

DROMORE CATHEDRAL PARISH MAGAZINE



Christmas Greetings:

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

*from 2 Corinthians 8.9
Today's New International Version*

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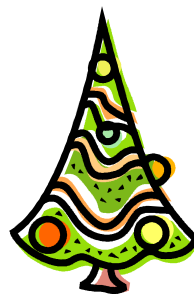
Dear Friends

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All of a sudden it is Advent! How wonderful that shops and restaurants, theatres and pubs have begun celebrating Advent already! Not that you would know it was Advent they celebrate! It seems a lot more like Christmas, but that is still weeks away (isn't it?)

The church is as good (or bad) as the rest at anticipating Christmas: we will try to keep a lid on the festival by pushing the first carol service back a week, but it is still Christmassy so early that the day itself can fall a little bit flat. I personally find myself exhausted by the time "the Day" comes, and it is a relief rather than a rewarding day!

Advent means "draw near" or "come beside" and it is the season which precedes Christmas, and is there for a purpose. It is to remind us that God has come near us through Patriarchs, Prophets and Angels, and comes among us in the Prince of Peace. But it is also designed to help us remember that Christ is coming again, and so we had better get ready.



3 questions I will use to challenge myself this season:
(perhaps you could ask yourself the same)

- 1. How can I show the love of Christ at Christmas?**
- 2. How can I direct my friends to Christ at Christmas?**
- 3. How can I honour God in my gifts at Christmas?**

Just because others are celebrating Christ's birth in the wrong way: doesn't mean you and I should not celebrate the right way!

Celebrate the One and honour God in *your own* life; at least it's a start!

Perhaps you could slip in a "Happy Advent" or two in the run up to the 25th! Your friends would say "What?" and you could tell them "Yes, the coming of Christ makes me happy!" The right word at the right time and, who knows, you may help a friend who cannot see beyond glitter, to see light at Christmas.

Stephen



Christmas Services

The service pattern for December is influenced by special Carol Services and the summary is on the back page as usual.

The Seasonal Events are as follows:

2nd December

6.00 Advent Carol Service

By Wallace High School Singers and Cathedral Choir

We welcome *Cappella* from Wallace High School who will join with our Choir in presenting music for Advent Sunday evening. Bishop Harold Miller will be present at the service, and speak later at Worship at Eight.

14th December

The Base Christmas Celebration

The Base comes to the Cathedral Hall once more for a pre Christmas Event to which young and old are welcome

16th December

6.00 GB Christingle Service *in Cathedral Hall*

The Girls Brigade will present this special mixture of drama, readings and music at a service in the Cathedral Hall this year followed by refreshments. To discover more about the Christingle come on the 16th at 6 pm.

23rd December

11.30 Celebrate Christmas Together

The Sunday Morning Youth Team presents a special Christmas Celebration at this service at Bethlehem Stable, in Dromore Cathedral. Led by D C Rock.

6.00 Carols by Candlelight

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is the beautiful climax of the preparations for Christmas featuring the Bible Story of Salvation in Nine Episodes. Refreshments afterwards.

24th December

11.15 First Communion of Christmas

For those who are able to leave their homes on Christmas Eve for worship there is no more special place than our Cathedral, still lit by the candles, to receive the blessings God offers as we come by faith to his Table.

25th December

10.30 am Christmas Morning Service

We all bundle into church for a short happy declaration that Christmas is about the Christ Child. Children are welcome to bring along something they want to show their friends as we "Celebrate at TEN-THIRTY" on Christmas Morn.

31st December

11.15 pm Watchnight service

The Watchnight service this year takes place in the Cathedral with our guests from the local churches especially the Methodist Church in attendance.



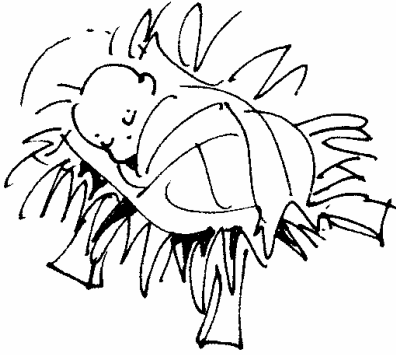
"**She's a wile wee cutty**" were words which rang often in my ears when I was young. Words usually said as I ran off down the 'back lane' to escape my mother who was trying in vain to wash my face or trying to get me to put something on my feet. She used to try running in the opposite direction round the row of houses to catch me, but she never did. For me, there were just too many trees to climb and adventures to be had, to be bothered about washing and getting dressed properly.

