Look Around at Harvest Time

Take the time to look around you,
Lift your gaze up to the sky,
See clouds change formation,
As they go drifting by.

See the hills and streams and valleys,
See the golden meadows too,
And trees stand so majestically
Against the sky so blue.

See nature at her finest,
Nothing hurries you will find,
You can follow her example
If you only take the time.

See a morning sunrise,
See the sunsets afterglow,
The world around you beautiful,
But you can never know.

If you’re just going through each day,
With eyes that are so blind,
To the beauty all around you,
For you fail to take the time.

And when these wonders you behold
Give thanks to God above,
Who made all these and freely gives
Them all to you with love.
Early Harvest Gifts

**Decorating the Cathedral**

Please note that the children of the church are invited to help prepare the church for harvest by bringing packets of tea or pot plants which will form part of the Harvest Decorations.

These will be collected either on Sunday 11th October at 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. or preferably, the children bringing them with them into the church on the Friday 16th after school so they can see, and even take part in, the Harvest decorating!

Last year these and other floral gifts were distributed to elderly and sick members of the parish during the week after the service; both the plants and the bags of tea were much appreciated. Flowers will also be distributed.

The decoration of the church is planned for **Friday 16th starting at around 10.00 a.m.** and will continue into the early evening.

We appeal as usual for flowers, pot plants and foliage for displays. These can be left in the Tower Porch from Thursday.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation is an opportunity to explore the Christian Faith and declare your own desire publicly to trust and serve the Lord Jesus. We hope to have confirmation classes for those in Year 8 and older beginning in the autumn. Anyone wishing to seek confirmation should contact the Curate.

We hope to have the Bishop with us for a Service of Confirmation in the first half of 2016.
We had a great turn out for the Annual Area Service at Ballyward on 20th September and I believe those who could not attend, including myself, missed a most inspirational talk by our past world-wide President, Lady Eames.

The supper, I'm told was also exceptional, so a super evening was had by one and all. Many thanks to those who took cars and gave lifts.

Wednesday 21st October is our Visitors' Night and everyone is invited to come along to a presentation of ‘Colour me Beautiful'.

One or two lucky ladies may get a free makeover and we will all certainly learn something about our colour tones and how to make the most of colour when choosing our clothes. An entertaining evening is promised, followed by a lovely supper.

Please try to come along and bring a friend or two.

Mary Bradshaw from Dromore Cathedral Mothers’ Union who processed the branch banner at the recent Area Service held in Drumgooland Parish Church, Ballyward.

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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 on the week commencing 28th September until Friday 16th October.

Please make sure the clothes have been cleaned beforehand.

WHAT CAN I PUT IN BAGS?

We can say YES to
- Men’s Clean Clothing
- Women’s Clean Clothing
- Children’s Clean Clothing
- Paired shoes
- Handbags
- Belts
- Curtains
- Bed linen

but we must say NO to:
- Dirty or wet clothing
- Single shoes
- Off cuts of material
- Uniforms

The more clothing suitable for re-use collected, the more money we will raise! Using services of All-Tex Ltd.

DIY Help

- Are you a handy person?
- Have you some spare time?

If so, we require volunteers to help out with odd DIY jobs around the Church or Church Halls - Power hosing, washing windows, pointing, cleaning etc.

Please contact our Glebe Warden Bill Forsythe on 028 9269 2110 if you are interested.

Car Boot Sale

The next Car Boot Sale will be held on the morning of Saturday 10th October at the Cathedral Hall. Please contact the office if you can help.

The Cathedral Boys’ Brigade

Anchor Boys section is being held on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall.

If you know of anyone aged 6-8 years who would be interested in joining, please speak to the Curate or Gareth Lough.

Girls’ Brigade

The Enrolment Service will be held on Sunday 4th October at 10.00 a.m. in the Cathedral. Everyone welcome.
Volunteers required at Hydebank

The Down & Dromore Diocesan Hydebank project needs members to help deliver craft classes to women in prison.

Two volunteers at a time go in each Monday evening between September and June from 6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Names come up on the rota approximately once a month but new volunteers would reduce this commitment.

Anyone interested in supporting this work should contact June Reain on 028 9753 2303 in the first instance for more information.

