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## Saint Augustine's Church - May 2026

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## The Rector writes .....

Following on from our Easter General Vestry, I would again like to offer a sincere word of thanks to all those who previously served in various capacities across our church. Similarly, I offer my thanks to all those who allowed their name to go forward for office or position – be that for the first time or for re-election. Either way, the work that is done behind the scenes to keep the ship afloat is not unnoticed.



In one way, much has changed since the last magazine was received and yet, nothing has changed. Word about the grouping of the two churches within the walled city finally became official, ending weeks and months of speculation about what the future would hold. This is news to be welcomed because, in essence, we ‘get the best of both worlds’ insofar as we gain from the benefits of a grouping whilst at the same time each church retains its distinctiveness and autonomy. It will be interesting to learn how the Bishop decides to move the process forward. The other imperative that has not changed is the goodness of the Lord and His steadfastness even (and especially) amidst the ebb and flow of change. I believe God will bless His people in our churches as we see unity amongst us. I would ask that now you would keep both congregations, the clergy, the volunteers and the Bishop in your thoughts and prayers as we forge ahead with unity, purpose and mutual support of each other’s uniqueness.

**For your reference, please see the pastoral letter from Bishop Andrew, on the following page which was read out on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April.**

Wishing you every blessing,

Rev’d Nigel

**Announcement from the Bishop:**  
**To the parishioners of St Augustine's**

I want to share with you that the Representative Church Body has agreed to the recommendation of the Diocesan Council for the formation of a new group of churches, bringing together St Columb's Cathedral and St Augustine's.

This feels like a significant and hopeful moment in the life for our two historic and much-loved churches. I believe this new grouping will strengthen and enrich our mission and ministry, while honouring and safeguarding the distinctiveness and heritage of each.

We are, together, at the beginning of a new chapter, and how that chapter unfolds will become clear over time, as we seek God's guidance step by step.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you all for your faithfulness over many generations, and for your deep sense of rootedness in our beloved city.

I look forward with real hope to what God has in store for the future: as a ministry team is shaped and grows; as you continue to reach out to the people of the city and its many visitors; as you engage with the life of culture and the arts; and as you offer places of welcome, excellent pastoral care, living worship, and faithful prayer.

I am especially grateful for the army of volunteers who give so generously of their time and gifts for the wellbeing of these churches. It is a fitting and well-deserved recognition that both have received the King's Award for Voluntary Service.

Please be assured of my prayers and my ongoing support for two churches that are very close to my heart. As you move forward together, I pray that you will know God's presence among you, guiding, strengthening, and blessing you in all that lies ahead.

+Andrew  
Derry & Raphoe

## **EASTER: HOW CAN I EXPERIENCE RESURRECTION (article by Sarah Frazer)**

I've been thinking about *a life without spring in its heart*. A heart without spring is one without hope.

Even in our lives, we might feel like we are living in a "winter" season. Devoid of life and without warmth or companionship might feel so isolating. Spring is coming. New life is right around the corner. Let me not dismiss the heartache you might be feeling. When Easter has come and gone, you might feel like resurrection has missed you. Here are some experiences we may encounter.

### **There Must First Be Death**

As we reflect on Jesus' resurrection, let's not forget one important detail: He had to die. As Christians, His death meant new life for us, but first there was death. Because of sin in this world, new life never stems from nothing. Even a seed must die before it begins to grow.

Jesus also spoke about death in ([John 12:24](#)). Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

In our lives something must die before we experience the resurrection of Jesus. For three days Jesus laid in the tomb and at the time every single disciple who loved Him mourned. Death hurts. There are tears, wounds, and pain which may seem unbearable. Death will hurt but it must come first. Jesus, our Savior knows all about our grief. For three days Jesus' was in the tomb. The man who said He was *the resurrection* and life *really did die*.

Your tomb might feel like being trapped at home with an illness. The loneliness can be a prison. Or maybe your tomb is a place of work with people who make fun of you for your Christian beliefs. The tomb you feel might be grief. Have you lost someone you love to death and life is so empty without that person?

Before God can work in our lives we must die. Paul says in ([Galatians 2:20](#)), I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live. The apostle goes on to say in ([Galatians 5:24](#)), Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Maybe your life is a series of seemingly unending "deaths." Those things which are slowly killing your hope and joy. The strength to keep going will feel lost. At the very end of yourself, God is waiting. No death is for nothing. God is always working, even in the waiting.

