

# ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH



JUNE 2026

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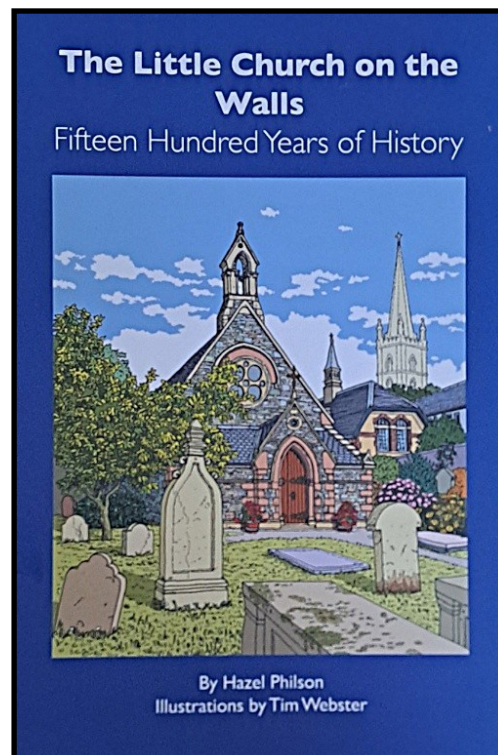
## The Rector writes .....

The month of June holds its usual pattern as some aspects of church life gear down for a season of rest, whilst others gear up for a season of work.

In terms of rest, our Kidz Klub and STAY group will finish up for summer towards the end of June and a word of thanks are owed to Catherine, Muriel, Gordon and Noel for their commitment throughout the year. Similarly, the last Tuesday morning Holy Communion and LEAH Lunch for this term will take place later this month too, so thank you to all who set up the hall, prepare the food, wait on the tables and, of course, clear up afterwards. Choir Practice has come to an end for now and the prayer group (whilst still actively praying through the tourist ministry prayer requests) doesn't formally meet during July and August.

Filling the spaces that this change of routine brings is tourist ministry, more gardening activity and summer concerts. Additionally, our contractor, working on the Sexton's Cottage, will take advantage of the (hopefully) 'good' weather to make headway as we eagerly watch week by week.

Hazel Philson will also be busy. We are pleased that Hazel has decided to edit and update her book, 'The Little Church on the Walls' for a second edition. We are looking forward to this being released in due course. Edition 1 was published in 2012 – five thousand copies were printed and they have travelled to the far corners of the globe.



The new edition will bring recently revealed information about the church and graveyard to the reader, adding even more fascinating snippets to the history of the wee church.

It was a great pleasure for some of our Select Vestry to attend an award ceremony on the 7th May in the **Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle**, to receive an award from the **Church of Ireland and Benefact Trust. (Carbon Reducing Grant)**



The award is 50% funding towards blending our energy usage and bringing about less carbon usage, additional efficiency and, ultimately, financial savings. We will be progressing with the following -

- ◆ Adding under pew low energy electrical heating. The idea is that we add this in and reduce the oil usage. It means that the lower area of the church in which we actually sit will be heated rather than heating the space above, which is very high.
- ◆ Introducing infrared heating in the STAY room. The idea here is that we have a more direct heat source in that particular room which is used for meetings as well as Sundays. If successful, it will mean we don't have to bring on the oil heating for the meetings. This is something of an 'experiment' but if it turns out to be effective then we might look at replicating this in the Howe Room.
- ◆ Triple glazing in some of the windows in the older part of the hall. Again, this is a measure to insulate and retain heat.

On **4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7:30pm** I will be instituted as the **Rector of our new grouping with St Columb's Cathedral**, signalling another significant moment in the history of the wee church. I would be very pleased to see a good turn out of Saint Augustine's members at the service.

As you will know, at one time this church was the Chapel of Ease to the Cathedral, and the history of the two churches converge in so many ways that a grouping has been talked about for some decades. I thank you for your continued support in this role which will also include that of being installed as the **Dean of Derry**. There will undoubtedly be a large portfolio of work ahead, so please keep Alison, Matthew, Megan, myself and both congregations in your prayers.

St Augustine's will once again host the annual **St Columba's Day Service**, marking it on the nearest **Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> June)**. The service is interdenominational and will commence at 4.15pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall, and I thank the catering team most sincerely for their ongoing support of this service which is so important to our unique history.

We also look forward to **Children's Day on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Our **Diocesan Children's Officer (Kirsty McCartney)** will join us for worship and share some thoughts with the children. It will also be our great pleasure to administer the sacrament of infant baptism during the service that day.

