

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH MAGAZINE



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Luminare Concerts

The Rector writes

I begin by extending a somewhat belated, but no less sincere, word of welcome to Mark Roxborough and his family. Mark has commenced theological education in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin. Although not originally from the immediate area, Mark is well known locally and works in the vicinity. When I was on placement myself, one of my training rectors told me that on placement with him I would see first-hand exactly what to do, and also, I would see first-hand exactly what not to do! I thought those were wise words! Mark started with us at the beginning of October and he will finish at the beginning of December. It goes without saying, we will make him very welcome indeed.

A sincere thank you is extended to you all for your generosity on the approach to harvest thanksgiving. The church looked resplendent and the harvest service was very well supported. A particular word of thanks to Catherine, Murial and the Kidzklub for taking part in the service. I know the term hadn't started very long so time was certainly not on their side for rehearsing, but it was really great to have the children in church and involved.

LEAH took place on the Tuesday after harvest. It was well supported too and equally well enjoyed by those who attended. The soup was made with some of the harvest vegetables in the church. Thank you to Ivan and the team. The food bank collection was a little more than last year and, upon speaking to churches trust, I know that it is, unfortunately, still very much needed by some. Thank you to all who participated.



The **City Choir Festival** brought a visiting choir to the our service on Sunday 26th October. The choir members were from Estonia, and the choir was mainly here to compete in the international choral competition. The choir festival seems to go from strength to strength in the city, and the organisers are to be congratulated on the effort and coordination that goes into the event which brings choirs from all parts of the globe.

Our programming with **Musical Capital** is back in full swing. Everywhere I go I am quizzed about the mystery concert which Kieran Dunlop is planning for next Autumn. I can assure you that I do not know who the artist is going to be – and I am very happy not to know! The mystery (and conjecture) remains!

Our own programming has been massively successful too, with two **heritage lectures** now behind us and the next one planned for **6th November**. The lectures are varied in topic and extremely well supported and are sponsored by Derry City and Strabane District Council through the Heritage Animation and Visitor Servicing Grant. I thank all who have ably supported Hazel in organising them.

Church café continues on the last Saturday of the month. During October there was an additional function for **NI Tourism**. Again, the hard work and dedication of the catering team is second to none with their energy and commitment to LEAH, the café and other occasional catering events too. Well done.

Our little block of Sunday evening **Bible Study** has all but come to a close this time round. Massive thanks are owed to Dr Philip Gardiner for the knowledgeable way in which the sessions were presented.



It was a real blessing to have our **Methodist and Presbyterian** sisters and brothers join with us for these sessions, and I know everyone benefitted immensely. Details for the next block of Bible Study will follow in the new year.

November looks to be no less busy. There will be information in the course of the magazine but to highlight a few events –

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)

1st November at 7pm – Walk in the Light service, starting at the Salvation Army on Carlisle Road.

2nd November at 4pm – City of Londonderry Grand Orange Service for the Failure of the Gunpowder plot. All would be welcome to this service and the choir are requested.

6th November & 27th November at 7.30pm – Heritage Talks

8th November – Church Coffee Morning

9th November – Remembrance Sunday (Service will hopefully commence at approx. 11.30am)

11th November – 11.30am – Communion in the Church followed by LEAH Lunch

Around mid-November, I will be visiting Jerusalem as part of a trip for Christian church leaders and Christian media. The purpose of the visitation is to begin to rebuild confidence in the country (and the economy) for pilgrimages and trips to return to the Holy Land. This is a slightly daunting opportunity given the immediacy of the post conflict climate there, so please keep the group in your prayers.

Any of you who regularly visit our church website will perhaps have noticed that it has benefitted from a bit of an update. We have engaged our good friend Darren Sheaffer to do this work for us. Additionally he will be starting to digitise some of our old registers (births, marriages and deaths). This would allow us to officially archive the original documents in the vault in Dublin. Darren is also working on our Facebook presence as well as trying to set up various dedicated email addresses for the principal officers and the Rector. We are trying to ‘professionalise’ this aspect of our operations and really to take what you might call ‘church business’ out of all personal email addresses pertaining to the website, Facebook and general enquiries. **Finally, one more red letter day for November. Sunday 30th. ADVENT SUNDAY! Enough said.**

With every blessing

Rev'd Nigel

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WHEN FEAR SURROUNDS US – (Article by Vivian Bricker)

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#))

Vivan Bricker writes..... Fear has weighed heavily on me for the past few years. I was never an easily scared person, but living in an unsafe city for many years has caused this fear and [anxiety](#) to develop. Maybe you feel the same way. If you are experiencing fear, whatever the reason may be, know that the Lord is with you. He will protect you and give you the courage you need.

