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The Dean writes



Dear Parishioners and Friends

'Death is nothing at all'

These are the opening words of a poem, a meditation, a prayer written by The Reverend Canon Henry Scott-Holland, 1847-1918, Canon of Saint Paul's Cathedral, London. He included these words in a sermon on death, 'The King of Terrors', that he delivered in Saint Paul's Cathedral, London on Whitsunday 1910 while the body of King Edward VII was lying in state at Westminster.
The poem, written in the first person singular, are the words of a deceased person to

his/her family and friends. It contains words of encouragement and hope. It urges people not to forget their loved ones but to speak about them naturally and to remember the

times that they spent together.

'Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we always enjoyed together'.

The deceased person tells his/her family not to grieve needlessly. He/she is not far away; only in the next room; just around the corner; and all is well. 'Death is nothing at all'.

When I read those words recently I wondered how The Reverend Canon Henry Scott-Holland could have written such words. At first glance and at first hearing they look and sound insensitive. Everyone who has been bereaved – everyone who has watched death claim their loved ones – knows only too well that death is not a welcome visitor to any home. It takes from us someone whom we love.

Because of death we no longer see the familiar face or hear the familiar voice.

Death is something that we do not wish to encounter. Death is something that we cannot escape. It will come to each of us some day. The Reverend Canon Henry Scott-Holland was, perhaps, trying to paint a picture of what we'd like death to be, instead of something that wrecks and shatters lives. And there is good Christian theology in his words because for the person who has faith his/her loved one is not far away.

'He/she has gone to be with God and God is very near'.

As this edition of the Cathedral magazine shows many families from this parish and the wider community have faced bereavement in the past weeks and months. Each person/family will manage their grief in a different way.

No two people are alike in every way.

Some will shed tears; some will appear to be unconcerned, unmoved – but deep down they will be hurting very much. We, all, will carry our memories, our thanksgivings, for those whose example has encouraged us and whose witness has inspired us.

DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL
Death is nothing at all I have only slipped away into the next room
I am I and you are you
Whatever we were to each other that we are still Call me by my old familiar name Speak to me in the easy way you always used Put no difference into your tone Put no difference into your tone
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we always enjoyed together
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was
Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow in it
Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was
There is absolute unbroken continuity
What is death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner
All is well
Nothing is past: nothing is lost

Nothing is past; nothing is lost One brief moment and all will be as it was before How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!

Roymond Stewart

THE REVISION OF THE LIST OF REGISTERED VESTRYPERSONS

A meeting of the Select Vestry of The Parish of Templemore will be held in Cathedral House, No 1 St Columb's Court on TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.30 p.m. One of the items on the Agenda will be The Revision of the List of Registered Vestrypersons.

At the meeting the name of any parishioner who has died, or who has left the parish, during the year will be deleted and, hopefully, new names will be added. Any resident parishioner or accustomed member of the congregation who is eighteen years of age and over may have his/her name added to the List provided that he/she fulfils the following requirements.

Signs a declaration form that he/she is a member of The Church of Ireland. Is either a resident parishioner or an accustomed member of the congregation.

Q. What is the List of Registered Vestrypersons?

- A. The List of Registered Vestrypersons is the list of the names of parishioners and of people who are accustomed members of the congregation, ie. people who 'belong' to the parish but who live outside of the parish boundaries. It is from this list that people are appointed and elected at the meeting of The General Vestry, ie. The Annual Meeting of the Parish, held usually after Easter, to serve as churchwardens, glebewardens and members of the Select Vestry.
- Q. To what will I be committing myself if I sign the Declaration Form?
- A. By having your name on the list you will be doing two things.
 - (1) You will be entitled to nominate, and elect, parishioners to various offices, and
 - (2) you will be able if you wish to be nominated for office yourself.
 - If you have never signed a Declaration Form, or have forgotten that you signed many, many years ago, we can check the List for you.

CONFIRMATION 2025

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on SUNDAY 8th JUNE 2025 (11.00 am) to administer The Rite of Confirmation.

Parishioners (young people and adults) who wish to be presented for Confirmation are asked to give their names to the Dean.

Those who wish to be confirmed –

Must be baptised members of the Church. Must be 13 years and over in 2025.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION DAYS

Two Diocesan Confirmation Days have been planned for 2025.

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2025 IN LIMAVADY

and SATURDAY 1st MARCH 2025 IN STRANORLAR.

Doors open at 11.00 a.m. with registration and games.

Programme from 11.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Wear: Casual clothes; a coat is suggested.

Food: All food provided.

Transport: Please arrange within your own parish.

Digital consent forms must be returned no later than

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY FOR LIMAVADY

and MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY FOR STRANORLAR.

Irene Hewitt, Sunday School Superintendent, has more information.

I hope that the young people who will be confirmed on SUNDAY 8th JUNE will attend and enjoy the day.



We were delighted to listen to the talk on Leprosy at the Family Service on Sunday 19th January. One of the children said "when I had chicken pox I used lotion (Calamine) to stop the itch". It really opened the conversation regarding medicines we take for granted that are so easily available here.

The Rite of Confirmation: Sunday 8th June at 11am

We have 3 parishioners in Sunday School who are preparing for the Rite of Confirmation. It is vital the children are in Sunday School. We know you will keep Ifeoma, Alesha and Ryan in your prayers.

Big hugs:

We send big hugs to Robbie and Archie on the death of their Granny Gill – just last Mothering Sunday we were doing our presentation and this is Robbie's on his Granny Gill

Her cuddles Watching Disney Films together Her dinosaur roar Her laugh Her smile

We thank the family for the generous donation to the Sunday School in her memory.

Our calendar for February

2^{na} Sunday School in the Diocesan Centre 11am

9th Half Term 16th Half Term 23rd Family Service

Irene & the Sunday School teachers



Ulster Project 2025

Clark is our representative this year and we have a table quiz organised for Thursday 27th February 2025, White Horse Inn Hotel. Registration 7.00pm.

Malcolm & the Ulster Project Committee

THE SELECT VESTRY

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No 1 St Columb's Court on **TUESDAY 4**th **FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.30 p.m.**

THE CATHEDRAL MAGAZINE

Notes / Articles for the March 2025 edition of the Cathedral Magazine are due by SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

CHAPTER NEWS

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order Two) on SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 will be The Reverend Canon Katie McAteer, Pastoral Director, The Grouped Parishes of Christ Church, Londonderry, Culmore, Muff and Saint Peter, Londonderry.

THE REVEREND CANON COLIN WELSH

The Reverend Canon Colin Welsh, Rector of The Parish of Castledawson has been appointed priest-in-charge of The Parishes of Rathcoole and Whitehouse in The Diocese of Connor.

A date for the Service of Introduction will be announced in due course.

We thank Colin for his contributions to the Cathedral in his role as a Canon over the past four years and we wish him and his wife Anne blessings in the new responsibilities in Rathcoole and Whitehouse.

The Reverend Canon Colin Welsh, currently rector of Christ Church, Castledawson, Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, has been appointed priest-in-charge of Rathcoole and Whitehouse, Diocese of Connor.

This is a new partnership in ministry for these two parishes which comprise Saint John's, Whitehouse and Saint Comgall's, Rathcoole.

Colin began his ministry in Connor Diocese, having been ordained deacon in June 2009 to serve his curacy in Saint Patrick's, Jordanstown where he remained following his ordination as a priest in 2010.



Colin moved to Castledawson as rector 12 years ago. He has been Rural Dean of Maghera and Kilrea for around eight years and was appointed a Canon of Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry in March 2021.

Colin will be coming back to his roots in many ways when he returns to Connor Diocese. He was brought up in Saint Comgall's Parish Church where his parents Ann and Drew are still parishioners. He attended the youth club in Saint John's, Whitehouse and he and Anne married in 1989 in Saint Patrick's, Jordanstown where he later spent his curacy.

Speaking of his move to Rathcoole and Whitehouse, Colin said that he was 'apprehensive, but looking forward to it at the same time.'

"We were deep-rooted in Castledawson and thought that this was the place to continue our ministry, but we felt God pulling at those roots, telling us our time was up," he said. "It is exciting for us and there is also an air of excitement in the parishes," he said.

"This is a new missional area and the key word is 'missional.' We are not going to sit on our hands doing the same old thing, and the Bishop has confirmed that he will support any change that has to happen."

Colin is married to Anne. They have a daughter Jaimie, son Stephen, and three grandchildren.

Outside of work and family, Colin is a big fan of Manchester United. He regularly plays five-a-side football and enjoys playing the drums and guitar.