**'Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace' (Ephesians 4:3)**

## Waiting Might Come Next

Sometimes God does not promise new life right away. Yes, we can live a joy-filled, strength-filled, and hope-filled life. But life might not spring up right away. As soon as a seed dies it does not immediately produce fruit. Just as Jesus did not resurrect the moment He died, but waited in the tomb for three days—we sometimes also go through a season of waiting.

Waiting is the worst. Believe me, I've done my share of waiting. But our waiting is never wasted. God sometimes asks us to wait, but He is still working. Waiting patiently is not something we want when trouble, bitterness, storms, darkness, and hidden growth are in our lives. Yet many times God calls for us to wait. In Joseph's life, although he did was right and walked with God, He **did not take him out of the bad circumstances**. Joseph was still forgotten for two years, in prison. Forgotten by everyone, *but God*.

The chief cupbearer, however, did not remember Joseph; he forgot him. ([Genesis 40:23](#))

Do we believe waiting is never wasted? God's sovereignty is sweet. Jesus calls us into a life of abiding, and it is never burdening. Our steps are planned out. Ordered by the God of Creation. We will fall. We will mess up, sometimes we will choose to be bitter, anxious, worry, and anger.

Other times we will choose the right path.

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him. ([Psalm 37:23](#))

When we fall, we will be picked up again. The same hands which reached down to the woman caught in adultery are reaching for me. The same hands which held the moon on the fourth day of creation will hold me. The same hands which made the blind man see, will enlighten my heart to the next step. Let us trust His hand.

Sometimes in our waiting our hearts are strengthened as we look to God. Our courage is not a lack of fear but an ability to move forward even in our fear. God provides for us in the waiting. Look around and see today how God is providing for you.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. ([Psalm 27:14](#))

After the waiting we discover death is never the end. Jesus' death was the ultimate sacrifice for our sins ([John 3:16](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [Hebrews 9:12](#)) and His burial in the tomb signified the waiting God sometimes asks us to do. The beautiful reminder of Jesus' victory is that His heart beat again. There was new life after three days of darkness.

Light came. Mercy came. Let's not forget *Jesus is alive today!*

## Waking Up to New Life Each Day

Yesterday we had a bad day. Tempers and tears clouded our day and put a damper on everything. Parenting children from hard places is hard enough—but adding the sin of my own heart complicates the efforts. I went to bed so discouraged and feeling depressed. Before we went to sleep, my husband reminded me of God's new mercies in the morning. Suddenly, I realized I had a reason to look forward to the next day. The problems might still be there, but God's new mercies would also be there!

Sunday: New Mercies

Monday: New Mercies

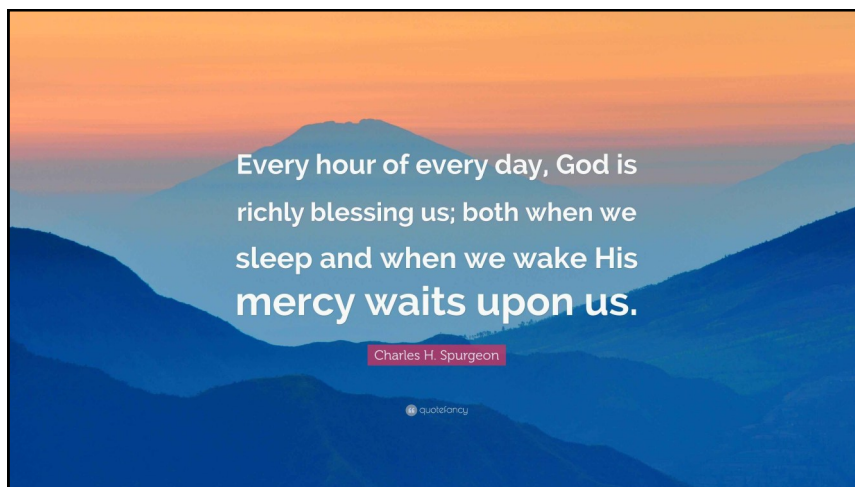
Tuesday: New Mercies

Wednesday: New Mercies

Thursday: New Mercies

Friday: New Mercies

Saturday: New Mercies



This is how we live the resurrection life. We live the resurrection life when we live in His mercy each and every day. Winter's promise is that spring is coming. There is promise in the hidden growth. God is still faithful when we can't see the sun.

