

# ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH MAGAZINE



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*The MBE for volunteer groups*



**Derry & Raphoe Diocese**



**Luminare Concerts**

## The Rector writes ....

Autumn certainly arrived with a degree of authority and now as we enter October we begin to think 'all things **Harvest.**' As usual, our thanksgiving service will be on the second Sunday of October, with the church open for gifts and decorations from **9.30am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>**. After the service there will be hotdogs followed by apple pie so please make every effort to come along and support this important time of year.



Our **foodbank collection** opened at the end of September and, after LEAH on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, we will arrange for all donations to be collected and distributed. Note that **LEAH** is a week later in order to coincide with the church being decorated for Harvest Thanksgiving.

**Choir rehearsals** have recommenced, and I would make a special appeal to anyone who would like to join us and help to revitalise this important aspect of our weekly worship. If any young person plays a musical instrument, would you please let us know as well as we would like to involve our youth a little more. This could be one way of doing it.

I am very grateful to Dr Philip Gardiner for leading on the **Bible Study**. We started off studying **the gospel of John** in the springtime of the year, and now we're pleased to come together in order to consider the second part of the book, chapter 6 onwards.



The sessions are each Sunday evening at 7pm. They are very informal and relaxed. No-one is asked to answer any question, yet if you have questions to ask, we will talk about the range of possible answers. A most enjoyable evening of fellowship and Christian learning.

We are making steady progress on the **Sexton's Cottage** renovation scheme. You will have noticed some PR around receiving the funding – one scheme of many in our locality, and such investment is good news for the area generally. Some plans can be found later in the magazine.

Our Kidzklub and STAY groups have all started up again. At the moment we have just a couple of **confirmation** candidates. If you have a young person in your family who you think may be interested in confirmation, then please encourage them to come along and make themselves known. The wider diocesan youth family (DRY) is looking forward to the BIG re-start at Todd's Leap on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

As we look towards the end of the month (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>) we will be hosting a visiting choir as part of the **Choir Festival**. At the moment final details aren't known, but I anticipate that the day will follow a similar format to the last few years. This is always a most enjoyable service and, again, I appeal for goodly support.



I always think this particular term moves very swiftly and, so far, I am proven to be right! Please keep **welcoming** people to church and **encouraging** people to return (or even join). It is a real blessing to see our pews well filled. Let's keep the momentum going as we move through the term.

God bless,

Rev'd Nigel



## **Dear Weary Caregiver – Article by Dr Jared Mulvihill**

***This article seeks to bring encouragement to all those who are caring for friends and loved ones.....***

Like you, I know firsthand all about the blessings and challenges of caregiving. Maybe you are the primary caregiver to a spouse with a terminal illness. Perhaps you are caring for an aging parent with dementia. Or, like my wife and me, maybe you are the caregiver to a child with complex medical needs. Regardless of your precise situation, caregivers share common burdens and concerns. Caregiving involves sacrifice, sleepless nights, and painful days. We often may feel like the psalmist who confesses, “My tears have been my food day and night” (Psalm 42:3). Did you ever think that your heart could hurt so bad — that life could get this complex and demanding? I never did. Nor did I imagine I could experience such abundant life and joy in laying down my desires for another. Over the years, my wife and I have cared for Levi amid five open-heart surgeries, dependence on a ventilator, and, most recently, brain surgery. Yet no matter the situation, Jesus’s words have rung true: “It is more blessed to give than to receive”

For those (like me) who need regular reminding, here are some lessons God is teaching me about himself and his ways as I care for my boy. I hope they encourage you as you continue to lay down your life in the service of another.

### ***1. God’s faithfulness upholds us.***

After years of caregiving, God’s faithfulness is not simply something I acknowledge. It is a precious, ongoing reality I experience. For God to be faithful means that he is constant. He is enduring, steadfast, and trustworthy. All that he says he will be, he is; all that he says he will do, he does. Always.

As caregivers, we rest in God’s faithfulness not only because he has been faithful in the past, but also because he promises to be faithful in the present and future:

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! (Psalm 40:11)

All God’s ways are bathed in his unwavering commitment to himself and the people he loves (Psalm 25:10). Even in hardship, we can confess, “In faithfulness you have afflicted me” (Psalm 119:75). We see God’s faithfulness chiefly at the cross of Christ but also in the ten thousand ways he cares for us in this life. Although we are repeatedly tested by fire, God’s faithfulness anchors us, providing strength and protection throughout our days (Psalm 91:4).

At the end of the age, we will see heaven open and behold the one who “is called Faithful and True” (Revelation 19:11). In this life and the life to come, God will forever be all that he promises to be, all that we need him to be. He is our Captain and our King, our Co-Sufferer and High Priest, our Rest and our Reward. “Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good” (1 Peter 4:19).

## ***2. God’s care enfolds us.***

There is a saying that God will not give you more than you can handle. The saying is true if “you” means “you empowered by the Holy Spirit.” But the Bible emphatically declares that God does give us more than we can handle on our own. The apostle Paul writes,

We were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. (2 Corinthians 1:8–9)

As a caregiver, God will likely bring you to the end of yourself. The height and breadth of your neediness will often make you feel unfit for the job God has bestowed upon you. But God intends for your lack to propel you into his ever-sufficient, never-failing ocean of care for you.

Consider the Gospels. Often, the people who approach Jesus most fervently are caregivers, typically parents of children with an illness or disability. When I read of a parent imploring Christ for help, it gives me hope that my desperation isn’t an anomaly. Throughout the ages, life as a caregiver has been challenging; watching the ones you love suffer makes the heart ache. Yet — both then and now — Christ does not scorn or ridicule those who approach him in need. Instead, the pattern of our Saviour’s heart is to listen and to help.

So, during long nights and hard days, do not think that God has languished in his care for you. He never grows faint or weary. He never sleeps or slumbers. He will help you, provide for you, enable you, and sustain you week after week, month after month.

He will care for you when you feel overwhelmed and alone (1 Peter 5:7). He will encourage you when you are weary (Matthew 11:28–30). He will comfort you when you are filled with sorrow (Psalm 34:18). And he will revive you again and again: “You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again” (Psalm 71:20). In a word, our God is a steadfast well that will never run dry. He is the ultimate and unfailing caregiver.

