

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH



SEPTEMBER 2026

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From The Dean

September always has the feel of a new beginning. As the long days of summer begin to give way to the changing colours of autumn, there is a renewed sense of purpose and anticipation. Schools return, familiar routines begin again, and church life gathers fresh momentum after the holiday season. It is an opportunity for each of us to pause, give thanks for the blessings of the summer months, and look forward with hope to all that God has in store for us in the season ahead. Now, having said that, I am acutely aware that church life doesn't stop altogether during the summer months, and I record heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who have kept our churches open, vibrant and welcoming to visitors throughout the season. Likewise, a sincere word of thanks to everyone involved in keeping the grounds looking so well.

One of the great joys of September is the return of our Sunday Schools. We extend a very warm welcome to all our children, young people, parents, and leaders as they gather once again to learn, grow, and discover more of God's love together. The ministry to our younger members is a very important aspect of church life, and we pray that this new session will be filled with laughter, friendship, faithful teaching, and a growing knowledge of Jesus Christ. If you have children or grandchildren who have not yet become involved, I would really encourage you to consider bringing them along. They will receive a very warm welcome. In St Columb's the term will begin on 6th September with the Prize Giving Service at 11.30am, whilst in St Augustine's the term will begin on 13th September with a family service at 10.20am.

I have no idea at this stage how many candidates, if any, are the age for confirmation, but if you have a family member who is thirteen or fourteen years old during this school year and would like to explore confirmation, then please speak to Noel or Gordon (in St Augustine's), Canon Merrick (in St Columb's), or myself.

Across the grouping there will also be special occasions during the month which we hope many of you will support. One particularly special occasion will be in St Augustine's on 20th September, when a new stained-glass window will be dedicated. This will leave a lasting legacy for future generations and we are most grateful to the family who has gifted this to the church.

In the Diocese at large, we would like to keep Rev'd Melanie Niblock in our prayers as she moves from Curate Assistant of All Saints Clooney to Fahan Upper and Lower as Priest in charge. We also offer our most sincere congratulations to the Archdeacon of Derry, the Venerable Robert Miller, who was appointed Chaplain to the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace. Prayerful good wishes go

before the Archdeacon, who will be quite a loss to the Derry Diocese.

In the wider area, we acknowledge the retirement of Rev'd Colin Jones of First Derry Presbyterian Church as well as offering a word of welcome to the newly appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, Bishop Michael Router, who succeeds the Most Rev'd Dr Donal McKeown and will formally begin his ministry here later this month. Every good wish to Bishop McKeown as he commences his well-earned retirement.

Finally, as we begin this new season, may we remember that every new term is more than simply the resumption of programmes and activities. It's another invitation to walk more closely with Christ, to deepen our faith, to serve one another with generosity, and to reach out with the love of the Gospel into our community.

Whether you have been part of our church community for many years or are joining us for the first time, there is a place for you here and we are really pleased to welcome you in order to build up our fellowship and our number to God's glory.

May God bless each of us as we step into this new season together, and may He grant us grace, wisdom, and joy in all that lies ahead.

With every blessing,

The Very Rev'd Nigel Cairns
Dean of Derry
Rector of Templemore and Saint Augustine's



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REMAINING ROOTED THROUGH YOUR NINTH HOUR

(Article by Tarushajai-Coffman)

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Colossians 2:6-7)

There is a profound difference between being lost in a wasteland and being intentionally hidden for preparation. When you find yourself walking through an unexpected season of quietness—even during the most stable and consistent chapters of life—the human heart naturally searches for clarity, direction, or a word of reassurance. We realize that true stability isn't a permanent destination, but a holy training ground where God refines our inner focus for the assignments ahead.

Right now, here is where I stand: I am still learning, still growing, and still resolute in my decision not to allow life's upsets to alter my worship. This consistency is what it means to be built up and established in the faith we were first taught, keeping our stride steady through every transition.

Recently, I navigated a different kind of testing ground: the quiet, reflective pace of a chapter where life's daily demands naturally shift into a quieter rhythm. In those moments, it is easy to misinterpret a temporary pause as a setback. While we are grateful for every meaningful connection in our lives, we must understand that God sometimes gives us a quiet space to help us catch our breath and steady our hearts. Though life doesn't pause, moments of stillness are not signs of failure—they are pieces of divine curation. God is simply ensuring that our primary focus rests on Him, protecting our energy and anchoring our hearts in His sovereign provision. In this quiet place, we are being deeply rooted—growing downward in secret so that we can stand strong in public.