My Mum's description of me was, I smugly thought, left far behind as I sat recently in a training course about European Directives and described my job and responsibilities to others on the course. Surely now I've arrived, surely now I'll get the respect I deserve. It was about afternoon tea break when I noticed that I was very obviously wearing my blouse inside out.

I'm obviously therefore by no means an expert at getting everything right and it's about this time of year I'm handed pieces of paper which particularly challenge me most and cause many a cold sweat. No, not a request from Stephen as I walk through the door on a Sunday, but paper with lots of intelligible dots and dashes and lines and stuff. Yes the music which the choir will be singing at Christmas. What makes it even worse is that the stuff the sopranos (which includes me) have to sing is written on different lines and sounds completely different compared to what the altos, tenors and basses are singing, although the words are all the same. And, we don't even all sing at the same time. Now, I usually manage to get round this by listening to the music a few times beforehand, and usually I only have to hear a tune once then I'm off. Sometimes no matter how much I practise there are notes I just don't get.

How this works. I have my tune in my head and have been humming my note the whole way through the preceding service. The choir stand up, the organist smiles, lifts his hands and...it all goes horribly wrong, that note I'd hummed for ages (which you thought was interference in the sound system) vanishes as it's in among all those other altos, tenor and basses. On those occasions I usually pick it up after a couple of notes, and it's the organ that saves me as it's playing the soprano's music you see.

These next few weeks are when the Christian note needs hummed really loudly. Hum it loudly enough for the people beside you to hear. It'll help them sing the song perfectly and reach the last note on Christmas Day still in harmony. You ready? It's not about the number of late night openings or who's coming to dinner; it's not about cards or decorations. Got the note yet? Something to do with remembrance of a special child being born, yes your note is nearly perfect. I know it was two thousand years ago, but what that child did for me and for you, makes me want to honour the occasion and not the commercialism. When the rest of the world is going mad, and has forgotten the tune. Be the perfect note when you hear disharmony over the next few weeks.



Mothers Union

Our December meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th when we will have a meal and fellowship in the Cathedral Hall. See below:

The Young Families Carol Service will take place on Monday 3rd December at Saint Dorothea's, Gilnahirk at 8.00 pm.

The Mothers' Union Theme for 2008

Time for Relationships

A note from Branch Leader

Thank you to everyone who has been knitting and who brought soap bags to our last meeting. The response filled the boot of my car! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fun & Fellowship on 12th December.

Christmas Fun & Fellowship

This year we will be catering for ourselves in the Cathedral Hall. The Committee are sorting it all out, all you have to do is turn up and enjoy the meal and fellowship. The cost will be £7.50, which represents very good value and will provide a turkey dinner and a sweet afterwards. At our November meeting, please be ready to give names (and money if possible) to Carol Mackey who has kindly agreed to circulate the list. Any vegetarians among you, can you let Carol know? If you would like to come along, but are in need of a lift, get in touch with myself or any other Committee member.

Jane Corbett writes .. Kenya/Sudan 2007

This has been an amazing year for me, I was fortunate to be able to spend three weeks during August in the Diocese of Kajiado in Kenya and then two weeks in my beloved Sudan in October.

Kenya was a completely new experience for me, living in comparative luxury, with a house in the Masai Rural Training Centre in Asinya, where Rev. John and Margaret McCammon lived for six years. We had electricity, most of the time, and a water supply which necessitated lots of buckets on standby for when the tap wasn't forthcoming. Six of us shared the house, one married couple, with their teenage son from Armagh and another couple from Coleraine. We were all there to fulfil different tasks, for some it was working with TEE (Theological Education by Extension) and others Mothers Union (MU) and the sorting out of books sent from schools in Limavady.

I spent some time with MU and some time working with the Mobile Medical Clinic. It was with the medical Clinic that my original job was, and I really loved being out in the bush visiting different areas, some up to 71 kms from Kajiado, helping to bring primary health care to people who had no other help available. My time spent with different MU groups was also lovely and I was constantly amazed at the community service of the MU in Africa. They care for the sick and the elderly, and visited schools, hospitals and prisons. They are amazingly resourceful and a real support to the Diocese and their various parishes. A lot of work done here by a local rector, in such visiting, is done there by MU!

