A vibrant, painterly illustration of a sheep and her lambs in a lush green field. The mother sheep, with thick white wool and a dark face, stands in the center-left, looking towards the right. She is surrounded by several lambs of various colors, including white, black, and grey. The background is filled with tall, thin trees and dense foliage in shades of green and yellow, creating a sense of a deep forest or a well-wooded pasture. The overall style is soft and textured, characteristic of a painting.

He will gather the lambs
in his arms
and gently lead
the mother sheep

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Dromore Cathedral Parish Magazine

Dear Friends

A couple of weeks ago at one of our main morning services, the congregation was asked to raise their hand if they were following the E100 Bible Reading Programme this year. A good number indicated they were. As a Parish, it's good to know that the E100 programme has placed a renewed emphasis on the reading and study of God's Word.

There is a difference, of course, between reading the surface of the text and encountering the God of the text as we read. A familiar event from the Easter story helps to explain this difference. On the morning of the first Easter Day, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found Jesus' body missing. Distressed, she ran off to tell Peter and John, and when these two disciples went to the tomb, they at once believed and left.

As Mary remained there alone, two angels appeared to her followed by the risen Jesus whom she thought was the gardener. But when Jesus called her name, she too believed, and cried out; 'Teacher.' The Bible doesn't tell us why Mary was so slow to believe the truth about Jesus while the disciples quickly believed.

In the same way, reading the Bible with our own human 'eyes' alone is like reading the words and only slowly recognising the one who is actually speaking through them. We need to read the Bible through the 'eyes of our heart' if want to see Jesus:

- *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord*
- *Open the eyes of my heart;*
- *I want to see You. (Paul Baloche)*

I hope we will want to see Jesus, to hear and recognise his voice speaking to us as we read and study the Bible. Reading God's word through the 'eyes of our heart' means we can expect to encounter Jesus in a real and life changing way.

Trevor McKeown

LYNN'S LINES

I unnerved my husband when he asked me a question about something he was about to do. I correctly predicted something he was doing. No power of prophecy, just the ability to think of a few scenarios and then pick the most likely one based on having lived with someone for over 20 years. Then of course it could have been chance. At the end of yet another busy week, trying to catch up with friends who also have busy weeks, I then collapsed into bed. Even though I crossed everything off my list I had to check it all off again in my head just to make sure. Drifting off I thought I'd better read something. I had many choices, but picked something which sent me off to sleep very, very peacefully. Chance? You decide. To all you busy people out there, what I read was this.

*"There is one Saviour of the World.
And it is not you!"*

At the start of every busy day, and the end of every busy night, keep what I read in mind. Write it at the top of every list and when you read the scripture below, put the emphasis on the word **HE**.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul."

Psalms 23:2-3 NIV

MARTINS IN A MESS!

For Shrove Tuesday the boys and leaders of the Martins (CLB) were in a mess. Literally. They crowded eagerly around to watch the leaders making pancakes and the boys themselves were encouraged to help out. They learnt that the secret to making good pancakes is to wait until you see the bubbles appear when the batter is on the griddle. The event was just one of a well thought out programme which the boys would think is all about fun. Well, it is really, but in reality though 'games' are all about listening, learning to follow instruction, team work, and aerobic exercise! Even 'marching' is about following a series of complicated commands. The highlight of the 'marching' to well-known Disney tunes is a 'well-choreographed crossover' of two lines of boys. It is greeted with squeals of laughter each time, as everyone, including the leaders can get it wrong and we all bump into one another and we go off with the wrong group. After each activity time is a quiet time where we have been thinking about God's creation and our world. We heard that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and some of us even drew ourselves holding Jesus hand as he carried the little sheep to safety. As we move into spring we'll be thinking about all things new. As we say in Martins, AAAAAAAAAAAMEN!