In the biblical timeline, the 9th hour (historically 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM) is a highly significant marker on God's timeline. It is the hour of sacrifice, intense intercession, and ultimate breakthrough. It was at the 9th hour that Cornelius had his divine vision that shifted his entire household, and it was at the 9th hour that Jesus cried out on the cross, "It is finished," breaking the back of the enemy's power. Standing at a podium at 4:00 pm, and about to speak to a large Christian gathering, I had to evaluate my own 9th hour. I realised that the multi-year pruning process and quiet periods of hidden growth were intentionally designed to strengthen us; they were positioning us to be built up in Him, constructed from the inside out for a divine transition.

When you reach your 9th hour, the difficult valley reaches its appointed expiration date. Remaining rooted means nurturing your character, keeping your heart pure, and becoming fully aware of the landscape you stand in—realising that you are not just wild growth, but a tree planted intentionally within it. True spiritual stability belongs to the trees with roots that grow deep enough to survive whatever life brings. True spiritual maturity means being established—standing secure in the foundational truths you have been taught and keeping your balance through every season. We can rest in perfect peace, knowing that God gracefully creates custom avenues of service uniquely tailored to our voice.

This assurance allows our hearts to fully rest, knowing our future is entirely secure in God's hands. When a moment feels quiet, God uses that exact space to anchor us in the fullness of the grace He has freely bestowed upon us. He answers the silent valleys by pouring out tangible blessings—strengthening our families, granting unexpected provisions, and entrusting our hands with fresh assignments. Keeping our eyes fixed entirely on Jesus allows us to walk through every transition with absolute clarity. Simply do your work with a quiet excellence, treat every environment with gentle grace, and watch the Lord transform your quiet years.

Am I resting fully in the unique purpose and timing God has mapped out for my life? Today, I choose to keep my eyes forward with a clear focus, honour what is true, and walk boldly in the full purpose He has prepared.

Let's Pray ...

Heavenly Father,

I thank You that my identity, my purpose, and my growth are securely held in Your hands. Thank You for filling my heart with Your perfect peace and grounding my spirit in absolute grace. Help me to remain rooted, built up, and established in the foundational truths of Your love, always choosing to worship through every season of life. I joyfully entrust my path, my family, and my future to Your care.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2nd Timothy 4 verse 7)

FINANCE

Some interesting facts about church finances....

- Many people think the Church of Ireland receives funding from central government.... but we don't!
- Every address on our parish list costs almost £40 per month in our diocesan assessment. This is the amount we have to pay out. The only way to bring that amount in again is from the weekly Free Will Offering envelopes, collections or standing orders.
- There is very little additional funding coming into our churches from external sources. Most funders no longer give to faith-based organisations.
- Gift aid gives an excellent boost to the Free Will Offering – it is 20% for tax payers, costs you nothing and the church benefits



Please consider using this new season to examine your monthly giving –

- ♦ Do I contribute at all? If I say I 'belong to the church' perhaps I should start to support it, if I don't already.
- ♦ Could I increase my giving slightly?
- ♦ Do I avail of the gift aid scheme...free to me but very beneficial to the church?

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PILGRIMS TOGETHER TRAIL

The Inner City Church's working group is now a well-established group which represents the main inner city churches. The usual programme includes Walk in the Light, Christian Unity and the St Columba Service. Recently the group was asked to support the development of a tourist trail around the five churches. The trail was launched on 13th August, and the promotional material was generously funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs. Focussing on the stained-glass windows, this trail seeks to highlight the beautiful stained-glass in Saint Columba's Cathedral, Saint Augustine's, First Derry, Saint Columba's Long Tower and Carlisle Road Methodist.



This new trail will simply provide an additional offering to our visitors and tourists. Thanks are extended to the working group, and particular thanks are accorded to Darren Sheaffer who was seconded onto the group in order to oversee the design and production of the leaflets and the mini exhibition.

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SALT GROUP

I hope everyone had a lovely summer and I am looking forward to catching up with everyone at our next SALT meeting which is on 16th September at 2 pm in the Howe room.

Many of the ladies have been busy making knitted or crocheted poppies which we hope to put up in the church for Remembrance Sunday.



Thank you to everyone for all their hard work. If you would like to support this venture I have been given this knitted pattern which I have found very manageable so please feel free to help us in this venture if you have any spare time. See you all soon (Deirdre)

POPPY KNITTING PATTERN

Cast on 80 stitches in red wool and knit 8 rows.

Join black wool and knit two together across the whole row (40 stitches)

Knit two together across the whole row (20 stitches)

Knit two together across the whole row (10 stitches)

Knit two together across the whole row (5 stitches)

Slip sewing needle through last 5 stitches and sew up.