In October I had the great joy of flying into Maridi, Southern Sudan again. This, as you know, is our Link Diocese. They have seen war and constant unrest, and yet their faith never seems to fail. We were met, as usual, by Bishop Justin and members of Haddow Primary School, now over 700 children, they sang all the way as we went to our compound. When we arrived Bishop Justin led us in prayer and thanksgiving for our safe arrival.

Our first visit was to Maridi Hospital, a 250 bed hospital. It has just one doctor, who has only been qualified for four years! He did all the operations, including caesarean sections, mending hernias and all the many things which arrived at the hospital. During the second week Trevor Buchanan from NI removed a tu-

mour from a lady's eye - his only light was coming from three small light bulbs! Three of our team worked in the small clinic in Maridi and three of us set off to visit the school in Amaki, for which Dromore High School contributed the initial £3,000. It was quite an amazing journey. It took two hours and 40 minutes to travel 17 miles, and twice we got stuck and had to be pulled free!!

Then again the same three travelled first to Ibba Diocese to see a primary school being built with money from the Bishops Appeal, where we spent one night and then on to Yambio Diocese. I have not managed to get to Yambio since 2002 and was delighted to catch up with many old friends. The journey to Yambio took over 8 hours, over terrible roads, but God was very faithful and though we saw many overturned and broken down vehicles, we went there and back safely - "What a Faithful God".

Our second week was spent in Yei Diocese, which is linked to Connor Diocese. We went there to see many different school projects, the new buildings going up for the BATC - Bishop Allison Theological College - which is hoping to move back into Sudan from Arua in North West Uganda. Also the Martha Clinic and our new Clinic, which we hope will be the first of many funded by the Healthline Sudan Project. It was almost finished and we hope that this wonderful new treatment Clinic will be open in January 2008. Then the smaller original Martha Clinic will be used for Education and preventative work.

In Yei we have Mission Partners, John and Poppy Spens. John runs the Yei Vocational Training Centre, and Poppy who is a trained nurse, has been very instrumental in the upgrading and improvement of the service in the Martha Clinic and in the building of the new part of the Martha Clinic.

I have learnt a lot this year, having the wonderful opportunity of see two countries where CMSI is working - Kajiado where we have been involved for nearly 30 years and Southern Sudan where we first visited only eight years ago.

It was amazing to see how little they have, and how grateful they are for the small improvements, which people like you and I can make possible, by sharing what we have - we have so much.

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me during my travels, your prayers were so much appreciated and **HE** answered them. We all travelled safely and came back healthy. Thank you and God Bless. **Jane**

24:2 ... to 24:7 ??

Louise Ferguson reports

Dromore Cathedral held its first extended period of prayer on 26-28th October. The rectory room had been transformed into a warm, comfortable place to spend some time with God in prayer. Over 40 people signed up to spend one hour in the prayer room, all were a little anxious about what to expect and what it would feel like. However on arriving they were greeted with a room filled with warmth, music, pictures, musings and prayers. Most people were concerned that they would not be able to pray for an hour, but just as we had been promised the majority left the room saying it felt like 10 mins and they could have stayed longer.

Opportunities and ideas were given for people to pray for their own situations, their family, community and world issues. All the prayers written into the prayer request book continue to be prayed over by the prayer ministry team, who would love to hear from those who have written in it to see how God has been answering our prayers.

Our fears about people not wanting to get up in the middle of the night to pray were unfounded as the slots in the wee small hours were the first to disappear and all slots were filled quickly and easily.

The weekend began with a special service in the Cathedral followed by a walk across the road to the prayer room to pray before leaving our first prayer warrior to "keep the watch of the Lord". It ended with another service where people were able to share some of the experiences of their time alone with God.

In talking to others, the experience has been an enriching one for many and one that they are very keen to repeat, as such we are delighted that 24-7 will be happening some time in the new year. Yes, this will require even more effort from us and not a little faith as we attempt to fill 168 hours in prayer, but we will also be joining together with a worldwide movement to cover our world in prayer 24-7-365 – BRING IT ON!!

Share your enthusiasm with Louise for the proposed 24:7 event, possibly in early January. More news shortly!

Introducing

Today's NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Bibles in every pew!

That is the vision which the Vestry wish to share with you, our fellow parishioners.

For some years now we have been considering the purchase of Bibles for the pews in church, not least because we had been promised a gift of a significant number in anticipation of such a decision being made.

Stephen recently visited Albania.