### ***3. God himself is enough for us.***

It is hard to describe what daily life demands of caregivers. Often, caregiving is an all-day and all-night reality. We don't get to clock out or mentally shift away from the caregiving state of mind. Yet by God's grace, there is nowhere else I would rather be.

Why? The unique complexities of caring for a severely disabled, medically fragile, and nonverbal fourteen-year-old — alongside caring for three other children — can often feel crushing. But such challenges do not contradict God's good and wise design of all people (Psalm 139:13–16), his sovereignty over sickness and disability (Exodus 4:11), and the image he places on each person he forms within the womb (Genesis 1:27). In fact, caregiving has heightened my experience of God and these truths, further sanctifying my calling.

In your own caregiving, may you rest in the reality that amid life's difficulties, you have God. In fact, it is through your exact situation — however deep, hard, and painful the circumstance may be — that God is giving you more of himself. In his wisdom, God has ordained to use your caregiving to make you more like Christ. As hard as this truth can be to embrace, remember that in God's economy, the way up is down. The weak are strong. Dying is living. And loss is gain.

So, rejoice in the God of your salvation. You will always have an abundance in him (Habakkuk 3:17–18). As Jesus says, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). Where God is, there is no want. He is truly enough.

You may be a caregiver for a short season or a decade. Or maybe God has led you into deep waters that will last most of your lifetime. Whatever the length of your care, God remains victoriously committed to your good. He has not abandoned you like an orphan or left you to your own resources. One day, when our task is complete and we are face to face with our King, I believe we will look back and say, like David Livingstone, "We never made a sacrifice." If only we could see that in the joys and challenges of caregiving God "is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

So, dear caregiver, do not give up. God is faithful. He is caring. And he is enough. He really is all that he has promised to be.



## **BIBLE READINGS**

DATE	READING	TITLE
1 <sup>st</sup> October	1 John 1: 1 – 2 :2	God is light
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	1 John 2 : 3- 14	Love in action
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	1 John 2 : 15 – 27	Remain in me
4 <sup>th</sup> October	1 John 2 : 28 – 3 :10	Children of God
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalm 58	Justice is God's
6 <sup>th</sup> October	1 John 3 : 11 – 24	Remember God's words
7 <sup>th</sup> October	1 John 4 : 1 – 21	God so loved us
8 <sup>th</sup> October	1 John 5 :1 – 12	God's testimony
9 <sup>th</sup> October	1 John 5 : 13 – 21	According to his will
10 <sup>th</sup> October	2 John	Love one another
11 <sup>th</sup> October	3 John	Investing in friendship
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalm 59	Reliance on God
13 <sup>th</sup> October	2 Samuel 22: 1 – 16	Our mighty God
14 <sup>th</sup> October	2 Samuel 22 : 17 -30	Climbing walls with God
15 <sup>th</sup> October	2 Samuel 22 : 31 – 51	The God of the nations
16 <sup>th</sup> October	2 Samuel 23 : 1 – 7	The last word on David
17 <sup>th</sup> October	2 Samuel 24 : 1 – 17	The problem with numbers
18 <sup>th</sup> October	2 Samuel 24 : 18 – 25	True worship
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalm 60	Our victorious God
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 7 : 1 – 10	Our eternal High Priest
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Hebrews 7 : 11 – 22	Our permanent High Priest
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Hebrews 7 : 23 – 28	Our effective High Priest
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Hebrews 8 : 1 -6	Our active mediator
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 8 : 7 – 13	The improved version
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 9 : 1 – 10	Built into the fabric
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Psalm 61	When my heart is faint
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 9 : 11 – 22	Feel the benefit
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 9 : 23 – 28	Once is enough
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 10 : 1 – 10	My perfect sacrifice
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Hebrews 10 : 11 – 18	Once for all time
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Hebrew 10 : 19 - 25	Everybody , come near!



## FREEDOM

Freedom is back for its fifth year and our theme is going to be “ROOTED”.

Come along with your youth group, friends or even by yourself where you'll be warmly greeted with snacks from 7pm with the main event kicking off at 7.30pm.

We are super excited for another year of games, speakers, discussion groups and spending time with you all!!

Open to everyone of secondary school age so come and join us on **Saturday 11th October** at Richill Park Baptist Church. (Noel Glenn)




# FREEDOM

Event series for young people in the NW

Come along to a year of being

# Rooted



**RICHILL PARK BAPTIST**

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**11<sup>TH</sup> OCT, 8<sup>TH</sup> NOV, 13<sup>TH</sup> DEC, 10<sup>TH</sup> JAN,  
14<sup>TH</sup> FEB, 14<sup>TH</sup> MAR, 11<sup>TH</sup> APR**

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**DOORS OPEN AT 7PM WITH REFRESHMENTS  
AND MAIN EVENT KICKING OFF AT 7.30PM**

Led in partnership between Claire Hinchliff (COI DYO), Christian Arnold (Methodist),  
Matt Boubel (Exodus), Rhys Ditty (SUNI)

For more info contact any of us or email [mattb@exodusonline.org.uk](mailto:mattb@exodusonline.org.uk)

## CHURCH EVENTS - OCTOBER

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal – Canon Howe Room
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		Place Project Catering Event Music Capital Concert
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct		BIG Restart (Todd's Leap)
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Holy Communion Kidzklub & STAY
	<b>7pm</b>	Bible Study (Church Halls)
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.30pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Canon Howe Room)
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am	Church open—harvest decoration and donations
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Harvest Thanksgiving Hotdogs & apple pie after the service
	<b>7pm</b>	Bible Study
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.30pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11.30am	Holy Communion 1 (in the church) Followed by LEAH Lunch (Please confirm your attendance)  Foodbank donations collected today for distribution. Church cleared & cleaned

## CHURCH EVENTS – OCTOBER

Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal – Canon Howe Room
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.30pm	Heritage talk – Medieval Derry Speaker – Dr Brian Lacey These events are free of charge and sponsored by DCSDC
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Music Capital Concert
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Morning Prayer Kidzklub & STAY
	<b>7pm</b>	Bible Study (Church Halls)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6.30pm	Zoom Prayer Meeting Diocesan Review Meeting
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 (Canon Howe Room)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct		Diocesan Synod
	7.30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Canon Howe Room)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30am	Church Café
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Choir Festival Service
	<b>7pm</b>	Bible Study (Final one of this block)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct		No Prayer Meeting
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10.30am	Holy Communion 1 – Canon Howe Room
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct		No Choir Rehearsal