Finally, on notes of both sadness and gratitude, since our last magazine we have lost a faithful friend of St Augustine's, **Dr Alison Howe**. Many will remember her husband, the late Canon Howe, as the Rector here and Alison was, without doubt, a huge part of the life of our church. Many will have worked directly with her through church, indeed many will have even been under her care in her professional medical capacity; but no matter how you knew Alison I'm sure you will attest to her gentleness, kindness and sincerity. Alison will be greatly missed by Timothy, Niall, Jonathan and their own families, and we assure them of our prayers in these difficult times. On the day of Alison's funeral word reached us of the death of **Kathleen Rosborough** – another faithful parishioner over the years. Kathleen will be fondly remembered for her warmth of personality and dedication to the church. Kathleen's funeral service took place from Glendermott Parish Church, and that decision was taken by the family due to the traffic problems at the church owing to the ongoing work, and because of the noise that the works on the road makes which is just outside the east window.

With every blessing

Rev'd Nigel

## **ARTICLE—WHY PRAY AT NIGHT? (SOPIA BRICKER)**

Throughout the history of the church, mornings and evenings have often served as essential times of prayer. Followers of Christ around the world join one another in a regular rhythm of prayer, talking to the Lord at the beginning and end of each day. Hence, we have the Daily Office with Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as the practice of early and late devotional times. Not only does it make a difference to begin our days with the Saviour, but also our nights. These historical practices stem from the biblical example of individuals regularly praying at set times. For example, Daniel talked to God regardless of his situation, kneeling at key moments in the day to commune with the living Lord (Daniel 6:10). Jesus also made it a habit to get away to pray to the Father during the early mornings as well as long into the night (see Matthew 14:23 and Luke 6:12).



If we are to “pray continually” as Scripture encourages (1 Thessalonians 5:17), then we can continue our conversation with the Lord during the moments before we fall asleep, or as we struggle to sleep. Doing so will help quiet our restless minds, bringing peace where anxiety often prevails.

Evening prayer gives Christians a way to lay down the day before God. It helps turn restless thoughts into conversation with the Lord, reminds us that He is awake when we are weary, and teaches us to receive sleep as an act of trust rather than one more struggle to manage alone.

## 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 (which has a full June calendar) 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.

At this time, we are urgently appealing for volunteers for our August barbecue. Each year this brings in around £1000. It is a day of hard work (at times) but more importantly, good fun. We just about managed last year in terms of the volunteer team, but without assistance from our wider family circles the barbecue couldn't have proceeded. Please speak to Robert Lynch if you think you could help.



There's always a call for fresh volunteers for tourist ministry – even if it is to cover when people are holiday. For young people, seeking out volunteering opportunities for EPIC awards or Duke of Ed, then the summer months is an excellent time to build up the hours you will need. Tourist ministry is very rewarding and you have the opportunity to meet some very interesting people from all parts of the globe. Speak to Hazel or Maureen.

## CHURCH GARDEN

The garden has been planted with begonias, dahlias, cornflowers, calendulas, becopas, petunias, geraniums and sanvitalias. Hopefully we will get plenty of sunshine and we should have a colourful display. Many thanks to Peter Atkinson and family and Kathleen Dunlop for donations towards buying some of the plants.

(Ida Robinson)



**SOME MORE PHOTOGRAPHS AROUND PALACE STREET**



## LONDON CONNECTIONS

The Rector and Alison were the invited guests of the **Worshipful Company of Bowyers**, who visited the city recently. The Bowyers is one of the old London companies who still award various grants and support community and charitable projects throughout the UK.



Sir David Wootten is the current Master of the company and is also the previous Governor of The Honourable The Irish Society and a former Lord Mayor of London. In the photograph are Sir David, Lady Liz, Rev'd Nigel and Alison.

## CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all the candidates, family members and, of course, Noel and Gordon, for all their input into the **Confirmation Service**. We had four young people confirmed and our prayer is that they, with the support of family and congregation, will come to fuller attendance and participation in the wider life of the church. Well done to all of them for confirming their faith in this public way. There will be some photographs from the confirmation service in the next magazine.

## 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 Mrs Deirdre Amor, Mrs Irene White, Mr Marshall Kilgore or Mr Drew White. There is a comprehensive suite of **Safeguarding and Health & Safety Policies** which are available in hard copy, upon request.

