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The Cathedral Church of Christ the Redeemer, Dromore



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## Welcome!

Think of all the times in your life you say the word welcome. Usually it is said by a host to a visitor, whether that be a home owner to someone calling at their home, or a head of state in a speech to a visiting senior representative of another country. It is said by someone who belongs, to someone who doesn't. It is said in order to put the visitor at ease and to ensure that even though they are only passing through, they feel very much at home. And it is also said at the beginning of most, if not all, of our public acts of worship. Said to those who are regular in worship and those who attend more infrequently. And I long to say it once more to each and every person who gathers for worship following a lengthy period during which we have been unable to gather for worship due to a pandemic which will be marked on each of our memories for generations to come.

As we prepare to gather for public worship once again at 10.00am and 11.30am on Sunday 5th July, I want to assure each and every one of you that a warm welcome awaits.

A welcome to those of us who have been accustomed to gathering for worship and this return to worship will be something which we have longed for over the past 3 months. Jesus attended the synagogue each Sabbath, as the Bible puts it, *as was his custom*. For many of us not being able to attend our place of worship on Sunday has been painful and difficult. I look forward to saying *Welcome back* to each of you on the 5th of July.

A welcome to those of us for whom the rhythm of public worship is a distant memory, but this crisis has stirred a longing within us to re-engage with church. Returning to church following a lengthy absence can be a painful and difficult experience. We can imagine that people will whisper and talk. We can be fearful that old attitudes still persist amongst those who were perhaps part of the reason for our absence in the first place. We can have anxiety and concern at even the thought of walking up that aisle and sitting in a pew which marked a place of battle and pain, rather than peace and presence. Can I say to you if that speaks to your heart that you will be welcome back, regardless of how long it has been since you last gathered for worship in the Cathedral. I look forward to saying *Welcome back* to each of you on the 5th of July.

And finally a welcome to those in our community for whom public worship has never featured in their thinking. We gather on a Sunday to worship Almighty God and to be built up in our faith in order that we can reach out to those around us who don't yet have a saving knowledge of Jesus. Many of those people have been asking huge questions over these past 3 months and some will even come along to church in their pursuit of answers. We have got to be prepared to give an answer for the hope that we have and to show God's love through our words, actions and our welcome. I look forward, along with each of you, to saying *Welcome back* to each of them on the 5th of July.

As we prepare to return to worship on the morning of the 5th of July we must ensure that as we welcome one another, that we do not give the impression that only some of us belong whilst others are visiting. We must endeavour to ensure that every person feels that they belong in our church family, regardless of how long they have been worshipping as part of our community of faith. We must look around at those who we have not seen for some time and those we have never seen before and love them as Jesus loves them. So let us look forward to being able to welcome one another once more, not as visitors, but as friends.

Details of how we intend to re-engage in our main services of worship, including new protocols and guidance, can be found on page 4 of the magazine.

Your friend in Christ.

**Geoff**

# Return to Worship in the Cathedral

It was with a genuine sense of joy that I received the news that we would once more be able to gather for public worship in the Cathedral from Monday 29th June. This is something which we should celebrate, but also acknowledge that we must prepare for this following at least the minimum requirements of Government and Church restrictions/guidance in order that we feel safe and secure as we gather for worship. Each and every one of us is valued deeply in God's sight and so we must ensure that the procedures and protocols we put in place reflect that worth and value. So I trust that the following will build confidence within each of us and enable us to re-engage with public acts of worship each Sunday at 10.00am and 11.30am, commencing Sunday 5th of July.

All of the following has yet to be considered and agreed by our Select Vestry, so may be subject to amendment or change;

- Services will be no longer than 45 minutes;
- There will be no congregational singing;
- All words of response etc will be displayed on screens, books will not be used unless they are personal books brought by the individual;
- Social distancing must be observed;
- The tower door will used for entrance and the middle porch for exit;
- Hand Sanitiser will be applied on entering and leaving church;
- Details of all those attending services must be retained;
- Only those from the same household will be able to occupy the same pew;
- Worshippers will be directed to their seats, filling from the front backwards;
- No tea or coffee will be served between the services;
- Toilets will not be available to be used during this period of transition;
- The wearing of face masks is not considered to be essential if social distancing is observed, however we must respect the right of the individual to exercise their own judgment in relation to the wearing of face masks or other protective equipment;
- Anyone displaying symptoms of Covid-19 must not gather for worship;
- Our broadcast service and CD ministry will continue in light of the fact that this period of transition may last for some time and we must maintain contact with those for whom public worship is not possible in the current climate.