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



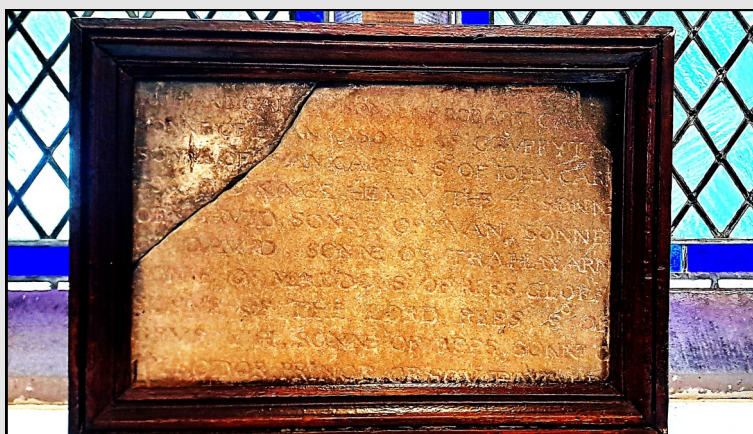
## **TOURISM MINISTRY**

A massive thank you to everyone who helped with tourist ministry during the spring, summer and early autumn. It was a pleasure to welcome thousands of visitors, receive their prayer requests and generally have the church available as a place of sanctity right in the centre of a busy city.



**Some visitors from the doggy world also loved the wee church!**

Whilst that aspect of engagement has now finished for a while, we are really looking forward to our **Autumn/Spring Heritage Lectures** programme. Celebrating our heritage we have planned various talks which have been organised by Hazel Philson and which are sponsored by DCSDC funding. We had our first talk of this season on **Thursday 25th September** when Hazel gave a talk on the oldest memorial gravestone in the city—'the carrec stone' and were delighted with the large turnout. The stone can be found sitting on one of the church windows.





Our next lecture will be on **Thursday 16th October at 7:30pm** and will be conducted by our good friend **Dr Brian Lacey** who was the first person to confirm that St. Augustine's Church was the site of St. Columba's Abbey.

The Rector and congregation of St. Augustine's Church  
cordially invite you to our

**Autumn/Spring Heritage Lectures**

'at the wee church on the walls'

**Thursday 16th October at 7:30pm**

'Medieval Derry circa 600-1600'

**Speaker—Dr Brian Lacey**

Light refreshments will be served



There will be some further talks taking place as detailed below -

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Images of Old Derry (Ken McCormack)

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - The Magnificent Monsells of St. Columb's (Grace Ui Niallais)

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan - The Dunmore Mystery (Ken McCormack)

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan - The Martyr of Malaga – The tragic tale of Robert Boyd (Hazel)

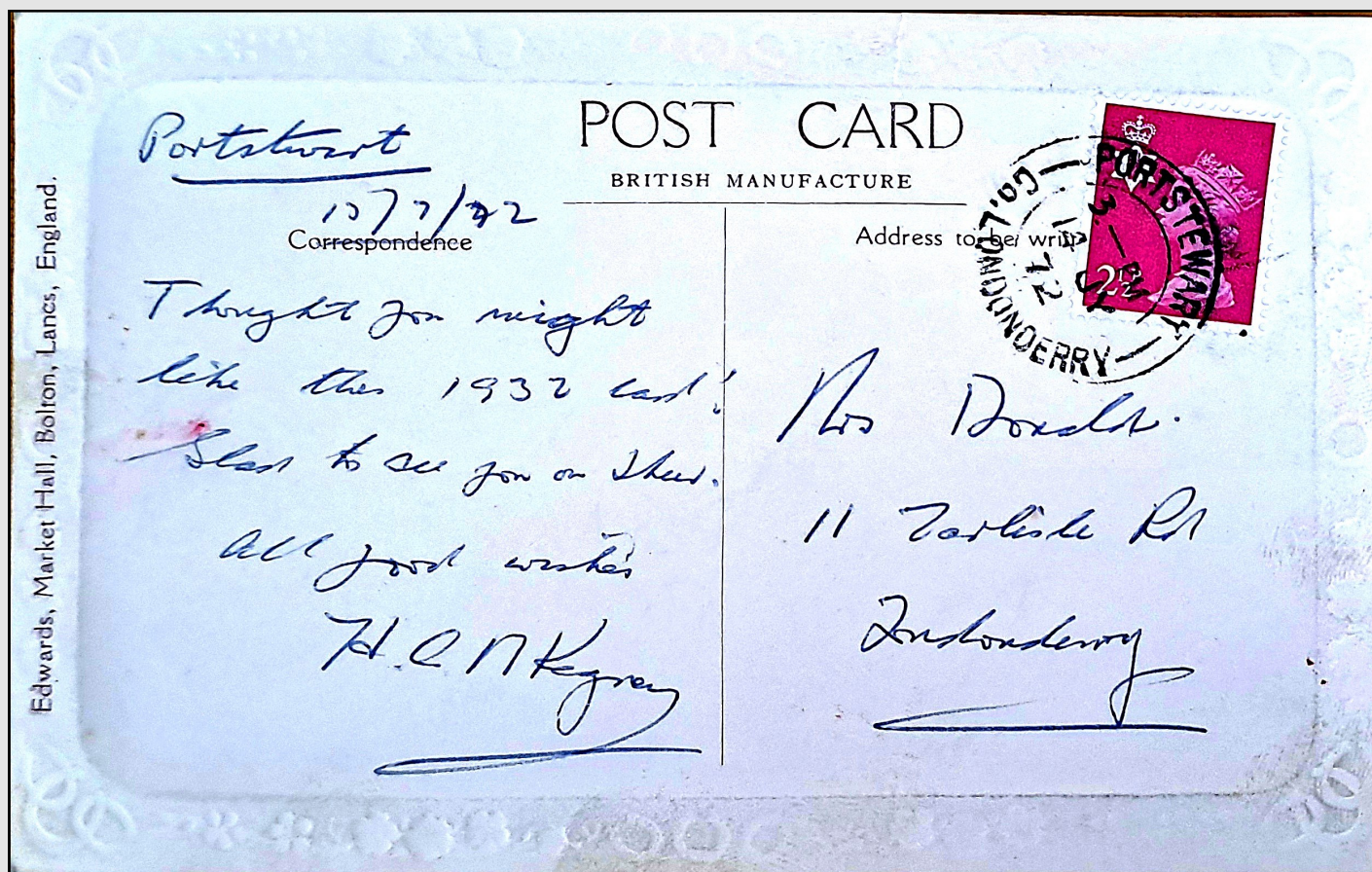
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - The Great Ordnance Survey with music (Ken McCormack)