Talking with your neighbour

Acknowledging your talents and planning how to use these in the service of those less fortunate than ourselves was the focus of the interdenominational Woman's World Day of Prayer service on 4 March. This year the service was put together by the Christian women of Chile and the challenging theme "How many loaves have you?" was thoughtfully taken up by Lynn McFarland who led the reflections during the service. A surprising number of women made their way to the Cathedral for this annual 'get-together' and once again friendships were made and renewed through the sharing of prayers, readings and the singing of familiar and not-so-familiar hymns and songs.

Gift Aid your annual subscription

A reminder that members who pay income tax can claim Gift Aid on their annual MU subscription. Please ask Carol for a gift aid claim form which should be filled in and returned as soon as possible.

All hands on deck!

The Down and Dromore Diocesan Festival Service taking place in the Cathedral on Friday 25 March at 8pm will have jobs and work for every member! Your contribution to providing supper and hospitality for

'Show off your bunting!'

We certainly did and it made a great display hanging up in Church and at a reception in Banbridge District Council Offices. MU efforts were supported by GB and SNYF and hopefully by now everyone in the Cathedral family knows something about Fairtrade! During April our decorated flags will be put together with others from around the UK to make a string of bunting over two and a half miles long! Apart from achieving a world record, the Fairtrade Foundation will use this to add impact to their lobbying activities when they target major companies in efforts to get them to change over to using only Fairtrade products. The majority of the support that goes directly to the tea and coffee farmers in the developing world is generated through large scale corporate enterprises eg Marks and Spencer, Starbucks etc making a commitment to use only Fairtrade tea and coffee. It is the products that are Fairtrade, not the companies and only the fair-trade Foundation awards the Fairtrade mark to products in the UK that meet international standards. See www.fairtrade.org.uk/faiths

the large numbers of MU members expected is very much appreciated. Please plan to attend.

14th April 2011

The Tri-annual general meeting will take place following the mid-week service on Thursday 14th April, with a cup of tea being served in the Clayton Hall. It would be encouraging to the outgoing Leader and committee to see a large number of members taking part in this process which will guide our branch over the next 3 years.

“SOME DAY I’M GOING TO FLY”

Mother’s Union ladies attended the hugely successful Visitors Evening at Seapatrick Parish Church on 16th March to hear Hilary McDowell speaking. Hilary, in her own words is “a deaconess for 22 years, now lives by faith exercising lay ministry across the denominations. An international speaker and Bible teacher, the author of five books and is based in Belfast. Disabled from birth, Hilary is also a dramatist, journalist, performance poet, counsellor, broadcaster, evangelist and psychologist. She exercises a ministry of outreach and reconciliation through drama, art and music and humour. Travelled internationally as a speaker.”

What an introduction from a lady who opens her talk telling us that medical science could have prevented someone ‘like her’ from being born. But that was not God’s plan. Hilary gave her life to the Lord at the age of eight years old and her father gave her a dictionary. She was told to cross out the word ‘impossible’. There was to be no ‘impossible’ in her life, inspite of her 7 disabilities, and she told us why. Because, “With God, all things are possible”.

Hilary has always trusted God even when she didn’t get the answer to questions asked in prayer. Hilary tells of visiting a block of high rise flats only to find that the lift was out of order. She had a very strong sense that God wanted her to visit one particular person on an upper floor. So Hilary left her little trolley behind and crawled up the stairs only to find the lady wasn’t in! Just as Hilary was about to leave a woman came down from the direction of the roof. Apparently she had been going up to throw herself off. Then she’d seen some poor ‘crittur’ (that was Hilary!) crawling up the stairs and had changed her mind about ending her life. What were her troubles compared to the crawling ‘crittur’.

Hilary wishes us all to find Jesus and to come to the cross. If you ever get the chance to hear Hilary speak, take it!

WORSHIP BAND NEWS

I can't believe that it is almost a year since I first came to Dromore Cathedral! How quickly time passes. What a year it has been as we have seen God bless what we are doing and adding to our numbers. Thank you to all of you who have given encouragement to us over this last year, and to all those involved in the teams in any way for your hard work and dedication.