Even if you don't feel it, God is with you and He will strike down every evil attack ([Isaiah 41:10](#)). I have seen it in my own life, and I trust He can do the same in your life, too. We should never underestimate God's help in our lives. In truth, we might never know on this side of Heaven how much He has helped us get through. Trust in Him even when the fear is overwhelming.

There will be times when you will have no choice but to be by yourself, and these are the times that can invoke the most fear. Whenever we start having paralyzing fear, we need to consult the Lord, rather than letting the fear fester in our hearts. We can then surrender this fear at the foot of [the cross](#). Pray that the Lord will help you overcome this fear and bless you with the [peace](#) that only He can provide ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)).

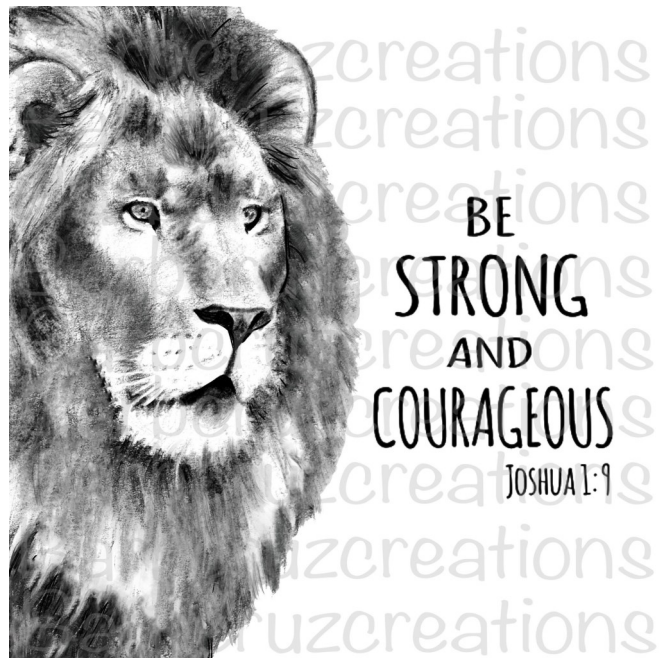
God is greater than all things, and He can give us the courage that we need. God doesn't want us to walk haphazardly into situations, nor does He want us to live our lives in constant fear. He will protect us and keep us safe, even when doubts arise in our hearts ([Psalm 121:7-8](#)). There is much evil in the world, but we never need to discount the power and work of God on the earth.

The Bible tells us, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you” ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#)). These are the words of Moses to the people of Israel. He is encouraging Israel with these words, yet he is also encouraging us. We need to be strong and courageous because the Lord is with us and He goes before us.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#))

Moreover, God will never leave us or forsake us. Rather than being afraid or terrified of the people in this world or what this world will bring into our lives, we need to find hope in the Lord. When courage comes into the picture, fear flees. Allow God to help you build up courage in your life and take hold of the wonderful future He has for you ([Jeremiah 29:11](#)).

There will continue to be times of immense fear in our lives, but we can overcome them with God's help. Pray over every fearful matter and trust God with each situation. Even if a situation feels insurmountable, know that all things are possible with God ([Matthew 19:26](#)). God can transform the scariest of situations and ensure they become nothing but a leaf blowing in the wind.



Let's Pray:

Dear God,

Fear surrounds me on every side. Everything in my life feels uncertain, and I'm afraid. Thank You for reminding me that I can always turn to You and that I can seek out Your protection. Please help me to be strong and courageous, and to leave fear in the past. Remind my heart of Your steadfast love and Your constant protection. You will never leave me, nor forsake me, and I praise You, Lord. Thank You for always being here for me and giving me the courage that I need to live a full life. Please help me overcome the fear that controls my life.