The resurrection life is still available in our pain.

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.* **[\(Lamentations 3:22-26\)](#)**

**CHAIR DEVOTION & GENTLE EXERCISE (from our Parish Nurse)**

**Strengthened in Body & Spirit**

**4. 🧘 Be Still Neck Stretch**

**Move: Gently tilt head side to side.**

**Scripture: “Be still, and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10**

**Prayer: Calm my thoughts and steady my heart.**

**5. 😊 Joyful Twist**

**Move: Gently twist right and left.**

**Scripture: “The joy of the Lord is your strength.” – Nehemiah 8:10**

**Prayer: Fill me with Your joy.**

**6. 🦵 Grateful Leg Extensions**

**Move: Extend one leg at a time.**

**Scripture: “Give thanks in all circumstances.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Prayer: Thank You for the gift of life and movement.**

We all experience fear, anxiety, burdens, and troubles.

At times we feel lost. At times we feel alone.

Loneliness can quietly settle in, and with it comes heavier thoughts, deeper worries, and even struggles in our health. What we carry inside doesn't just stay in our minds—it affects our whole being.

In these moments, we often turn inward.

We trust ourselves. We search for solutions.

We try to hold everything together.

But the invitation remains the same:

to bring it all to Jesus.

Not just the fear, but the loneliness.

Not just the anxiety, but the hidden weight of feeling unseen or unwell.

Because where we feel most alone, He is still present.

Where we feel weakest, He meets us with strength.

We may not always have answers, but we are never without Him.

**God: You need to let go**

You: Of what?

**God: You know what**

You: I'm trying

**God: No, you're thinking of trying. There's a difference.**

You: It's hard

**God: I know. That's why I am asking you to trust me instead of carrying it yourself.**

You: What if I let go and nothing happens?

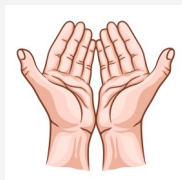
**God: What if you let go and everything happens? You're so focused on the risk of release that you're not seeing the risk of holding on.**

You: Which is?

**God: You're blocking what I am trying to give you. Your hands are full of the wrongs things, I need you to drop it so I can put the right thing in your hands.**

You: Okay. How?

**God: Stop trying to figure out how. Just do it. Release it. Trust me to catch what matters and let the rest fall.**



## **EASTER GENERAL VESTRY**

At the Easter General Vestry, the following appointments were made. Thanks to all who serve our church community not only in these elected positions, but also across all of church life. All vestry members, treasurers, secretaries, wardens and Safeguarding Panel members are invited to attend the Rural Deanery Commissioning Service which is at **7pm in St Peter's Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Rector's Church Warden:** Mrs Maureen Neely

**Rector's Glebe Warden:** Mr George Patterson

**People's Church Warden:** Mrs Sheira Peacocke

**People's Glebe Warden:** Mr Gordon McCrabbe

**Hon Secretary:** Mrs Deirdre Amor MBE

**Hon Treasurer:** Mr Drew White

### **Select Vestry**

Mr Alan Neely, Mr Alwyn Robinson, Mr Peter Atkinson

Mrs Hazel Philson, Ms Sandra McConnell, Mr Noel Glenn, Mr Bob Amor

Mr Robert Lynch, Mr Ivan Taylor, Mr Austin Smith, Mrs Violet McClean

## **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 Dierdre 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.

## INTERESTING QUOTES & FACTS

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

(Alexander Maclaren, famous Victorian preacher)

**“Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of the resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed.”**

(John Stott, British pastor and theologian)

**“You will never find peace and happiness until you are ready to commit yourself to something worth dying for.”**

(Jean-Paul Sartre, French philosopher)

**“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times.”**

(Martin Luther)



An old African proverb ..... perhaps that’s just another way of saying,  
‘If you don’t change anything, everything will be ..... just the same.’