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SEPTEMBER FLOWER ROTA



6th Florence McSparron
 13th Wilfie Cavanagh
 20th Muriel Hamilton
 27th Shyvonnie Porter

(Please contact Elizabeth Montgomery on (02871) 301432 if you would like to be included in the flower rota)

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VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering continues in a whole range of ways at this time of year, and some of our volunteers are involved across a range of activities in the life of the church. From our grounds (which have come to life) to our catering, to flower rotas, general maintenance, magazine production and tourist ministry, there is a role and a place for everyone. A huge thanks to everyone who keeps the church open, welcoming and vibrant.

We recently received a thank-you letter from a tourist to the (see below) -

“ Good morning! I just wanted to say thank you for the warm welcome while visiting from Belfast on Saturday, it is a beautiful, serene church and also wanted to thank you for the wee crosses – I have given them all out --including one to a cousin that’s terminally ill. I am going to have to learn how to make them lol as I do a lot of voluntary work helping those depressed and suicidal and it seems to really help – so again thank you. Keep up the great work. “

(Caroline)

CALLED TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW?

Are you passionate about people, innovation & mission?

Pioneer Ministry supports those who feel drawn to start new Christian communities, reach new people, and explore new ways of living out faith.

WHY EXPLORE PIONEER MINISTRY?

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- Discover how God may be calling you
 - Connect with supportive, creative pioneers
 - Get guidance, mentoring & training
 - Learn how to begin new mission projects
 - Join a growing movement of innovation & hope

Ready to Explore? Let's Connect

Contact the Pioneer Advocate: Joanne Miller
bishopsoffice@derryandraphoe.org • 07541633180

THE CHURCH GARDEN

Summer 2026 has been a good gardening year weather wise; we had plenty of colour and now have bees visiting. We were recently awarded 3rd place (Bronze) in the **Large Garden Category** by the City Centre Initiative. Many thanks to all the garden volunteers. (Ida)



Ida Robinson

Ann Patterson

George Patterson

Cynthia Smith

Austin Smyth



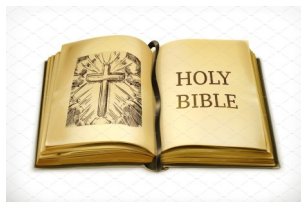


EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2026 @ 1.30pm

Welcome the new season of autumn on Saturday 12th September with a selection of music and poetry reflecting the changing aspects of autumn. International organist David McGuckin and BBC presenter/poet Anne McMaster offer an immersive programme expressly curated for the intimate setting of St. Augustine's Church, guiding listeners on a slow journey from the last days of summer through to first frosts and shortening days. With Anne's collection of new writing complementing David's wide range of autumnally-inspired music, this recital offers listeners precious time to reflect and enjoy these cooler, colourful days.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will commence in Main Church Hall at St Augustine's on Sunday 13th September 2026 at 7.30pm. This block of Bible Study is for five weeks, and each session will last approximately one hour.



As before, the study is open to all, and our inner city church brothers and sisters are particularly welcome. A word of thanks to Deirdre and Bob Amor for facilitating these sessions. We come as a group of believers wishing to learn a little bit more about God's word and to discuss it together.



The next Men's Club meeting will take place in First Derry Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall, Upper Magazine Street, on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm. This will be the first meeting after the summer recess. Mr Carl Pederson is our guest speaker. He is a Heritage Architect within the Church of Ireland Diocese. The talk is entitled '**Stained Glass Windows and Heritage**'. This is a most interesting topic and I know it will be a fantastic talk. The Men's Club is open to all men (and ladies) in the city so please come along and bring your friends. You will all be made most welcome. Light refreshments will be served after the talk.

THE SERVICE TIMES ACROSS THE PARISH GROUPING

8.00am	Holy Communion, St Columb's Cathedral
10.20am	Morning Worship, St Augustine's Church
11.30am	Morning Worship, St Columb's Cathedral
4.00pm	Choral Evensong, St Columb's Cathedral (none in July/August)

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

4th October St Columb's Cathedral - Festival Choral Eucharist

11th October St Augustine's - Readings, Meditations and Hymns for Harvest



SAFEGUARDING

The Safeguarding Panel continues to meet regularly and our policies and procedures are compliant with the Safeguarding Trust of the Church of Ireland. Remember if there are any safeguarding concerns, they should be shared with –

For St Augustine's - Mrs Deirdre Amor, Mrs Irene White, Mr Marshall Kilgore, The Dean

For St Columb's – Mrs Elizabeth Fielding, Mr Malcolm Hewitt, The Dean

Additionally, there is a comprehensive suite of Safeguarding and Health & Safety Policies which is available in hard copy, upon request.