Bless me with the true freedom that is found in Your Name. **Amen.**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." ([Deuteronomy 31:6](#))

BIBLE READINGS

Date	Bible Reading	Title
1 st November	Hebrews 10 : 26 - 39	Hold on
2 nd November	Psalms 62	Rest
3 rd November	Exodus 31 : 1 – 18	Gifted to serve
4 th November	Exodus 32 : 1 – 14	What matters most to God?
5 th November	Exodus 32 : 15 – 24	Lame excuses
6 th November	Exodus 32 : 25 – 33 : 6	Holy leadership
7 th November	Exodus 33 : 7 -11	A cloudy day
8 th November	Exodus 33 : 12 – 23	Show me your glory!
9 th November	Psalms 63	Family anguish
10 th November	Exodus 34 : 1 – 14	Renewed covenant
11 th November	Exodus 34 : 27 – 35	Shining faces
12 th November	Exodus 35 : 1 – 29	Working together
13 th November	Exodus 35 : 30 – 36 : 7	Generous giving
14 th November	Exodus 40 : 1 – 16	A holy place
15 th November	Exodus 40 : 17 – 38	Glorious guidance
16 th November	Psalms 64	Be careful who you slander
17 th November	Mark 11 : 1 – 11	More than a conqueror
18 th November	Mark 11 : 12 – 25	Holy hunger, holy anger
19 th November	Mark 11 : 27 – 33	Questions that attack
20 th November	Mark 12 : 1 – 12	True story
21 st November	Mark 12 : 13 – 17	A taxing question
22 nd November	Mark 12 : 18 – 27	Ridiculing resurrection
23 rd November	Psalms 65	Pour out praises !
24 th November	Mark 12 : 28 – 34	Not close enough
25 th November	Mark 12 : 35 -37	David's Son , David's Lord
26 th November	Mark 12 : 38 – 44	A study in contrasts
27 th November	Mark 13 : 1 -13	Look through a Jesus – lens
28 th November	Mark 13 : 14 – 31	Signs of the times
29 th November	Mark 13 : 32 -37	Our watchword is "Watch!"
30 th November	Psalms 66	This is my story

INVESTITURE AT WINDSOR CASTLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEIRDRE AMOR

Deirdre pictured inside Windsor Castle on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 after she received the award of **Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)** from The Princess Royal. This was in recognition of her services to the community in Northern Ireland.



CHURCH EVENTS - NOVEMBER

Saturday 1 st Nov	7pm	Walk in the Light Service Beginning at Salvation Army NB – You can join in and drop out as you would wish across the various churches.
Sunday 2 nd Nov	11am	The Fourth Sunday Before Advent Holy Communion 2 Kidzklub & STAY
	4pm	Evening Prayer – Failure of the Gun Powder Plot (Open to congregation, and choir are requested to attend if possible.
Monday 3 rd Nov	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 4 th Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion, Order 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 5 th Nov	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Canon Howe Room)
Thurs 6 th Nov	7.30pm	Heritage Talk Images of Old Derry (Ken McCormick)
Sat 8 th Nov		Church Coffee Morning – Halls
Sunday 9 th Nov	11.30am	The Third Sunday before Advent Morning Prayer with Act of Remembrance
Mon 10 th Nov	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Tues 11 th Nov	11.30am	Holy Communion, Order 1 (Church) LEAH Lunch (Canon Howe Room)
	2pm	Cottage Management Group Meeting
Wed 12 th Nov	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday 16 th Nov	11am	The Second Sunday before Advent Morning Prayer Kidzklub & STAY

CHURCH EVENTS – NOVEMBER

Monday 19 th Nov	6.30pm	Diocesan Glebes and Finance Meetings Prayer Meeting on Zoom
Tuesday 18 ^h Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion, Order 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 19 th Nov	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Canon Howe Room)
Sunday 23rd Nov	11am	Sunday before Advent / The Kingship of Christ Morning Prayer Kidzklub, STAY
Monday 24 th Nov	6.30pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) Christmas Festival, St. Columb's Cathedral opens 24 th Nov – 21 st Dec.
Tuesday 25 th Nov	10.30am	Holy Communion Order 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 26 th Nov	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 27 th Nov	7.30pm	Heritage Talk The Magnificent Monsells of St. Columb's
Fri 28 th Nov		Luminare Presents
Sat 29 th Nov		Church Café (Canon Howe Room)
Sunday 30th Nov	11am	The First Sunday of Advent Meditations, Readings and Advent Hymns Kidzklub & STAY

*All church services are livestreamed to our
social media platforms—Facebook & Youtube*

COTTAGE UPDATE

The cottage remains on course. At the time of writing, we have received expressions of interest from four contractors, all of whom have a proven track record of working with heritage buildings. We have therefore formally invited all four of the contractors to submit their tenders and each one will be assessed by our Quantity Surveyor and Architect. Once the tender has been awarded we hope that the initial site works will begin in December – not a great month perhaps but that's the schedule we're working with at the moment. Our good friend Darren Sheaffer will be keeping a photographic log of the works as they go along, and he will post them on our social media platforms, including a bespoke section in our newly revamped website.