## CHURCH EVENTS - MAY

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Luminare Presents
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion Kidzklub & STAY Off for Bank Holiday Weekend
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		No Prayer meeting
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Communion 1
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May		The General Synod of the Church of Ireland begins (Synod this year is in Newcastle)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		General Synod of the Church of Ireland
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May		General Synod of the Church of Ireland
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11am</b>  <b>7pm</b>	<b>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Morning Prayer, Kidzklub & STAY  Vestry Commissioning Service – for all wardens, vestry members and safeguarding panels in our rural deanery area. (St. Peter's Church)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting on Zoom
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May	11.30am  12.30pm	Holy Communion 1 (in the church)  LEAH Lunch – please let Sheira or Ivan know if you are attending.
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm  7.30pm	SALT  Choir Rehearsal

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Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	11am	Diocesan Family Fun Day, Oakfield Park, Raphoe. Book using the link below -  <a href="https://forms.gle/mH1EuBaYhGfhaqfC8">https://forms.gle/mH1EuBaYhGfhaqfC8</a>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Morning Prayer Kidzklub STAY
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Communion 1
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Choir
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday</b> Morning Prayer with the Sacrament of Infant Baptism  Kidzklub STAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May		No Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Communion 1
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May		Church Café
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Confirmation

***All Sunday Services are livestreamed to our Youtube and Facebook***

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## BIBLE READINGS

DATE	READING	TITLE
1 <sup>st</sup> May	1 Timothy 6 : 11 – 16	You can do it
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	1 Timothy 6 : 17 – 21	Entrusted to you
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Psalm 84	A longing satisfied
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 11	Gotta serve somebody
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 12	What do we want? Justice !
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 13 : 1 – 17	Pride comes before a fall
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 17 : 1 – 18	The heart of the matter
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 18 : 1 – 18	Worse than you think
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 19	Justice can be hard
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalm 85	We need the church
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 20	How to suffer suffering
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 23 : 1 – 8	We need a leader
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 23 : 9 – 32	Hot truth or cold comfort
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 26	Lending your voice
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 29 : 1 – 14	Plans to prosper!
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Jeremiah 30	Coming home
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalm 86	A heart check
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 9 : 14 – 17	Friendly fire
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 9 : 18 – 26	Unworthy to newsworthy
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 9 : 27 – 34	The blind see
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Matthew 9 : 35 – 10 : 4	Harassed and helpless
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Matthew 10 : 5 – 15	Trust and obey
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Matthew 10 : 16 – 31	Sheep among wolves
24 <sup>th</sup> May	John 14 : 15 -27	Truth and life
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 10 : 32 – 42	Who comes first?
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 11 : 1 – 19	Friendly fire ---again
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 11: 20 – 30	Rejection and rest
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 12 : 1 -21	Lord of the Sabbath
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 12 : 22 – 37	Houses and hearts
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Matthew 12 : 38 – 50	Something greater
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Psalm 87	Born in Zion

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## ST COLUMBA PRAYER CARD (made by Isobel Lytwyn)

The inspiration for making the prayer cards came from seeing the 'Prayer of St. Columba' on display in the Canon Howe Room. The prayer which is the best known one to be associated with St. Columba has been defined as seeking divine guidance, protection and companionship and asking God to be a bright flame and guiding star.



The prayer cards have been placed in small hessian sacks representing monastic times. However, on further research St. Columba would not have worn true hessian as it is associated with a later trade textile which was not available in 6th century Ireland or in Western Scotland. Although, the prayer of St. Columba is generally considered to be a later devotional prayer of Celtic Christian reconstruction it remains very relevant when praying for guidance, protection and companionship in today's world.

The prayer cards will be available in the church porch for anyone wishing to have one and it is hoped that as the tourism season gets under way some small donations may be given in exchange for one. **(Isobel Lytwyn)**

## IN MEMORIAMs

### In Memory of Ian McGregor

£50.00 from Shirley McGregor

£50.00 from Gordon, Stephanie McGregor and family

£40.00 from Cherry (sister)

£50.00 from Lee-Anne (niece) & Tom

£40.00 from Gerald & Linda Marshall

£10.00 from E. Gamble

£20.00 from Karen Brasienell

£20.00 from Andrew McClintock

£50.00 from Donemana Cricket Club (Violet Huey)

