SEPTEMBER 2024

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19

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Dear friends

"Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past." Isaiah 43: 18a

Forgetting things from our past, both good and not so good, is not easy, but it is necessary if we are to move forward and become more fully the people whom God desires. Paul understood this principle in his letter to the Philippians when he wrote, "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3: 13-14

As we begin a new season of ministry this September, perhaps there is something new which the Lord might be calling you to do as you seek to deepen in your walk with Jesus. You may wish to join one of our many ways of studying the bible together, through the monthly Bible Class or the weekly Community Alpha.

You may choose to become more regular in attendance through 1 of our 4 worship services on offer on any given Sunday.

You may choose to return to church following a significant period of absence; if that is you, then a very warm welcome awaits you.

You may wish to avail of one of the new things which is beginning this Autumn, namely the First Steps Parent and Toddler group or the resumption of our Creche facility in the Cathedral.

Whatever it might be, understand that our God is doing a new thing in each of us each and every day. Lets get in step with what he is doing so that we might become more like Him in our walk with Jesus.

Cathedral Life

Geoff

Parish Bible Class resumes on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm

'I believe in God, the Father almighty' a short book by Dr Tim Chester. In this short study guide, Tim aims to fill out the content of the short statements of the Apostles' Creed which are so familiar to us.

The Apostles' Creed is recited by Christians throughout the world each Sunday. For many it is a dull routine, and for others, it is spoken with confusion or doubt, rather than with confidence and joy.

Do we really need creeds? Increasingly, people do not like the idea of pinning truth down. Others want to stick to the Bible alone, and think that creeds have no place in our worship.

But most churches have found it helpful to have a summary of Christian beliefs. Creeds summarize who we are, they teach us what is important and they help us avoid error. In modern business language, they are our 'identity documents'. In ten studies, "I believe in God..." shows how they are derived from the Bible the teaching of the Apostles - and what the significance of this momentous formula is for our daily lives.

Over a series of 10 monthly meetings, those gathering at the Bible Class will use this resource as the basis for our study. Each evening will begin at 7.30pm and conclude around 9'ish, having been refreshed with a cup of tea! Absolutely everyone is welcome to come along, new members will be made particularly welcome.

We trust that through our series of studies that saying the creed need never be dull, confused or joyless again.

"Alpha for all" begins on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. We are beginning a "community Alpha" on Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm in the Clayton Hall. Each evening will consist of a cup of tea to begin, followed by a video presentation and discussion. We hope to conclude each evening by 9pm at the very latest. You may think that because we are calling this course a "Community Alpha" that it isn't for you, as you are part of the church. That couldn't be further from the truth. You may well be interested in exploring more of the Christian faith for yourself or you may know someone from the community who is. Come along and bring someone with you to find about more about the goodness of Jesus and his boundless love for you. Everyone will be made to feel most welcome and we are praying that each of us will consider who we might bring along to Alpha.

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Lap of the Lough - Saturday 14th September

This is a fundraiser for the team which will be travelling to Maridi in the autumn of this year, departing on Sunday 27th October and returning on Thursday 7th November. The Rector will cycle around Lough Neagh, a distance of around 110 miles.

If you would like to sponsor Geoff, then simply place your name on the list in any of the porches or in the Church Office. If you are a UK taxpayer, by placing your address and postcode on the list and ticking the relevant box, we can reclaim tax from HMRC which you have already paid, at no additional cost to yourself.

If you would like to see the Rector off, he will be leaving the Clayton Hall car park at 8am on Saturday 14th September. More importantly for him though, he will be returning (DV) at around 5-6pm the same day, hopefully!

Car Boot Sale for Maridi Team - Saturday 21st September

One of the fundraisers which the Maridi team are organizing is a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 21st September from 10am to 12.30pm in the Cathedral Hall car park. Cars are £10 with cars and trailers costing £20. Entry is £2 which will include a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. If you don't wish to bring a car, perhaps you might consider having a bit of a clear out and giving any unwanted but clean/serviceable items to the team to sell on the day as they will also have a table with all proceeds going to the trip (contact Geoff on 07808 844637 for more details). Please do support the team in whatever way you can as we seek to deepen our links with our brothers and sisters in Maridi.

