY

5

APRIL

Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am

Easter Sunday

Celebration

& Communion 11am

BAPTISMS

On Sunday 1st March Lillie McLoughlin & Joel Sellars were baptised in the Cathedral. It was an amazing Sunday. Both shared their story of faith before they were baptised. It was a very special morning!



CONFIRMATIONS

On Sunday 15th March Lillie and Joel will be joined by 10 others; Harry Clarke, Lauryn Harper, Lucie Harper, Beth Johnston, Grace Johnston, Molly McKeague, William McKeague, Molly Williamson, Jonah Wright and Summer Wright for their confirmation of faith in the Lord Jesus. Bishop George Davison will lead the service and will pray for each person individually that they would “daily increase in the Holy Spirit.” The celebrations will continue in the hall afterwards with food and photos to mark the special evening! Please continue to pray for these young people that they continue to grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

HOME GROUPS

Have you ever thought about joining a Lisburn Cathedral Homegroup?

Why not come along and try one for the Summer 2026 term? Homegroups recommence w/c Monday 13th April

We are continuing to work through the Lord's Prayer using materials from the 24-7 Prayer course created by Pete Greig.

For more details please speak to Bill and Karen Welsh or Sam

Home Groups



Hunger to **know** God

Passion to **serve** Him

Boldness to **share** Him

GOODBYE FROM LEE

It was a very emotional Sunday a few weeks ago to announce that we will be moving in June as I take on a new role of Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of St John's Orangefield. I simply want to say thank you to each and everyone of you! I could not have asked or prayed for a greater group of people to learn the ropes of ministry as Curate.

So many of you have been consistently encouraging, kind and thoughtful, you have modelled what it means to be a Church who genuinely hunger to know the Lord better and to faithfully serve him and make him known.

I will always deeply cherish every moment of time spent here; from visiting in homes, countless coffee catchups, to co-leading Alpha courses and youth, to spending time with folk in Cameo and being fed their lovely traybakes. To our home group as we've journeyed together throughout the year, to watching South Lisburn Community Church blossom and flourish over the past few years and welcome people into the kingdom. To our dedicated group of prayer warriors on Wednesday nights and most recently Friday morning, to getting to work with the best staff team - a group of people who love the Lord deeply, who are passionate about seeing his kingdom come and with whom we have shared much laughter and joy even in the midst of difficult ministry times.

There is just too much to mention here about what has been so precious about



the past three years. So thank you to each and every one of you - I will never forget the blessing of my first three years of ministry here, we will never forget how you have all so warmly and kindly welcomed Ollie into the Church family (we know he's the one you'll really miss!) and all I can really say is please keep going after Jesus in your own lives and as his Church, he is an incredible Saviour and he always has more for us in what he wants to reveal to us and how he wants to use us.

I want to echo Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesus found in Ephesians 3:16-19 as my prayer for you as a Church as you step forward into the future and all the wonderful things God will have for you: *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*We would love to see you at our **Service of Introduction 7pm Thursday 4 June at Orangefield.***

Bless you all, Lee, Beth and Ollie

SAFEGUARDING IN CHURCHES IS A MISSION IMPERATIVE

Safeguarding practice in churches is once again under the media and public spotlight. Recent disclosures have revealed broken trust in relation to the care and protection of children and vulnerable adults. As a result, much pain and anger has surfaced.

Tragically, this is not a new development but the latest in a long line of failures by the church in recent decades. In his timely booklet published in 2024 entitled "Safeguarding as Mission", Justin Humphries explores both positive and negative views on safeguarding practices. Ultimately he views safeguarding as a matter of justice and that, as Christians, we are called upon to be both salt (a preserver of morality, justice and social consequence) and light (an illuminator of things hidden in darkness).

When safeguarding is seen as an integral part of our mission, it becomes an important matter that rises to the top of our priorities list. Protection of the vulnerable and providing safe and secure spaces in the church for them becomes foundational to our whole mission.

The legally required policies and structures provided by the Church of Ireland are constantly being updated, and procedures have to change to keep

up with the latest learning on policies and best practices. While these updates and changes can be challenging to complete and to comply with, we urge all working with under 18's to view safeguarding as an essential part of our mission as a church.

It is essential that all staff and volunteers complete vetting via Access NI. Once this has been done each person will directly receive a vetting certificate - please make sure you return this certificate to our Cathedral Administrator, Angela Montgomery in the office. Without this information we will not know who has been vetted.