**It would be great to see this programme of events well supported!**



## THE POSTCARD ERA!

This card was sent from Rev Herbert McKegney to my grandmother Mrs Donald who lived in Carlisle Road. It was sent from Portstewart on **10th July 1972** and reads **"Thought you might like this 1932 card! Glad to see you on Thur. All good wishes. H. A McKegney"** (Yvonne Burnside)





# The Mens Group

## FIRST DERRY MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club meeting will take place in First Derry Presbyterian Church Lecture Hall on **Thursday 9th October at 7:30pm**. Mr Ken McCormack, a well-known local writer and raconteur will give a talk on **'Images of Old Derry'**. This should be a most interesting topic and most of us should remember some of the old buildings and people. The Men's Club is open to all men in the city so please come along and bring your friends.

## WALK IN THE LIGHT

As has become customary over the last few years, the city churches are planning the **'Walk in the Light'** service. This occurs at the end of Hallowe'en, and it is a good opportunity to surround our streets and our buildings with Christian prayer and witness which points to the Lord Jesus. It is the antithesis of some aspects of Hallowe'en.



The starting time is yet to be confirmed and there is a slight change in the route to include some more of the city churches. Therefore, this year the walk will begin at the Salvation Army (Carlisle Road), proceed to St. Columb's Cathedral, First Derry and then St. Columba's Long Tower, where there will be refreshments. The rector will announce the starting time once it is finalised and would commend this important aspect of visible witness to you.

## **KIDZ KLUB**

Sunday 14th September was Registration Day for Kidz Klub & STAY Group.



Many thanks to Peter Atkinson and family for all the goodies they presented to us. We really enjoyed them! (Catherine & Muriel)

## **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.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)



## SALT - St. Augustine's Ladies Together

On **Thursday 31st July** some members of our group visited the Volunteer Office at Altnagelvin Hospital to hand over all our crocheted and knitted items to Wendy Doherty. The dementia patients and the premature units were very grateful for all our contributions. Again my thanks to all the ladies who made everything that was handed over to staff members.



The SALT ladies are all looking to meet together again for the Autumn season when we will be discussing what we plan to do this season and any visits we can fit in. (Deirdre Amor)



He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)



## MRS RUBY ANDERSON RETURNS TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH



On **Friday 8th August** when I was on tourism ministry I had a chat with this lady in the photograph above. Her name was **Mrs Ruby Anderson** and I said she would be most welcome at our service on Sunday which she did attend. It turned out that 65 years ago she was married in our church and so was her mother and father. Mrs Ruby Anderson now lives in Eastbourne, England. (Peter Atkinson)

## THE BIG WEAVE PROJECT (2013) CONTINUES TO TRAVEL!

A friend of Florence McSparron's sister-in-law was recently visiting her son in Brisbane ( Australia). Look at what she found on the shelf in a local bookshop Surely proof that The Big Weave lives on and indeed continues as ' A Worldwide Community Project'. Another feather in the St. Augustine's cap! Thank you Florence. (Ivan Taylor)



## NORMAN MEETS HIS 2nd COUSIN

On 27th July while I was preparing dinner for David and myself, I answered a knock at my front door. There was Peter Atkinson, with a man and a woman who wished to see me. They had been to the church service and they were enquiring after me. It turned out to be a relation of mine. The woman was Deborah Sylvester– Knoblauch and her son Ray. Deborah was the great great granddaughter of Hugh and Martha Sheppard, who are buried in our graveyard.



I welcomed them in and made them a cup of tea. I explained the situation to them after I had my dinner that I had to attend the hospital to see my wife Rhoda. We had a long conversation and exchanged details (emails and phone numbers etc.) They were going back home to the USA on Tuesday so they could not call again before they left as they were making their way to Dublin for their flight.

Deborah and I have been exchanging information (by email) since she arrived back home. Deborah would be my 2nd cousin once removed.

(Norman Millar)