I trust that the foregoing will allay concerns which some of us may have regarding the prospect of gathering for worship once more. But I also understand that for some of us it will be a step too far to gather with others for worship, even if all of the foregoing is in place. Be assured of our ongoing prayers and support as we seek to be the church together in this difficult period of transition and change.



## Congratulations!

Sincere congratulations to Ian and Dorothy Doig (Nee Coyle) on the occasion of their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary which they will celebrate on Monday 29th June.

Ian and Dorothy were married in All Saints Church, Eglantine by the then Rector, the Rev Henry Pedlow and the reception was in The Woodlands Hotel, Lisburn.

We wish Ian and Dorothy every blessing as they mark this landmark occasion in a very different way in a very different world.

The years have been kind to you both!!

## Step By Step

*He does not lead me year by year  
Nor even day by day.  
But step by step my path unfolds  
My Lord directs my way.*

*Tomorrow's plans I do not know  
I only know this minute  
But He will say, this is the way  
By faith now walk ye in it.*

*And I am so glad that it is so  
Today's enough to bear  
And when tomorrow comes  
His grace shall far exceed its care.*

*What need to worry then or fret  
The God who gave His Son  
Holds all my moments in His hand  
And gives them one by one.*

*Author: unknown*





# Children's Day - 2020

Children's Day was very different this year, given the situation we find ourselves in as a country - but the circumstances most certainly did not dampen the spirit which was so evident from beginning to end of our service. Via Facebook, over 850 households viewed the service in part or in whole and the following are just a selection of the comments which some of those people made:

*What a lovely service! Well done children & adults. Thank you. I'm well & truly blessed & challenged. To God be the glory!!*

*Well done! Just wonderful. Thank you Christine and everyone xx*

*Christine what a fantastic service. Thank you to all your team. God Bless.*

*An amazing, encouraging and uplifting Children's Day service. Thank you to all who made it happen.*

*A fantastic message way to go to all who took part FANTASTIC!*

Wonderful, lovely, fantastic, amazing, encouraging, uplifting ... we simply run out of superlatives very quickly when trying to describe just how good our Children's Day Service was, particularly given the most challenging times we find ourselves living in and through.

So, a sincere word of thanks to all those concerned in producing a service of the highest quality and deepest blessing - both boys and girls, families and individuals, puppets and people, and all brought together by our incredible Children's Worker, Christine Shanks. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

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## Smile Line...

### The Lord is my Shepherd

A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the Psalm, but little Charles did not find it easy to memorise much of anything.

On the day that the children were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Charles stepped up to the microphone and began proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd...." He knew that much, but the rest of the Psalm suddenly deserted him. So he concluded bravely: "... and that's all I need to know."

# Report from Diocese of Maridi - 2nd June 2020

## Introduction

There are not many places less able to deal with a pandemic than South Sudan. The world's youngest country ranks 186 out of 189 on the Human Development Index and is the only country to see negative growth in its HDI score since 2010. South Sudan is one of the poorest countries in the world with very poor economic practice and very high level of corruption. Majority of its citizens not employed. The resources of the country are being misused by few people and families who have made their way by force of arms into the government.

The health and economic infrastructure in the country is far below average capacity to provide for its citizens. Civil Servants have not been paid for several months and the salaries they get cannot sustain them for a week. The Church has found itself in this entanglement and stiffened by the current pandemic crisis.

## Current situation in South Sudan

Your brothers and sisters in South Sudan are now experiencing the coronavirus as a crisis on top of a crisis. Even before Corona virus, many communities in South Sudan lack basic needs – last year alone , nearly seven million people were regularly going hungry and over five million didn't have any access to safe water. Not having enough food, or clean water to wash our hands, makes the coronavirus a devastating threat to families in South Sudan.

Three quarters of the population in South Sudan don't have access to healthcare and in a country of 11 million people it only has four ventilators for treating acute Covid-19 symptoms. When the first case was declared the whole country was horrified. People had hoped we might be spared. But once we found out it was here the mood in the country changed. Everyone is talking about Covid-19 and how it will impact them.