THE LONDONDERRY PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY

The retiring offering in support of The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society at Choral Eucharist (Order Two) on Christmas Eve, at Holy Communion (Order One) and at Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two) on Christmas Day, totalled £157.00. Thank you to all who contributed and supported the work of the Society.

BISHOPS' APPEAL / THE MIDDLE EAST

Thank you to those who contributed to The Bishops' Appeal to help provide humanitarian aid for people in need across the Middle East. £930.00 was received.



Mothers I hope you are all managing to stay safe and warm in spite Christian care for families lately. It always lifts the spirits to see the green shoots appearing in the garden and hearing the birds begin

to sing. In the words of the poet Shelley "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" On Tuesday 14th January we met in Doreen's house for morning coffee and a welcome chance to catch up. Doreen treated us to a magnificent spread and provided the ideal relaxed atmosphere to chase away those post Christmas blues.

Our new theme is JOIN US AND JOIN IN! We had a chance to discuss what promises to be an interesting programme for the coming year and welcome you to join in any meeting that takes your fancy.

At our January meeting last year Jacqui gave us each a crocheted star with a single attribute printed on it. During the year we thought about how this attribute was reflected in our lives. We shared these thoughts at the meeting and were enthralled by the stories and memories evoked by a single word.

Doreen announced that she is stepping down as Secretary for a well - earned break so on behalf of all the Branch leaders she has supported over the years, a very big thank you for all your hard work and kindness.

We next meet for our 2025 Opening Service in the Cathedral on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30 pm, when we will be delighted to welcome three new members into the Branch.



Worldwide MU Wave of Prayer - Vanuatu

The MU "Wave of Prayer" is a continuous expression of commitment in prayer to each other. It runs throughout the year so that the work and members of each area in which MU is active is prayed for at some point. We, in Derry & Raphoe have 4 link dioceses.

Vanuatu is made up of 82 relatively small Pacific islands with each and every island having its own history and unique traditions.

It is estimated that two thirds of the population make a living from small-scale agriculture, with fishing

and tourism also being a major source of income to the country. Most of the population live in remote rural areas, where they have few health, education and employment opportunities.

Challenges to family life in this region include adultery and family breakdown; an increasing number of teenage pregnancies; widespread drug and alcohol abuse especially among the young; health issues such as HIV/AIDS and hepatitis; lack of economic opportunities for women; rape and incest.

There are over 113 indigenous languages that are still actively spoken.

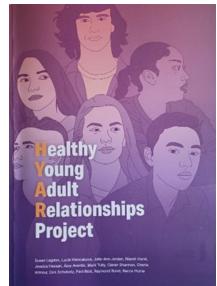
More than 55% of the population are under the age of 24.

Mothers' Union has been active in Vanuatu for many decades and members are very involved in community outreach. They are very strong in prayer and have a special prayer day on the first of every month.

Members help communities plan for climate change disasters and have supported communities after they were affected by Cyclone Pam and tropical Cyclone Donna, helping families rebuild their homes and businesses together.

Other Mothers' Union activities include

Support for widows Counselling Literacy Parenting Programme Health education/awareness Vocational training Hospital visitation Campaigning against gender-based violence



Healthy Young Adult Relationships Project

COERCIVE CONTROL is a pattern of harmful intimate partner behaviour which is not necessarily physical: it can be emotional, psychological, spiritual, cultural, social or even financial. Coercive Control was the focus of a recent report on Healthy Young Adult Relationships produced by a team of researchers from the University of Ulster, led by Dr Susan Lagdon.

The World Health Organisation estimates that 1 in 4 girls aged between 15 and 19 have already been subjected to some type of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). It is important that young people have a full understanding of what constitutes a healthy intimate relationship so that they may recognise when a partner is being abusive and, if necessary, how and when to seek help.

The research considered the relevant information and education programmes currently available in schools and found that their delivery was inconsistent and there was little evidence of their effectiveness or of the involvement of relevant stakeholders such as parents, carers and peers.

The *Healthy Young Adult Relationships* (HYAR) project was extended to respond to what the researchers considered to be a public health challenge, by exploring through focus groups, how best they could raise awareness of matters such as *Intimate Partner Violence* (IPV) and *Coercive Control*. They assessed the needs of a diverse range of young people aged 16-20, as well consulting parents and carers of young people, and youth providers. Together, they identified preferred modes of delivering healthy relationship education; discussed how to monitor and respond to Intimate Partner Violence within young peoples' relationships; how to better promote healthy relationships and reduce the risk of IPV; and they generated an intervention framework to promote *Healthy Young Adult Relationships*. Besides raising the profile of difficult relationship issues, an intervention *Healthy Young* Adult Relationships framework has been developed with a web-based app as a supplementary tool. The app has been designed to ensure that, it is functional, easily accessible, inclusive, and that it meets the diverse range of needs of all its users. It is hoped that this research and these practical outcomes will make a positive difference to the lives of young people and that many more will come to understand the true meaning of healthy relationships.

THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING TO MARK THE 336th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHUTTING OF THE GATES was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2024.

The Dean welcomed the Governor of The Apprentice Boys of Derry, Mr William Walker, the Lieutenant Governor, Mr Ronald Cole, members of the General Committee together with all members of Parent Clubs and Branch Clubs.

He congratulated Mr Walker and Mr Cole on their recent appointments and said that he was looking forward to working with them in a positive and cordial way as he had done

with their predecessors over the past seven years.
The Scripture readings (1 Samuel 17: 38-51 and Ephesians 6: 10-18) were read by Mr William Walker and by The Reverend Jackie Carson, Ordained Local Minister, The Parish of Donaghmore, County Tyrone, who also preached the Sermon.

HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS

If you or a relative is admitted to, or discharged from, hospitals or nursing homes please let Dean Raymond Stewart or The Reverend Canon John Merrick know if you would like a Pastoral Visit.

Under Data Protection (GDPR) we do not have access to the Hospital Admissions Forms, so we can only know that you are a patient in a hospital or a nursing home if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us. Thank you for your co-operation.

CAROL SERVICES

CANDLELIGHT ADVENT PROCESSION / 'FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT' was held on Advent Sunday, 1st December 2024. Thank you to Mr Nicky Morton, Mr Louis Fields, the Cathedral Boy Choristers, the Cathedral Girl Choristers and the Cathedral Lay Clerks for leading the singing.

The readers were Miss Muriel Hamilton (People's Churchwarden), Ms Jacqui Armstrong (Parish Reader), Mrs Heather Fielding (Parish Reader), Mr David Bell (Diocesan Reader), The Reverend Canon John Merrick (Pastoral Assistant) and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart (Rector and Dean).

The Retiring Offering (£675.00) was in support of our unique Choral tradition.

THE JOINT EMERGENCY SERVICES NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE was held at Saint Columb's Cathedral on MONDAY 9th DECEMBER at 7.30 p.m. This Service recognised the work and contribution to society – particularly in the City of Londonderry – of many of the Emergency Services, including St John Ambulance, PSNI, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Foyle Search and Rescue, Air Ambulance Northern Ireland and British Red Cross. The Dean welcomed Mr Ian Crowe MBE, CStJ., Lord-Lieutenant for The County Borough of Londonderry and his wife Christine, Alderman Darren Guy, Deputy Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council and his wife Julie, and the PNSI Chief Constable, Mr Jon Boutcher.

Two members of the Cathedral Chapter (The Reverend Canon Katie McAteer and The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd) were also present at the Service. The Bidding Prayer was read by The Reverend Peter Morris, Minister of Carlisle Road and Clooney Hall Methodist Churches.

Scripture readings were read by Mr Ian Crowe, Linda Heaney (St John Ambulance), Chief Superintendent Gillian Kearney (PSNI), Jason Rosborough (Area Manager NIAS), District Commander Andrew Russell (NIFRS), Dawn Grieve (Volunteer Manager Foyle Search and Rescue), and The Reverend Susan Moore, Moderator of Derry and Donegal Presbytery.

The Most Reverend Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry read the closing prayer and The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe pronounced the Benediction

The Cathedral Choir of Boy and Girl Choristers sang 'Away in a manger'.

Ebrington Primary School Choir sang 'Born on Christmas Day'.

The soloists were Scarlett McQue, Ellen Mills, Isla Walls and Talitha Armstrong.

The Choir joined with the Choir of Foyle Down Syndrome Trust in singing, 'He'll be coming down the chimney'.

There was a solo performance by the Choir's talented saxophonist, Conor Collins.

The Offering at the Service was in support of Foyle Women's Aid.