There he met Christians from various traditions who had recently completed a fresh and readable translation of the New Testament (the second part of the Bible) into contemporary Albanian language. It was translated by young experts (all aged around 30 years of age during the project) from Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic traditions in Albania.

The love for God and his Word which they expressed was a great inspiration to him. It reminded him of the thrill he had when the first full NIV version of the Bible was given to him in 1979 (by his then girlfriend!)

A new version

There is a new version of the Bible in English which has been around since 2005, called Today's New International Version (TNIV for short). It aims to be accurate, beautiful, clear and dignified: just what you want to hear in church. It is the current book produced by the people who brought us the latest New International Version in 1984!

TNIV reads well, it has dignity, it doesn't over simplify the bible text, nor does it insist on obscure old forms of speech to declare the truth of God

clearly. This is the text that the vestry, under guidance from the dean, has decided to purchase.

The books are bought in bulk which reduces their price per copy to a few pence under £10. If you try to purchase a single copy for yourself in local shops, like the Good Book Shop (in Donegall Street, Belfast), or Bible House (in Howard Street, Belfast), each would cost a lot more.

Under a Churches "bulk purchase" scheme we can buy them for this reduced price for use as Pew Bibles (but not for resale).

Our intention is to try to obtain gifts of up to 300 copies of the Bible from parishioners for use in the pews and we will add a panel inside the Cover to declare a little about the gift if donors request it. For instance in memory of a loved one, as a thanksgiving gift by someone, or as an anonymous gift. We leave the suggestion up to you.

Already we have been offered 100 copies and a Lectern Bible, so now we invite you in the congregation to give some copies, one or two, or why not give ten or twenty? Each gift will be appreciated. When sufficient donations have been received we will have a service of dedication, probably in January, and place the Bibles in the pews. First come first served.

Why do we want pew Bibles?

Read on...



Why are they being bought?

Here are Eight Reasons:

- **Bible based sermons** will be able to refer to verse references by number and avid listeners can make up their own minds about what the Bible text is actually saying.
- **Preparation for church worship** can now include reading the Bible passages, not just checking the hymns.
- **Bible Reading** at worship can become a **corporate event** rather than a solo performance, with worshippers looking up the Bible for themselves.
- Instead of printing the full text of the readings on the weekly news sheets, **the page number** from the pew bible will be printed and *announced*. This will help those who, like the rector, have great difficulty finding the right order of the Old Testament prophets.
- **Worshippers** will be encouraged to bring their **own copies of the Bible** with them to help compare the words with what they are hearing.
- The aim of the church to be a **Bible Based Community** will be expressed visually: not only with the **Lectern Bible in a central place**, but with a **pew version readily available**.
- We will always be able to **read from an actual Bible**, rather than a disjointed scrap of text from a news sheet, and identify that the reading is **part of the whole counsel of God** from which it is drawn.
- **Lesson Readers** will be encouraged to purchase a copy of this version for their own preparation, knowing that this is the version that will be on the lectern and used.

The Albanian Connection:

Since the vestry's decision on Monday 19th November to go ahead with this project to purchase TNIV, Bible Society NI has informed us that it has signed up to support three projects in Albania.

These are

- 1. The creation of a Bible exhibition for High school students.**
- 2. The distribution of the (recently published) Voice Recording of the New Testament on CD for churches and blind adults.**
- 3. The distribution of the New Testament to all theological students in the country.**

We have not been presented with figures for each of these projects as they are still at a consultative stage, but the dean is keen to give parishioners an opportunity to help these projects in tandem with the Presentation of Pew Bibles.

The New Testament in Albanian retails at about £3.00, and is already subsidised at that level.

The NT will be recorded on approximately 20 CD's per version, and is likely to include the cost of blank CD's, copying and printing CD's, a Bag to hold them and distribution costs: a ball park figure of around £20 per set would not be unreasonable though perhaps a little small.

The Bible Exhibition will enable High School students who come into contact with Bible Society to discover a little about this strange life changing book in an attractive and informative way. Costs are hard to guess at this stage.

On the attached form there is a blank space to enable those who are giving pew Bibles to suggest an additional sum towards this Albanian Project. How wonderful if we could be the first parish in Ireland to support these projects this incoming year!

Please don't feel under any pressure about this aspect of the new Pew Bibles: it is only a personal suggestion from the dean, and reflects a concern that we should be thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves even when we give to the local church.