All staff and volunteers are also required to complete Safeguarding Training, our diocese provides this regularly and it should be undertaken at the first opportunity to do so following the completion of Access NI vetting.

Further information can be found online <https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/access-ni/>

The next Safeguarding Training for staff/volunteers in Lisburn is on **Thursday 16th April at Christ Church, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn.**

Lisburn Cathedral Safeguarding Panel Members: Sharon Creighton, Bill Welsh & Sam Wright.

SOUTH LISBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas

We had a fantastic lead-up to Christmas, filled with meaningful moments in the life of our church and wider community. From the Christmas light switch-on in Hillhall to Carols in the Highway, with Lee, Stephen McLoughlin and Aaron Graham leading us with some awesome music, it was genuinely our best one yet, with dozens of people joining us. Alongside this, we enjoyed a ladies' craft night, a Bible study dinner, our carol service, and an All-In Christmas nativity followed by wonderful food. It was a joyful and memorable season for us all.

New People

Since January at SLCC, we've been encouraged to welcome a number of new people to church with some of them only coming to faith recently. Many have come along because someone simply shared a bit of their story of faith and extended an invitation to them. Our All-In services continue to make church more accessible, and we've also seen people come on their own, clearly sensing God drawing them. It has been such a privilege to witness.

Alpha Course

We recently began a six-week Alpha course with five people attending, many of whom are new to church. It has been

a valuable space for honest conversation, thoughtful questions, and exploring faith together in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Rhythms Sermon Series

We've also been journeying through a sermon series titled "Rhythms: Practices with Purpose – Following Jesus in a Hectic World." The series has focused on developing everyday spiritual practices that draw us closer to Jesus. We've explored rest; Word and Spirit; hospitality; community and confession; generosity; praise and gratitude; service; and witness, encouraging one another to build healthy, Christ-centred rhythms into daily life.

All-In

In February, our All-In service included an update from Pete on the building project, followed by a shared meal where everyone contributed food. It was a wonderful expression of the "Rhythms" we've been learning about particularly hospitality, community, and generosity as we put them into practice together.



Men's and Women's Ministry

Our men's and women's ministries continue to thrive. Some of the ladies attended the Encounter Conference and gained so much from the experience. We've also been holding men's breakfasts every two months, simple but meaningful gatherings where the men can sit, chat, laugh, and encourage one another. Though straightforward, these times together have proved deeply valuable.

Sunday Club

Sunday Club is going really well, with children learning more about Jesus and genuinely enjoying being part of the church family. Recently, one child made the decision to ask Jesus into his life, such an encouraging moment for everyone involved.

Children are such an important part of our church. Donna and Jayne do an incredible job leading Sunday Club (alongside their many other roles). They genuinely love and care for the children, and their dedication, along with that of all our Sunday Club volunteers, is deeply appreciated.

TLG

This year we have six coaches involved in TLG, and the programme continues to strengthen our positive relationship with the school. Our prayer is that it continues to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of the children who are being coached.



South Lisburn
Community Church

Hillhall Centre

We're pleased to share that progress is continuing with the building project. Planning permission has now been granted for the new building in Hillhall. A business plan has been developed, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is in place. Our aim is to establish a joint charitable limited company with Hillhall Regeneration Group called Hillhall Renewal Community Centre.

Who Let the Dads Out?

On 21st March, we will be running Who Let the Dads Out? again on a trial basis. If there is good uptake, we hope to make this a quarterly event. It provides a welcoming space where fathers and father figures can bring their children to play, enjoy food, connect with others, and hear a short, meaningful talk.

Easter

We're really looking forward to Easter. We'll be running a Kids' Club from Wednesday 1st - Thursday 2nd April (11am-1pm), followed by a Big Community BBQ on Thursday from 1pm-3pm. On Thursday evening, we'll gather in the school for a Maundy Thursday service at 7.30pm. Our practical team will also be serving the local area and school during this time.



Thankful

We are so thankful to God for all He is doing in our church community, and we're excited to see more lives impacted and transformed by Jesus. Thank you to everyone who faithfully serves, gives their time, prays, and supports all that we do. At times it can be challenging, but we serve a God who does amazing things, and it has been such an encouragement to see some of the fruit from the seeds that have been sown.

As always, thank you to the Cathedral, we simply couldn't do what we do without your support. Please continue to pray for the Hillhall area, that more people would come to know Jesus and grow in faith. Please also pray for all who come along to church, that they would encounter Him in a real and life-changing way.