£30.00 from Mitchell Caldwell

£20.00 from Alan & Iris Smyth

£100.00 from Clodagh, Alan, Joanne & families (Lynch)

£20.00 from Mr & Mrs Payne & family

£25.00 from George & Ella Duddy

£20.00 from Rosemary McMullan

£20.00 from Joanne Smith

£40.00 from Doris Boyd

£60.00 from Mr A Wilson (Cumbria)

£40.00 from Violet, Mary & Sandra (The McBrine family)

£40.00 from Robert & Hilda Spence

## IN MEMORIAMs

### In Loving Memory of Thomas & Annette Hetherington

£40.00 from Norma & Gordon Robinson

### In Memory of my Dad Rev Canon Dr Leslie Maconachie on his 14th Anniversary

£100.00 from Deirdre Amor

## DONATIONS

£20.00 from Elizabeth Montgomery (for Holy Communion)

£5.00 from Esther Orr (for Holy Communion)

£5.00 from anonymous

£40.00 from anonymous

£5.00 from anonymous

£5.00 from anonymous

## FLOWER ROTA

3rd May - Isobel Lytwyn  
 10th May - Whiteside family  
 17th May - June Peoples  
 24th May - Noel Glenn  
 31st May - Diane Guthrie

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

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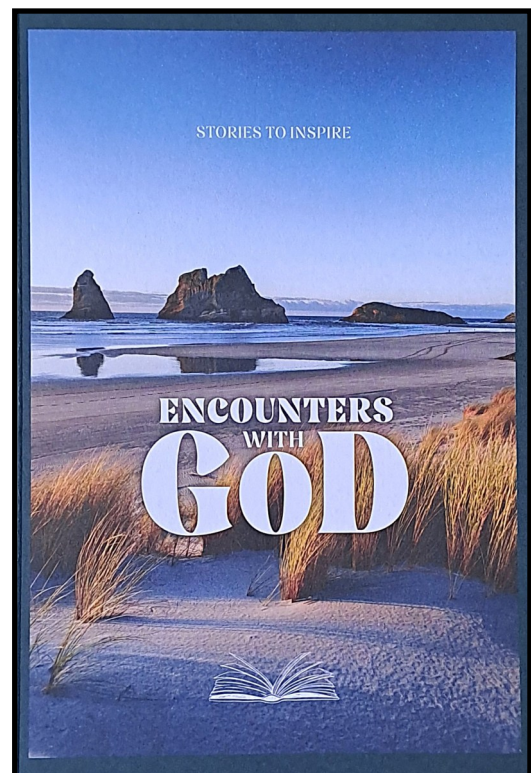
**SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL THE RE-CONSTRUCTION WORKS GOING ON AROUND 'THE WEE CHURCH'**





## **BOOK RECOMMENDATION**

Songs of praise presenter, **Claire McCollum**, was in the city on **Monday 20th April** evening to launch a new book of faith stories which has been published to raise funds to support the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe's mission partnership with the Diocese of Kondoia in Tanzania. '**Encounters with God**' is an initiative by our Board of Mission and Unity and its 36 personal testimonies recount how God has worked in people's lives—moments of calling, stories of healing, unexpected answers to prayer—experiences in which God's presence became unmistakably real to the authors. Claire shared part of her own faith journey with parishioners and clergy from across the Diocese before commending the new collection.



Two of the people featured in the book, **Canon Carmen Hayes** and **Rev Johnny Lowden**, read their stories to a large audience. In attendance was **Rev Roger Thompson, Partnership Co-ordinator for CMS Ireland**, and the **Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster**. Rev Thompson shared a video message with the audience in which the **Bishop of Kondoia, Rt Rev Given Gaula**, thanked parishioners here for their support for Kondoia and assured them that they were in the daily prayers of the 71 churches throughout his diocese.

**Bishop Andrew**, who recently completed a series of seven fundraising walks for Kondoia, has encouraged people to support Bishop Gaula's ministry by buying copies of the new book for themselves and for friends. It's hoped that copies of '**Encounters with God**' will be available soon in local churches priced at £7.50.

All proceeds will go to support mission in the Diocese of Kondoia.