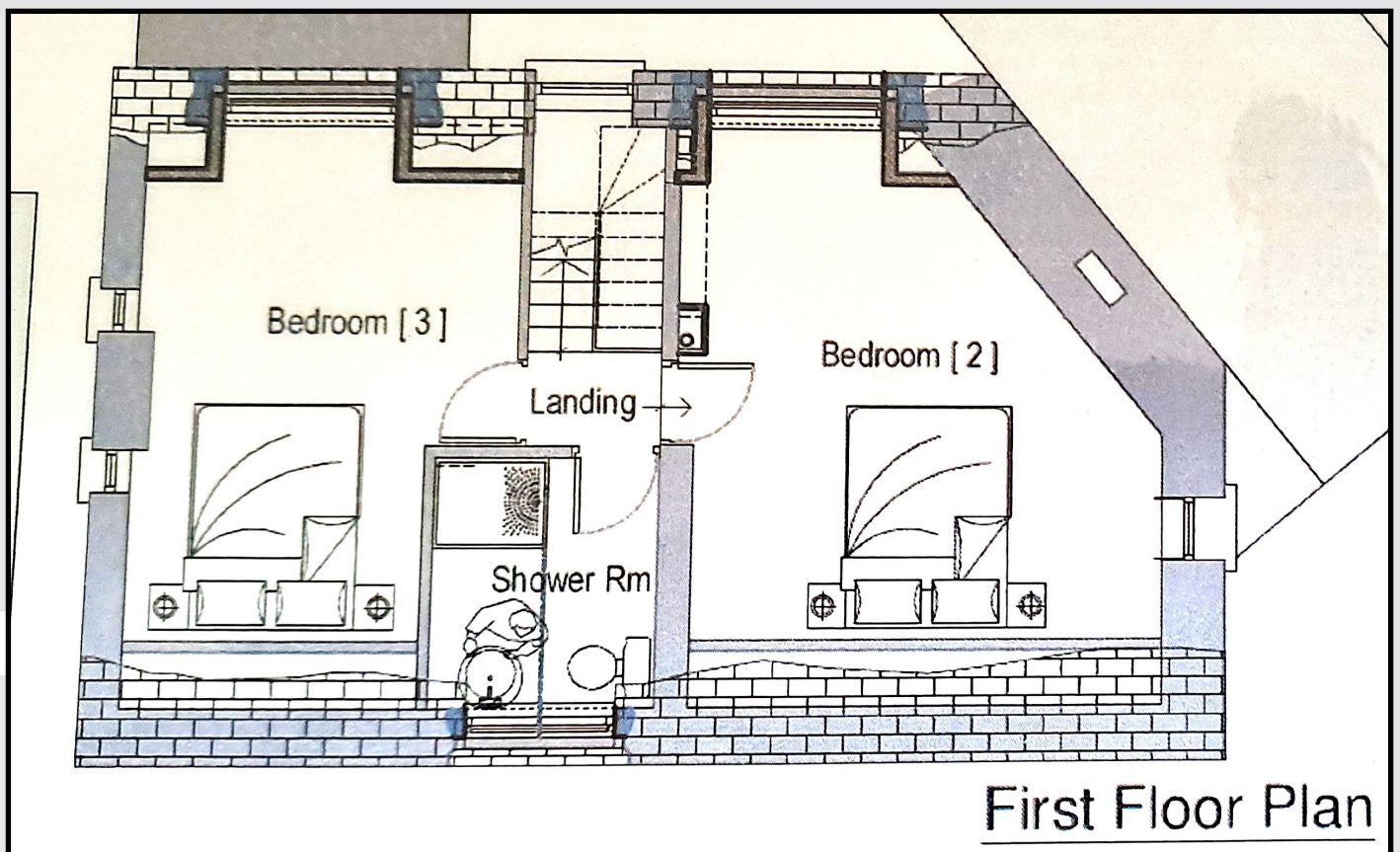
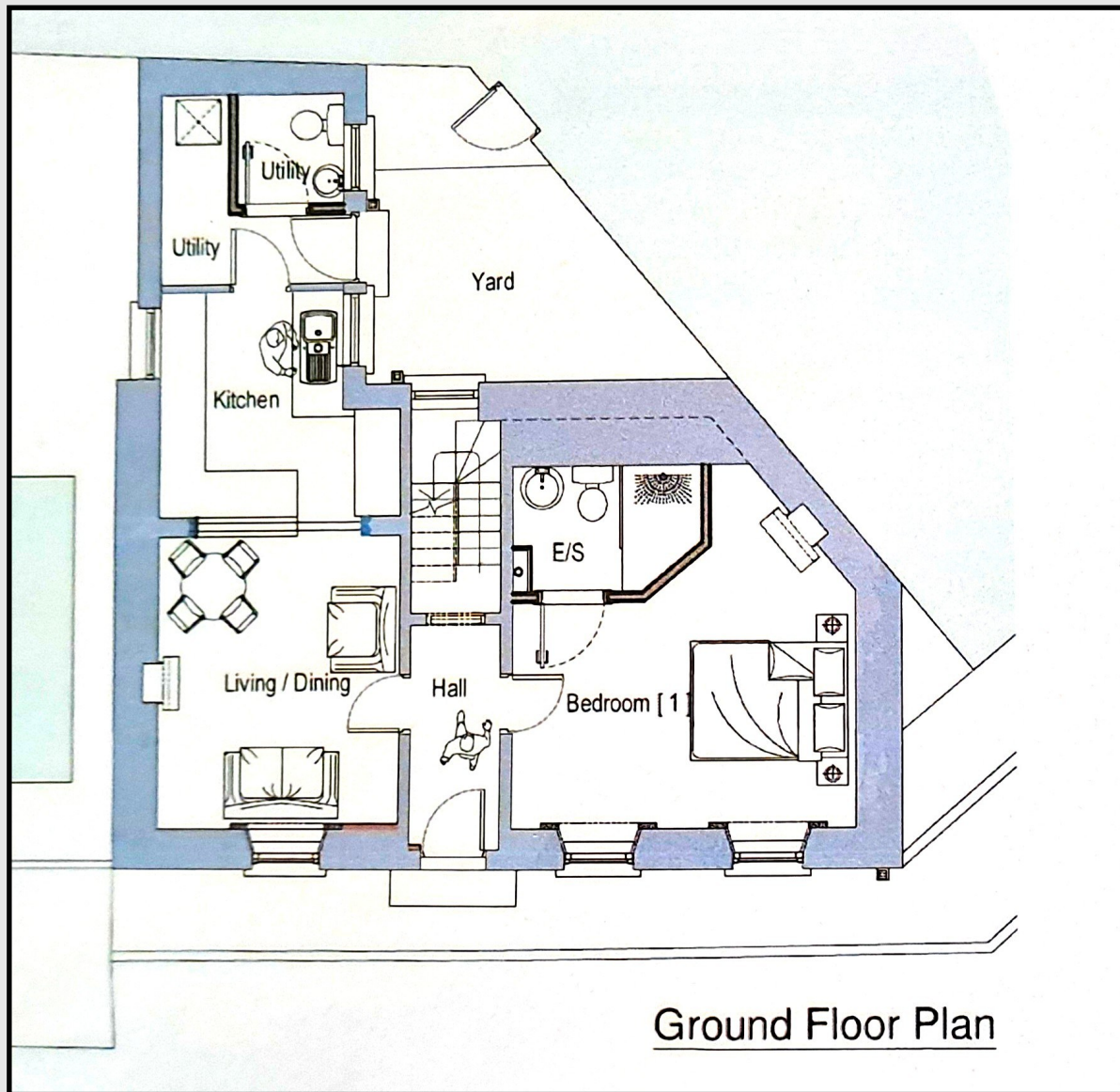


## THE SEXTON'S COTTAGE

St. Augustine's Church of Ireland is embarking on the refurbishment and preservation of its **Sexton's Cottage** within the church grounds which are recognised as the former site of St Columba's original monastery, founded in 546AD. Located within the Historic Walled City Conservation Area, the B2 listed Sexton's Cottage was built around 1834. Thanks to an award of £246,344, it will be transformed into a unique, **three bedroom tourist accommodation** that will contribute to the sustainability and maintenance of the historic site. It has taken a long time to get through the preliminaries, but we're pleased that we're now moving towards procurement and tendering for the renovation.









