**Time to Pause and Reflect......**

Lord, so often I ask how I can know you more deeply, to see and hear you more clearly. But I’m aware that my days can be so hectic, with my focus on a million different things, that it’s hard for your messages to get through. I do know that you long to converse with me too.

Please help me to slow down and not to be afraid of the quiet.

It can seem so alien to me, but I do want to still my heart and mind. I want to be able to hear your voice and know the discernment of your Spirit in my life each and every day.

SO today I choose to pause.

And I determine in my heart to make you the focus of my day.

Amen.

*Woman Alive - October 2015*

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**Cathedral Open**

During the weekdays in December (up to Christmas Eve), we hope to open the Cathedral building to the wider community, offering a place for reflection and prayer, or simply to allow people to discover more about our church, its history and witness. We ask for volunteers to be present in the Cathedral for two hourly slots each weekday from 11.00 a.m.—1.00 p.m. A signup sheet will be available in the church porch. Thank you in anticipation of your help in this.
The Girls' Brigade fundraising event this year will take the form of a bake off and Coffee Shop on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30 p.m.

This is open to EVERYONE and the category is simply a "cake". You decide on the shape, flavour, decor etc. Entry fee is £3 and cakes should be brought to the Cathedral Hall at 7.30 p.m.

If baking is not your forte why not come and enjoy a coffee and some home baked treats in our "Coffee Shop" where you can view all the entries and get some tips from a cake decorating expert before the GB Bake Off champion is revealed!

We look forward to your support.

Statement of Resignation of the Very Reverend Bryan Kerr

It was with a deep sense of shock and sadness that the parishioners of Dromore Cathedral learned of the resignation of their Rector, The Very Reverend Bryan Kerr.

The following statement of resignation was read out at all services on Harvest Sunday 18th October 2015:

**Statement of Resignation**

The Very Reverend Bryan Kerr has resigned from Dromore Cathedral Parish for personal reasons. His resignation takes effect from 30th November 2015.

The Bishop of Down & Dromore, The Rt Reverend Harold Miller, would like to be with the parishioners of Dromore at this time and will be present to preside at the service of Holy Communion next Sunday evening (25th October).

Institution

The Churchwardens and Select Vestry of Holywood Parish Church invite you to the Institution of the Revd Gareth Harron as Incumbent of the Parish on Monday 9th November at 8.00 p.m. in the Church of St Philip & St James, Church Road, Holywood.

Supper afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Men’s Breakfast

The men are warmly invited to enjoy a cooked breakfast at Café Thyme on Saturday 14th November at 9.00 a.m. at a cost of £5.00 per person.

If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet in the Tower Porch.

Thank you.

Front cover photo is kindly provided by Paul McFarland and taken at the War Memorial in Dromore Square.
We had a wonderful turnout at our Visitors’ evening on the 21st October and it was a great evening with all our visitors from many of the local churches joining with us for fun and fellowship. Mrs Patricia Lindsay from ‘Colour me Beautiful’ reminded us of the importance of feeling good on the inside, before going on to show us the importance of choosing the best colours to suit our complexions. Many ladies were keen to find out if they were a Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter and left that evening with lots of advice on their most suitable colour pallets.

Christmas Dinner

The Mother's Union are heading to the Belmont Hotel on Thursday 3rd December for dinner.

If you would like to join us, please contact Helen Forsythe to get your place booked as we need to confirm numbers pretty soon.

You would be most welcome, even if not a member.

A number of ladies have already indicated that they wish to attend the meeting at Hillsborough Parish on Thursday 4th November where the speaker is to be Lady Christine Eames.

If you have not already put your name down, please contact Helen Forsythe as soon as possible, as we need to pass on the number. Thanks.

There was a wonderful turn out of people at the recent Mothers' Union event 'What every parent needs to know about autism'. MU members Dorothy Doig, Sara McCorkell, Mary Bradshaw are pictured with Ms Marie Louise Hughes manager of autism services at the Education Authority Southern Region.
Maridi Autumn 2015

Many of you will have been wondering about the continuing situation in Maridi. Bishop Justin returned to Maridi in September, as he felt he was needed back with his people. He has delayed his studies at Mukona Christian University until January 2016.