## VESTRY COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Commissioning Service for Select Vestry members and Safeguarding Panel members took place in **St Peter's Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Bishop Andrew preached about how the Lord Jesus doesn't leave us in our failures, and he used the deflated apostle Peter as an example who, after denying the Lord and going back to his previous life as a fisherman, was gently redeemed by Jesus. It was on this third resurrection appearance when the Lord came alongside the disciples on the shore of Galilee and even cooked them breakfast! The Bishop emphasised that the number of fish in the net on that occasion was 153 – thought to represent the number of known nationalities in the world at that time. The point being, that the Lord Jesus is for everyone, everywhere. Returning to the deflated Peter, the Bishop gave great encouragement to the congregation that despite some of the unseen challenges of parish life, the Lord Jesus would be there to guide and provide.

**PLEASE NOTE, THAT, BY DIRECTION OF BISHOP ANDREW, AND COMMENCING FROM JUNE 2026, THE SERVICE TIMES IN THE PARISH GROUPING WILL BE –**

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

## FLOWER ROTA

7th June - Ian Stewart  
 14th June - Florence McSparron  
 21st June - Valerie McGregor  
 28th June - Yvonne Burnside



If you would like to contribute flowers please contact Elizabeth Montgomery on (02871)301432. The cost of supplying church flowers is now £30.

## CHURCH EVENTS - JUNE

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Wedding in Church – no tourist ministry
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30pm	Service of Institution and Installation St. Columb's Cathedral
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.20am</b>	<b>The First Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion 2 KidzKlub & STAY
	<b>4.15pm</b>	Inter-denominational service for St Columba's Day
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting on Zoom
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	11.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Church – St Columba's Day)
	12.20pm	LEAH Lunch (last on for this term)
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.20am</b>	<b>Children's Day</b> All age worship with Infant Baptism KidzKlub & STAY on summer holiday from today Guest speaker – Kirsty McCartney
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom – last one this term)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (last one this term) <b>First Derry Men's Club Trip to Letterkenny Donegal Museum. Ladies most welcome also. (Contact Alan for more details)</b>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>Cathedral Men's Club Trip. An invitation is warmly extended to St Augustine's. Please confirm your attendance. (see Alan)</b>
Sunday 21st June	<b>10.20am</b>	<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity</b> Morning Prayer
Sat 27th June		Church Cafe
Sunday 28th June	<b>10.20am</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b> Morning Prayer

## BIBLE READINGS

Date	Bible Reading	Title
1 <sup>st</sup> June	1 Kings 11: 1 – 13	Who would have thought it ?
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	1 Kings 11: 26 – 43	The bigger picture
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	1 Kings 12 : 1 – 24	Bad choices
4 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 12 : 25 – 33	Could things get any worse ?
5 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 15 : 9 – 24	At last !
6 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 16 : 23 – 33	Meanwhile, in Israel .....
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Psalm 88	The God who saves
8 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 17	Enter Elijah
9 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 18 : 1 – 15	Obedience versus fear
10 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 18 : 16 – 46	The Lord is God
11 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 19	Elijah takes a dive
12 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 21	From bad to worse
13 <sup>th</sup> June	1 Kings 22: 1 – 5, 29 -53	The pattern continues
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Psalm 89	Mighty, faithful God
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 21 : 1 – 16	All at sea
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 21 : 17 – 26	The calm before the storm
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 21 : 27 – 36	History repeats
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 21 : 37 – 22 : 11	Identity parade
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 22 : 12 – 29	See it, say it, sorted
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 22 : 30 – 23 : 11	Instinct and encouragement
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Psalm 90	Solstice solace
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Acts 23 : 12 – 22	The plot thickens
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Acts 23 : 23 – 35	Banished !
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 24 : 1 -21	Truth and dare
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 24 : 22 – 27	Impasse or impress ?
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 25 : 1 – 12	First impressions count
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 25 : 13 -27	A right royal kerfuffle
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Psalm 91	Safety and security
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 26 : 1 – 18	His story, our story: a gripper!
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Acts 26 : 19 – 32	Cut to the chase