ALISON HOWE'S MEMORY OF THE COTTAGE

I was particularly interested in the plans for 8 Palace Street - I know the house well as both Mrs Quigley and Mrs Speer helped me with child minding. When the garden was reclaimed (army were based in Masonic so there was barbed wire half way down the garden) Bobby Speer grew potatoes, vegetables etc. We also had a greenhouse and had hens down near the wall- with a henhouse made by the Cavanagh family! One day the hens escaped down Bishop Street and I had to go after them and this was shortly before Jonathan was born! After that their wings had to be clipped.



SALT

I would like to thank all the ladies of our SALT group for all their support and encouragement. One of our pieces of news this month is that our **Coffee Morning** will be taking place on **Saturday 8th November** from **10.30am to 12.30pm**. Entry of £5 will include coffee/tea, scones and tray bakes. I would be grateful if you would share this with your family and friends. We would also be very grateful for any donations of cakes or tray bakes for the cake stall. These donations can be brought to the hall on **Friday 7th November between 3pm and 4pm** or first thing on the 8th November. Other dates for your diary are **Wednesday 19th November** at 2 pm in the Canon Howe room when we will be making a Ferrero Rocher Christmas table decoration with Cynthia Willis. Also on **Wednesday 10th December** at 2 pm we will be making some Christmas crafts with Margaret Neely. Many thanks to all in advance. (Deirdre)

THE HARVEST SHEAF



The harvest sheaf above which was part of our Harvest decorations in the church was donated by Peter Atkinson. Not only did he donate it but he also baked it!

The ingredients were as follows -

- 1 Kg strong white bread flour**
- 8 grams caster sugar**
- 5 grams salt**
- 25 grams dried yeast**
- 600 fluid ounces lukewarm water**
- 1 egg to egg wash**

All in all only 97 parts to make. Well done again Peter!

THE HERITAGE LECTURES

We have had two very successful lectures to date. On **Thursday 25th September** our own Hazel Philson recounted the fascinating story of 'the Carrec Stone' and we were delighted with the large turnout.



Then on **Thursday 16th October** our good friend Dr Brian Lacey gave a talk on **Medieval Derry circa 600-1600** and again there was a large attendance. We convey our thanks to both of them on all their hard work and impressive knowledge.





CULMORE HUB & ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH OUTINGS

An invitation was received from the **Culmore Community Hub** to join them in some of their planned trips. The first one was to the **Inishowen Maritime Museum, Greencastle** and the second was a tour of **St. Eugene's Cathedral** followed by a visit to **St. Augustine's Church** where Hazel Philson gave a talk on the historical aspect of the church. Everyone enjoyed these outings and are looking forward to the next events below -

Local History Workshops: Step Into The Past

5th November (12:30pm - 2:30pm) - Culmore Fort

12th November (12:30pm - 2:30pm) - Church of Ireland, Muff

These workshops are a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of the area's past while connecting with others who share a passion for local heritage.

A visit to St. Anne's Cathedral followed by Christmas Markets is planned for Wednesday 3rd December (9:30am—6.00pm). A bus will leave from Muff calling at Culmore and will also do a pickup at Drumahoe Park & Ride.

If you are interested in attending any of the above please give your name to Deirdre or Maureen.





THE MARK ROXBOROUGH INTERVIEW

Many thanks to Mark for agreeing to tell us something about his background. We are all looking forward to getting to know you a bit better so a big welcome again to you and your family and we trust you will enjoy your stay with us!



Tell us a little bit about yourself and your family

I was born in Coleraine and grew up in Portrush, where I attended Portrush Presbyterian Church. I married my wife, Katrina, in St. Columb's Cathedral, and we have been blessed with three boys — Adam, Isaac, and James. Sadly, our son Isaac passed away last year following a quad bike accident. We have lived for the past twelve years in a small village called Burnfoot, just outside Dungiven. Family, faith, and community have always been at the heart of our lives.

What was your faith journey that led you to train for church ministry?