We have seen our team grow to the extent that we now have effectively two teams, which eases the commitment for people. However, there is still room for more help and if you have a passion for worship and feel you would like to give something in service to this ministry then please get in touch. You can speak to me in church or email me on worshipleader@dromorecathedral.co.uk and we can try and fit you in as often or as little as suits you. No one is expected to be there every week.

Sadly, this month Lynn McFarland has stepped down from her role in the music team as she feels God's call to other areas of ministry within the Parish. We all want to thank Lynn for the huge amount of time and dedication she has shown to the worship over the last number of years

and wish her God's richest blessings in the days that lie ahead.

By the time you read this we will have had our first worship@8 service, which is something I am very excited about. We are running three of these services in March, April and May and hope that we can encourage as many of you as possible to come along and lift up the name of Jesus in the town of Dromore. These services are very informal and relaxed and we would hope to encourage people to share their stories and experiences of God with us. I hope that SNYF will be able to contribute to these services as well. We look forward to what God has in store for us over the coming months.

Karen

Why become a Fairtrade Church?

Because all the workers in the supply chain can have decent pay and working conditions

Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. James 5:4 TNIV.



E100 READINGS FOR APRIL 2011

These readings form the basis of the teaching at church on the following Sunday so try to be a step ahead : read some/all of the passages: Texts available online

The Cross of Christ

4/4/11 -	The Last Supper	Luke 22:1-46
5/4/11	Arrest and Trial	John 18:1-40
6/4/11	The Crucifixion	John 19:1-42
7/4/11	The Resurrection	John 20:1-21:25
8/4/11	The Ascension	Acts 1:1-11

The Church is born

11/4/11 -	The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-47
12/4/11	Growth & Persecution	Acts 3:1-4:37
13/4/11	The First Martyr	Acts 6:8-8:8
14/4/11	Sharing the Word	Acts 8:26-40
15/4/11	Good News for All	Acts 10:1-11:18

The Travels of Paul

18/4/11 -	The Road to Damascus	Acts 9:1-31
19/4/11	The First Missionary Journey	Acts 13:1-14:28
20/4/11	The Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-41
21/4/11	More Missionary Journeys	Acts 16&17 (18-20)
22/4/11	The Trip to Rome	Acts 25:1-28:31

Paul to churches

25/4/11 -	More than Conquerors	Romans 8:1-39
26/4/11	The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:16-6:10
27/4/11	The Armour of God	Ephesians 6:10-20
28/4/11	Rejoice in the Lord	Philippians 4:2-9
29/4/11	The Supremacy of Christ	Colossians 1:1-23



DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES



Remember*Sunday 1st March 2009*,..... a *combined service* and.....a *vision lunch*.....

It was 2 years ago when the 3-year vision plan, *Disciples making Disciples*, was launched and since then each value of the program has been developed.

DEPENDING ON GOD

In June 2010 there were prayer stations set up around the cathedral as part of a celebration marking 1500 years of worship.

The 24/7 prayer scheduled for September 2010 was postponed until January 2011, to coincide with the Youth For Christ community event. The closing praise service was held in the cathedral.

Prayer ministry continues to be developed.

The vestry have employed a worship leader for Celebrate @ Ten – Karen Bowden. Karen also works with SNYF.

LOVING OTHERS

Contact has been made with households in the parish, during Lent, harvest and Christmas 2010.

A new system for recording and distributing services is still under consideration.

The Overseas Mission Links group, soon to be called Maridi Support Group, continues to be very active raising the profile of our partners in Maridi. Jane Corbett has taken the fabric hanging from the cathedral to Maridi.

June Reain

GROWING DISCIPLES

A nurture course has been purchased, but as yet, has not been used successfully.

A Network course, to identify people’s gifts and offer opportunities for service, has been successfully run.

Fellowship groups continue to be reviewed and developed.