Since then the pandemic has reached local people in states like in Malakal and others where physically distancing, handshaking greetings measures are nearly impossible, posing risks to everybody in the peripheries of South Sudan including Maridi. Among those tested positive is Vice President Riek Machar and his wife and other cabinet ministers in the government of South Sudan. Beside those, the poor healthcare facilities and poor communities setting, most families are challenged by the need to continue working together to grow crops or earn money so they can eat, despite the risks of coronavirus.

## Church in Maridi

The Church in Maridi is working together with other churches to deliver vital hygiene messages via radio and in small meetings, and even via megaphones in hard-to-reach areas. Community groups are translating these messages into local languages so that they can be heard and understood by as many people as possible.

The Mothers' Union are also working with women's groups to protect wives, mothers and girlfriends from the risk of domestic violence during lockdown, they are involved in Making Mask to help Bethesda Clinic and Maridi Hospital.

## Impact of Your Financial support to the Diocese

Your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Maridi, have received your financial support with tears in their eyes expressing their joy and pitying you even in this difficult times, you are able to extend the hand of help to your brothers and sisters who are in need in Maridi.

The Pastors and Lay Readers were able to financial support such as stipend and we were also able to purchase food items, soaps, oil, bicycles, megaphones and seeds for our pastors and lay readers in the Diocese.





These have given joy and hope to them as they are farming now and planting crops which will be soon out for harvest in July or august. The soaps are great support for the personal hygiene of the church workers as well we a preventive measures taken against coronavirus. The containers of the oil are serving two purposes in the family of the pastor. After eating the oil from the containers, the containers will remained as hand-washing items for prevention of Corona in the Family of the pastors. We were able to train 18 members of first aiders to involve in spreading the information of Coronavirus to the local communities besides the efforts of Bethesda Clinic.



Impact of the financial assistance includes giving the Diocese the opportunity to carry awareness to many families of Christians of the Diocese to enable them to reflect on their faith and Scriptures in the midst of the pandemic. The Diocese of Maridi with this program was able reach every community of believers to understand their position in the midst of pandemics. And the total number of people was 13,292 males, females and children who received the messages from the First Aiders and Evangelists.

The Diocese, through the 23 First Aiders and Evangelists, was able to successfully implement COVID-19 awareness to the seven designated geographical locations in Maridi town and the Church was much appreciated by the community. The teaching of maintaining daily hygiene was observed as key elements in most families in Maridi.

# Appeal for COVID-19 donor support

Diocese of Maridi is effectively facilitating a robust response to the COVID-19 pandemic in all the six archdeaconries in Maridi as well as reaching the remote people in Maridi County.

Bishop Moses spoke of our support for Maridi in the following terms:

***“You have always stood with the people of the Diocese of Maridi in South Sudan. You held our hand during our most trying moments. We plead with you to continue supporting us, more specifically in regard to preventing the spread and managing the trauma and impact of COVID-19,”.***

## Prayer Request

We kindly ask you to continue praying with the Diocese of Maridi on below elements:

1. That more awareness is carried out by Evangelists to six archdeaconries in the remote areas of Maridi to awaken the minds of the poor people in the villages.
2. Pray for food and soaps to support the 79 the Diocesan Basic school teachers who lost their jobs almost two months now and families starving and are in great need.
3. Pray for the provision of 20 bicycles to the Village pastors to carry ongoing awareness of corona virus in the six archdeaconries in the Diocese of Maridi.
4. Pray for trauma healing support intended to be carried by Bishop Moses to help the priests in their archdeaconries in July and August.
5. Pray with Mothers’ Union in the Diocese of Maridi to continue impact on the families by the provision of mask and soaps.
6. Pray for healing of our government officials including our President Salva Kiir and Vice President Dr.Riak and his wife who have been confirmed positive with Covid 19.

## Thank you from our Rector

A very sincere word of thanks to everyone who has given to the Maridi Appeal at this time. To date around £5,880 plus Gift Aid amounting to £1,217 has been given by individuals and families as well as £2,250 from Church funds - every single penny of these monies has been or will be sent directly to Bishop Moses in Maridi Diocese, South Sudan as he leads the response of the Church to the crisis in his area of responsibility and leadership. If you would like to give to the appeal then please do contact either the Rector on 9269 2275 email [revgeoffwilson@gmail.com](mailto:revgeoffwilson@gmail.com) or the Hon. Treasurer Nan McMurray on 3832 7856

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# Property update

An awful lot of work has been carried out over the past few months. The following gives a flavour of just how much has been achieved and hopefully the photos help us grasp just how good it all looks and the huge difference the projects will make to all of us.