The Dean said, "This is a group that provides a very important service here in the city and the community.

In this festive season, when many are enjoying each other's company, sadly in some homes this is not the case. Reports of domestic abuse increase at this time of the year. This means the work of Foyle Women's Aid increases, and they have to find the resources to meet these needs."

INNER CITY CHURCHES CAROL SERVICE

The Inner City Churches (First Derry Presbyterian Church, Carlisle Road Methodist Church, Saint Columba's Church, Long Tower, Saint Augustine's Church, Saint Columb's Cathedral) shared in a Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at First Derry Presbyterian Church on **SUNDAY 15**th **DECEMBER 2024.**

Mr William Lynn read on behalf of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

The Offering was in support of Women's Aid.

The Service was attended by representatives of the Inner City Churches and fellowship and seasonal refreshments were enjoyed in the Church Hall after the Service.

FOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Fountain Primary School held a Christmas Service at Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church on WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Prayers were said by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart, Sharon Stevens from The Salvation Army and The Reverend Peter Morris from Carlisle Road and Clooney Hall Methodist Churches.

Scripture readings were read by Elisabeth Arnold and by The Reverend Colin Jones from First Derry Presbyterian Church.

The Children's Address was given by Phoebe Nugent. The Offering was in support of Parkinson's UK.

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

was held at Saint Columb's Cathedral on SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER at 7.30 p.m. This service is the traditional celebration of the Nativity of our Lord in words and music. The Lessons were read by Miss Muriel Hamilton, People's Churchwarden, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Parish Reader, Mr David Bell, Diocesan Reader, Mr Simon McGonigle, Parish Reader, The Reverend Canon John Merrick, Pastoral Assistant, The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart, Rector and Dean, and The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

CAROLS OF THE EPIPHANY

At the Service on **SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2025 at 4.00 p.m.** we celebrated the Epiphany in carols, hymns, anthems and readings.

The Lessons were read by Miss Muriel Hamilton, People's Churchwarden, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Parish Reader, Mr Simon McGonigle, Parish Reader, The Reverend Canon John Merrick, Pastoral Assistant and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart, Rector and Dean.

FROM THE ARCHIVES – FEBRUARY 2000

Looking back at some of the Cathedral magazines of 25 years ago, I discovered the following articles of information. They may bring back memories for some people.

CHOIR NEWS

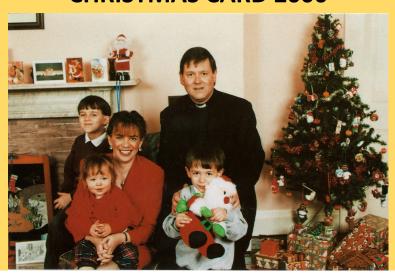
Congratulations to **Patrick Morton** who has been awarded the Dean's medal this month for commitment and improvement.

EVENSONG VISITORS

Continuing the tradition of inviting one of the parishes – Rector and people – to evensong thus strengthening the bonds between the Diocese and the Cathedral we look forward to welcoming The Reverend Matthew Moore and his parishioners from St Peter's, Culmore and Muff to Evensong at 4.00 pm on Sunday 12 March.

Parishioners are encouraged to do their best to be at Evensong and welcome our visitors.

CHRISTMAS CARD 2000



FIRST WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS

A Lunchtime Recital will be held at Christ Church, Infirmary Road, Londonderry on WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2025 at the later time of 5.00 p.m. The Recital will feature Dr Derek Collins and Joanna Higgins.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Inner City Centre Churches (Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church, Carlisle Road Methodist Church, The Salvation Army, First Derry Presbyterian Church, Saint Augustine's Church, Saint Columb's Cathedral and Saint Columba's Church, Long Tower) hosted 'A Walking Service' to mark The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on the evening of MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025.

Beginning at First Derry Presbyterian Church the Walk included a reading and a prayer at the following stops along the route – First Derry Presbyterian Church, Bishop Street Court House, Saint Columb's Court (leading to Saint Columb's Cathedral), Bishop's Gate Hotel, The Fountain Estate, Carlisle Road Presbyterian Church, The Salvation Army and Carlisle Road Methodist Church where refreshments were enjoyed.

THE LEPROSY MISSION NORTHERN IRELAND

World Leprosy Day was observed on Sunday 26th January 2025. A Family Service to mark World Leprosy Day was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral on SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025 at 11.00 a.m. The speaker was Mr Stephen McCartney, Support Engagement Officer, The Leprosy Mission Northern Ireland.



The Dean and parishioners send their congratulations to

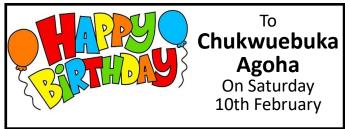
The Reverend Canon John and Mrs Roberta Merrick who celebrated their

Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) on Saturday 28th December 2024.



On 21st December 2024, at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Oscar Cecil Anthony was born to Emily (nee Orr) and Oisin O'Brien-Orr. A great grandson to the late Dean Cecil Orr and Valerie. Everyone doing well and of course this made our Christmas extra special.

David Orr

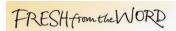




4 generations of the Fields Family at the Baptism of Alexander

Bible Readings for February 2025

DAY	READING	THEME
Saturday 1	John 10:14-16	A shepherd knows their sheep
Sunday 2	Luke 3:1-22	Preparing the way
Monday 3	Luke 4:1-13	The temptation of Jesus
Tuesday 4	Luke 4:14-30	Jesus is rejected
Wednesday 5	Luke 4:31-44	Holy One of God
Thursday 6	Luke 5:1-26	Calling of the first disciples
Friday 7	Luke 5:27-6:11	Lord of the Sabbath
Saturday 8	Luke 6:12-36	The disciples' journey begins
Sunday 9	Luke 6:37-49	Do as I do, not as I say!
Monday 10	Luke 7:1-17	Say the word
Tuesday 11	Luke 7:18-35	John the Baptist's faith and doubt
Wednesday 12	Luke 7:36-50	Anointed by a dinful woman
Thursday 13	Luke 8:1-21	Sower's parable
Friday 14	Luke 8:22-39	The cost of spiritual transformation
Saturday 15	Luke 8:40-56	The power of human connection
Sunday 16	Luke 2:1-7	The powers that be
Monday 17	Matthew 5:38-42	The extra mile
Tuesday 18	Matthew 8:5-13	The outsider understands
Wednesday 19	Mark 12:13-17	Tax or no tax?
Thursday 20	Mark 15:37-39	The outsider believes
Friday 21	John 11:45-53	Keeping the Romans at bay
Saturday 22	Luke 21:20-24	Jerusalem trampled
Sunday 23	Acts 10:1-24	Cornelius was a devout man who feared God
Monday 24	Acts 10:25-48	God has no favourites
Tuesday 25	Acts 16:19-39	'Sneak us out by the back door? Oh no!'
Wednesday 26	Acts 25:1-12	'I am appealing to the emperor's tribunal'
Thursday 27	Acts 25:13-26:1	Another governor out of his depth
Friday 28	1 Peter 2:13-17	Fear God. Honour the emperor.





The Reverend Adrian Dorrian

The parishioners of Conwal with Gartan have a new Rector. He's The Reverend Adrian Dorrian, currently Vicar of the Lecale Area Mission Partnership (LAMP parishes) in the Dioceses of Down & Dromore and a former president of Church Mission Society Ireland. A date has yet to be arranged for his institution but The Reverend Dorrian will succeed The Reverend David Houlton, who retired last June.

Adrian is a native of Groomsport, in County Down, where he was a Sunday School teacher, a Church Warden and a BB officer. He attended Bangor Grammar School before studying at Queen's University, Belfast, graduating with a degree in Theology and Drama.

Before his ordination in 2006, he had been working as a youth drama worker with the Christian outreach Youth Initiative. When he was first instituted as a rector, in the Parish of St Peter and St James, Belfast in June 2009, he was believed to be the youngest rector in Ireland. Five years ago he was instituted as Vicar for the LAMP Parishes – a group of more than a dozen small parishes supporting each other in the Downpatrick area.

In addition to his CMS Ireland work, The Reverend Dorrian has served on a number of high profile committees including the Church of Ireland's Northern Ireland Community Relations Working Group and the Church's Men's Society. He has sat on the Liturgical Advisory Committee for most of his ordained life

The Reverend Dorrian said it would be a wrench for him and his wife Anne to leave the LAMP Group of Parishes, having enjoyed their nine years' ministry in East Down, but he said they were looking forward to the move to Letterkenny. "Everywhere I've been," he says, "ecumenical worship has been a big part of my ministry. It's very important to me and Anne. We love Donegal – I have family roots there – and we know Letterkenny, in particular, quite well. We've stayed there frequently in the past. We've good friends in the county, too, so we're excited about this next step in ministry and eager to find out what God has planned for us."