St Columb's Cathedral

# COFFEE MORNING



fundraiser for Kondoa

**Saturday 16 May 2026**

**10.30am to 12.30pm**

at the home of

**Heather & James Fielding**

Castlemead, Bohillion Upper, BURT F93 C5Y0



We are raising funds for the Diocese of Kondoa Building Project in Tanzania

## LEAH LUNCH

We were pleased to have a good turnout for April's lunch and hopefully this will continue. It's disheartening for the team when numbers are low! Because of the May bank holiday, **this month's Leah will be on Tuesday 12th May** with Holy Communion in the church at 11.30am followed by lunch in the Canon Howe room. As usual please let us know if you plan to attend by either giving your name to Sheira on Sunday 10th or giving Ivan a call on 07980667613 by midday on Monday 11th. We look forward to seeing you there.



## CHURCH CAFE

The next church café will be held as usual on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May** from 10.00am. There'll be the usual range of homemade goodies available for breakfast, lunch or just a tasty scone or traybake to enjoy with a pot of tea. Don't forget that every £ spent in the cafe goes straight to church funds. Please do try to come and support this worthwhile project - you'll be pleased if you do!!

## LUMINARE PRESENTS



### Frankie Gavin & Catherine McHugh

**Fri 1st May 2026 - St Augustine's Church, Palace Street, Derry £24.50+bf**

Frankie Gavin has been a leading force in Irish traditional music since his teens, best known as co-founder of De Dannan, the groundbreaking band that reshaped the sound and global reach of Irish traditional music.

Joining him is Catherine McHugh, widely regarded as Ireland's foremost piano accompanist. Together, they deliver music of power, precision and warmth, blending tradition with innovation and experience.

We welcome **Frankie Gavin and Catherine McHugh** to the church on **Friday 1st May at 7.30pm**. Frankie was one of the founding members of De Dannan in the mid 70's and has been a leading force in Irish traditional music ever since. His skill has taken him far beyond the traditional circuit however, leading to performances alongside global icons including The Rolling Stones and Elvis Costello. He has also performed for no less than four US Presidents!!

## CONFIRMATION

I cannot overstate the importance of attendance at the confirmation preparation classes in these last weeks before Bishop Andrew joins us for our service on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**.