Love and blessings,

Pete, Donna, Jayne and Steve



CONNECT YOUTH

Laura Kilpatrick

In Connect Youth, Drop-In continues every Wednesday in the youth centre in Hillhall. We have toast with Nutella and play lots of games of UNO, table tennis and darts. As part of drop-in, we also have a Year 11+ group who meet to discuss big life and faith questions, and we have been reading through the gospel of John together.

From January we have had some very fun nights at Connect Youth, which is on every other Friday night. We have done a wide range of different nights - including Baking Nights, Games Nights, a trip to the Leisureplex football pitches, and a visit from Salt Factory Sports. This is an organisation that partners with churches which delivers fun nights of exciting games and sports for young people. They also concluded the evening by sharing a testimony of the difference Christ makes in your life.



Salt Factory Sports night

Through these social nights, we hope to continue to build relationships with the young people, show Christ's love embodied and have lots of fun! We look forward to our big trip of the year to the Belfast Giants ice hockey game on Saturday 4th April!



As Connect Youth moves towards summer, we look forward to Summer Madness coming up at the end of the June and some fun summer plans to keep connected!



Baking night

DANCING THROUGH LIFE

Sheila Hughes

The hymn Lord Of The Dance by Sydney Carter tells the story of the Gospel in the first person voice of Jesus, portraying Jesus' life and mission as a dance.

'And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he'

I was born into a world of music and footlights. My father, Gerald Morrison, managed the Empire Theatre in Belfast, and my mother Phyllis had been a flying trapeze artist and was by then a singer and dancer.



Gerald Morrison & Phyllis Morrison



Sheila Hughes

I loved dancing more than anything, having been taught by the dancers in the theatre as I grew up. I became a professional dancer myself, joining the theatre dancing troupe the 'Glamourettes' during the Second World War. We danced in the theatre and often went out to entertain the troops.

Those were dark days but also days of great camaraderie. The memory resonates with the words of Ecclesiastes 3:4, that there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance". We danced because joy was needed.

My father brought in an Anglican minister and a Catholic priest every Monday to talk and pray with theatre artists and staff, I think we all felt closer to God in those days. He kept the theatre open every night, should there be only one or two people in the audience, it was so important for morale.

Through the years I performed in various shows, in later years running my own dancing classes and producing pantomimes for our previous church, St Patrick's in Jordanstown. The church hall would be filled with laughter and nervous young (and old) performers. I experienced how gifts flourish when offered back to God. "Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17), and I like to think dancing was mine.

**'Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.'**

Those words remind me that Christ

meets us everywhere, in theatres and church halls, in wartime and peace, leading us through the pattern of our days.

Looking back, I see that my Christianity was never separate from my dancing. It shone through it. Whether on a grand stage or a small church platform, the purpose was the same, to reflect light, to lift hearts, and to follow the rhythm of grace.

**I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.'**

HISTORY TALKS

Ken Gibson

Back in the autumn we indicated that we would have 3 new history talks this spring. We can now give dates and a bit of detail. Firstly the 3 different talks will be on Sunday afternoons **12th April, 10th May and 31st May at 2.30 pm** for an hour - put the dates in your diary.

While you might have attended some of our more general talks, this time we are focusing on some particularly interesting people and issues. Each talk will feature some of the different conundrums in our past - puzzles in our history, some of which we have solved and others we have not. For example, the photo of the small grave here and the suggestion that 6 and maybe 9 people are buried in it - what do you think? Come along to find out more.



A further example might be the linen industry connection with King William III - King Billy. Each different talk will also cover some of the characters from the past, including some new information that has come to hand and some detail on women from our history. Finally each talk will pick up on a few different conflicts from the past that involved Cathedral folk.

Tracey Carberry, Alison Fairley (our apprentice historians) and I look forward to sharing all this with you - booking not needed, just turn up and bring your friends.

SOUTH SUDAN TRIP

Jill Lester



Do you feel the call to serve God in overseas mission? Would you like to visit the church in Africa and learn what God is doing there? Could you befriend and encourage the church in South Sudan as they rebuild their lives after years of civil war?

We are organising a team from Lisburn Cathedral to travel to Yei in South Sudan in January 2027 (a slight postponement from the hoped for September 2026 date!) We will be working with the church, schools and vocational training centre in Yei as they return home from the refugee camps in Uganda.