THE LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy.

Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during His earthly life. Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease. Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients.

Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work in accordance with your will and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to – and through – staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners.

May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places Where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.

May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world. May His Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. **Amen.**



Not a great start to the New Year. Snow, ice and a really cold spell hit us all. However we have managed to carry on with our work. The club, after a slow start, is now back in full swing. We have many exciting new programmes for juniors and seniors not forgetting the Mothers and Babies which runs every Tuesday 12.30 pm - 1.00pm.

I know many people use Face Book. We have a full list of our programmes and workshops on it so please feel free to have a look.

However a few of the forthcoming workshops in the next week are:

Monday morning Women into Irish History. I really highly recommend this workshop due to our excellent facilitator Trevor Temple who never fails to come up with an interesting and exciting topic for discussion.

Tuesday may be of an interest to our budding artists out there as we have Maolissa Bond tutoring an Art Class. With a real different flair. Her work is amazing so I highly recommend this class which is on every Tuesday 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Wednesday is a very special day in our club as are so pleased to have the Praxis group from 10.00am - 4.00pm. The group enjoy mixing with members of the community enjoying each others company taking part in craft work, storytelling and exercise.

We are so privileged to have this group as we call them The Happy Group. Thursday we have another excellent Artist facilitating The Art Class DAVID FAGHEY. This class has now been running for the past 8 years and are producing some beautiful

pieces of art. Indeed they are looking forward to having another Art Exhibition

in the Summer.

For anyone who would like to learn more about computers please do try and come along on a Friday morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon and develop new skills.

We would like to welcome you to our cafe which is open every week day.

You are sure of a cuppa, scone, cake or hot meal at a very good price.

Also a chat and renew old friendships.

Jeanette Warke MBE **Project Manager**



The Men's Society met on two occasions since the last (December/ January) magazine was published. We met on 19th December in The Belfray Country Inn for breakfast. This has now become a regular event to herald the arrival of Christmas and the opportunity to round off the year. This was well attended and a most enjoyable morning in good company.

E V E R Y F R I D A Y A T 10.30 A M - 12 N O O N

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Open up the windows of opportunity and take our ICT ssential skills class, on completion you get a Level 2

Certificate and the satisfaction of a job well done!

The Men's Society New Year always begins with an annual dinner, and this continued with a most enjoyable evening with very good food in The White Horse Hotel, held on 21st January with a really good attendance.

Our first speaker in 2025 will be Mr Paul McGarvey who will give a talk on 'A Life in Architecture' on Tuesday 18th February, at 7:30pm in The Diocesan Centre.

Robert McGonigle

Secretary

PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2025

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2025 THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT BRIGID

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 THE FEAST DAY OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Most Reverend Don Tamihere (Aotearoa)
The Most Reverend Justin Duckworth (New Zealand)
The Most Reverend Sione Ulu'ilakepa (Polynesia)

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings, Londonderry

The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd, Rector. The Reverend Johnny Lowden, Curate-assistant. Dr Joanne Miller, Diocesan Evangelist.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN ARGENTINA

The West Toba people have never had a full translation of the Bible in their heart language but the Bible Society is committed to changing that.

Like all the ethnicities of the Gran Chaco their language was only spoken but not written, and in recent years mostly driven by the translation of the Bible – they have begun with the writing process.

In 2010, the New Testament was completed and published, and since then it has become the most widely used translation within these communities. However, the Old Testament is still being translated.

By the end of 2024, 70% of the Old Testament had been translated but there is still work to be done.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2025 THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT The Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Primate of The Anglican Church of Australia; Archbishop of The Diocese of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parish of Clooney, Londonderry

The Reverend Canon David McBeth, Rector.
The Reverend Melanie Niblock, Curate Assistant.

Mr Mervyn Donnell and Mr Bobby Keys, Diocesan Readers.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN UGANDA

Thank God for the myriad of programmes successfully led by Bishop Collins and his team. Pray for fruitfulness of these ministries, especially those for young people and children.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / SEPTUAGESIMA

The Church of Bangladesh

The Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin. Moderator, The Church of Bangladesh; Bishop of The Diocese of Kushtia.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis. **The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. **The Parish of Faughanvale (Eglinton).** The Reverend Canon Paul Hoey, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – CROSSLINKS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA Give thanks for BEST study partner Banele Maseko who is a ministry worker with Christ Church Soweto in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Banele is studying the three-year Bachelor of Theology course at the South African Theological Seminary in Sandton. Pray that he will be equipped for the church's ministry in the township as they reach out with the gospel to children, youth and families as well as bringing the good news of Jesus to the students in the local campus of The University of Johannesburg.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / SEXAGESIMA

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil) The Most Reverend Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto, Primate of The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil; Bishop of The Diocese of Amazonia.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis. The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. The Parishes of Cumber Upper (Claudy), Cumber Lower (Killaloo), **Banagher and Learmount**

The Reverend David Slater, Rector. Mrs Caroline McMichael, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN NIGERIA

TLM Nigeria works in collaboration with the Government of Nigeria to support the control of leprosy, Neglected Tropical Diseases, and the consequences of these diseases on people across Nigeria.

Pray that God inspires TLM Nigeria with innovative ideas and creative solutions to defeat leprosy and support those affected by the disease.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2nd MARCH 2025 THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / QUINQUAGESIMA The Anglican Church of Burundi

The Most Reverend Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Burundi; Bishop of The Diocese of Buye.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of The Diocese of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Diocese of Connor. The Right Reverend George Davison. **The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe**. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. The Parishes of Dungiven and Bovevagh. The Reverend Mark Loney, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN ARMENIA

For almost 20 years the Bible Society has been running the "Moving Gospel" project, vet there is still no peace in the border regions.

This year the project is planning to go to the southern villages of Armenia: Kapan, Kajaran, and Meghri. These villages are on the border with everyday threats of attack. The "Moving Gospel" is aiming to reach these people from the frontier dwellings, to introduce them to Scripture, to teach the meaning and importance of the parables, the miracles of Christ, and the importance of the Bible in our lives.



SUNDAY 2ND

Presentation of Christ

Boy Choristers and Lay Clerks 11.00 CHORAL EUCHARIST (order 2)

Hymns 472, 193, 454

Setting Rawsthorne Festival Eucharist
Motet Hurford Litany to the Holy Spirit

16.00 EVENING PRAYER

Hymns 594, 597

SUNDAY 9TH

4th Sunday before Lent

Girl Choristers and

Lay Clerks

11.00 CHORAL MATINS

Hymns 321, 581, 567

Responses Tallis (170)

Canticle Venite

Psalm 138

Canticle Lawrenson Urbs in B^b

Anthem Harris Come down O love divine

Cathedral Lay Clerks

16.00 CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns 517, 72

Responses Tallis (170)

Psalm 5

Canticles Morley Evening Canticles

Anthem Macpherson

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion

Service & Music List

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY 16TH 11.00 HOLY COMMUNION (order 1)

3rd Sunday before Lent Hymns 251, 630, 447

16.00 EVENING PRAYER

Hymns 346, 7

SUNDAY 23RD 11.00 FAMILY SERVICE

2nd Sunday before Lent Hymns 58, 25, 652, 350

Girls Choristers and Psalm 65

Lay Clerks Anthem John Rutter Look at the World

Cathedral Chamber Choir 16.00 CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns 34, 365 Responses Ebdon

Psalm 147: 12-20

Canticles Harwood *Evening Canticles in A*^b Anthem Victoria *Jesu dulcis Memoria*

As we enter February, we anticipate a month filled with mixed emotions. The Boy Choristers will be saddened to bid farewell to one of their Head Choristers, Clark McClintock, whose last Sunday will be February 2nd. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Clark for his unwavering dedication over the past 8 years in the Boys' Choir. His presence in the front row will be greatly missed; however, we are thrilled

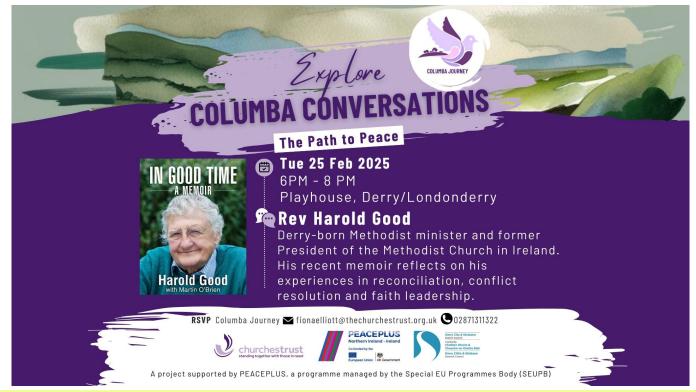
that he will transition directly to join the Gentlemen Lay Clerks in the back row.