CHURCH EVENTS

Saturday 5 th Sept		Luminare Presents Frances Black
Sunday 6th Sept	10.20am	The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion 2
Tues 8 th Sept	11.30am	Holy Communion (Church) LEAH Lunch – please confirm attendance
Thur 10 th Sept	7.30pm	Combined Men's Society (First Derry) (All are welcome to the talks)
Sat 12 th Sept		European Heritage Open Day
Sunday 13th Sept	10.20am	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Family Service – Back to Church Sunday
Mon 14 th Sept	6.30pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting Recommences
Tues 15 th Sept	10.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room) Cathedral Men's Society (Diocesan Centre)
Wed 16 th Sept	2pm	SALT (Canon Howe Room)
Sunday 20th Sept	10.20am	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Morning Prayer with Dedication of Window
Mon 21 st Sept	6.30pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tues 22 nd Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 23 rd Sept	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsals Recommence
Saturday 26 th Sept		Church Café Luminare Presents Nanci Griffith Song Book
Sunday 27th Sept	10.20am	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Morning Prayer
Mon 28 th Sept	6.30pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tues 29 th Sept	10:30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 30 th Sept	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE READINGS

DATE	READING	TITLE
1 st September	Amos 1 : 11 – 2: 5	A lead that slips away
2 nd September	Amos 2 : 6 – 16	A bird's eye view
3 rd September	Amos 3	Much given , much expected
4 th September	Amos 4	The three Rs
5 th September	Amos 5 : 1 – 17	Seek the Lord and live
6 th September	Psalms 102	The battles of life
7 th September	Amos 5 : 18 – 27	Let justice roll on like a river
8 th September	Amos 6	Pride comes before a fall
9 th September	Amos 7	What to do in a crisis
10 th September	Amos 8	A famine in the land
11 th September	Amos 9 : 1 - 10	God's all – seeing eyes
12 th September	Amos 9 : 11 - 15	The Lion restores
13 th September	Psalms 103	Don't forget !
14 th September	Matthew 14 : 1 – 12	Speaking truth to power
15 th September	Matthew 14 : 13 – 21	Mission impossible
16 th September	Matthew 14 : 22 – 36	" It can't be him ! "
17 th September	Matthew 15 : 1 – 20	Clean hands or pure heart
18 th September	Matthew 15 : 21 – 28	Persistent prayer
19 th September	Matthew 15 : 29 – 39	Another miraculous meal
20 th September	Psalms 104	A celebration of creation
21 st September	Matthew 16 : 1 – 12	A sign from heaven
22 nd September	Matthew 16 : 13 – 20	Son of the Living God
23 rd September	Matthew 16 : 21 – 28	Crunch time
24 th September	Matthew 17 : 1 – 13	Mountain to the valley
25 th September	Matthew 17 : 14 – 23	Mustard- seed faith
26 th September	Matthew 17 : 24 – 27	Doing the right thing
27 th September	Psalms 105	Remember the past
28 th September	Matthew 18 : 1 – 9	Jesus' topsy-turvy world
29 th September	Matthew 18 : 10 – 14	The least and the lost
30 th September	Matthew 18 : 15 – 20	Falling out and making up

DATES AND INFORMATION ACROSS THE PARISH GROUPING

Tuesday 1st St Columb's Cathedral Select Vestry Meeting,
7.30pm Diocesan Centre

Saturday 5th Luminare Presents Frances Black Anthology, St Augustine's
(tickets available from Music Capital or Eventbrite)

Sunday 6th Cathedral Choirs recommence.
Sunday School Prize Giving in St Columb's Cathedral

Baroque Concert-Asa Monahan (lutenist & singer)
in St Augustine's 1.30pm

Tuesday 8th LEAH Lunch recommences in St Augustine's
Holy Communion at 11.30am followed by lunch.
(please give names to Ivan Taylor)

Mothers' Union - *Derry Girls & Shirt Factories* Diocesan Centre, 7.30pm

Wednesday 9th Diocesan Council

Thursday 10th Combined Men's Society, First Derry 7.30pm

Saturday 12th - Sunday 13th European Heritage Weekend
Cathedral Open Sat 10am - 4 pm / Sunday 12.30pm - 4pm
St Augustine's open Sat 10.30am – 3.30pm with concert at 1.30pm

Anne McMaster (poetry and storytelling) & David McGuckin (Organist)