## HIGH PRAISE FOR CHURCH CAFÉ AND CHURCH GROUNDS

During the summer we had a special visitor who arrived unannounced at the church café. It was Dominic Kearney, food critic who writes for 'The Irish News' and Ivan and team certainly 'filled the hungry with good things' (to borrow words from Magnificat). Dominic's adjudication was most favourable in terms of the food, the quality, the service and the price. Well done to everyone. (Rev Nigel)

### *Café hidden in a church blends simplicity and style from a chef who has worked in city's best restaurants*



DOMINIC KEARNEY

**T**HE day has finally arrived. My daughter has stopped talking to me. Of course, most people who get to know me well enough stop talking to me eventually, so I always knew this day would come, but I just didn't think it would be so soon.

It was a coming together of contending factors. Firstly, it's the school holidays. Secondly, our internet went down, taking the TV with it. And finally, the clincher: my personality.

Summer holidays were so easy when I was a boy. There were only three TV channels for starters, and you can only watch The White Horses so many times before the theme tune destroys your brain. Your parents didn't care about you, so you were just kicked out of the house with a bat and ball and told not to come back until it was dark. Big boys stole your ball? Get over it. You fell onto the broken glass in the playground? Just a scratch.

Now, though, parenting is all



Picturesque St Augustine's in Derry

hands-on. You must share experiences; you must be interested. You have to care. Or pretend to, anyway, which is where the internet comes in. My daughter and I have a deal. I let her watch TV all day – curtains drawn – and only open the door to pass in chocolate and fizzy pop, while she leaves me alone to listen to the cricket. Then, when my wife comes back from work, we fabricate activities: wild swimming, crochet classes, jigsaws, long bike rides.

But with the TV out of action, we actually did have to do things together,

which is when she realised she doesn't like me. She'd Google how to divorce your father if the internet was working.

Come Saturday, with my wife home, all my daughter wanted was time with her, away from me. My brother and I were kicked out of the house. With hours to kill, we started wandering the Derry walls, and found ourselves passing St Augustine's Church.

Normally, I'd just keep on passing, promising myself I'd go in another day. It'll always be there, after all.

But not this day. This day, with time weighing heavily on our hands,

we went in. It's beautiful, the immaculate little garden in bloom, the church itself simple and sincere.

While the church itself is old and attractive, the café is housed in quite a plain, functional building, and the café room follows suit. I imagine most of the time it's used for meetings or training. There are gentle images on the wall, of coastal sunsets, which soften things a little, but you'd never call it cosy.

The menu follows suit: toasties, soup, scones, traybakes. Nothing innovative. But it all hits the spot, and it's often exactly what you want. And, it's all done with little stylish touches. For example, my brother's barmcake – a lovely sausage, quality bacon, a touch of chutney – all absolutely fine and standard, but, instead of a fried egg to finish, there was a slice of Spanish omelette, nicely seasoned, with a touch of onion crunch.

Same with my avocado on toast. Nothing groundbreaking fundamentally, but the bread was beautiful and there was a dollop of sour cream on top: simplicity, familiarity, nothing fancy, but little stylish touches that elevate the dishes and enhance the experience. Likewise, the lentil soup, which was beautifully light and subtle, finished with a drizzle of oil and accompanied by soft, sweet, fresh wheaten bread.

#### The bill

##### (Prices for two)

Breakfast barmcake - **£4.95**  
Avocado, egg, and tomato on sourdough toast - **£5.60**  
Lentil soup, wheaten bread - **£4.50**  
Apple pie - **£3**  
Scones x 2 - **£3**  
Syrup cake - **£3.40**  
Chocolate chip cookies x 2 - **£3**  
Coca-Cola - **£1.50**

**Total: £28.95**

The syrup cake was light and carried a touch of darkness about the flavour. The apple pie crust crunched nicely and the fruit was just firm enough and not too sweet, so you could really taste it.

None of this should come as much of a surprise, to be honest, as the man behind the cooker is chef Ivan Taylor, who has worked in some of Derry's best kitchens.

The one problem with the café is it's only open on the last Saturday of every month, as it's staffed by volunteers who are thin on the ground. It's worth putting a note in your diary for it, though. I certainly will. I might even take my daughter, if she hasn't divorced me by then.

The following is an extract from his review :-

" ..... It's beautiful, the immaculate little garden in bloom, the church itself simple and sincere.

While the church itself is old and attractive, the café is housed in quite a plain, functional building, and the café room follows suit. I imagine most of the time it's used for meetings or training. There are gentle images on the wall, of coastal sunsets which soften things a little, but you'd never call it cosy.

The menu follows suit: toasties, soup, scones, traybakes. Nothing innovative. But it all hits the spot, and it's often exactly what you want. And, it's all done with little stylish touches. For example, my brother's barmcake—a lovely sausage, quality bacon, a touch of chutney—all absolutely fine and standard, but, instead of a fried egg to finish, there was a slice of Spanish omelette, nicely seasoned, with a touch of onion crunch.

Same with my avocado on toast. Nothing groundbreaking fundamentally, but the bread was beautiful and there was a dollop of sour cream on top: simplicity, familiarity, nothing fancy, but little stylish touches that elevate the dishes and enhance the experience. Likewise, the lentil soup, which was beautifully light and subtle, finished with a drizzle of oil and accompanied by soft, sweet, fresh wheaten bread.