He went immediately to Juba where he was able to appeal for the release of the 35 young men who were taken during the fighting in July. They were flown back by the Government three weeks ago and there was great rejoicing and thanks given, in the Cathedral.

There have been repeated talks in Addis Abbaba for peace and so we are asked to continually hold the country of South Sudan in our prayers, as they work towards a sustainable peace.

The schools in Maridi began again last Monday, having been closed over the last few months. Bishop Justin says there is calm at the moment and we must hope this will be sustained.

There have been changes made by the Government in that they have made 28 new States. This will replace what has been Western Equatoria, making a new state of Maridi and Ibba, with the capital being Maridi. As yet Bishop Justin feels it will be very difficult to set up, due to the lack of education. Only time will tell.

On the very positive side, Maridi has now got regular prayer set up, with people coming together in half hour slots for three hours each day. We must hope that this will help to bring about peace and encourage the people.

Please continue to hold Bishop Justin in your prayers and for peace to come to the country of South Sudan.

On 16th September there was a horrific tragedy, in this already traumatised country. An oil tanker delivering oil to Maridi town overturned and as people rushed towards the tanker to try to acquire some of the oil, soldiers open fired and there was a horrific explosion! Over 200 people were killed and many left with horrific injuries. The UN flew 57 of the most severe cases to hospital in Juba and the rest were left in Maridi. Having seen the lack of facilities in the hospital in Maridi, I simply can’t imagine how bad it must have been.

Bishop Justin, Mama Joyce and the children -
Harvest Thanks

It was great to have so many at worship on Harvest Sunday morning. At the morning service Revd David Martin, Curate of Hillsborough Parish, spoke and at the evening service our speaker was Revd Joanne Megarrell of Moira Parish.

We thank Gareth Murray for preparing and leading the music at our services this year. Also thanks to the team who helped run the projectors and the sound for our services. The welcome afforded by our wardens and welcome teams, and the preparation of the Cathedral by our Verger also deserve note.

Our Harvest Celebration has so far brought in the sum of £8027.00 and we thank everyone who has generously supported this already.

Christmas Craft Fair

In Dromore Cathedral Church Hall on Saturday 5th December 2015 from 10.00 a.m.-3.00 p.m..

The Fair will have attractions throughout the day to draw people of all ages to the event. Refreshments will be available.

All funds raised by the organisers will go towards Dromore Cathedral.

For more information, please contact June 028 9753 2303 or email jreain@btinternet.com

Leprosy Mission Boxes

All Leprosy Mission boxes should be returned to Tommy and Pearl Wilson or left in the church porch during the month of November. If you are contributing by cheque, please make cheque payable to Dromore Cathedral.

If you would like to support Leprosy Mission by receiving a Mission Box, please get in touch with Tommy or Pearl and they will arrange it. Thank you.
Faith before the firing squad

This year is the centenary of Edith Cavell’s death. Many remember her patriotism. But for Edith, patriotism was not enough. Many saw her as a hero and a martyr; some even think she was a spy. But Edith asked to be remembered ‘… only as a nurse who tried to do her duty’.

Dozens of books have been written about Edith Cavell, but none answered the question: ‘How could she be so calm and confident before the firing squad?’ A new book, Edith Cavell - Faith before the firing squad (Monarch, £8.99) tells Edith’s story. It traces the roots of her calm confidence, her love for others expressed in practical, selfless service to friend and foe alike, as well as her courage helping fugitives from war found freedom.

Self-sacrifice was the hallmark of Nurse Edith Cavell’s life. She was executed on 12th October 1915 for enabling at least 200 Allied soldiers to escape occupied Belgium into neutral territory, but her care had extended to German and Allied soldiers. On the night before her execution she told the Chaplain who came to give her Holy Communion that she was grateful for the weeks of quiet she had spent in solitary confinement after such a busy life. She said, ‘I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me … This I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.’

She knew that the patriotism her fellow prisoners had used in their defence was not enough to enable her to stand in God’s presence. Throughout her life she had used the Book of Common Prayer, repeating the Lord’s Prayer morning and evening, ‘forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us’. She knew that she couldn’t hold on to hatred or bitterness. She needed to forgive others, just as she had been forgiven.