DATES AND INFORMATION ACROSS THE PARISH GROUPING

Sunday 13th Family Service – St Augustine’s – Back to Church Sunday

Monday 14th Prayer Meeting (Zoom) recommences, 6.30pm
(Please give email address to Noel Glenn or The Dean
if you would like an invitation to this)

Tuesday 15th Cathedral Men’s Society, Diocesan Centre, 7.30pm
Guest speaker – James Buchanan

Friday 18th Culture Night – LMS will perform in the Cathedral, 7.30pm

Sunday 20th Dedication of new stained-glass window, St Augustine’s 10.20am

Friday 25th Luminare Presents Nanci Griffith Songbook, St Augustine’s
(tickets available from Music Capital or Eventbrite)

Saturday 26th Church Café, 10.30am – 3.30pm, Canon Howe Room

Saturday 26th First Aid Training, Diocesan Centre – (fully booked)

IN MEMORIAMs

In Loving Memory of Tommy McCarter

£20.00 from The Dean

£50.00 from Norman Miller

In Loving Memory of Kathleen Rosborough

£140.00 from Sylvia & Tom Simmons and family

£50.00 from Sarah Galbraith and family

£100.00 from Maureen Smyth

£100.00 from the Henderson family

£40.00 from Lesley Porter

£30.00 from John & Linda Allen

£40.00 from the Smith family

£70.00 from anonymous

In Loving Memory of my late husband

£300.00 from Daphne Hayden

In Loving Memory of Nicola Porter & her parents

£150.00 from Lynn & Sean Conway and Greg & Aaron

In Loving Memory of Francis Victoria Orgee (nee Jack)

£20.00 from The Dean

Precious Memories of my husband Frank Simpkin on his 2nd Anniversary

£200.00 from Adrienne Simpkin

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2nd Timothy 4 verse 7)

IN MEMORIAMs

In Loving Memory of Desmond North from his grandsons

£40.00 from Alan & Mark Ferguson & families

In Loving Memory of my Dad Desmond North who would have been 100 years young on his birthday this year and a much missed Granda and Great-Granda

£100.00 from Elizabeth & David Ferguson and family

In Loving Memory of my Mum—Lillian Maconachie on her 2nd Anniversary

£100.00 from Deirdre Amor

DONATIONS

£10.00 from anonymous - for Building Fund

£10.00 from anonymous - for Building Fund

£10.00 from anonymous - for Building Fund

£60.00 from George & Ann Patterson—for Church Garden plants

£40.00 from Michelle Patterson - for Church Garden plants

£30.00 from George, Ann & Michelle Patterson - for Church Magazine

£500 from The Dean - towards decoration of the Rectory

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Thomas Sydney McCarter

Passed away 28th July 2026 Laid to rest 30th July 2026

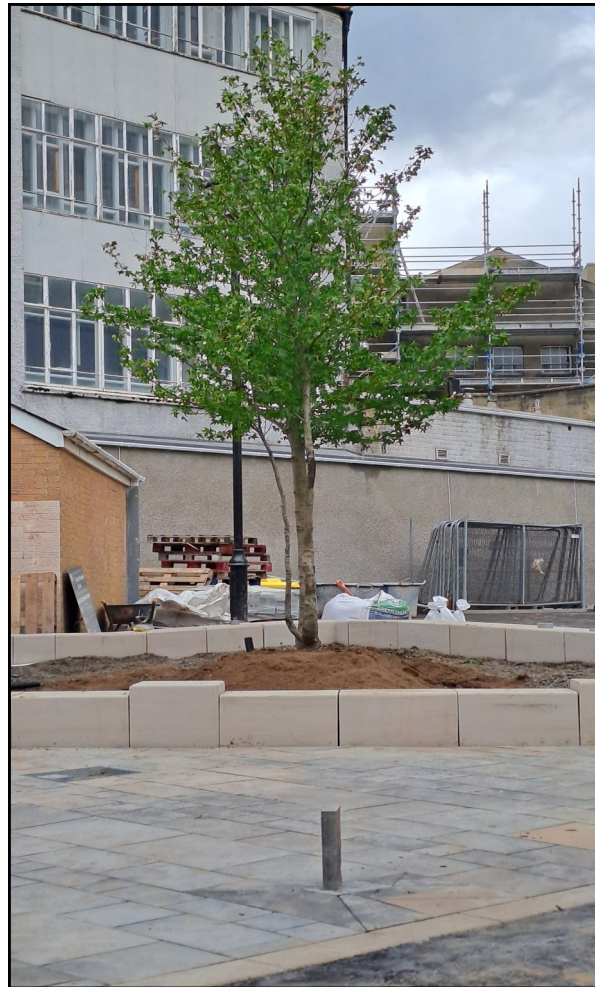
‘I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord’