### **The bill (Prices for two)**

Breakfast barmcake—**£4.95**  
 Avocado, egg, and tomato on sourdough toast—**£5.60**  
 Lentil soup, wheaten bread—**£4.50**  
 Apple pie—**£3**  
 Scones x2—**£3**  
 Syrup cake—**£3.40**  
 Chocolate chip cookies x2—**£3**  
 Coca-Cola—**£1.50**  
**Total £28.95**

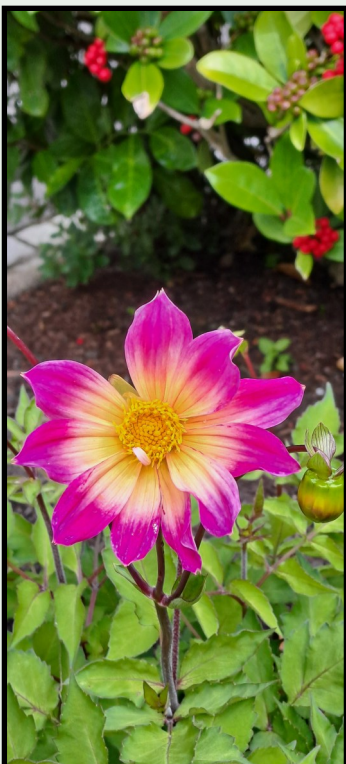
The syrup cake was light and carried a touch of darkness about the flavour. The apple pie crust crunched nicely and the fruit was just firm enough and not too sweet, so you could really taste it. None of this should come as much of a surprise, to be honest, as the man behind the cooker is chef Ivan Taylor, who has worked in some of Derry's best kitchens. The one problem with the café is it's only open on the last Saturday of every month, as it's staff by volunteers who are thin on the ground. It's worth putting a note in your diary for it, though. I certainly will..... "

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Another favourable adjudication came from winning the top award for the large garden category in the **City Centre Initiative Gardening Competition**. The competition was sponsored by Altnagelvin Garden Centre and we received a £100 voucher. It isn't a surprise to any of us that the team were praised so highly, and we know that the award was richly deserved. Again, thank you to all who contribute to this aspect of church life. (Rev Nigel)





Can I just thank the dedication of all our volunteers who readily gave of their time in looking after the church gardens so well. It was a great team effort by everyone and having been awarded the gold ward is just the icing on the cake. Well done everyone! (Ida Robinson)



### **GARDENING TEAM**

Ida Robinson  
Ann Patterson  
George Patterson  
Cynthia Smyth  
Austin Smyth





## IN MEMORIAMs

### In Memory of John Strickland

£100.00 from Roslyn & Colin McClelland

£100.00 from Pat Tate

£200.00 from Irene, Malcolm Hewitt & family

£50.00 from Norman Miller

£25.00 from Sandra McConnell

£30.00 from John & Linda Allen

£30.00 from Rosemary McMullan

£30.00 from Billy & Florence McSparron

£30.00 from Lou & Ronnie Peoples

£25.00 from Kathleen Dunlop

£40.00 from Peter, Wendy & Linda Atkinson

£20.00 from Brenda McPherson

£20.00 from anonymous

£20.00 from Anne & Ken Craig

£40.00 from Hilary Grimes & Billy Philson

£40.00 from George & Marie Wilson and Harry & Avril McClay

## IN MEMORIAMs

### **In Memory of Nicola Porter**

£50.00 from Pat Tate

£50.00 from Rosyln & Colin McClelland

£50.00 from Irene, Malcolm Hewitt & family

£50.00 from Darren, Claire & Adam Cormie

£50.00 from the Churchill Flute Band

£250.00 from Sean & Lynn Conway and family

£25.00 from Allyson Campbell

### **In memory of my husband Derek**

£300.00 from Mrs Daphne Hayden

### **In memory of my parents Mary & Fred Davin and my sister Claire**

£50.00 from Mrs Nirvana Smyth

### **In memory of Jennifer on her birthday**

£100 from John Rankin (for Kidz Klub Funds)

### **In loving memory of Frank Simpkin**

£200.00 from Adrienne Simpkin & family

### **In memory of Frank Simpkin (1st Anniversary)**

£40.00 from Margaret & Lorna McCarter

## IN MEMORIAMs

### **In loving memory of Desmond North (2 years) and Greta North (10 years)**

£100.00 from Elizabeth & David Ferguson & family

### **In memory of Desmond North (2nd Anniversary)**

£40.00 from Margaret & Lorna McCarter

### **In memory of Dorothy Waring (3rd Anniversary)**

£40.00 from Margaret & Lorna McCarter

### **In memory of loved ones**

£200.00 from Elizabeth Montgomery

£200.00 from Kathleen Dunlop

### **In memory of Mrs Lila Cavanagh**

£100.00 from Wilfred Cavanagh & family

### **In Memory of John Guthrie**

£20.00 from Rev Nigel Cairns

£30.00 from John & Linda Allen

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

## DONATIONS

£33.00	Tuesday Evening Concert (29th July)
£375.00	Tuesday Evening Concert (5th August)
£105.00	Tuesday Evening Concert (12th August)
£85.00	Tuesday Evening Concert (19th August)
£85.00	Tuesday Evening Concert (26th August)
£75.00	Retiring Collection from Bri Concert (14th September)
£200.00	Emerald Guitars (for use of Church for concert)
£10.00	from anonymous
£5.00	from anonymous
£10.00	from anonymous
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£500.00	from Hazel Philson (for John's Funeral Tea)
£20.00	from Rosemary McMullan (Thanks for Holy Communion for my parents)
£100.00	from Rhoda Miller (in lieu of church collections)
£10,000.00	from the estate of the late Marion McKay

## FLOWER LIST

5th October	The Carland Family
12th October	Harvest Thanksgiving
19th October	Sheira Peacocke
26th October	Robert Lynch



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## LEAH LUNCH

There's a change to October's lunch as the Rector mentioned at the beginning of this magazine. To avail of the Harvest decorations in the church, it will take place on the **2nd Tuesday (14th October) at 11.30am**. As usual we need to know how many to cater for so please either give your name to Sheira or alternatively **call Ivan on 07980 667613 by 6pm on Harvest Sunday**. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you on the **14th October**.

## CHURCH CAFÉ



As I'm sure you already know the cafe received a glowing review in the **Irish News** recently and our thanks go to the Rector for framing it for display on the wall in the Canon Howe room. This month's Cafe will be open on **Saturday 26th from 10.00am** when the usual fare will be available. Scones, sourdough toasts, soup and the 'now acclaimed' **Breakfast Bap and Smashed Avocado** will all be there along with our counter full of delicious, homebaked cakes, biscuits and traybakes. Put the date in your diary and 'mon up and see us!!



## LUMINARE PRESENTS

September was a busy one for SA with 3 evening concerts and two afternoon performances on **European Heritage Open Days**. We now have 2 concerts coming up in October.

On **Friday 3rd October** Irish singer/songwriter **Niamh Regan** will be performing. Galway's Niamh is a critically acclaimed songwriter whose debut album *Hemet* earned Choice and RTE Folk Award nominations. Special guest **Fiona Bevan** is a London-based singer-songwriter from Suffolk, best known for co-writing One Direction's hit "Little Things" with Ed Sheerin.