If you would like to know more, or would be interested in joining the team, please get in touch at jilllester01@gmail.com or speak to me any Sunday.

The visit to Yei is facilitated by the Church Missionary Society Ireland (CMSI). Following the retirement of Jenny Smith as mission director, Linda Abwa has been appointed to the role. Linda has been working with the teams here in Lisburn Cathedral since 2015 and accompanied the team to Uganda in 2018.



2018 Lisburn Cathedral team

Linda has shared some thoughts on her new role and her partnership with Lisburn Cathedral.

Lisburn Cathedral was one of the very first parishes I ever engaged with when I first took up my Partnership Co-ordinator role with CMSI in 2015. I had been working with the church in Nigeria as an HIV nurse and health educator for twelve years before that and had just returned to Ballymena with my family.

I have such fond memories of meetings and fundraisers with Cathedral folks, and an amazing visit to your South Sudanese partners in exile in Uganda. CMSI almost always gets to welcome faithful Cathedral parishioners to our annual conference, and so, I come into my role as Mission Director now with a great fondness and appreciation of Lisburn Cathedral.

As Mission Director I look forward to meeting new people and parishes and seeing something come alive for them in mission.

In our often venerated world, deep treasures can come from being part of a global community where sometimes things don't look beautiful or sound successful. It's in those deep things that we find hope and community with each other that really heals us and makes our faith alive.



Linda

I'd love you at Lisburn Cathedral to be praying for me as I settle in to my new role. Please also pray for, and maybe think about whether you might be the right person, to come aboard the CMSI team to fill the role I've just left, or a new communications role. Keep your eye on our website and socials for updates and look expectantly for what God is doing through CMSI and our partners in the global church.

GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP

Monday Mornings in Christ Church Parish Hall

Links Counselling Service are passionate about creating community support and programmes based on community needs. They have created and delivered a vast range of mental health specific and coaching programmes, including a Grief and Loss programme that will run for six weeks from 20th April on Monday Mornings in the Church Hall at Christ Church Parish.

We are pleased to continue the mental wellbeing support we have offered in recent years through joining a partnership of three churches who will run this course. Numbers will be limited so if you or someone you know would benefit from six weeks coaching please contact me asap by email or phone to be signed up for this important support. My number is 07515775505 and email sam.wright@lisburncathedral.org.

'CALLED TO SERVE' VOCATIONS RETREAT

'Called to Serve' - a Vocations Retreat for anyone in Connor who is sensing the call of God to ministry (lay or ordained), will be held in Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone, on **Saturday March 28** from 10am-3pm, with guest speaker Bishop Ken Clarke.

Please contact Sam Wright in the first instance before booking through the Rev Peter Jones, Connor Vocations Director, on rectormossley@hotmail.com

LISBURN CATHEDRAL MOTHERS' UNION *Christine Mitchell*



AIR AMBULANCE NI

Alison Leckey, a Mothers' Union member of Eglantine Parish is also a volunteer speaker for the Air Ambulance NI (AANI), which is a registered charity. Alison kindly agreed to talk to our branch about the work of the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) which is operated by the AANI, and which works in partnership with the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS). It was a fascinating talk which captured everyone's interest, giving insight to true stories of life saving rescues. AANI provides the aviation and non-medical part of the service, and NIAS provides the medical staff and governance.

With two callouts on average per day the funding required to run the service is huge, so we were happy to have collected £215 at the meeting to present to Alison, pictured here with Branch Leader Christine.



TWIDDLE MUFFS

A twiddle muff is a knitted or crocheted tube, adorned with beads, ribbons, and buttons inside and out, designed to provide sensory stimulation for restless hands. Highly valued by medical staff, these comfort aids help reduce anxiety, increase tactile stimulation, and keep hands warm. Rather than pulling at dressings or drips Dementia patients

focus on twiddling with the bows, buttons and bells! With the help of the Cathedral Nimble Fingers group who did the knitting, and who also sewed on some very interesting decorations, the Mothers' Union has completed a batch of twiddle muffs to send out to local patients.

Along with this was the production of wash bags for patients admitted to the Lagan Valley Hospital unexpectedly, and without nearby relatives to provide basic personal care items.



Members of the Branch



Christine & Jennifer with the washbags



Plans to attend the 150th Anniversary Service of the Mothers' Union Christ Church Cathedral Dublin on Sunday 9th August are under way. Members of the branch will travel to Dublin by train for lunch followed by the service.