PEW BIBLE DONATION FORM

I wish to help provide pew bibles for Dromore Cathedral

Today's New International Version	Quantity	Price per bulk copy	TOTAL
Pew Edition		£10.00	
Donation for Bible Society work in Albania if desired			
<i>Cheque to Dromore Cathedral</i>		Total Enclosed	

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

WHAT TO DO:

Please place this form and your donation into an envelope and place in church offering plate, office letterbox, or in the post.

Do not send cash through the post.

Cheques should be made payable to Dromore Cathedral.

In each presented Bible a *plate* will be affixed which states that each pew Bible was presented to the Cathedral. If donors wish us to add some further details to the Bible(s) they present then you use the suggested pattern: simply amend/overwrite the label or make a copy and attach with this form. Anonymous plates will be placed on all other Bibles.

We will typeset the label in the church office so all the Bibles match.

Thank you.

Dromore Cathedral

This Bible was presented

in loving memory of

OR

in thanksgiving for

Name of loved one

OR

Occasion for thanks

by

their loving children

name of donor

January 2008

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Albanian Web Log (*Blog* for short):

Bible Society in Northern Ireland sent five people on a fact finding tour of Albania recently. Among them was the dean, Stephen Lowry. While away he wrote a daily blog which was published on the church website. Here are some excerpts:

Wednesday: Greetings from downtown Tirana; it's a warm evening in this busy dusty city a few dozen miles inland from the Adriatic Sea.

Some interesting statistics:

on a 23 minute journey along the A1 (or its Albanian equivalent) we passed 32 petrol stations, 29 of which were open.

the roads here are drive-on-the-right in style, except in downtown Tirana where it is more like drive-whenever-you-feel-is-right.

electricity here operates most of the time but never all of the time and a trip into a restaurant involves finding one with a working generator!

....Albania appears to have an economy which relies on money coming into the state (from children working abroad, international aid, churches

and companies investing in members here). The Bible Society cannot sell New Testaments at their actual cost, because there is no way ordinary Albanians could afford it. Nor dare they give them away, since paper is so scarce that the pages of the Bible could be misused for e.g. wrapping food at the markets. Hence a subsidised market is the only way to create sustained sales. The New Testament is just that: launched on Monday 29th October it is the fruit of the labours of translators from Evangelical, Orthodox, Catholic and international translators working to produce a text which is readily understandable and usable by people here. It sells for about \$5 equivalent.

Production is in China, and delivery takes weeks, and the next batch (after an initial 50 or so) will not arrive until December. So Altin and his team have a few months to develop a sales programme which will help encourage clergy from the various traditions to use the new version, in turn to encourage their congregations to purchase them and use them, and so in turn to help the church grow.

Wednesday: I'm not sure what the PC word for manhole cover is, but on a street not far from here, I need not worry. For there isn't one. Now over recent days we have been impressed with many features of this new from old country, and have seen signs of growth and development at a rapid scale. But walking a few inches from a 2 foot wide hole in the road was not such a sign. It was terrifying. Like a parable warning of the danger of imminent doom it sat quietly gaping wide in a semi lit street a few yards from the main thoroughfare.

We were going for a walk "round the block" which turned into a two mile hike through back streets until eventually we asked directions and found our way home. "Tired pair of dogs you have there, a bit tired myself" as they used to say as we all headed for sleep at 10 pm!

Thursday: The morning began with a meeting with Zeph, one of the three guys who translated a new version of the New Testament into Albanian which was published last Monday. Zeph is a multi linguist, a pastor with Altin at the local church we will attend on Sunday next, and is currently do-

ing a Ministry Degree. The principles of translation he outlined for this New Testament were clarity, dignity and beauty. Maintaining clarity involved using words which people could understand. Developing dignity required a careful attention to the sacred source of scripture that nothing of its content would dishonour God. Creating a thing of beauty, in terms of syntax, cadence and style, was appropriate for that which contains the word of life.

Later in the morning we visited an Orthodox Theological College

Sunday: There have been moments when we have each had the opportunity to address a dignitary, a translator, a host or a guest; these have been moments when well chosen words have conveyed just a little of the joy of meeting people that we have found. John Doherty, our leader, has played a quietly remarkable role in keeping us all on track and there have been few moments, a missing man-hole cover besides, when we have faced any uncertainty or bewilderment as we have encountered new people and new situations.