The vestry are continuing to investigate ways of supporting and encouraging people who serve as leaders and volunteers in the church.

Darrell Stewart

CHERISHING THE CHURCH FAMILY

The Welcome Team is developing well. Jeannette Adair and Billy McCallum are arranging the weekly rota. A 'Welcome' leaflet is being prepared and a new leaflet is also being explored.

Youth leaders are continually trying to integrate young people into areas of service. A comprehensive report was produced which highlighted the limitations of developing youth by only using volunteers, and suggested the need for a part-time worker.

Steven Law

OBEYING SCRIPTURE

Essential 100 readings have been introduced into the parish to form the basis of personal devotions, and teaching at church.

The EQUIP training day in October was a success. Creative arts are being developed to include puppets, dance and drama.

An alternative monthly evening service is being trialled at present.

Stephen Lowry

CROSSING BOUNDARIES

Via Wings has celebrated its 1st birthday and continues to grow.

A Community Outreach Group continues to consider a Caring Association and how it may best serve God in our community.

A community audit is being prepared.

Sam Redmond

As you can see a lot has been accomplished, and all of the vision leaders would like to thank all of those people who have helped with the development of this program, but there is still a lot of work to be done!

If you feel that you can contribute to any of the values, then please speak to the value leader.

Vision Value Leaders

LENTEN CHALLENGES

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP HAROLD: RECOVERING CONSCIENCE

Many of us have been reminded, not least through the trials surrounding Colin Howell and Hazel Stewart, of the reality that Christians can fall into all sorts of sin. In truth, we are not immune from any kind or level of fallenness. It would be a lovely (but untrue) thought that we only accidentally or unwittingly fall into sin, but the real blunt truth is that we can get used to sin, embrace sin in our lives, quash conscience, and begin to live dangerously double-lives. My message this Lent is simply this: Let's listen again to our conscience: Not to do so is a road too dangerous to follow for this world, and for eternity. 'Keep your conscience clear', says St Peter in 1 Peter 3:16; and the writer to the Hebrews is able, with a good conscience, to say, 'We are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honourably in all things'.

DOWN & DROMORE POVERTY THINK TANK – ANONYMOUS ONLINE POVERTY SURVEY

The Poverty Think Tank set up by Bishop Harold invites members of the diocese to complete an online survey looking at aspects of poverty within

our boundaries. The think tank has 14 members with an interest or expertise in this area and has already met under the chairmanship of Revd Canon David McClay. Bishop Harold writes: "*I know that some churches already have projects in place, but I would like us to be more purposeful as a diocese in responding to the biblical mandate to remember the poor.*" If you are a member of the Church of Ireland in Down & Dromore, please do take the opportunity to contribute to this important initiative by completing the survey on our website."

Reference from Down & Dromore Diocesan website <http://www.downanddromore.org/pages/ministries>

POVERTY THINK TANK LOCAL UPDATE: GAIL REDMOND

Our roving reporter PP managed to grab a few minutes in House of Hope with Gail Redmond.

PP: Gail, I noticed your name as a member of the 'think tank', how did that come about?

Gail: Bishop Harold asked me to be a part of it.

PP: Why you do you think?

Gail: Well, perhaps it is because I have a passion for people in need in our community.

PP: Where exactly do you think you will fit into all of this?

Gail: We're really just a group of people looking at where Church of Ireland can help in relation to poverty. We're even thinking 'what is poverty'.

PP: What do you mean?

Gail: Well, very often poverty is perceived as 'not having money' but it could be.

PP: So the findings might surprise us?

Gail: They may very well challenge us. House of Hope has given me practical insight to focused, real life experiences

PP: I notice that the group are to report back at Easter. Not wanting to pre-empt what is to be said, can you share anything?

Gail: I'm glad I've been able to bring my experiences to the table as it were.

PP: Thank you for your time!

Oh, she's gone, out the door to the next meeting!