I grew up in church from a young age and was involved in many organisations, including the Boys' Brigade. When I moved into my own home, there was a period when church life was less central, although I continued to attend regularly. Over time, however, God deepened my understanding of Scripture. I began attending Bible studies and became more active in church life. I developed a real hunger for God's Word and sensed a call to share the Gospel with others. I often feel like the least likely person for such a calling, yet I'm reminded of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 12:9 — "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

What was your first job?

I started working at the age of eleven in a shop in Portrush that sold rock and seaside souvenirs. Later, I worked at Barry's Amusements, where I was responsible for operating the various rides and attractions. Those early experiences taught me the value of hard work and dealing well with people — lessons that have stayed with me ever since.

What activities do you enjoy during your free time?

I love being outdoors — walking through the fields, tending the land, and helping my son James with his flock of sheep. I also enjoy reading, spending time with my family, and watching Glasgow Rangers whenever I can.

Who has been the most influential person in your life?

Without a doubt, my mother has been the greatest influence on my life. She continues to work hard and is a wonderful role model. She's also my go-to person for advice — especially when I need honest opinions or "views from the pews."

If you could have lunch with one famous person, who would it be?

I would love to have shared lunch with C.S. Lewis, whose writings continue to inspire me. I also think Fred Dibnah was a fascinating character. More recently, I'd enjoy meeting astronaut Buzz Aldrin — what an experience it would be to hear his stories first-hand.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, we have a sheepdog named Holly. I've heard that Revd Nigel now has three dogs, so I still have a bit of catching up to do in the pet department!

Do you enjoy travelling, and what's been your favourite place so far?

We don't often get the chance to travel far, but one of my favourite holidays was a family trip to Loch Lomond in Scotland a few years ago. My mum and sister came with us, and it was a very special time together. If I could choose a dream destination, visiting Israel would be at the top of my list — perhaps Revd Nigel could share a few tips after his trip in November!

Do you have a favourite book or movie you would recommend?

I'm not a big movie watcher — a trip to the cinema usually happens at the request of our youngest, James, and we recently enjoyed watching Superman together. My favourite book is, of course, the Bible, but I would also recommend *Why Everything Matters: The Gospel in Ecclesiastes* by Philip G. Ryken. It's a thought-provoking and encouraging read.

Is there any particular type of music you like listening to?

I enjoy listening to Gospel choirs and anthems, and I'm a big fan of the Gettys' music. I often have Premier Christian Radio playing in the background. My son Adam is director of music/organist at Agherton Parish Church. I really enjoy listening to him play when I have the opportunity. I also appreciate traditional marching band music - especially the Britannia Brass Band and the William King Memorial Flute Band.

DIOCESAN REVIEW

The eighth regional Diocesan Review meeting took place on **Monday, 20th October** in the Diocesan Centre as part of the ongoing Diocesan Review.

This was the third phase of data collection and the meeting was led by Bishop Andrew Forster, Archdeacons Miller and Huss. Representatives were invited to attend from the churches based around the City/Waterside areas. Discussions were held and recorded.

Rev Nigel, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and church wardens attended from St. Augustine's Church.

THE PANTRY PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our foodbank appeal. There was a tremendous amount of non-perishable foodstuffs donated. These were collected on Tuesday 14th October by the Churches Trust. The Rector received a thank you card from the Pantry Project (see below).

Thank you for your very
kind and generous donation
Towards the Pantry Project.
We appreciate the support for
this project.
From All at The Churches
Trust.



MYSTERY BOY HAS A BIG BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH!



Does anyone know this little boy on the bottom left of the photograph which appeared many years ago in an edition of Woman's Own magazine. Pictured also is Mrs Vivienne Bryson (ventriloquist) and her daughter Janine.

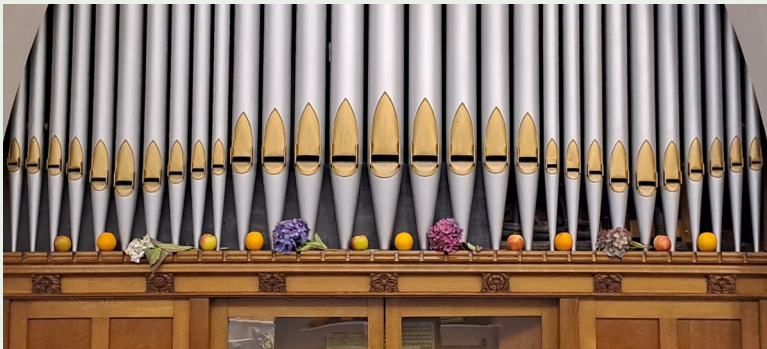
The wee cutie boy is a member of St. Augustine's Church and will be celebrating his **60th birthday on the 17th November**. I'm sure he is going to get a surprise when he sees this photograph.