Clark is extremely pleased to be passing his Head Chorister Medal to his friend and colleague Ben Langan - who we warmly congratulate as our new Head Chorister. We also congratulate James Langan on being appointed Deputy Head Chorister, as well as Noah Dickson and Cavan Wrighton, who have been appointed as Corner Boys in the Cathedral Choir.

Girl Chorister promotions will be declared in the coming months. Watch this space! In other choir news, the Boy and Girl Choristers had an exciting Chorister Outing to Dundonald Ice Bowl and Jungle NI on January 11th.

All four Cathedral Choirs eagerly look forward to February, and also preparing for Lent and Easter - which promises some of the finest choral church music.





Parish Register

Holy Baptism"Go and make disciples of all nations

Saturday 18th January 2025

Saturday 18th January 2025 Alexander Finn Fields, the son of Louis St John Jordan and Anna Elizabeth Fields, The Beechgrove, Londonderry. Alexander's godparents are Matthew and Kate Kilgore.

Following The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs June Fields, a member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union and Alexander's great-granny, presented Louis and Anna with a Dorcas Pack for Alexander.

Burial"The Tord is my Shepherd."

Thursday 5th December 2024 William John Lockhart McBride, Duncastle Road, Newbuildings, Londonderry Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan Sunday 8th December 2024 Samuel Stewart Roland Hughes, Henry Street, Londonderry Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry Stephana Martin Young, Cornfield Care Centre, Thursday 12th December 2024 Seacoast Road, Limavady (formerly of Rossbay, Londonderry) The City Cemetery, Londonderry Tuesday 17th December 2024 Helen Ann Wray, Cornshell Fields, Steelstown, Londonderry **Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry** Thursday 19th December 2024 Colin Stannett, Longfield Care Home, Eglinton (formerly of Jack Allen Court, Londonderry) **Culmore Parish Church Burying Ground** Monday 23rd December 2024 Mary Margretta Gilmour,

Edgewater Care Home, Newbuildings, Londonderry (formerly of 'The Fountain' Londonderry) **Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry**

Thursday 2nd January 2025 Gillian Susan Dobson, Cricklewood Park, Londonderry **Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry**

WALKER

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Andrew (Andy) Walker**, formerly of Bann Drive, Londonderry, who died at his home Roe Fold, Limavady on Sunday 1st December 2024.

Andy was the dearly beloved husband of the late Sadie Walker; the loving brother of Helen, Raymond, Sammy and the late Dorothy, Ann and Billy. He was a dear uncle to all of his nieces and nephews; and a brother-in-law of Ruby and Mary.

Andy was a brother of Raymond Walker, The Fountain, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

The Funeral Service of Andy Walker was held at Kilfennan Presbyterian Church, Londonderry on Wednesday 4th December 2024.

McBRIDE

We remember Betty McBride and her sons Peter and Richard and all of the relatives of her husband **William John Lockhart McBride**, Duncastle Road, Newbuildings, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Monday 2nd December 2024.

Bill was the beloved husband of Betty McBride; the loving father of Peter and Richard; the dear brother of Anne Adair, Jeanette Warke and the late Christopher McBride (died 31st May 2010). Bill was the brother-in-law of Hazel McBride and the uncle of Johanne and the late Andrew (died 12th September 2004).

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Bill McBride was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Thursday 5th December 2024.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who gave the Tribute / Address. Psalm 121 was read by Bill's son, The Reverend Peter McBride.

The Scripture readings (2 Corinthians 4: 14-18 and Saint Matthew 5: 1-10) were read by Bill's son, Dr Richard McBride and by The Reverend Canon John Merrick. A Service of Cremation was held on Friday 6th December 2024 at Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan. **HUGHES**

We remember Joan Hughes and her family – Allison, Keith and David – and all of the relatives of her husband **Samuel Stewart Roland Hughes** who died, peacefully, at his home Henry Street, Londonderry on Thursday 5th December 2024. Roland was the dearly beloved husband of Joan; the devoted father of Allison, Keith and David; the dear father-in-law of Stuarty, Alison and Karen; the loving grandfather of Nicola, Ryan, Shannon, Courtney, Anna, Sam and Ruby; the great grandfather of Fletcher, Paisley, Maisie, Teddy and Everett; a loving brother of Maureen and the late James (died 5th March 2013) and a brother-in-law of Bill Orr. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Roland Hughes was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Sunday 8th December. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who gave the Tribute / Address.

Sam Hughes (Roland's grandson) read Saint John 14: 1-6, 27.

Following the Service Roland was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

TURNER

We remember the family – David and Rosie – and all of the relatives of **Elsie Bamford Turner** (nee McClure), formerly of Caw Park, Limavady Road, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 8th December 2024. Elsie was the much loved wife of the late George Turner; the loving mother of David and Rosie; the dear mother-in-law of Jean; an adored grandmother and great-grandmother; a dear aunt and great-aunt.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Elsie Turner was held at First Derry Presbyterian Church on Saturday 11th January 2025.

YOUNG

We remember the family – Janice and Michael – and all of the relatives of **Stephana Martin Young**, (formerly of Rossbay, Londonderry) who died, peacefully, at Cornfield Care Centre, Seacoast Road, Limavady on Tuesday 10th December 2024. Stephana was the dearly beloved wife of the late Willie Young (died 24th August 1983); the devoted mother of Janice and Michael; a mother-in-law to Terry and Debbie. She was the loving grandmother of Christopher, Stephen, Rebecca and Katherine. A private family committal was held at The City Cemetery, Londonderry on Thursday 12th December 2024.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stephana Young will be held at a later date.

GOODMAN

We remember May Goodman and her family – Robert, Michael and Paul – and all of the relatives of her husband **Ken Goodman** who died, peacefully, at his home Knockwellan Park, Londonderry on Wednesday 11th December 2024.

Ken was the beloved husband of May; the loving father of Robert, Michael and Paul; the devoted grandfather of Olivia, John, Beth, Harry, Aine and Ryan; and the dear brother of Jim, Victor, Della and the late Desmond.

Ken was a brother of Victor and a brother in-law of Vera Goodman, Bridgewater, Caw, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy. The Funeral Service of Ken Goodman was held at Christ Church, Infirmary Road, Londonderry on Saturday 14th December 2024.

BELL

We remember Julia Bell and her family – Brian and Stephen – and all of the relatives of her husband **Ivan Edward Bell** who died, peacefully, at his home Ramin Park, Drumahoe, Londonderry on Friday 13th December 2024.

Ivan was the beloved husband of Julia; the loving father of Brian and Stephen; the father-in-law of Nadine and Val; the much loved grandfather of Rebecca, Hannah, Shavon and Vadim; the cherished great-grandfather of Grayson; and the dear brother of the late Robert and Irene.

(Ivan was a member of The Cathedral Men's Society).

The Funeral Service of Ivan Bell was held at Saint Augustine's Church, Londonderry on Sunday 15th December 2024.

WRAY

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Helen Ann Wray**, (nee Lyttle), Cornshell Fields, Steelstown, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 14th December 2024.

Helen was the beloved wife of the late John (died 11th September 2000); the much loved mum of John, Neville, Gareth, Leeankia, Natasha, Margaret, Nicole and the late Dallas and Kristine.

Helen was an adored granny and great-granny; the dearest sister of Annette, Gregory, Jennifer, Stephen and the late James and Raymond.

The Funeral Service of Helen Wray was held at Glendermott Parish Church on Tuesday 17th December 2024.

The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart and The Reverend Canon John Merrick thank The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd for facilitating the Funeral Service and the Committal at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

STANNETT

We remember the family – Yana, Warren and Kel – and all of the relatives of **Colin Stannett,** Longfield Care Home, Eglinton, (formerly of Jack Allen Court, Londonderry) who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 15th December 2024. Colin was the beloved husband of the late Jean Stannett (died 26th June 2017); the loving father of Yana, Warren and Kel. Colin was also a devoted grandfather and great grandfather.