'They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.'
Galatians 2:10

"DROP WHEN YOU SHOP"

How parishioners can drop a few extra items in their shopping trolley to help those who are hardest hit by the recession this Lent.

Canon David McClay, Chair of Poverty Think Tank, writes "The Bishop's Poverty Think Tank is encouraging every church in the Diocese of Down and Dromore to invite the members of their congregation to have a shopping trolley available in each church on every Sunday during Lent. Into this their people are encouraged to put tins, dried goods, jars and other food items with a long shelf life. Ideally we encourage parishes to put in place their own plans for the distribution of this food to those who would most benefit from it in their local area. Otherwise the food can be brought to : The Food Store at Willowfield Parish Church, Belfast or The House of Hope in Dromore (Via Wings). We encourage parishes to see this as a fitting way to enable their people to make a practical response to help those most impacted by poverty."

<http://www.downanddromore.org/news/2011/03/drop-when-you-shop>.

EAT THE STORE CUPBOARD!

"Do you ever regret saying something? My husband agreed enthusiastically as I said "that's a good idea" after I read the challenge in last month's Parish Post. I arrived home from work famished, none of the usual mouth-watering aromas greeted me. My face must have told the story when two mismatched frozen 'low calorie', 'low fat', 'low everything' meals were placed on the table, "Well we're eating our way through the contents of the freezer my dear!" What I had forgotten is that I'm vegetarian and that the freezer is well stocked with meaty 'bargains'. One of the last things left in the chest freezer is a large fresh trout and 2 naan breads. That will be difficult since I don't like fish. Maybe if I put it in some kind of sauce? As long as it doesn't come whole, I'll just have to put a napkin over it's head so that it doesn't stare up at me!"

network

Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style
and God-given passion for serving in the body
of Christ.

THE MORNINGS OF THE NETWORK COURSE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED!!

On 26th February and 12th March about 12 enthusiastic and gifted people from the parish met for a superb breakfast of juice, cereal and bacon baps, followed by tea and coffee.

Rev. Norman Jardine then led the discussion on passions, gifts and personalities. The main aspect of the course was for people to identify their spiritual gift and to try and find out how to use that gift in the service of the church.

Read some of their experiences:

“Great, helped me discover my spiritual gifts!”

“It was good to hear about others’ spiritual gifts and how they can be used to build the church.”

“I have been blessed and helped greatly by this course.”

“Very useful to bring out the inner you and now we all need to find out how best to use our gifts.”

“This course helped me and made me feel usable in Gods service.”

“Breakfast, fellowship and inspiration – all in a morning, roll on the next Network!!”

“Great to know who I am! – and no need to be embarrassed!”

The course was enjoyable and useful – perhaps you would consider coming to the next event. *Watch this space!*

Darrell Stewart

E100 BIBLE CHALLENGE

PP: Wendy how are you getting on?

Wendy: I’m a week behind. **PP:** Why’s that? Is it the time? **W:** I like to re-read things and I bought the E100 study book and wanted to go back over readings. **PP:** What do you like about the challenge? **W:** I really enjoy going over the stories I learnt in Sunday School. Reading them now as an adult. Judges in particular has been interesting. I’m looking at the story of Samson and Delilah’s relationship as a ‘grown up’. Samson was a real character. **PP:** You seem to have thought about this a lot! **W:** We’re going through this challenge at fellowship group as well. **PP:** Any thing you didn’t like about the challenge? **W:** Well, it is a challenge time wise to get that reading fitted in every day along with my other readings and well, life!

IMPACT! MAKING OUR MARK IN MISSION

CMS Ireland invites members, friends and supporters to a very special evening...IMPACT! Making our Mark in Mission.

This will be an evening of sharing and celebration featuring:

- A focus on CMS Ireland Mission Partner, old and new.
- Stories from CMS Ireland's Global Family.
- Worship and Reflection.