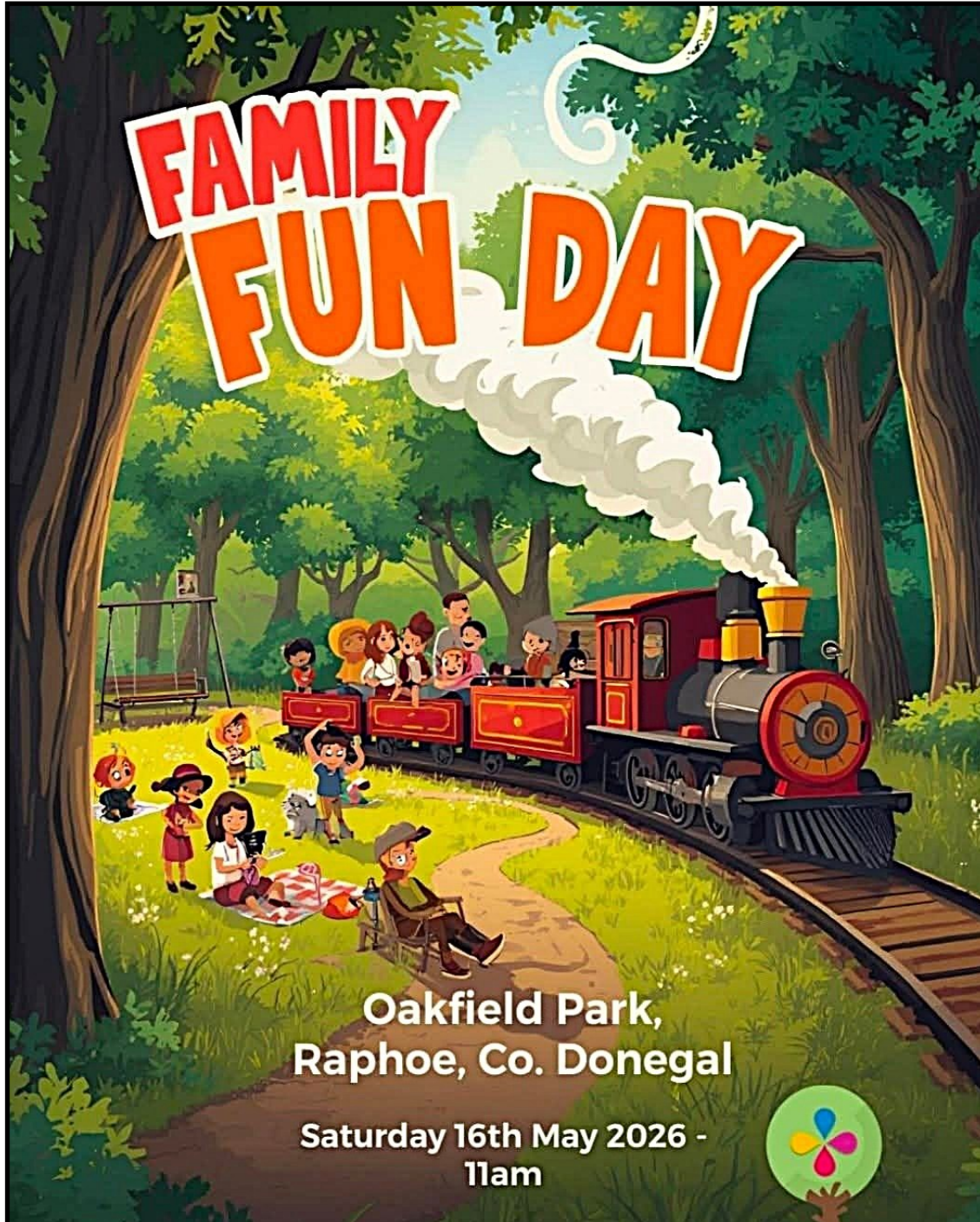
Parents and godparents, please ensure that the young people are well prepared and willing to commit to church life after they are confirmed. As we look forward to this special day we continue to keep Grace, Robbie, Lucy and Maddie in our prayers. Sadly, confirmation is often referred to as the end of something (usually the end of Sunday School) but actually it is supposed to be the beginning of something – a life of faith and commitment to the Lord and His church.

## THE MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be on **Thursday 14th May at 7:30pm** in First Derry Presbyterian Church Hall. The speaker will be Mr Brian Mitchell and he will give a talk on **'The Emigration from the Port of Londonderry'**. The event is open to all and the usual cup of tea will be provided afterwards. Look forward to seeing you there!

## **FAMILY TIME WITH SEEDS**

The annual **Diocesan Family Fun Day** organised by our **SEEDS Children's Ministry** will take place in Oakfield Park, Raphoe, on **Saturday 16th May** from 11am-3pm. Admission is £5 per child, with children aged 3 and under allowed in free (accompanying adults also get in free).



The fun day will begin, as usual, with a celebration service at 11am, followed by time for families to explore the beautiful grounds and enjoy the train ride. Bring along a picnic or grab something to eat from the on-site restaurant.

To register your attendance, go to <https://forms.gle/mH1EuBaYhGfhaqfC8> or email [kirsty@derryraphoe.org](mailto:kirsty@derryraphoe.org) for a booking form.

## TOURISM VOLUNTEERING

As the tourist season begins in earnest, if you can help for an hour or two please speak with either Hazel or Maureen. There is always the need for covering holidays so don't be shy! Additionally, if any young person is looking for volunteering opportunities for **EPIC awards** or **Duke of Ed**, then this could be an excellent opportunity. Tourist ministry is very rewarding and you have the opportunity to meet some very interesting people from all parts of the globe.



Christ Church 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Recitals presents:

## FOYLE U3A CHOIR ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

***Musical Director:  
Jim Goodman BEM***

***Accompanist:  
Elizabeth Charlesson***

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 1:10pm - 1:50pm**

**Admission free:  
with optional voluntary  
subscription**



**Come along and enjoy your lunchtime with:  
Guys and Dolls, Oliver, Les Mis, Hairspray, Irving Berlin,  
Richard Rodgers and much much more**

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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 do you find the biggest challenges to sharing your faith with others?

**Prayer:** Lord God, I ask You to give me a renewed determination to share Your good news with those I meet each day. Amen