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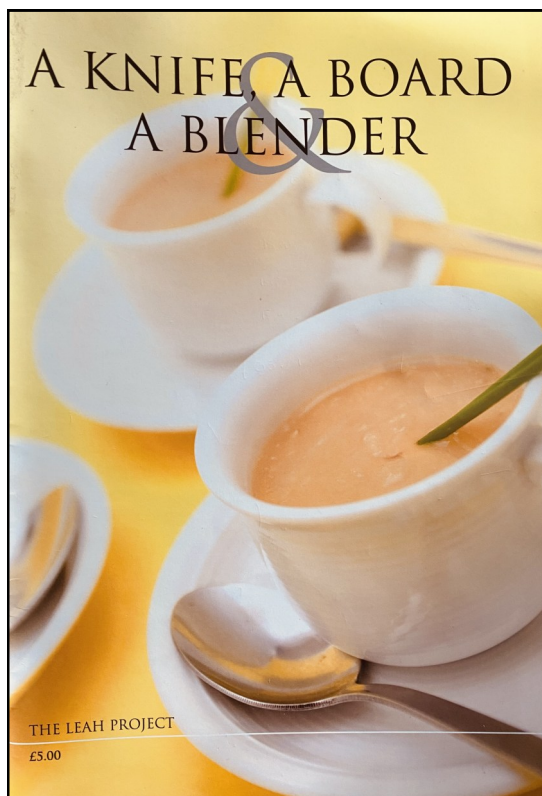
FINAL STAGES OF THE ROADWORKS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH





LEAH LUNCH

Now as the nights are drawing in and the leaves are 'turning', autumn is definitely on the way! This month sees the return of our LEAH Holy Communion and lunch. The September session will commence on Tuesday 8th with Communion in the church at 11.30am followed by lunch in the Canon Howe room. Towards the end of last season the numbers had started to decline so please do make the effort to support and attend this worthwhile church project - we're now in our 18th year! If you think you might like to join us for a chat and a chew, have a word with any of the catering team or alternatively give Ivan a call on 07980667613. We look forward to welcoming you.



The photograph above shows the front cover of the Leah cookbook we did in 2009. We had 4000 copies printed (a bit of a gamble!!) but it sold out within 6 months and raised £15,000!! That equates to £26,000 in today's Pounds, Shillings & Pence no mean feat and we still ran the Leah lunch whilst the photoshoot was happening that day.

CHURCH CAFE

For a number of reasons we were unable to run our August cafe but we'll be back to normal for September. It's hard to believe that the Cafe is now in its 6th year - time flies when you're having fun!! Please do try to visit us from 10am on the last Saturday of each month for our tasty range of homemade goodies, breakfast, lunch and desserts - you won't be disappointed ...

SUMMER LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

JUNE TUE 23 - DAVID BROWNE MURRAY TUE 30 - NEW GATE ARTS FESTIVAL OF FLUTES JULY TUE 7 - SABRINA IVE'S TUE 14 - MARY DUNNE TUE 21 - GER LEGON TUE 28 - HUTCH	AUGUST TUE 4 - GRACE DOHERTY TUE 11 - CORA HARKIN TUE 18 - PAOLA ROSSATO TUE 25 - EILIDH PATTERSON SEPTEMBER TUE 1 - MICHAEL WATTERS TUE 8 - ACOUSTIC VIBES
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EVERY TUESDAY DURING THE SUMMER 1PM

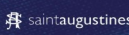


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Summer Lunchtime Concerts
Every Tuesday, 1pm to 1.45pm
All Welcome - Free Admission.

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of Evening Events 

St Augustine's Church - Londonderry

LUMINARE PRESENTS

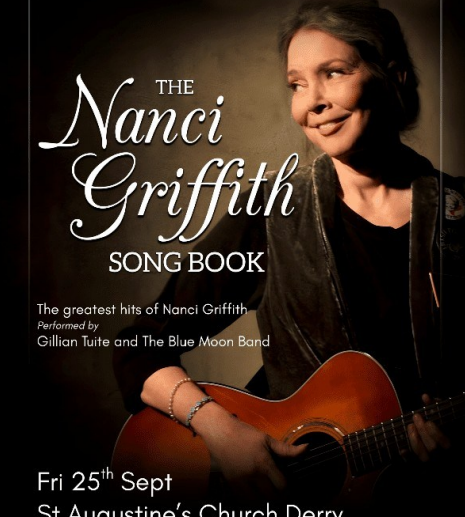
September sees the start of the new season of Luminare concerts in association with Music Capital. Frances Black kicks off this year's performances on Saturday 5th when she brings her 'Anthology tour to SA and on Friday 25th we have the Nanci Griffith Songbook show with the Blue Moon Band featuring the the vocal talents of Gillian Tuite. Expect to hear 'From a Distance', 'Love at the Five and Dime' and Once in a Very Blue Moon' plus many more.