**Niamh Regan**

Special Guest **FIONA BEVAN**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

St Augustine's Church,  
Derry, BT48 6PP



On **Friday 17th October Briana Corrigan** returns after her sellout concert last year. Briana is the original voice of **The Beautiful South** who alongside Paul Heaton had a worldwide hit single with 'A Little Time'. Now in an intimate evening of story and song, she revisits Beautiful South Classics, shares her own acclaimed solo work, and reimagines traditional favourites.

If you are interested in attending any of the concerts you can pick up the full programme of season's concerts from the church porch or visit [www.musiccapital.org](http://www.musiccapital.org) for more information and tickets.



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# Faith TenX9



## Who?

Tenx9 was co-founded in Belfast by Paul Doran, a masterful storyteller and warm, engaging facilitator who has helped thousands of people across the world share their true stories.

Tenx9 is renowned for its welcoming atmosphere, authenticity, and power to connect communities through personal storytelling



## What?

Tenx9 is a storytelling evening where nine people have up to ten minutes each to tell a true story from their own life. This event will focus on the Theme of Faith.

## Where?

This special edition of **Tenx9** with the theme of **FAITH** will take place at

📍 **Friday 17th October 2025, 7.30 - 9.30pm**

📍 **New Gate Arts Centre in the Fountain**

## Sign Up



<https://bit.ly/CT-TenX9-Signup>



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Limavady PW

*'God...  
ever present'*

Join us for a relaxing

## Harvest Afternoon Tea

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2 pm



TEA /COFFEE  
SANDWICHES  
DELICIOUS SWEET TREATS

2<sup>nd</sup> Limavady Church Hall

Proceeds to PW Missions

Suggested Minimum Donataion £10



*You will have an opportunity to view the Harvest displays in the Church.*

## **GARDENING GOD'S WAY**

Plant three rows of peas:

Peas of mind

Peas of heart

Peas of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another.

No garden without turnips

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another.

Water freely with patience and

Cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden

Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

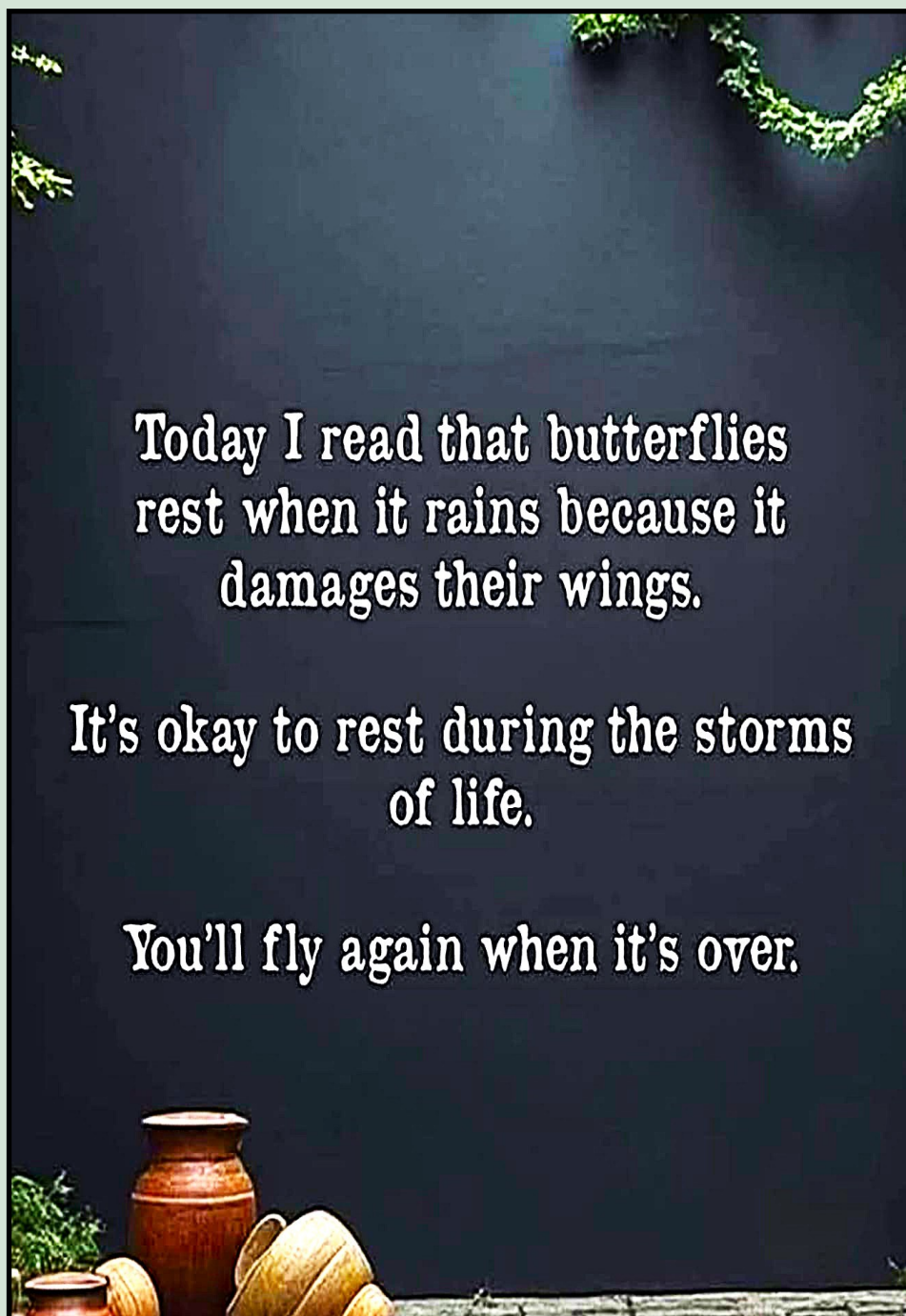
We must have thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for Study

Thyme for Prayer.





Today I read that butterflies  
rest when it rains because it  
damages their wings.

It's okay to rest during the storms  
of life.

You'll fly again when it's over.



**Question:** In what specific ways are you conscious of the need for Jesus' light in your life?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, help me to follow you more and more closely each day. Amen



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