The Funeral Service of Colin Stannett was held at the home of his son Warren, Good Shepherds Glen, Waterside, Londonderry on Thursday 19th December 2024. The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart and The Reverend Canon John Merrick thank The Venerable Robert Miller for facilitating the Funeral Service and the Committal at Culmore Parish Church Burying Ground.

TANNER

We remember the family – Zane, Sabena and the late Sorrel – and all of the relatives of **Isobel Lavena (Vena) Tanner**, late of The Rectory, Clanabogan who passed away on Monday 16th December.

Vena was the beloved wife of the late George Rufus (Russ) Tanner (died 15th September 2011) and the much loved mother of Zane, Sabena (Steve Metcalfe) and the late Sorrel

(died 13th November 1988).

Vena was the precious grandmother of Harley, Thomas-Zane and Freddie and the dear sister of Jack and the late Raef and Leslie. Also sadly missed by Diana, Peter and Emma. (Vena and her husband Russ were members of The Friends of Saint Columb's Cathedral. Vena and her family presented the large Chest for storing the Altar Frontals, Pulpit Falls, Markers in Liturgical Colours and Communion Linen. This Chest in memory of George Rufus (Russ) Tanner was dedicated at the Service on Sunday 13th October 2013).

GILMOUR

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Mary Margretta Gilmour** (nee Dalzell), formerly of 'The Fountain' Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Edgewater Care Home, Newbuildings on Thursday 19th December 2024.

Gretta was the beloved wife of the late Billy (died 10th May 2005); the much loved mum of Linda; the mother-in-law of Keith Appleby; the devoted granny of Diane (lan)

and Mark (Kay); the great-granny of Mason and Riley.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mary Margretta Gilmour was held at the home of her daughter Linda Appleby (Stevenson Park, Tullyally, Londonderry) on Monday 23rd December 2024.

The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart. Following the Service Gretta was buried at Altnagelvin Cemetery.

APPLEBY

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Charles (Charlie) Appleby,** Milltown View, Drumahoe, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 22nd December 2024.

Charlie was the dearly beloved father of Vernon, Keith, Paula and Gary; a loving father-in-law; an adored grandfather and great-grandfather.

Charlie was the father of Keith Appleby, the father-in-law of Linda, the grandfather of Diane and Mark and the great-grandfather of Mason and Riley, to whom we also express our sympathy.

The Funeral Service of Charlie Appleby was held at his home on Saturday 28th December, followed by burial at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

AUSTIN

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Stephen Austin,** Waveney Park, Lisnagelvin, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at his home on Monday 23rd December. Stephen was the dearly beloved husband of Gretta; the loving father of Pauline and Nigel; the much loved father-in-law of Ian and Lorna; the devoted grandad of Sam, Matt, Ben, Nicola, Ellen, Stephen and David; the dearest great-grandad of Zoe, Lucy, Joshua, Sophia, Charlie, Matilda, Lucas and Theo; the dear brother of Noel and the late Maureen, Tillie, Kathleen, Lila, Hugh, John, Hazel, Billy, Christine, Joyce, George, Ruby and Margaret. The Funeral Service of Stephen Austin was held at Glendermott Presbyterian Church on Friday 27th December, followed by burial in the adjoining burial ground. Stephen was the father of Pauline and the father-in-law of Ian Peilow, Altnagelvin Garden Centre, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

DOBSON

We remember Galvin Dobson and his family, Jenna and Katie, and all of the relatives of his wife **Gillian Susan Dobson**, (nee Moore), Cricklewood Park, Kilfennan, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Monday 30th December 2024. Gillian was the much loved wife of Galvin Dobson; the devoted mummy of Jenna and Katie; the loving mother-in-law of Kieran Large and Adam Mitchell; an adored granny of Robbie, Callum and Archie.

Gillian was the beloved daughter of the late Ronnie and the late Rosalie Moore; the precious daughter-in-law of Etta Dobson (and the late Ron); a dear sister of Heather (Lloyd), Melanie (Des), Adrian, Jacqueline (Raymond) and Glenn (Maureen). Gillian was a loving sister-in-law of Rosaleen Green (and the late Charlie) and Joanie Lovell (Gary), and a treasured auntie to her nephews and nieces.

À Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Gillian Dobson was held at Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Thursday 2nd January 2025. The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who gave the Tribute / Address.

The Scripture readings (Romans 8: 18-21, 31-35, 37-39 and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27) were read by Gillian's niece Alana Green and by her nephew Stephen Carr. Family tributes were given by Gillian's friend Rita Brolly and by her daughters Katie and Jenna.

Gillian's sister, Jacqueline Carr, read a poem and her husband Galvin read two prayers. Following the Service Gillian was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

DOAK

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Victor Doak**, formerly of 53F Clooney Terrace, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Sunday 5th January 2025.

Victor was the much loved son of the late James and Martha Doak; a dear brother of Isobel, Jeanette and Bryan and of the late Milly, Iris and Ruth; a brother-in-law, a loving uncle and a great-uncle.

Victor was a cousin of Mrs Ray Mace to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Victor Doak was held at All Saints' Church, Clooney, on Wednesday 8th January 2025, followed by burial at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.

HUNTER

We remember Simon Hunter and all of the relatives of his wife **Catherine Helen Hunter** (nee Black) who passed away, peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her loving family, on Monday 6th January 2025.

Catherine was the beloved wife of Simon Hunter; the daughter of Doreen and the late Richard Black; the daughter-in-law of David and the late Roberta Hunter; the sister of Morris, Adam and Rebecca.

Catherine was the niece of William Lynn to whom, and to whose wife Elma, we also express our sympathy.

A Celebration of the life of Catherine was held in Saint Philip and Saint James Church, Holywood, County Down on Friday 10th January 2025.

GALLICK

We remember Irene Gallick and her family and all of the relatives of her husband, William Alfred (Alfie) Gallick, formerly of Limavady, who died, peacefully, at Cornfield Care Centre, Seacoast Road, Limavady on Thursday 9th January 2025. Alfie was the dearly beloved husband of Irene; the much loved and devoted father of Frederick, Alexandra, Richard and Carol; the dearest father-in-law of Margaret, Cindy and David; the loving granda of Stewart, Andrew, Matthew, Richard, Hayley, Alison and Janice; the cherished great-granda of Keianna, Isaac, Logan, Ruby, Jack, Jack, Isabella, Harry, Lottie and Anna; also a dear brother.

Alfie was a cousin of Gerry Gallick to whom, and to whose wife Daphne and their family, we also express our sympathy.

The Funeral Service of Alfie Gallick was held at Drumachose Presbyterian Church on Saturday 11th January, followed by burial in Enagh Cemetery.

Obituaries ...

William John Lockhart McBride 22nd August 1940 – 2nd December 2024

We meet in this Cathedral Church this morning to seek God's comfort in the death of one of our parishioners – **William John Lockhart McBride**.

Bill, as many people will have known him, was a lifelong member of this Cathedral Church and of this City of Londonderry.

And I hope in this Tribute to draw on some of the memories that his family and friends have of him.

But, first, let me express our sincere sympathy to Bill's family.

To his wife Betty and his sons Peter and Richard.

To his sisters Anne and Jeanette and their families.

To his sister-in-law Hazel and her daughter Johanne who are joining us on-line this morning from Australia.

The story of Bill's life takes us back 84 years.

William John Lockhart McBride was the second child born to William John McBride and his wife Martha Jane of 33 Belview Avenue, Londonderry on 22nd August 1940.

His siblings were his sisters Anne and Jeanette and his brother Christopher.

Bill was baptised in this Cathedral Church on 15th September 1940.

The officiant was The Reverend Arthur William Rogan, Curate-assistant.

Bill began his early life as a member of the Sunday School and later progressed to become a boy chorister.

His early primary education was received at Bishop Street Primary School and he later progressed to the Technical College in the City.

On leaving school he found employment at Dupont where he worked for over thirty years; in more recent years as European Product Co-ordinator.

On 28th May 1964 Bill and Betty were married and were blessed with two sons, Peter and Richard.

I am told that they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in style with close family members earlier this year.

Bill, in his younger days, was a keen sportsman, playing rugby at City of Derry Rugby Football Club.

Bill had a real love for and a commitment to this City.

He played a key role in the establishment of Waterside Development Trust at Gortfoyle House on Spencer Road and later saw the growth of The Inner City Trust. He was appointed to The Inner City Trust as Development Director in June 2006

and resigned on 5th September of this year.

The Inner City Trust was established in 1976 to advance the physical, social and economic regeneration of Derry – Londonderry.

And I'm sure that Bill and his colleagues have been greatly encouraged to see how the City has grown and developed in many positive ways over the past years.