FRANCES BLACK
ANTHOLOGY

Sat 5th Sept
St Augustine's Church
Palace St, Derry BT48 6PS

Doors 7.15pm / Starts 8pm Tickets £20.50+bf
tickets available from www.musiccapital.org 



THE Nanci Griffith
SONG BOOK

The greatest hits of Nanci Griffith
Performed by
Gillian Tuite and The Blue Moon Band

Fri 25th Sept
St Augustine's Church Derry

Tickets £25+bf
Doors 6.45pm Starts 7.30pm

www.musiccapital.org 



Bible Word Search

Apostles / Disciples



O	I	J	E	H	J	F	X	T	U	Q	R	H	T	B
S	W	I	B	M	A	A	V	Q	O	P	O	U	Q	S
T	J	W	E	L	U	A	M	L	B	N	H	B	G	Z
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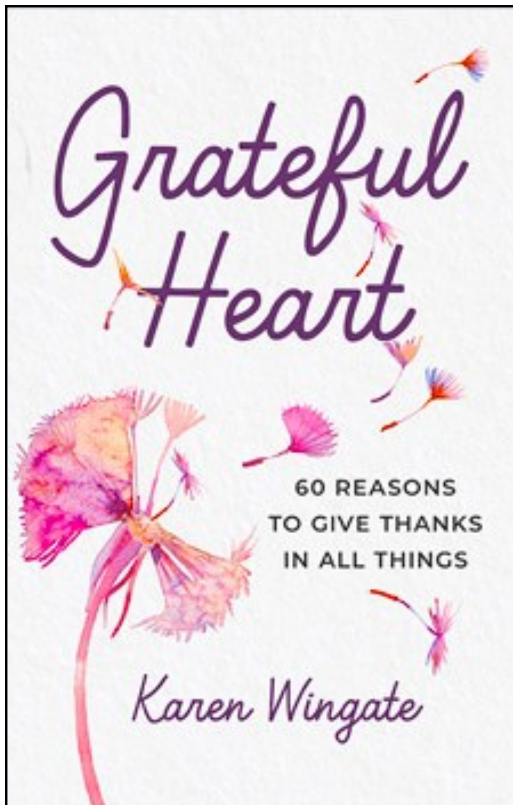
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PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS
MATTHEW
JAMES
THADDAEUS
SIMON
JUDAS



BOOK RECOMMENDATION



It's easy to be thankful when life is going well. The sun is out, the kettle has just boiled, everyone is behaving themselves and nothing has gone sideways.

But what about the ordinary, frustrating, tiring days? Or the seasons when life feels painful, uncertain or just not how we hoped it would be?

In *Grateful Heart*, Karen Wingate invites us to see our lives with fresh eyes and discover more reasons to give thanks to God in all things. Born legally blind, Karen knows what it means to live with uncertainty. After restorative surgery improved her sight in adulthood, she found herself noticing God's blessings in both obvious and unexpected places.

Through 60 thoughtful reflections, she helps us recognise God's goodness in the middle of real life. Whether you are in a season of joy, challenge or somewhere in the middle, *Grateful Heart* will help you pause, reflect and grow in thankfulness.

A HOT STORY

I like this story straight from the kitchen which shows how, when life gets tough, the key to success lies in how we respond.

Take three pots and turn up the heat until the water in each is boiling. Put carrots in the first pot, an egg in the second, and coffee grounds in the third.

Turn off the heat, and we find the carrots have softened, the egg is hardened, and the coffee grounds have created a pot of rich-flavoured coffee.

Each item has faced an adverse situation, but each has responded differently to the boiling heat.