Talent Show and Auction of Talents

Saturday 12th October is a date which I would encourage you to mark in diary as "not to be missed". That evening in the Cathedral Hall at 7.30pm we will have an evening where folks will be able to display their talent, whatever that might be (within reason!) for all to see. If you are a child learning to play the piano, then we love to hear you play that evening. If you are an adult with a gift for reciting poetry, then we would love to hear you that evening. We already have an "ABBA tribute band" on the list of performers, so please don't be shy about coming forward. Everyone is welcome to perform, whether from within the Church family or indeed the wider community. Tickets will be priced at the bargain price of £10 with children at £5. During the course of the evening, there will also be an auction of talents. You could pick up a car valet, a hair cut, a weekend away in Portstewart or have a meal prepared for you in your own home and much, much more. All proceeds from this evening will go to support the team travelling to Maridi. Tickets available from Jill in the Church Office.

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JOY

Join with us on Thursday 5th September at 2pm in the Cathedral Hall when we will be joined with John Wilkinson for 'part 2' of his craic and chat about olden days in Dromore.

JOY stands for Just Older Youth and is open to everyone in the community. Come join us and enjoy a good cuppa afterwards. Jane Russell

MATCH

After our summer break we next meet on Wednesday 18th September at 8pm in the Cathedral Hall. Our guest speaker is Billy Steward PCSP Project Officer. Billy will talk to us about the increasing amount of scams and Crime Prevention. MATCH stands for Midweek at the Cathedral Hall and is open to everyone.

Mothers' Union

Following the summer break, we look forward to meeting up again on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Clayton Hall.



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Confirmation

To be confirmed means to take ownership of your own faith. If you were baptized as a baby, confirmation is the time to declare as a promise to God that you are going to take responsibility for the vows that your parents made over you at your baptism.

In preparation for confirmation, we come invite vou to along Confirmation Class where we will be exploring the Christian faith. These sessions will begin on Monday 9th September from 7-8pm. The Confirmation Service will take place on Sunday 17th November at 4.30pm in the Cathedral. If you want participate in the confirmation process get in touch with Christine Shanks.

Confirmation isn't just limited to young people, as adults who have not yet been confirmed can choose to be confirmed in their faith. If you would like to find out more about confirmation as an adult, please do speak to Geoff as soon as possible.

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Save the Date - Youth & Children

Kingdom Kids:

We are so excited to welcome all our primary school aged children back to Kingdom Kids on Sunday 8th September. We have a fun first term planned with interactive bible stories, crafts, games, memory verses and prayer activities. During our first term, we will be learning about God's unfailing love for us through looking at the life of Joseph, Ruth and Jonah. Kingdom Kids meet down in the Cathedral Hall following the children's song in the 10am Cathedral Praise service.

Pulse:

Pulse will recommence on Sunday 8th September at 7.15pm. We will be meeting in 'The Base' (Youth for Christ building). We are really looking forward to catching up with old and new faces for a night of games, food and hearing what our young people would like to see in the term ahead. Pulse is for all young people in first year to upper sixth.

Creche:

Creche is back! It has been wonderful to see so many little ones aged 0-3 in our services. From Sunday 8th September parents will be able to leave their little ones in creche from 9.50am or when the primary school children leave for Kingdom Kids. Creche will be held in the Cathedral Hall. It will be run by safeguarded volunteers. Please note that creche will continue in the Clayton Hall via audio link for the 11.30am service. Also there will be no creche at our joined up services.

Registration for all three of the above ministries will open online on Sunday 1st September. The links will be posted in the Whats App groups. If you are unable to access these groups, please contact Christine Shanks

First Steps: Mothers, Minders, Babies and Toddlers

On Monday the 7th October the Cathedral Hall doors will be open to welcome mums, childminders, babies and toddlers along to our new ministry "First Steps". We are delighted to be able to provide the community with this new group. First Steps will run every Monday morning from 10am to 11.30am.