## IN MEMORIAMs

### **In Memory of Alison Howe**

£25.00 from Maureen & Alan Neely

£25.00 from Elizabeth Montgomery

£25.00 from Kathleen Dunlop

£20.00 from Sheira Peacocke

£20.00 from Rev Nigel Cairns

£30.00 from Deirdre & Bob Amor

£50.00 from Betty Moore

£60.00 from the Hayden family

### **In Memory of Kathleen Rosborough**

£25.00 from Maureen & Alan Neely

£20.00 from Uel Young

£20.00 from Rev Nigel Cairns

### **In Loving Memory of Lionel Mills (on his 7th Anniversary)**

£50.00 from Cynthia Mills

### **Birthday Memories of Frank Simpkin (from his loving wife)**

£100.00 from Adrienne Simpkin

### **In Memory of my husband David Dunlop**

£600.00 from Kathleen Dunlop

### **In Memory of David Dunlop**

£200.00 from Elizabeth Montgomery

## IN MEMORIAMS

### In Memory of Ian McGregor

£500.00 from Valerie & Trevor McGregor

(a loving husband to Valerie and a cherished father to Trevor)

## DONATIONS

£20.00 Anonymous (for the 'Wee House')

£10.00 Anonymous (for Building Fund)

£20.00 Anonymous (for Cottage Restoration Fund)

£300.00 Anonymous (thanks offering)

£5.00 Anonymous (for Building Fund)

£10.00 Anonymous (for Building Fund)

£20.00 from the Irish Dancing Committee (for Room Hire on 11/5)

£20.00 from the Irish Dancing Committee (for Room Hire on 21/5)

£20.00 from Arthur Carland (for Home Communion)

## CHRISTIAN BURIAL

### Alison Howe

Passed away 7th May 2026      Laid to rest 11th May 2026

**'I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord.'**

### Kathleen Rosborough

Passed away 11th May 2026      Laid to rest 13th May 2026

**'I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord.'**

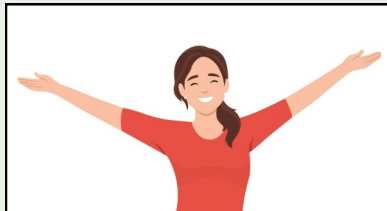


## SOME MORE GENTLE EXCERCISES FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

### Open Arms of Welcome

Move: Stretch arms wide,

then gently close.



Scripture: "Come to me, all you who are weary." – Matthew 11:28

Prayer: I receive Your comfort and rest.

### Prayerful Hand Press

Move: Press palms together for 5 seconds.

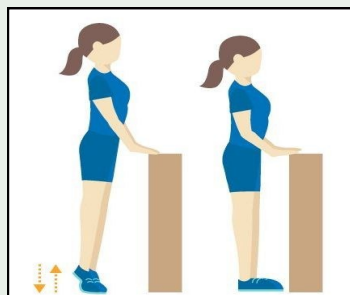


Scripture: "Pray without ceasing." – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Prayer: Keep my heart aligned with Yours.

### Steadfast Heel Raises

Move: Lift heels slowly up and down.



Scripture: "He will not let your foot slip." – Psalm 121:3

Prayer: Keep my steps steady in You.

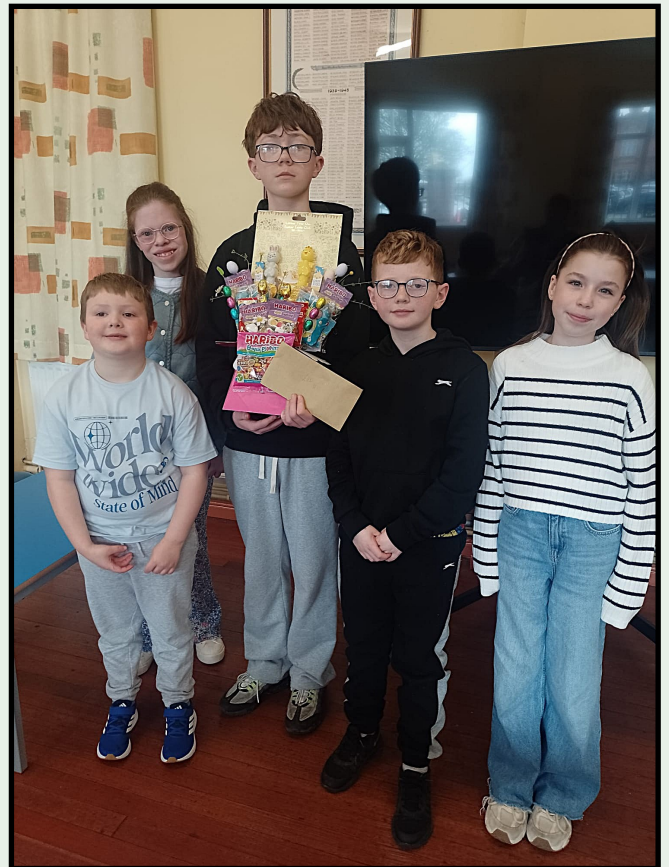
## KIDZ KLUB PHOTOGRAPHS



The children hard at work making gifts for Mother's Day



A very happy Sienna who was the winner of the Easter hamper.