Autumn Fair & Auction

Our Autumn Fair and Auction, held on Saturday 19th September, once again proved enjoyable and successful. Sincere thanks to all associated with this annual event, i.e. planning, contributing items for the stalls and auction, team of dedicated workers, generous customers and anyone who helped in any way. Thanks also to Wesley Sawyers for his complimentary service as auctioneer.

The total proceeds amounted to £2,770.15 for the benefit of the Development Fund.

Lift to Church

Are you able to provide a lift to church for parishioners who are not able to travel to church? Do you require transport?

Please contact the Cathedral Office and we will seek to provide suitable arrangements.

Gospel Concert

Lower Iveagh Royal Black District are hosting a Gospel Concert in the Cathedral Hall on Friday 23rd October at 8.00 p.m.

- Music by ‘Live Issue’
- Guest Singer Laura Dowie

Admission £10.00. Tickets available at Grahams Newsagents or pay on entry.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Well done to Helen Forsythe and her team for the very successful Coffee Morning which was held on Friday 25th September in the Clayton Hall.

We thank all who baked and gave donations of food.

The total funds raised were £676.00.
HYMN: The story behind ... ‘Come Ye Thankful People Come’

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!

By H Alford (1810 – 71)

Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Rev Henry Aldford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life’s good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say ‘grace’ before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus’ parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of his gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together only his own for the eternal heavenly harvest.
**Smile Lines....**

**Church Bulletin notes that didn’t quite work**

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

**What would Jesus do?**

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man in front of me asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for "What would Jesus do?" and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions.

The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think he'd pay £17.95 for that hat."

**Noise**

The wheel of my grocery cart was making a horrible scraping sound as I rolled it through the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping and saw a cartless woman, I offered it up, explaining, "It makes an awful noise, but it works." "That's okay," she said cheerfully, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

**Salt**

The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."
Crossword

Across

1 He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
4 ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
7 ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’ (Ps 107:27) (4)
8 See 19 Across
9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Mark 9:46) (8)
13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
16 ‘He has sent me to bind up the — ’ (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
19 and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
27 ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a —!’ (John 2:16) (6)

Down

1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had a vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
4 ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’(John 3:3) (5)
5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
6 ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’ (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
14 ‘This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
15 One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
22 Bats (anag.) (4)
23 ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)
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**Crèche**

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**CAN YOU FILL THIS SPOT??**

Please, please contact me, or the office, if you are willing to be part of the Creche Rota, **We need more volunteers urgently!**

Thank you,

Helen Forsythe 028 9269 2110

**READY TO SERVE: SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER**

Thank you for your willingness to serve in these ways. If you are unable to fulfil your role on a particular Sunday, please arrange a swap and let the relevant co-ordinator know.

**Co-ordinators**

- **Crèche:** Helen Forsythe 028 9269 2110
- **Refreshments:** Colin Barr 07791173237
- **Readers:** Office 028 9269 3968
- **Flowers for October arranged by** Mrs Julie McMurray 028 9269 3727
- **Monthly Flower Lists** contact Caroline Wallace 028 9269 3506
PARISH REGISTER

Burial of Ashes

16th September  Marjorie Pantridge, Abbeyfield Nursing Home

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They are blessed indeed, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.”

October

What of October? A month that is lost
Twixt warmth of September, and November frost?
It’s not really winter, and though the leaves fall
The month of October is nothing at all!

A month spent regretting the summer now gone?
A month spent in dreading the winter to come?
A month spent in labour, in sorrow, not song?
A month when we’re sad at the loss of the sun?

Yet October’s a month with much that can please!
The gath’ring of fruit and the gold on the trees!
The dew on the web and the stars up above –
Yes! Truly October’s a month that I love!

By Nigel Beeton

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Would you have a van and be able to transport goods between Hope & Soul and The House of Hope? Would you be able to give a couple of hours one off or weekly to help cover our shop and coffee shop?

Would you like to sign up to be a Via Wings 'Bird of Hope'?! We are looking for 200 people to sign up to donate £5 a month to go towards our Dare 2 Care project...making a difference in your community. If you would like to get more information or to sign up, call in to Hope & Soul in the Square.
Dromore Cathedral is the Parish Church serving the Dromore and Kinallen areas and a Cathedral of the Diocese of Down and Dromore in the Church of Ireland.

Mrs Macartney, Ballyward Mothers’ Union, who processed the Down and Dromore Diocesan banner at the recent Area Service. This is one of the two banners on display at the front of the Cathedral.