Bill and Betty loved to travel and these travels have included a trip around Thailand, many safaris in Southern Africa, and a trip to the Holy Land with Richard that included visits to Bethlehem, Jerusalem and The Church of the Beatitudes by the Sea of Galilee. (And that is one of the reasons why the passage from Saint Matthew chapter five was

chosen as the second reading today).

Some families seem to get more crosses to bear than others.

And the McBride family has certainly had to face personal sufferings and tragedies over the years.

Bill's brother Christopher emigrated to Australia in 1991, along with his wife Hazel and their children Johanne and Andrew.

Christopher who had worked here in the City in the car trade continued in this line of work in Australia.

Things were looking promising for the family until Andrew was killed in a car accident on 12th September 2004.

Just 4 years later Christopher was diagnosed with melanoma behind his right eye. And just one year later – in December 2009 - he was told that the Cancer had spread and that he had at most 6 months to live.

This had a severe impact on Hazel and Johanne and also on Anne, Bill and Jeanette and their families back home in Londonderry.

Christopher's siblings were, however, able to spend some quality family time with him before he died on 31st May 2010.

And then in more recent years ill-health caught up with Bill.

Two weeks ago he was admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital and requested me to celebrate Holy Communion for him.

Betty and Richard joined me on Tuesday 26th November for that short service.

I used the Liturgy and Readings of Eastertide, focusing our thoughts on the Resurrection of Jesus and the hope of new life.

I returned to Bill's ward on last Sunday afternoon.

Bill was not very well and said that there was very little point in Jeanette and Graham and myself being there as he was in too much discomfort.

I offered to pray with him and, although I did not hear him say this,

I am told that he said, 'Please, make it quick!'

So a quick prayer and The Lord's Prayer were said and those were the last words that Bill spoke because a short while later he took a heart attack and became unconscious, leading to a peaceful death on Monday morning.

Five years ago when this country saw the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic we were reminded time and time again that Christians are people of hope. Even though dark clouds were hanging over us and we did not know how long the pandemic would last we should not lose hope.

And although the situation being described is different the same message is repeated in the passage of Scripture that Richard read today.

We do not lose heart.

Although we are sad today, although tears will be shed, we do not lose heart because we find comfort and reassurance in some words that Jesus spoke to His disciples when He was preparing them for that day when He would have to leave them. This is what He said.

You have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

In the Christian Faith that we profess and by which we live we believe that to be true. Because Jesus has been raised from the dead so will we and all who believe and trust in Him.

It is our belief that this applies to our brother Bill and that one day, in God's own time, we will see him again and our sad and mournful lives will be transformed as together we will rejoice with him and all whom we have known and loved in the presence of our Saviour and Redeemer.

Samuel Stewart Roland Hughes 26th May 1945 – 5th December 2024

The introduction to this Service, that I read some moments ago, reminds us of some of the reasons why we have come here today – including to give thanks for the life of Roland Hughes and to comfort his family in their grief.

So, let me begin by expressing our sincere sympathy to you Joan and to your family. To Allison and Stuarty, Keith and Alison, David and Karen.

To the grandchildren Nicola and Ryan; Shannon, Courtney, Anna and Ella; Sam and Ruby.

To the great grandchildren Fletcher, Paisley, Maisie, Teddy and Everett.

To Roland's sister Maureen and her husband Bill in England and to their family; and to the family of Roland's late brother Jim – especially to his daughter Elaine.

Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to you today and we will seek to continue to support you in the weeks to come.

It was with shock and disbelief that many of us who knew Roland Hughes heard of his sudden death. He had been at the Service of Holy Communion on last Sunday morning and along with the other members of the congregation had enjoyed his breakfast in Bishop's Gate Hotel.

Although he had been unwell in recent months being, for a short time earlier this year, a patient in Althagelvin Hospital he had recently been given the all-clear, so his death is a cruel blow to all of us.

The life of Samuel Stewart Roland Hughes takes us back 79 years.

Roland was born at Lomond, Limavady on 26th May 1945.

He was the youngest son of Sam and Annie Hughes.

He had one brother Jimmy and one sister Maureen.

At some time Sam and Annie and their family moved from Limavady to live at 32 Northland Drive in Londonderry, and Roland received his primary education at The Model Primary School and he later progressed to Templemore Secondary School. At some time a link was formed with this Cathedral Church and Roland began attending Sunday School and church.

That link with the Cathedral has remained strong during all of the years.

Upon leaving school Roland was employed at Hastings on Foyle Street; later progressing to the Standard Newspaper where he was employed as a Court Reporter.

This continued for a few years until Roland decided to seek a change in his career; so he trained to be a nurse and he worked at Gransha Hospital for a number of years. His last employment was at Leckpatrick Dairy where he delivered ice-cream and later milk to many premises.

During his life Roland had a number of interests. He played football and was a keen supporter of Liverpool, taking an interest in their successes and failures right up until his death.

He, also, was a member of The Campsie Club of The Apprentice Boys of Derry. In the course of time Roland met a young lady, Joan Patricia Skeet and they were married in this Cathedral Church on 5th November 1966.

The Officiant was The Very Reverend Leslie Lawrenson, the Dean of Derry.

The best man was William John Burnside and the bridesmaid was Elizabeth Joyce Temple. You might wonder why they did not decide on a Summer wedding when the weather would be warmer.

Well, Joan tells me that she chose the date (5th November) because of the rhyme – **Remember, remember the 5th of November** –

and to his credit Roland never forgot their wedding anniversary!

Following their marriage Roland and Joan lived for a short time with Roland's parents at 32 Northland Drive until they moved to 18 Henry Street – their home for the last 57 years.

Roland and Joan were a close couple; enjoying each other's company with regular shopping trips to Limavady.

As far as I know a holiday abroad was something that they did not share together – at least in recent years - so at least twice a year when Joan and Allison vacated Londonderry for a week in the sun Roland, with the help of other family members, catered for himself. He must have been a reasonable cook because one of his duties every day was to prepare breakfast for Joan and it was while he was fulfilling this daily act of love that he became ill and died on Thursday morning.

Roland was a very faithful and regular attender at church.

You might not have seen him and Joan at the main morning service or at Choral Evensong but you could be assured that they would always be at the early Service of Holy Communion. Arriving at 7.45 a.m. with their friend Irene.

Always sitting in the same place in Bishop William Alexander Chapel.

Roland found the provision of the list of readings for the services very helpful as he liked to prepare for the services by reading the Scripture readings before he came to church.

He listened intently to the words of the Service and in recent weeks I have noticed something else.

When I pronounced the Benediction I could see Roland's lips moving.

He was repeating the words silently.

It was as if he was praying God's blessing upon me and his friends.

We are going to miss Roland from our gathering on Sunday morning.

As I said this morning, Holy Communion on a Sunday morning will not be the same again. The circle has been broken. But we believe that that circle of friends gathering to worship God and to enjoy fellowship with each other will, one day, be complete again and we see our friend Roland again face to face.

We have many memories to cherish; particularly those from last Sunday – including seeing Roland putting part of his breakfast in a napkin to bring home to one of his beloved dogs! We are now into the second week of Advent.

The Season of the Church's Year whose catch-phrase is 'Be Prepared'.

Many of us will be preparing or are already well prepared for Christmas. Cards have been bought and some perhaps sent to family and friends. Presents have been thought about and in some cases wrapped and hidden away until Christmas Eve.

While we associate Advent with Christmas and the Birth of Jesus, Advent speaks to us in readings and hymns not of the First Coming of Jesus but of His Second Coming.

When that day will be we do not know. We know that it will come like a thief in the night and we are told in Scripture that we must be prepared.

That message of 'Be Prepared' applies just as much to our spiritual lives as it does to our secular lives.

We know that one day we will die and leave this scene of time.

When that day will be no one can predict. Doctors who tell a person that he or she has only weeks to live have sometimes been wrong and the person has lived long beyond the given date.

Sometimes death, as in the case of Roland, can come suddenly and unexpectedly. I don't mean to be morbid but all of us should put our own lives in order before it is too late to do so.

Not simply thinking about what music, hymns and readings we would like at our funeral service

(Roland had decided on these things some time ago and it has been helpful for me and his family to be able to fulfil his personal wishes).

But what is of even more importance is to consider our relationship with God.

Is it still as strong as once it was?

If not, then today could be the day when we can put that right.

As the death of Roland Hughes shows none of us should boast about tomorrow because we do not know what tomorrow will bring.