See Pew Bible Feature for some

Parish Post

With the last edition of the year we remember to say a big THANK YOU to all who have distributed your PARISH POST each month in 2007. It is the time we offer to let distributors retire/ take a break, while hoping, please, that none of you do so. If your PARISH POST is a little tardy, then volunteer your name as a distributor to the Office and we will *try* to negotiate a possible transfer of duty! The ridiculously early *January* edition of the Post should be available for the Parish Post Team on Wednesday 19th December at 10.30 am.

Memorial Plaque

A solemn church gathered to remember all who gave themselves in service in war for their country at Remembrance Sunday this year.

A plaque was dedicated by way of thanksgiving for all who helped pay for the re roofing of the church, and more particularly the late Francie Cargin of Gallows Street. Francie's brother and family circle were present in great numbers and enjoyed a very tangible memorial to their beloved late brother.

Francis served in the Royal Air Force in the Far East and was captured in Hong Kong when the colony fell on Christmas Day 1941. He emerged from a Prisoner of War camp some years later and returned wounded and weak to Dromore in 1946. He survived, strengthened by his courage and faith until his death in 2005 . He remembered the Cathedral most generously in his will, and so contributed greatly to the cost of reroofing the cathedral at that time.

Macmillan Coffee

The Macmillan Coffee Morning always falls at the turn of a month and has once more been overlooked by the Editor in reporting to the parish: a sum of £246 was donated as a result of our Coffee Morning and we would like to thank all who helped.

Watchnight Service

This year's Watchnight service returns to the Cathedral when Rev Robert Wallace will "preach in" the New Year. The simple service takes place on the last night of the year at 11.15 and includes a welcome to people of all traditions to join with us. Invite your friends to come.

Evergreens Dinner

The Evergreens hold their Christmas Dinner this year in the Cathedral Hall on the **first** Tuesday in December, beginning at 1.00 pm. We would like to than all who make this possible including the Rainbow Pre-School who make space for us early, the staff and young people of the High School for agreeing to come and perform for us, our caterers, and the organising team. Some spaces are still available, and as announced in church, we do encourage younger members of the parish to come and give us all a bit of a lift at Christmas time. Contact Mrs Castles or the office for further details: 4th December at 1.00 pm

Diocesan Council 1st!

The Down and Dromore Diocesan Council meets in Dromore for the first time on Thursday 29th November. The members will gather in the Clayton Hall for their meeting from 10.30 for coffee and teas, and their meeting begins at 11.00. Volunteers to help serve the refreshments should contact the office, please.

Clayton Hall Communion

We look forward to the opportunity to receive communion together in the Clayton Memorial Hall on Tuesday 18th December at 2.30 pm.

If you find church attendance a bit difficult with your state of health, or prefer a shorter service, or if you just don't like to miss the fellowship of the Clayton Hall Communion, then come along. Light refreshments served afterwards. Lifts by arrangement through the office. Please ask!

Shine 102.4fm

a local Christian ethos Radio Station Presents a Grand Gospel Concert featuring

Live Issue & The Harvesters

at the Iveagh Movie Studios, Banbridge on Thursday 29th November at 8 pm.

Tickets £8.00 Senior Citizens £5.00.

GB Enrolment

On Sunday 18th November the Girls Brigade Enrolment Service was again well supported by parents and friends. This was a more informal service with three musical items from the girls and readings and prayers led by members of the Senior and Brigader sections. We thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our company.

Fundraising Night

GN Fundraising Night - 'A Christmas Bonanza' will be held on Friday 30th November at 8.00 pm in the Cathedral Hall.

We look forward to a fun evening of seasonal demonstrations. A light supper will be served. Tickets £5.00 each available from any member of the GB.

Christingle Service

This year our Christingle Service will be held in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday 16th at 6.00 pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. We invite all to come for this special service for Christmas.

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Blood Transfusion Christmas Eve

The Blood Transfusion Service have asked us to hold a collection on 24th December at *different times* from normal. Blood may be donated any time between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm

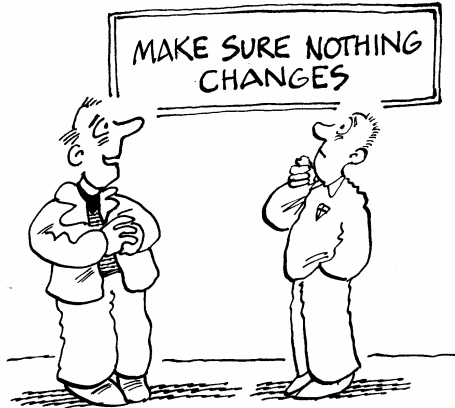
DCRock Christmas Craft Night

Friday 14th at 6.30 pm.