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

MONDAY 30TH MARCH

Holy Communion Service
(Cathedral) 2.30pm

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

Festival Service at St Anne's
Cathedral Belfast, 3.15pm

MONDAY 4TH MAY

AGM 2.30pm

MAY/JUNE: MU/ACTIVE LADIES

STARTS TUES 5TH MAY 7pm

MONDAY 1ST JUNE

Summer Outing 1pm

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST

150TH SERVICE & LUNCH DUBLIN

For more information please speak to
Christine or email
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**You're Invited – Two Opportunities to
Connect This Summer**

As we move into late spring and early summer, there are two great opportunities to gather, enjoy one another's company, and build community together. **Both events are open to everyone in the church family.**

1 Pot Luck Supper and Talk - Human worth in the face of Artificial Intelligence - Tuesday evening 19 May

We begin with a relaxed pot luck supper - bring a dish to share and enjoy good food and conversation together

Afterwards we will hear from Dr David Glass, Senior Lecturer in Computing, who will help us think through the opportunities and challenges Artificial Intelligence presents for our understanding of being human and how we can respond biblically.

This evening is being hosted jointly by FUEL and Home Groups. Whether you are already involved in a home group or not, this will be a welcoming evening to come along, meet others and join the conversation.

2 Church Picnic at Gosford Forest Park - Saturday 6 June

In June, we are heading outdoors for a relaxed church outing to Gosford Forest Park. Bring a picnic, bring a chair or a rug and come ready to enjoy free air and good company. There'll be games, a light-hearted quiz and the opportunity for a walk together for those who would like one

This is simply about enjoying one another's company — across ages and stages — in a relaxed and informal setting. Whether you're new to church or have been part of the fellowship for many years, this is a wonderful opportunity to deepen friendships and strengthen our sense of belonging.

We hope you'll join us for one — or both — and invite others to come along too.

LISBURN CATHEDRAL YOUTH

Laura Kilpatrick



Lisburn Cathedral Youth (LCY) have had a fun-filled start to 2026! We kicked off the year with “Taskmaster,” organised by Emily! We completed a wide range of crazy activities in teams - including building the 2nd tallest Weetibix tower (yes the 2nd tallest...), identifying who was speaking with a grape in their mouth and writing a song about our judge for the night, Lydia! It was a great night of fun to start off 2026!



From January in Sunday Night Youth, we have been doing a series on “Rhythms: Daily Habits in Following Christ,” where we have discussed rhythms or habits we can have in our lives to be with Jesus, become like him and do as he did. We also look forward to April when Made for More, an organisation that deliver workshops on mental health and faith, will be with us to deliver a series of workshops on anxiety.

This term, we restarted the long-awaited “Drop-In” in the coffee room on Fridays after school. This is for our young people to call in after school, play some boardgames and have some treats! This is a ministry we would love to grow as our young people can invite friends to join after school.

We also started Confirmation Classes this term on Thursday nights, with 12 candidates being confirmed on 15th March. It was a joy getting to walk alongside these young people as they made the decision to publicly affirm their faith. We went to Castlewella for our Confirmation Class Weekend which was a special time spent together! Our theme for the weekend was “Knowing God: God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit.” We engaged in lots of group discussions, learnt lots more about the Holy Spirit within Scripture, worshipped together & most importantly, created space to spend time with God. We also played LOTS of games, including “Secret Mission!” Thanks to everyone who was praying for us throughout the weekend & for our fab leaders who came along to help out.



This term, we also started “Serving Day,” where our youth group helps practically serve our church family. This may be helping with litter picking, helping clean someone’s home, gardening or decorating. This is a great opportunity for our young people to show the love of Jesus practically to our community and have some fun whilst doing it.



Our next Serving Day will be over Easter, where we will be doing some gardening at the Lisburn Assessment and Resource Centre on Wallace Avenue to support the work of Sensability, a charity which works to benefit adults with a severe learning difficulty.

As LCY moves towards summer, we look forward to Summer Madness coming up at the end of the June and some fun summer plans to keep connected. We also hope our young people will take on a Junior Leader role at our Holiday Bible Club in July!

Laura

NIMBLE FINGERS

Margaret Fullerton

Nimble Fingers has been exercising creativity over the last few meetings. We reused magazines to make coasters, small pots and bowls. Using pebbles and bits and pieces we made pebble pictures. The individual pictures reflected the interests of our members as you will see in the photo on the right. Future meetings will include Needle Felting, an Easter craft, Water Colour painting and Wet Felting. Our group has grown in size since Christmas and as a result we now meet in the main hall from 10am to 12 noon on the second and fourth Fridays in each month (usually)!