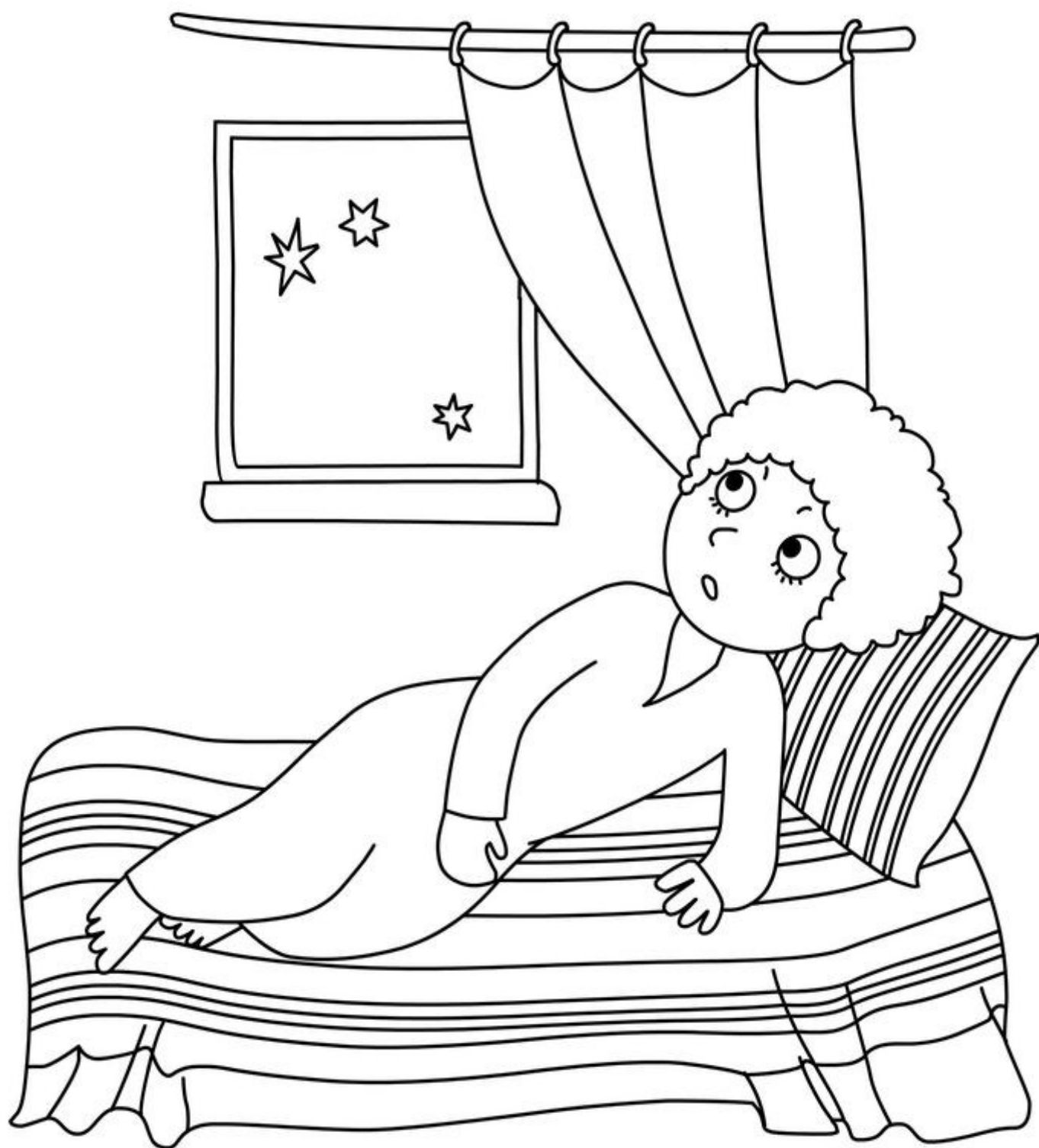
Let's never think of adversity as an enemy. It gives us an opportunity to change the situation and conditions around us, and make us all the stronger.

(The Friendship Book 2005)



Baby Moses was safe in his basket boat.

Yes Lord, I am listening.
1 Samuel 3:10



MY FAVOURITE MONTH

***SEPTEMBER, September, I love you so
Your golden light, your russet glow,
Of all the months none can compare
With harvest fruits of plum and pear.***

***Of mellow days of sweet content
Of ripened berry heaven scent,
Of woodland walks of tawny brown
Where leaves of copper filter down.***

***And spider with his jewel-like web
And robin with his breast of red,
A time that surely God has blessed
September is, for me, the best***

(Eva Knights)

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WEEKLY ZOOM

PRAYER MEETING

Join us every Monday night at 6:30pm
as we pray for our church, the community,
our families and any other prayer requests.
It's a great time to draw near to God.

Just let the Rector know and he will arrange
to send you the link via email or if you would
like prayer for yourself or a friend these
requests can be included in our session.



Question: *What are the special opportunities that God is giving to you at the moment?*

Prayer: *Dear Lord, help me to grasp every opportunity You give me for serving You. Amen*