DC Rock invite their young members to the Clayton Hall for a Pre Christmas Craft Night: it was gr8 fun at Harvest time and we will make stuff for the Christmas Service, and for fun. See you at 6.30: ends about 8.00



CHURCH	Flowers for the Day	Sound at 11.30	Flower Rota
2 Dec	Mrs B McKeown	Paul McFarland	Contact Mrs Nina
9 Dec	Mrs Knox	Brian Mackey	Castles 9269 2391
16 Dec	Miss M Gamble	Keith Porter	
23 Dec	Mrs Johnston	Jamie McFarland	
30 Dec	Vacant	Harvey Wallace	
CARE	Refreshments at 11	Creche at 10	
2 Dec	Nicola Taylor Lynn McFarland	June Reain Stephanie Barr	Creche Rota: contact
9 Dec	Tara Thompson Linda Buchanan	Deborah Abraham Pamela Henderson	Helen Forsythe on
16 Dec	Ann Buchanan Heather Knox	Ruby Porter Stephanie Weir	Refreshments: to help contact
23 Dec	Gail Redmond Judy Taylor	Linda Buchanan Barbara McKeown	Gail Redmond
30 Dec	Louise Ferguson Jayne Patterson		
READING	Reader at 11.30	Reader at 6.00	Readers:
2 Dec	James Riddell	Pat Cherry	Contact Helen
9 Dec	Nicola Taylor	Keith Porter	Scott
16 Dec	Lynn McFarland	Girls Brigade	
23 Dec	D C Rock	Lessons and Carols	
30 Dec	Darrell Stewart	Gary McMurray	
GROUPS	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4th-6th	Magherabeg	Brackenridge	Spires
11th-13th	Ashfield	Clayton	



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*...it's perhaps not the most dynamic of mission statements...
but at least it received the unanimous approval of the Church Council!*

Lost

a Bible?

A small two-toned black/grey NLT Bible was left in the Church a few months ago and, as yet, no one has claimed it. If you think it may belong to you, please get in contact with the office.

Children's X-Mas Carols

Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
We three kings of porridge and tar
On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire.
He's makin a list, chicken and rice.
Noel. Noel, Barney's the king of Israel.
With the jelly toast proclaim
Olive, the other reindeer. (all of the other reindeer)
Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
Sleep in heavenly peas.
In the meadow we can build a snowman, Then pretend
that he is sparse and brown
You'll go down in listerine ...
Oh, what fun it is to ride with one horse, soap and hay
O come, froggy faithful.

Wednesday 28th November

8.00 pm Mothers' Union Visitors' Night

*Cathedral Hall***Friday 30th November St Andrew's Day**

10.30 am Holy Communion

Cathedral

8.00 pm Girls Brigade 'Christmas Bonanza'

*Cathedral Hall***Sunday 2nd December First Sunday of Advent**10.00 am Celebrate at Ten *DC Rock in Halls*

11.30 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm Advent Carol Service *with Wallace High Ensemble Choir*8.00 pm Bishop Harold Miller at *Worship at Eight**Cathedral***Tuesday 4th December**

2.30 pm Evergreens Christmas Dinner

*Cathedral Hall***Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent**

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Celebrate at Ten *DC Rock in Halls*

11.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12th December

12.15 pm Christian Aid Lunch

Clayton Hall

8.00 pm MU Fun Night

*Cathedral Hall***Friday 14th December**

6.30 pm Christmas Craft Night for DC Rock

Clayton Hall

8.00 pm The Base Christmas Service

*Cathedral Hall***Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent**10.00 am Celebrate Communion at Ten *DC Rock in halls*

11.30 am Morning Prayer

6.00 pm Christingle Service

*Cathedral Hall***Tuesday 18th December**

2.30 pm Clayton Hall Communion

Wednesday 19th December

10.30 am Parish Post Team

Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion

11.30 am Celebrate Christmas Together

6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.30 am-3.30 pm Blood Transfusion Service

Cathedral Hall

11.15 pm First Communion of Christmas

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30 am Holy Communion One

10.30 am Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 30th December First Sunday of Christmas

10.00 am Celebrate at Ten

11.30 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Monday 31st December New Year's Eve

11.15 pm Watchnight Service

Cathedral