In May only, we will be meeting on the 3rd and 5th Fridays. The group is open to all and you will find us a very welcoming and friendly bunch. Refreshments and chat from 10am then the creative fun takes over.

If you would like to find out more please contact me via the church office or chat on Sundays.

KIDZONE

Andrea Beckett, Katy Gaston, Sarah Sellars, Vivienne Thompson

It's non-stop in the hall on Sunday mornings! Thanks to our volunteers, who share their faith with our kids in creative ways, we learn about God together through play, craft, prayer, games, small group time and storytelling.



*'God provides for our needs today,
like he provided manna for the
Israelites in the desert'*

Kidzone have been singing the Lord's Prayer this term. We're going to teach it to the rest of church as we know you'll enjoy it too!

We asked our Kidzoners what they enjoy about Sunday mornings, and they said:

- ♥ doing fun activities
- ♥ the crafts - making prayer diaries
- ♥ the food and treats
- ♥ how much we learn about
- ♥ making the Bible out of fig rolls and decorating them with icing
- ♥ singing songs to help remind us about the Bible
- ♥ telling each other stories when kids help out with the teaching

Thank you for continuing to pray for the kids ministry at the Cathedral. Join us in giving thanks for the fun we have; the openness of kids and leaders in talking about our faith in Jesus; and for the friendships that continue to grow. Please pray for our P7s as we enjoy a final term with them before they move up to Bible Class.



Kidzone DATES TO NOTE

MARCH - APRIL 2026

22/03 JOINT SERVICE AT 10.30AM

29/03 LINGA LONGA LUNCH

05/04 12/04 EASTER BREAK, NO KIDZONE



LINGA LONGA LUNCH - BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU TO CHURCH AND HAVE FUN HANGING OUT AFTER THE SERVICE WITH OTHER FAMILIES AND THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY



**Kidzone will take
a break on 5 & 12
April and restarts
on 19 April**

CAMEO

Michael & Evelyn McCune



Just a few photographs of our **Christmas Lunch** last December.



As usual we started off our morning with tea, coffee and shortbread followed by a Communion Service which was taken by Dean Sam and our Curate Lee.

A big thank you to the Cameo Team for setting up, and for decorating the Hall, and more importantly for clearing up at the end!!

January

Cameo resumed again in January 2026 and to date we have had visiting speakers from two Missionary Societies, the Reverend Mark Reid from Mission to Seafarers, and Heather Gracey from The Bible Society. Their presentations were interesting and very informative.

As a Cameo Group we do like to hear about, and support the work of various Missionary Societies.



Mark Reid

We also like to include Quizzes and Games in our programme which we enjoy very much .



*Games at
Cameo*



Cameo starts up again after the Easter break on **Thursday 9th April 2026.**

Please see below for our **Spring/Summer Programme**

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

Cameo Summer/Spring Programme 2026

9th April @ 2.30pm - Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen. A History talk by Kenny Gibson

23rd April @ 2.30pm - Shirley Carrington (Seymour Street Methodist Church)

7th May @ 2.30pm - Bringing Hope Beyond Bars. A Presentation by Prison Fellowship N.I.

21st May @ 2.30pm - Games

4th June @ 2.30pm -Waterdrops. Ronnie and Maggie Briggs

18th June - Summer Outing to The Secret Garden, Dundonald. Meeting in the Church Carpark at 11.30am. Bus leaves at 11.45am promptly

30th July @ 2.30pm - Afternoon Tea

Cameo resumes on Thursday 3rd September @ 2.30pm

PASTORAL INFORMATION

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

Baptisms

1st March 2026

Lillie McLoughlin & Joel Sellars

Funerals

14th December 25 | Stephen McIlwrath

15th December 25 | Valerie Dickson

17th December 25 | Iris Nicholl

8th January 26 | Brian Huss

OFFICE HOURS

The Church office is open:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

9.30am - 1.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The office will be closed from Tuesday 7th April and will reopen on Tuesday 14th April 2026.

Dean Sam Wright will be on leave from 3rd May until 9th May (inclusive).

Rev. Lee Boal will be on leave from Monday 13th April until Tuesday 21st April (inclusive)



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