Some of the children with a recycled Easter basket made up by Julie Anne and Kerry Lynn which made an amazing £100 for the work of Kidz Klub. We are very grateful for all your hard work.

## LEAH LUNCH

Our last LEAH of the season will be held on **Tuesday 9th** starting with **Holy Communion in Church at 11.30am** followed by lunch in the Howe Room. As usual please let us know if you plan to attend - simply give your name(s) to Sheira or give Ivan a call on 07980667613. We'll be taking a Leah break in July & August but we'll all be manning the stoves in September. In the meantime have a good summer and hopefully the weather will 'play ball'!!

## CHURCH CAFÉ

Whilst Leah has a break the cafe will continue on the **last Saturday of the month from 10am**. Please do try and give us a shout and support us. We'll have the usual goodies on offer – all homemade. Don't forget that every £ you spend goes directly to church funds ..... so 'mon up'and see for yourself. You'll be happy bunnies if you do!!

## CATERING

June is shaping up to be a busy month for the catering team. Firstly, we have been working closely with the Cathedral in organising the Installation supper for our new Dean. This is a big task for SA and the workload challenging. Both of the halls and the Howe room will be in use to accommodate the large number of guests anticipated and need to be stripped out and reconfigured. So, if anyone is willing to give a hand, the plan is to meet at **10am on Wednesday 3rd** for a few hours to sort the spaces out. If you can help please give Ivan a call (07980667613) so a rota can be drawn up. Thank you in advance. Then on **Sunday 7th** we will be providing refreshments after the annual Columba service in the church. Again anyone who would be willing to help with the clearing up would be extremely welcome.

## SUMMER CONCERTS

The annual Tuesday summer concerts continue in 2026. As the last two years concerts were extremely well attended (over 100 people each week) we have increased the number of concerts from 8 to 12. From the middle of June to the middle of September we will welcome an eclectic range of performers covering a wide range of music genres starting on Tuesday 23rd June and running until Tuesday 8th September. The concerts start at 1pm and last approximately 45 minutes and are free to attend.

ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH

# SUMMER LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



JOIN US FOR A VIBRANT SERIES OF LIVE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS IN THE BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS OF ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.

## 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

EVERY TUESDAY DURING THE SUMMER 1PM



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**Altnagelvin Hospital Choir**

**On this Shining night**

**John Rutter, Gloria**

**Ola Gjeilo, Dreamweaver**



**With music by Chilcott, Collins, Lauridsen,  
MacMillan and Whitacre**

**Jack Wilson Organ  
Derek Collins Conductor**

**Christ Church , Infirmarary Road  
Saturday 6th June 2026  
7.30 pm**

**Tickets £15 available at the door or at the link below**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GKHB>**



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# Joy! Sacred Music Concert



Allegri presents  
Every Voice  
Festival

*With performances by Campana, Joyful Together (Carlisle Road Methodist Church),  
St Eugene's Cathedral Choir and Voices of the Foyle*



**Saturday 6th June 2026**

First Derry Presbyterian Church

7.30 pm

**Inclusive. Joyful. Empowering**



*NO GOD - NO PEACE*

*Know God - Know Peace*

**APOLOGIES FOR THE MISPRINT IN THE MAY MAGAZINE**

The quote should have read -

“Peace comes not from the absence of trouble, but from  
the presence of God”

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Ms. Megan Cairns, Mr. Drew White  
Mr. Robert Lynch, Mr. Alan Neely

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Hon. Treasurer - Mr. Drew White  
Hon. Secretary/ Donations Secretary - Mrs. Deirdre Amor MBE

**Church Organist**

Miss Lauren Duncan

**Safeguarding Trust Panel**

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Mrs. Deirdre Amor MBE, Mrs. Irene White, Mr. Drew White

**Parish Nurse**

Mrs. Alison Cairns

**Magazine Editor**

Mr. Alan Neely

# 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:** Do you know what your gift is? If not, what action are you going to take to identify it?

**Prayer:** Loving God, thank you that you have given me a special gift. Help me to use it enthusiastically for you. Amen