If you want a clue to who it might be then you will find it in the Advent season!



Rhoda Miller was delighted to receive this beautiful arrangement of flowers from Elizabeth Montgomery after the Harvest Service

DISPLAY OF HARVEST DECORATIONS IN THE CHURCH





All the food for the harvest lunch after the service was generously donated by Robert Lynch, Gordon McCrabbe and Rev Nigel.

KIDZ KLUB WITH THEIR HAND-CRAFTED DECORATIONS





WORLD WAR 1 HERO

My Grandfather Andrew White served with 10th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Part of 36th Ulster Division) at The Somme. He held the Rank of RSM when he was awarded the Military Medal and soon after rose to the rank of Warrant Officer Class 1 and awarded the Military Cross.



This picture was taken at my father's christening (Spring 1916)

My grandfather: Andrew White

My grandmother: Margaret White (nee Gilchrist)

My Uncle: James (Jim) White

My father: Andrew White (in christening robe)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

The following Citation was published in The London Gazette—November 1916

For conspicuous and consistent gallantry on several occasions. He set a fine example of cool courage during the heavy bombardment of our trenches, and rallied and led on parties of men who had been shaken by severe fire. He has always displayed great coolness under fire.



In 1918 he was wounded and taken prisoner and was held as a POW until the end of The Great War when he returned home. He died in 1938 aged 54.

(Drew White)

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IN MEMORIAMs

In memory of John Guthrie

£40.00 from Charlie & Wilma Burnside

In memory of our parents Billy & Iris Orr

£100.00 from Billy & David Orr and families

£50.00 from Majella Gallagher (for Building Fund)

£50.00 from Anthony & Gladys James (for Building Fund)

£50.00 from Anonymous (for Building Fund)

£5.00 from Anonymous

£20.00 from Mrs Sylvia Tosh (for Magazine)

£100.00 from Valerie & Ian McGregor (for Home Communion)

£70.00 from Hazel Philson (from Heritage Talk 25th September)

£25.00 from Anonymous (from Heritage Talk 18th October)

£30.00 from Deirdre Amor (in lieu of Harvest Flowers)

£20.00 from Julia Bell (in lieu of Harvest Flowers)

£10.00 from Adrienne Simpkin (in lieu of Harvest Flowers)

£10.00 from Violet McClean (in lieu of Harvest Flowers)

£50.00 from Cynthia & Austin Smith (with thanksgiving at Harvest)

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Deuteronomy 31:6)

FLOWER LIST



2nd November - Cynthia Smith

9th November - Chloe Guthrie

16th November - Elizabeth Ferguson

23rd November - Brenda McPherson

30th November - The McDowell Family

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LEAH LUNCH

Once again, this month we have a change of date for Leah. November's lunch will take place on the second Tuesday (11th) with Communion in church at 11.30am followed by lunch in the Howe Room. This change will allow us to remember Armistice Day with a church service.

As always we need to know how many folk to cater for so please give your name(s) to Sheira on Sunday 9th or alternatively to Ivan on 07980667613. We had a good turnout in October when we celebrated Harvest so let's have another when we can remember those who have fallen or who served through conflict. We look forward to seeing you.

CHURCH CAFÉ & CATERING

Our November Cafe will take place as usual on the last Saturday the 29th. The team put quite a bit of hard work into each Cafe so please try to visit and support us in this worthwhile venture. We'll be up and at it from 10am for breakfast, lunch and all the home baking and savouries that we're now famous for!! 'Mon on up ...

We also had a couple of catering events in October. Thanks to Gordon and Robert for firing up the BBQ for the Harvest hot dogs and to the Rector for the delicious apple pies from Alexander House.

Hi Drew

Just wanted to say a big thank you for the arrangements earlier today. The venue was perfect and the catering was just what was need for the day that's in it. The recipe for the soup should be published!

Stay safe over the weekend.