We would ask that you keep this new ministry in your prayers as planning and preparations take place. Also, if you know of anyone who could avail of the group, please do let them know of our starting date and times. For more details contact Christine Shanks.

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Organ Relay for Parish Funds - Saturday 7th September

Our next fundraiser for parish funds will be an organ relay on Saturday 7th September.

The event begins at 1:00pm with ten organists, each playing for around 30 minutes consecutively, until 6:00pm.

The participants all have a connection to the Cathedral - former or current organists, those who have played our organ at various times to fill in or during vacancies, those with family connections, and even two who played for the High School as pupils when they held services in the Cathedral.

The programme is as follows;

- 1:00pm-1:30pm Mrs Hilary Purdy
- 1:30pm-2:00pm Rev David McCarthy
- 2:00pm-2:30pm Ms Gertie Jamison
- 2:30pm-3:00pm Mr Alasdair MacLaughlin
- 3:00pm-3:30pm Dr Stephen Timpany
- 3:30pm-4:00pm Mr Ben Blakely
- 4:00pm-4:30pm Mr Carl McCambley
- 4:30pm-5:00pm Matt Milford
- 5:00pm-5:30pm Mr David Whiteside
- 5:30pm-6:00pm Mr Orly Watson

We are looking forward to a pleasant afternoon of music on our superb organ - classic, contemporary, sacred and secular.

Light refreshments will be available in the Cathedral throughout the event.

You are warmly invited to come along to all or some of the event - the audience is free to come and go as they please.

A box will be provided for people to make donations, if they so wish, towards parish funds. **Scott Mackey**

Evening Epilogue Service

Our Evening Epilogue Services will be at 7pm during the month of September, returning to the customary time of 6pm from the first Sunday in October onwards.

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Clothes and Fabrics Collection

Once again, the Cathedral is taking up the opportunity of helping parishioners and friends to help themselves, and to help us, by providing a means of getting rid of old/used clothes and shoes.

The right hand Garage in the Clayton Hall Yard will be used as a collection point for bags of the following items to be left in the week commencing Monday 9th September. Bags will be collected on Wednesday 9th October.

Please make sure the clothes have been cleaned beforehand.

WHAT CAN I PUT INTO THE BAGS?

We can say YES to:

Men's Clean Clothing Women's Clean Clothing Children's Clean Clothing

Paired shoes Handbags

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Bed linen

Curtains

but we must say **NO** to:

Dirty or wet clothing Single shoes

Off cuts of material

Uniforms

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CMSI Boxes

All CMSI boxes should be returned either to Helen Forsythe (Co-ordinator), left in the Church porch or with Jill in the Church Office during the month of September.

If you are contributing by cheque, please make cheque payable to Dromore Cathedral.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We plan to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September in the Cathedral Hall.

But we need your help, either to provide food on the day or simply to attend and



donate, helping us to raise money for this very worthy cause.

We would appreciate donations of scones or tray bakes to be left in the Cathedral Hall kitchen on the Thursday evening between 7.00pm and 8.00pm or before 9.00am on the Friday morning.

Teas and coffees will be served from 10.30am until 12.00 noon, so please try to join us and encourage as many of your friends as possible to pop in too.

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Across

- **8** Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- **9** One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- **10** Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- **13** Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- **16** 'Jesus bent down and to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- **19** Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- **22** Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- **24** and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under the ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)

25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- **3** Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- **4** Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- **5** The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- **15** United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- **16** One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- **17** Braved (anag.) (6)
- **18** of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- **20** 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

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Services for September

Sunday 1st

The 14th Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Cathedral Praise
11.30am Holy Communion
3.00pm Royal British Legion

3.00pm Royal British Legion Service 7.00pm Praise, Prayer & Testimony

Sunday 8th

The 15th Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Cathedral Praise
11.30am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Evening Epilogue with Holy Communion