May these words speak into our lives today as we remember Roland Hughes – son, brother, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great grandfather, neighbour and special friend. Roland, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Gillian Susan Dobson 1st September 1965 – 30th December 2024

Gillian Susan Moore was the third of six children born to Ronnie and Rosalie Moore of Bonds Street in the Waterside.

She was born on 1st September 1965 and her siblings are Heather, Melanie, Adrian, Jacqueline and Glenn. Growing up in the Moore household seems to have been a happy experience. The family recalls trips to the beach, all crammed like sardines into the family car.

Gillian was the apple of her daddy's eye and they had a special daughter-father relationship.

Gillian was very proud of her roots and would often say, "I am a Moore from Bonds Street".

She also was very proud of her church roots. Her upbringing was at Ebrington Presbyterian Church. It was here that she attended Sunday School and later church with her parents and family and where the first stories of the Christian Faith were heard and expounded from the pulpit.

Gillian would always have a great respect for the Ministers of the Church and for the Sunday School teachers who opened up the Word of God to her.

Later in life Gillian, on her marriage to Galvin Dobson, would become a member of this Cathedral Church.

Her daughters, Jenna and Katie were baptised, confirmed and married here and her three grandsons, Robbie, Callum and Archie, were baptised here.

Although Gillian came to love and appreciate the Church of Ireland liturgy there was something that prevented her from abandoning her Presbyterian roots, and with a twinkle in her eye she would often remind her family "I was a Presbyterian, you know!" Gillian's early education was received at Ebrington Primary School.

She later progressed to Clondermott High School.

When she finished her formal education at 16 years of age she very quickly (literally within days) began work as a dental nurse at Boyd and Logue, Dentists.

After four years she became an Administrator with the Police Service.

She later went on to join BT in a career spanning 28 years.

Beginning as a telephonist, moving on to become a 999 Emergency Call Handler, and ending as a fraud analyst.

She had a varied career but one in which she made many friends and was respected by her employers and fellow staff members.

Gillian met Galvin Dobson in 1982 and three years later, on 18th May 1985, they were married in this Cathedral Church.

Their witnesses were Gregory Paul McElwee and Elaine Heather Harper.

Dean George Good had retired as Rector and Dean and the new Dean Cecil Orr was here for only a short time.

Galvin and Gillian wanted both Deans to be involved in their Marriage so Dean Orr was the Officiant at the Marriage and he was assisted by his predecessor Dean Good.

Gillian and Galvin were so looking forward to celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary later this year, and Gillian had already booked their celebratory trip to Spain.

Gillian was the organiser of the family; even having booked and planned a weekend in Portrush with her family as well as a trip to Lake Garda with Galvin and their good friends Rita and Clive to mark her 60th birthday later this year.

Today's Order of Service was planned well in advance by Gillian.

She set out all of her wishes in precise detail. The hymns to be sung, the music to be played, who was to give a tribute – even arranging for a piper to play 'Abide with me' as her coffin is carried from the Cathedral.

Even the Dean was requested to include certain aspects of her life in his Tribute / Address! Nothing was left for other people to organise.

All of us have carried out her personal wishes today.

You can see that even though Gillian has had a degenerative illness for many years her brain was always active.

She required 24 hour care that she lovingly received from Galvin who took early retirement from his work to care for Gillian.

Her family gave great support as did the carers who became close friends to her and Galvin. Today we thank them for the love shown to Gillian over the past years. Gillian's illness did not take away her love for life and she enjoyed family parties

and get togethers with her friends.

The Christmas Eve parties at her home at Cricklewood Park always were special occasions and Gillian always made a special effort to be dressed to perfection.

Even this year the celebrations earlier on Christmas Day brought together her immediate family for a truly lovely day.

A day that will be remembered for everything that was good and pleasant.

During her life Gillian enjoyed to travel.

She had a special relationship with her in-laws Ron and Etta Dobson and they shared many trips and outings between Fermanagh, Newcastle and Spain.

Another of Gillian's loves in life was the music of the world famous tenor, **Andrea Bocelli** – and we will hear him singing "The Prayer" later in the service.

Gillian ensured that she would hear him sing live in as many places as possible, so her itinerary has included Madison Square Gardens in New York, and the beautiful rolling hills outside of his home village in Tuscany, Italy.

At heart, Gillian was a family person. She loved every member of her family – her husband Galvin, her daughters Jenna and Katie, her sons-in-law Kieran and Adam, and her three grandsons Robbie, Callum and Archie. There was a special bond between them and I believe that this bond will remain strong even though Gillian is not present physically with us.

Her spirit lives on to encourage as it has done for the past 59 years.

Whatever picture or belief that you have of life after death the image of bright shining stars in the sky above is one that can bring a comfort in a time of loss.

Gillian's grandsons will look at the stars above and believe that one of them – the brightest one of all – is their granny.

We can all take comfort in the belief that Gillian is still watching over us as a bright, sparkling, and beautiful being.

The year 2025 is new and bright and full of excitement but for you, the members of the Dobson family, it has heralded some dark and unpleasant events.

It has robbed you of someone whom you loved and who loved you.

I'm sure that you have many thoughts and questions in your minds.

One such question might be, "How am I going to cope?".

Could I suggest that all of us would listen again to words that became famous when they were quoted by King George VI at Christmas 1939.

They are words from a poem 'The Gate of the Year' by Louise Haskins.

These words are quoted at this time every year but for those who are walking through dark valleys they might just answer the questions that are uppermost in your minds today.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

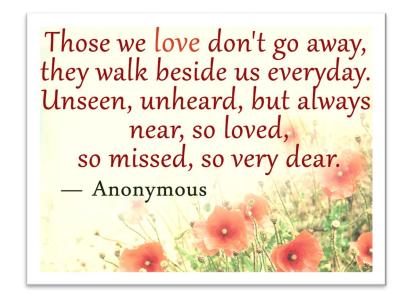
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

How am I going to cope? Who will help me in my times of distress?

At the beginning of this service we read the words of Psalm 121.

In this psalm we find the answer to these questions.

My help cometh from the Lord who hath made heav'n and earth.





In Memoriam



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In loving memory of my dear wife Gillian Susan Dobson

From Galvin

In loving memory of my precious mum, Gillian Dobson

From Jenna and Kieran (and son Callum)

In loving memory of my precious mum, Gillian Dobson

From Katie and Adam (and sons Robbie and Archie)

In memory of our 'Superhero Granny' Gillian Dobson (donation to The Sunday School)

On behalf of her grandsons (her 'Boys') Robbie, Callum and Archie

In loving memory of my daughter-in-law Gillian Dobson

From Etta Dobson

In loving memory of my sister-in-law Gillian

From Rosaleen & family

In loving memory of my sister-in-law Gillian

From Joanie & family

In memory of Gillian Dobson

From Muriel Hamilton

In loving memory of Will Pomeroy

From The Officers & Members of The Hamilton Flute Band

From Mr & Mrs D Payne & family

From Adrienne Simpkin

From Alex & Joan Birney

From Winston, Beryl & Kathryn Robinson

From Commercial Masonic Lodge No 164

In memory of my beloved husband Roland Hughes

From Joan

In memory of our dear father Roland Hughes

From Allison, Keith & David

In memory of Roland Hughes

From Allison & Fiona McClelland

From Muriel Hamilton

From Lorraine Bradley

From Ann & Fleming Campbell

From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart

From Miss Roberta Temple & her sister Mrs Gloria Lindsay

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In memory of William (Bill) McBride

From his wife Betty & sons Peter & Richard

From his sister Jeanette

From his nephew Alan & Amanda Warke

From Cathedral Youth Club Management Committee

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From Liam & Pat O'Neill, Donemana

From Maureen Dunn, Donemana

From Rick & Margaret O'Neill, Donemana

From Ian Gibson & family, Donemana

From Edgar & Florence Walker

Christmas memories of my beloved wife, Susan Hepburn

From Bobby

In memory of my parents, brother and sister

From Lorraine Bradley

In memory of our mum & dad, Emily & Jim Thompson

From Joy, Ann & families

In memory of Mrs Margaret Barbara McCarter (formerly Moore) (nee Ward)

From Margaret J Moore

In memory of Helen Ann Wray

From Mrs J Lynch & Mrs H Lynch

In memory of our loved ones

From Charlie, Joan, Lisa, Gail and Kathleen Ferguson

In loving memory of Granny Dora and Aunt May

From Judy Gilfillan

In memory of Norman Shephard

From James Trotter

In memory of Vera Tanner

From Muriel Hamilton

In loving memory of all our loved ones

From Junior & Grace McIntosh & Maureen Foster

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