Best wishes

Liz Steele

Tourism Manager – Culture & Heritage

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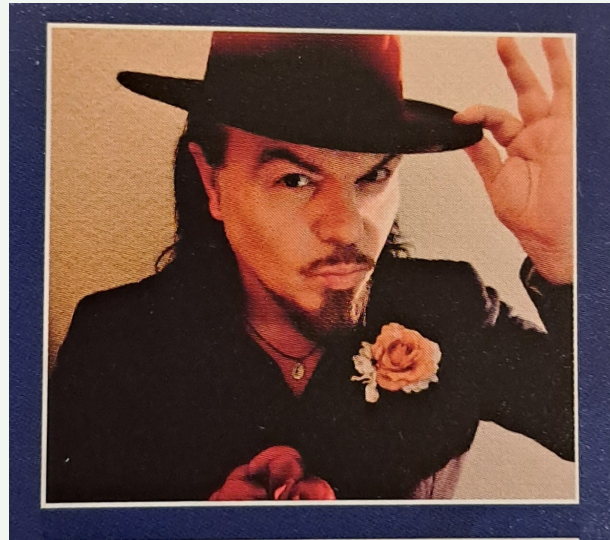


**TOURISM
NORTHERN
IRELAND**

We also catered for a workshop for Tourism NI on 3rd October, providing both Morning Coffee and Lunch for stakeholders of the PLACE Programme. Despite weather alerts for storm Alma the event went ahead but we had to tweak the timetable for the lunch to ensure that everyone finished in good time and got home safely before the 3pm red alert kicked in. As you can see the Tourism NI coordinator was well pleased.

LUMINARE PRESENTS

On **Friday 28th November** the internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter **Jack Lukeman** returns with his magical seasonal tour **Northern Lights—Songs of the Winter Solstice**. Jack's extraordinary voice and storytelling will take you on a journey through winter, blending his own classics with gems like Nick Drake's Northern Sky, the Flaming Lips' Do You Realize, and timeless favourites including In The Bleak Midwinter and Ode to Joy.



Our events calendar is regularly updated with the latest concerts, festivals, and special performances, so there's always something exciting to discover. Visit www.musiccapital.org for a full list of upcoming shows and experiences—you won't want to miss a single one!



www.musiccapital.org



Event listings & ticket prices were accurate at the time of publication.

SAFEGUARDING

The Safeguarding Panel continues to meet regularly. Remember if there are any safeguarding concerns, they should be shared with Mrs Irene White, Mr Marshall Kilgore or the Rector. There is a comprehensive suite of Safeguarding and Health & Safety Policies which are available in hard copy, upon request.

THE ANNUAL INTER-DENOMINATIONAL

Walk IN THE *Light* 2025



Takes place on the evening of
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST
beginning at 7 pm

As Christian pilgrims from different denominations
and backgrounds we are gathering behind lighted
lanterns to walk in a spirit of peace together
and **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

"THE PEOPLE WALKING IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT"

Isaiah 9:2

Walkers are asked to gather at 7pm
at the **Salvation Army Church**
on Carlisle Road

Before proceeding, via Ferryquay Gate,
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on London Street

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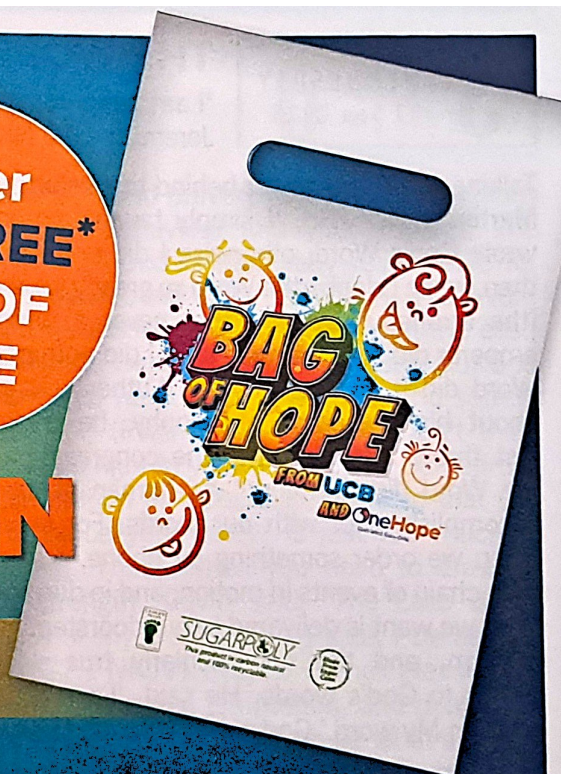
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