## Church Office

The church office has now been relocated to the ground floor of the Clayton Hall. The quality of work is of the highest standard and those who have already viewed the office are amazed at the good use of space. The office being situated on the ground floor has the following benefits:



Those with mobility and respiratory problems no longer have to climb a flight of stairs;

The security of the staff has been improved through the use of a key pad lock on the office door;

Visitors arriving at the hall no longer have to wonder where to go as the office hatch is highly visible from the point of entering the hall;

The new enlarged office space will now accommodate two staff members thereby improving staff morale.

Overall, the office is just fantastic and Jill is thrilled with her new working environment!



## Clayton Hall Kitchen

As part of the new office project, we have had to re-jig the kitchen in the Clayton Hall, mindful of the fact that it has to be fit for purpose and able to serve the needs of groups of around 35-40 people at most. The new kitchen is now complete and I think you will agree from the photo that the kitchen is more compact yet entirely adequate for all of our catering needs. A great deal of thought has gone into the inclusion of drawers, worktops, wall units and even

the trolley which now sits comfortably under the worktop! Overall, the finished product is brilliant and we look forward to being in a position to use the new facilities catering for groups as soon as we are able to meet together once again.

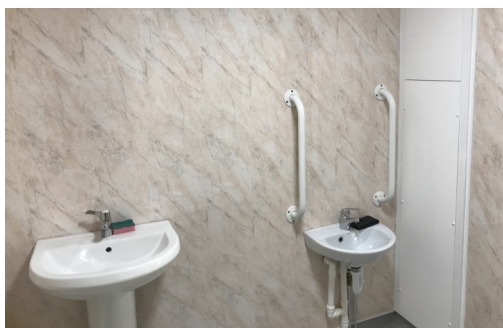


## Accessible Toilet in Cathedral



Following 3 years of discussion, consultation and planning, the accessible toilet in the middle porch of the Cathedral is now complete! The finished product is of the highest quality with facilities for those with disabilities, parents with babies, both young and old alike. The floor, walls and ceiling each consist of materials which are both hard wearing but also easily maintained. There are 2 sinks, one at the more conventional level and one at a lower level with hot and cold running water in both. And the whole project has been completed with sensitivity for the context and character of the building, something which is reflected in the

way in which the toilet door and skirting in the porch has been wood-grained. Unfortunately though, we will not be able to use the toilet until such times as restrictions are eased, so that first official flush will have to wait for a little while yet!!



***A very sincere word of thanks to our People's Glebe Warden Bill Forsythe who has worked tirelessly to keep tradesmen on track and bring these projects to completion.***

## Drive Thru Service

We were delighted to welcome Pastor Paul Eagleson from Dromore Elim Pentecostal Church to speak at our latest Drive Thru service on Sunday 21st June. As you can see from our photo, the car park was full even though the conditions were overcast and showery.

The Drive Thru service has provided us with the opportunity to meet together in these challenging times and for that we are thankful. However, now that we are preparing to return to worshipping in the Cathedral once more, the Drive Thru service will have served it's purpose and will end on Sunday 28th June with the final service commencing at 3.30pm.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has enabled this important service to take place. To those who provided the platform for speaking from, the technical support, the worship, the stewarding and the advertising of the service we say THANK YOU!



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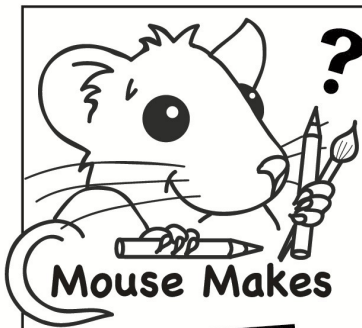
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## WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

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- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

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• Mother of John (Luke 1:3)

• Sarah's servant (Genesis 16:21)

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• Joseph's mother (Genesis 29:35)

• His wife turned to salt (Genesis 11:31)

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• Paul's friend (2 Corinthians 8:27)

• A brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55)

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• Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 3:1)

## IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt...

What were they?

Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

AKNNC

EONFR

FMZSR

EKHDR

CHRDZRD

OKZFTD

GZHK

KNBTRSR

CZQJMDRR

## FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

Match the wife to their husband

MARY

BOAZ

SARAH

JACOB

RUTH

ZECHARIAH

REBEKAH

JOSEPH

RACHEL

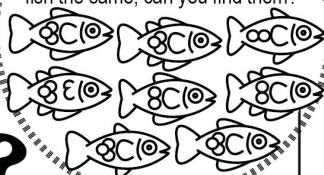
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ELIZABETH

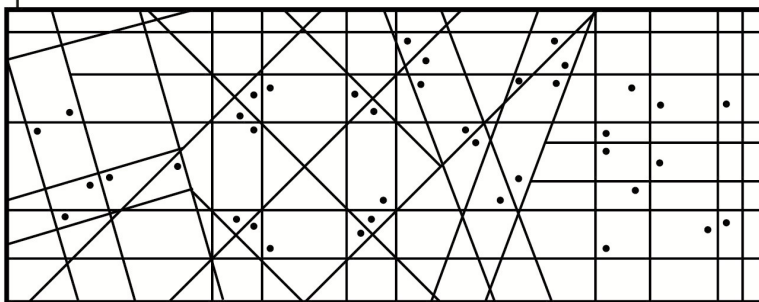
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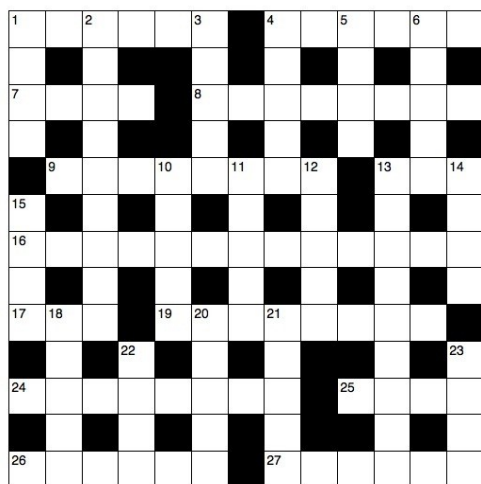
## FIND THE FISH

The Disciples have been fishing and have caught TWO fish the same, can you find them?



Colour in all the shapes with a DOT to find out what Jesus want us to do





## Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)

26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)

27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

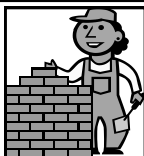
## Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

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# GOLDEN CHARTER



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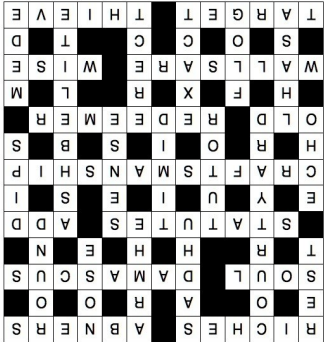
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# Service Pattern

Commencing on Sunday 5th July, we will be returning to worship in the Cathedral with 2 services each week for the time being, the first at 10.00am and the second at 11.30am. Both services will last 45 minutes and each will retain their characteristic content and form with 10.00am being more contemporary in style and 11.30am having more of a traditional flavour. Holy Communion will not be part of our service pattern for the foreseeable future, though this service will be resumed as soon as it is considered safe and practical to do so. As restrictions ease, all of the foregoing will be reviewed as we long for the time that we can return to the richness and variety of our normal service pattern.

# SOLUTION



# Church Collections

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2018/19</b>
March		8,616.41	12,692.30
<b>Total for year to 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>		<b>£91,870.30</b> (52 weeks)	<b>£94,541.30</b> (53 Weeks)
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>			
Month 12	March	673.75	1,216.85
<b>Total for year to 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>		<b>£9,993.75</b>	<b>£10,434.42</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
April		3,898.00	6,701.17
May		5,988.00	6,930.12
<b>Total to date</b>		<b>£9,886.00</b>	<b>£13,631.29</b>
<b>DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>			
Month 1	April	540.00	1,237.80
Month 2	May	266.00	687.75
<b>Total to date</b>		<b>£806.00</b>	<b>£1,925.55</b>



## 'JOY' Seniors Group

On Thursday 11th June our 'JOY' members had been planning a visit to enjoy the gardens of Sara and John McCorkell. Unfortunately, this year that has not been possible.

Not to be beat, Beverley and I decided to bring a little of the garden to 'JOY' at home. Each regular member received a colourful collage sheet of blooms and flowers taken at Sara's garden on one of our beautiful, sunny days a few weeks before. To add to the effect we gifted everyone a little 'afternoon tea' box.

Special thanks to Glenda Galloway for baking the scones. We hope you all made yourselves a cuppa and enjoyed the treats.

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you all soon.

*Jane Russell*



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