Please join us for this wonderful event on Friday 1st April 2011 at 7.45pm in Magherally Parish, Banbridge.

BIG THANKS

To Beenie Wilson who provided us with a much needed black bin and to all who offered. **Via Wings**

FLOWER FESTIVAL

To be held at St. Columba's Parish Church, Portadown from Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May.

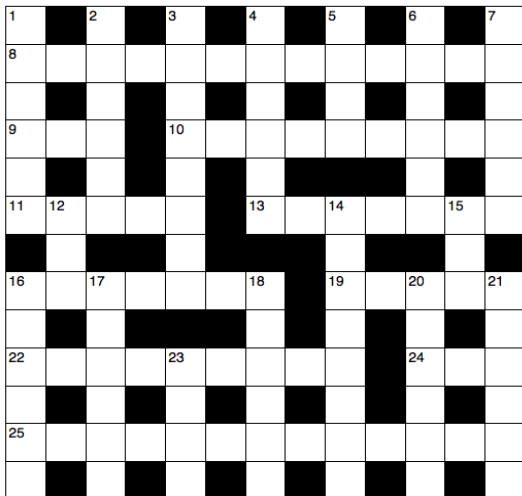
Bible Society Exhibition, Craft Fair and History of St. Columba's Church Exhibition, with various musical items throughout the Festival by visiting choirs.

Morning Coffee/Afternoon Tea, Lunch/High Tea served.

For further details please contact Maureen

LOCAL PLACES OF INTEREST:

Armagh Planetarium, The Palace Stables, Lough Neagh Discovery Centre and National Trust Properties—The Argory and Ardress House. Travel through the Apple Blossom County and enjoy some retail therapy at Rushmere Shopping Centre.



"It's the only way we can cope with all the couples who want to get married on the same day as William and Kate."

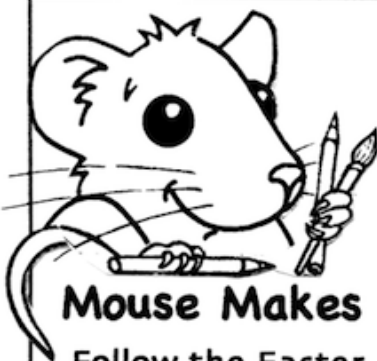
Across

- 8 'He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the — ' (Isaiah 53:12) (13)
- 9 'When they had sung a hymn, they went — to the Mount of Olives (Matthew 26:30) (3)
- 10 Comes between Galatians and Philippians (9)
- 11 'Your heart will — and swell with joy' (Isaiah 60:5) (5)
- 13 Muslim holy month (7)
- 16 Ten ears (anag.) (7)
- 19 Under (poetic abbrev.) (5)
- 22 How Abram described himself to God when he complained that his inheritance would pass to a servant (Genesis 15:2) (9)
- 24 'Go to the — , you sluggard' (Proverbs 6:6) (3)
- 25 Debar from receiving Communion (13)

Down

- 1 My — for His Highest (Oswald Chambers' best-known book) (6)
- 2 Festival of the resurrection (6)
- 3 'His sons will prepare for war and —

- a great army' (Daniel 11:10) (8)
- 4 'Let not the — string his bow' (Jeremiah 51:3) (6)
- 5 Name of the River Thames in and around Oxford (4)
- 6 'From then on Judas watched for an opportunity — — him over' (Matthew 26:16) (2,4)
- 7 'But Christ is faithful — — over God's house' (Hebrews 3:6) (2,1,3)
- 12 Long-handled implement used to till the soil (Isaiah 7:25) (3)
- 14 Order to which monks and nuns devote themselves (8)
- 15 Appropriate (Proverbs 15:23) (3)
- 16 I, uncle (anag.) (6)
- 17 'They gave him — — of broiled fish' (Luke 24:42) (1,5)
- 18 'Weren't there three men that we — — and threw into the fire?' (Daniel 3:24) (4,2)
- 20 Mountain where Noah's ark came to rest (Genesis 8:4) (6)
- 21 'Don't you know that friendship with the world is — towards God?' (James 4:4) (6)
- 23 Prominent architectural feature of large cathedrals such as St Paul's (4)