After they had shared communion, they said together the words of the hymn ‘Abide With Me’, and they talked about heaven. As he left her cell, she took the Chaplain’s hand and said with confidence in her eternal future, ‘We shall meet again.’ She was executed by firing squad at dawn the next morning.
Remembrance Sunday

On the second Sunday in November churches all over the country take time to remember those who served their country in times of war and who have either been injured or have been killed as a result of their courage.

It is not a time of celebrating war, but of recognising true courage. It is not an occasion to celebrate victory but to acknowledge the huge debt we owe to our service personnel and to admit the sad necessity of such conflicts.

On Sunday 8th November this year we will hold the 10.00 service at 9.45, and finish in time to enable people to go to the War Memorial together and have refreshments after the ceremony in the Cathedral Hall.

The War Memorial is the scene for the townsfolk to remember the dead of the community and a two minute silence is observed as the Cathedral bell tolls 11.00 am. There is time for those attending the War Memorial to arrive at the Cathedral for the 11.30 service.

We actively encourage people to support the event. It shows that we value life, and value those who gave their lives.

Café Church

Café Church recommenced on the first Sunday of October. Café Church is an informal way of having fellowship and supper, doing church together a little bit different.

This month Peter Thompson from Dromore Youth For Christ shared with us about the Refugee crisis, having just returned from Greece after spending a week distributing food to those arriving by boat, frightened, displaced and hungry.

It was so encouraging to see our young people participate in worship. Alongside Ruth Jess was Sophie Tate, Ross Stewart and Zara Teggart.

It was great to see our young people attending Café Church as we grow in our faith together.
Crossword

Across
1 ‘The Lord Jesus... took bread, and
when he had given — , he broke it’
(1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
4 ‘He has taken me to the banquet hall,
and his — over me is love’ (Song of
Songs 2:4) (6)
8 Surrey town that hosts the National
Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7)
(7)
10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah
(1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
12 A part of the temple where the blood
of a young bull was to be smeared
(Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
17 ‘They make many promises, take false
— and make agreements’ (Hosea 10:4)
(5)
19 Roman province to which Paul
returned after evangelizing it on his first
missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
21 Material used to make baby Moses’
basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
22 ‘And feeble as — , in thee do we
trust, nor find thee to fail’ (5)
23 ‘The watchman opens the gate for
him, and the sheep — to his
voice’ (John 10:3) (6)
24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine
vinegar given to Christ on the cross
(John 19:29) (6)

Down
1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built
on Mount Carmel and filled it with water
(1 Kings 18:32) (6)
2 ‘I am not — of the gospel, because it
is the power of God for the salvation of
everyone who believes’ (Romans 1:16)
(7)
3 Buddhist term relating to belief in
reincarnation (5)
5 Damascus disciple who, at God’s
command, restored the sight of the
blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah
50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
7 A three (anag.) (6)
9 Athenian council addressed
memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
16 See 6 Down (6)
18 Paste (anag.) (5)
20 How the cedars of Lebanon are
described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)
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**FLOWER ROTA**

There are a few vacant Sundays in November for flowers. If anyone would like to help in any way by giving flowers or a donation, this would be much appreciated. Please contact Beverley McClearn.

**READY TO SERVE: SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

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  
Refreshments: Colin Barr  
Readers: Office  
Flowers for November arranged by Mrs Beverley McClearn  
Monthly Flower Lists  
contact Caroline Wallace  

**Crossword Solution**

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THANKS  S  BANNERS  
PAVILION  W  ALICE  
OAH  Y  SLICE  
DOOR  P  S  Y  0  0  
COLORS  M  N  E  A  
CREASES  H  S  E  R  E  
COMPARE  L  E  S  A  
CROW  M  E  B  E  
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November 2015
PARISH REGISTER
Christian Burial

14th October       Stanley Stewart, O’Roory Hill, Dromore

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

### Church Collections: September

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**Clothes Recycling**

Thank you to all who provided clothing for our recent recycling drive. The collection is now finished and the amount raised was **£343.75**. We would like to thank Ashley Silcock who organised this successful event.

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