Sunday 15th

The 16th Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Cathedral Praise with Holy Communion

11.30am Service of the Word7.00pm Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 22nd

The 17th Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Combined Service

7.00pm Evening Epilogue Service

Sunday 29th

The 18th Sunday after Trinity 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Cathedral Praise
11.30am Service of the Word

7.00pm Evening Epilogue Service

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says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

Church Collections: June & July

GENERAL FUND	2024/25	2023/24
June	10,317.50	8,576.00
July	7,553.00	8,852.50

Total to date £34,423.00 £34,594.20

DEVELOPMENT FUND

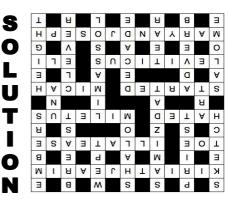
June	772.00	717.00
July	607.00	909.20

Total to date £3,299.40 £3,995.45

Attention all Magazine Distributors

The October edition of our magazine will be ready for collection and distribution on Friday 27th with items for inclusion to be with Jill in the office by Friday 20th at 1pm. Items can be sent to Jill by emailing -

dromorecathedral@outlook.com



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SEPTEMBER DATES			
Monday 2nd	7.30	Parish Prayer Meeting Clayton Hall	
Tuesday 3rd	10.30	Craft Class (each Tuesday)) Clayton Hall
Thursday 5th	2.00	JOY	Cathedral Hall
Thursday 5th	2.00	Monthly Service	Mountvale Nursing Home
Friday 6th	11.00	Monthly Service	The Beeches
Saturday 7th	12.30	Organ Relay	Cathedral
Tuesday 10th	7.30	Alpha Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 11th	7.30	Parish Bible Class	Clayton Hall
Tuesday 17th	7.30	Alpha Course	Clayton Hall
Wednesday 18th	8.00	MATCH	Cathedral Hall
Saturday 21st	10.00	Car Boot Sale	Cathedral Hall Car Park
Wednesday 25th	7.30	Mothers' Union Meeting	Clayton Hall
Friday 27th	10.30	Macmillan Coffee Mornin	g Cathedral Hall

Craft Class

Our Craft Class will resume on Tuesday 3rd September. We meet every Tuesday in the Clayton Memorial Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon for a cuppa, chat and some craft. New members will be made most welcome.

September	1st	8th	15th	22 nd	29th
Mrs Sara McCorkell 028 9269 3760	Mrs Sara McCorkell	Mrs Nuala Green	Mrs Dorothy Allen	Mrs Glenda Galloway	Mrs Gillian Hyde

September	Refreshments Rota	
1st	Stephanie Shepherd & Diane Martin	
8th	Dorothy Farrell & Helen Forsythe	
15th	Julianne and Stuart Noble	
22nd	Naomi Wilson & Leanne Teggart	
29th	Kathy Chambers	



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Trevor's Ordination on 24th June 2004

Ordination 1 - L-R: Scott Mackey (Rector's Churchwarden), Rev'd Trevor McKeown, Bishop Harold Miller, Dean Stephen Lowry, Nan McMurray (People's Churchwarden).

Ordination 2 - Trevor and Joy with Bishop Harold.





Craft Class

On Tuesday 25th June, Trevor and Joy were invited along to the Craft Class where they were presented with some gifts to mark the end of Trevor's 20 years of ministry in the Cathedral.

The gifts included a special mug, marking Trevor as an 'honorary member' of the Craft Class and assuring him of a warm welcome any time he wants to call in with them on a Tuesday morning for a cup of tea.









On Sunday 30th June we said farewell and thank you to our Curate of 20 years, the Rev'd Trevor McKeown and his wife, Joy.

After the service in Church, lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall and then Trevor and Joy cut the cake.

Rector's Churchwarden, Alan Turkington presented Trevor with a gift from the parish and Rebekah Davidson, Honorary Secretary, presented Joy with a bunch of flowers.

We are truly thankful for Trevor and Joy's faithfulness in his calling to God's work in our parish, service and friendship to so many people over so many years.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1



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