Mouse Makes

Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle



 Into Jerusalem 

read Matthew 21:1-11


DONKEY • ROAD
BRANCHES • PALMS
KING • HOSANNA

Last Supper

read Matthew 26:17-30

PASSOVER • ROOM
BREAD • WINE
 BODY • BLOOD
CUP • MEAL 

Betrayal and Death

 read Matthew 26:36 - 27:56

KISS • MESSIAH 
CHRIST • SON
CRUCIFY • JESUS
CROWN • THORNS
 ROBE • TREE
NAILS • CROSS
DARKNESS • QUAKE
DEATH • LOTS

Easter Wordsearch

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Burial and Resurrection

read Matthew 27:57 - 28:20

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY
BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN
GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT
SAVIOUR • PRAISE

 **EASTER** 

SUNDAY ROSTERS FOR APRIL

APRIL	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Flowers C Wallace	Mrs McRoberts	Miss M Gamble	Mrs McLean Mrs McCartan	Select Vestry
Reader 8.30			A Silcock	A Scott
Ciao Team	Sam	Lynn	Stephen	Stephen
Creche	S Barr A Buchanan	J Reain D Abraham	H Forsythe F Lough	A Hooke E Connery
Refreshments	N Stewart M Mack	K Law S McManus	L Teggart N Wilson	Combined
Reader 10.00	J Bowden	N Green	J Adair	D Stewart
Sound 10.00	Bryce	Tom	Bryce	Combined
Sound 11.30	S Mackey	H Wallace	B Mackey	Combined
Reader 11.30	C Mackey	L McFarland	N Taylor	J McCorkell
Reader 6.00	Confirmation	P Cherry	K Porter	J Corbett

Roster Organisers

Crèche:

Mrs Helen Forsythe

Refreshments:

Mrs Nicola Wilson

Sound:

Mr Scott Mackey

Lesson Readers:

Mrs Jill Wylie

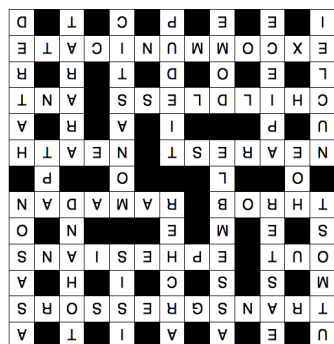
Flowers *this month* arranged by

Caroline Wallace

Monthly Flower Lists are prepared by

Caroline Wallace

CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS



ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Saint Patrick's Day the Cathedral held it's usual Holy Communion Service. During a short reflection on Saint Patrick, we were asked to cast our mind back to a time before Protestant and Roman Catholic, before Anglican and Presbyterian, to a time of followers of Christ. What we know of Patrick, the man, not the legend, comes largely from his Confession, written probably towards the end of his life.



His confession opens-

"I am Patrick, a sinner, most unlearned, the least of all the faithful, and utterly despised by many."

He was a humble man; for all that the legends have it he drove snakes out of Ireland, with a great passion in life for Christ. He was brought initially as a captive but returned a free man having heard the "voice of the Irish" in a dream. Many can't make the crossing of the Irish Sea in a huge ferry, let alone a small sail boat. Patrick had a burden for those who didn't experience Christ's salvation. What would he make of green beer and disharmony on a day given to his memory? He might just be in the thick of it all, bringing us out of our darkness and into Christ's glorious light.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS—FEBRUARY

GENERAL FUND

		2011	2010
Week 45	6 th	1,274.60	1,527.40
Week 46	13 th	1,147.00	1,308.34
Week 47	20 th	1,343.75	1,162.45
Week 48	27 th	2,099.45	1,877.00
Total to date		£62,672.38	£63,222.38

DEVELOPMENT FUND

Month 11	February	1,130.20	1,231.00
Total to date		£11,805.70	£13,630.50

SERVICE/EVENTS SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2011

Friday 25th	8.00	Mothers' Union Festival Service	<i>Cathedral</i>
Sunday 27th	8.30	Holy Communion ONE	Teaching of Jesus
3rd Sunday in Lent	10.00	Celebrate at Ten	
	11.30	Morning Prayer ONE	
	6.00	Evening Prayer ONE	
Thursday 31st	7.30	Lenten Service	<i>Cathedral</i>
APRIL			
Friday 1st	7.30	Girls Brigade Display	<i>Cathedral Hall</i>
	7.45	CMSI: IMPACT!	<i>Magherally</i>
Sunday 3rd	10.00	Celebrate at Ten	Miracles of Jesus
Mothering Sunday	11.30	Holy Communion TWO	
	6.00	Area Confirmation Service	<i>Cathedral</i>
Thursday 7th	7.30	Midweek Lenten Service	<i>Cathedral</i>
Sunday 10th	10.00	Celebrate Communion at Ten	The Cross of Christ
Passion Sunday	11.30	Morning Prayer ONE	
	6.00	Sung Evensong	
Monday 11th	7.30	General Vestry Meeting	<i>Clayton Hall</i>
Wednesday 13th	12.15	Christian Aid Lunch	<i>Clayton Hall</i>
	8.00	Bible Class	<i>Clayton Hall</i>
Thursday 14th	7.30	Midweek Lenten Service	<i>Cathedral</i>
	8.15	MU Tri-annual General Meeting	<i>Clayton Hall</i>
Sunday 17th	Holy Week		
Palm Sunday	8.30	Holy Communion ONE	The Church is born
	10.00	Celebrate at Ten	
	11.30	Morning Prayer ONE	
	8.00	Holy Week Service @ Eight	
	Parish Post Team - <i>date to be confirmed</i>		
Monday 18th	8.00	Holy Week Service @ Eight	<i>Cathedral</i>
Tuesday 19th	2.30	Clayton Hall Communion	<i>Clayton Hall</i>
	8.00	Holy Week Service @ Eight	
Wednesday 20th	8.00	Holy Week Service @ Eight	
Maunday Thursday	8.00	Holy Week Communion @ Eight	
Good Friday 22nd	10.30	All-age Service	<i>Cathedral</i>
	8.00	Good Friday Vigil @ Eight	<i>Cathedral</i>
Sunday 24th	8.30	Holy Communion ONE	The Birth of Hope
Easter Sunday	10.30	Celebrate Together at Ten Thirty	
	6.00	Easter Evening Praise	





PHOTOGRAPH OF MARIDI WALL HANGING

Some members of Mothers' Union managed to get a photo taken with the fabric wall hanging before Jane Corbett took it with her to Maridi. We are hoping that the congregation at Maridi Cathedral will add to the design and eventually it will be returned to Dromore, to hang from the balcony once again.

WHAT SNYF'S LOOKING FORWARD TO!



SNYF NEWS

Anticipation they say is half the fun, and if Sunday Nights at Youth Fellowship are anything to go by, things are already ramping up for Summer Madness 2011, this year in Kings Hall, Belfast. It runs 1-5th July with title, "How Does the Bible Speak to Us Today". The young people were canvassed about what they liked and the answers came back, in a list as breathless as the young people were: the concerts, the loud music and the worship, everything, the craic in the gazebo, the experience, the banter, food, the late nights and learning more about God. When asked about their hopes for this year their eyes almost glazed over. Here are a few of them: better faith, more friendships, growing in faith, more passion for God and guidance from God, the food, crepes, and making SNYF a stronger family. Please pray for our young people of SNYF and the leaders, that their hopes are realised. SNYF (for young people Year 8 and over) meets Sunday nights in Cathedral Hall 7-9pm.