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CANON MERRICK WRITES



Some things are hard to believe, and some promises are hard to trust in. In Christ, God has promised us so much. He holds before us not just forgiveness of our sins but a fulfilling life here and now and life in all its fullness hereafter. He promises that he will always be with us and that nothing can separate us from his love. He offers us

the potential to do what we think is impossible for us to do, and opens up the way for those around us to become what we thought they could never be. When we allow God to be part of the equation, there is no such word as impossible.

That's how it was with Abraham. He was prepared to leave the security of his own country and his own family and, in response to God's call, journey in faith into an unknown future. Not only did he trust in God's promises, he was prepared to work to make those promises come true. But for all that, like so many of us, Abraham trusted God more easily when he could see how God was going to accomplish what God had promised to do. You see, although both Abraham and Sarah lived four thousand years ago, as people of faith they bear an uncanny resemblance to us. Like them, we believe in God, and like them, we tend to laugh at the idea that God will do anything out of the ordinary.

Like them, we tend to rely on our own understanding of how things should come about, and leave God out of the equation. In the end, of course, as Abraham and Sarah discovered through the birth of Isaac, if we hang in there in faith, the laughter of doubt can be transformed into the laughter of joy.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev Mervyn T E Peoples to assist Canon Merrick during the vacancy following the installation of the Dean in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Mr Peoples has been, for the past seven years, serving in the Parish of All Saints, Clooney. The Canon is delighted that the Rev Mervyn is coming to St Columb's Cathedral and he is looking forward to working with him.

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong will resume, at the usual time of 4 o'clock, on **Sunday 11th September**. The service on Sunday 4th September will be that of Ordination to the Priesthood.

There will not be Evensong on Sunday 18th September as there will be the dedication of the commemorative cross at 11am. The 11am service will also be the Dean's last service in the Cathedral.

Chapter

Congratulations to the Reverend Malcolm Ferry who has been appointed to the Chapter of the Cathedral. The service of Installation took place on The Feast of the Birth of The Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th, at 8 o'clock in St Columb's Cathedral. Also at the service, Mr David Bell was Commissioned as a Diocesan Reader. The sermon was given by Reverend Mervyn Peoples.

**Ordination into the
Priesthood of the
Reverend
Suzanne Cousins.**



Your Church
needs
YOU



Details in separate flyer!

*The Dean
Invites
The Church Wardens, Select Vestry and Parishioners
to his Installation
On Saturday 24th September, 2016
at 3 o'clock
in
St. Patrick's Cathedral
Dublin
Everyone welcome*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
September

Elle Arbuckle
Daniel Burnett
Katelyn Warke
Ruby Hughes
Mya Arbuckle
Alexandra Street
Alesha Hamilton/Williamson



Happy 8th birthday to
Ruby Hughes on the
21st September, love
from Mummy, Daddy
and Sam xx.

Summer Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to all the
volunteers, who gave their time in
the summer holidays.

Very many thanks.



As we start another Sunday School year with our
prize giving (when we recognise attendance and
hard work with special awards) we think of each
and every person who is remembered especially on
this day. This is a chance to show our appreciation
of just how much the children are valued as an

integral part of the Church. So as not to spoil it beforehand for the children the special
awards will feature in the next magazine, with some photos we hope.

I would just like to give you some facts. This year we will have 51 children (perhaps some
more new ones too), with 5 teachers, 2 helpers and myself. We are one of the largest Sunday
Schools in the Diocese and 22 children will receive attendance certificates totalling 94 years
of 90% or more attendance - that's a fact worth recognising! Our average weekly attendance
is 40 children which is an endorsement of the support from parents and one we are
particularly thankful for.

This year we lost boys to the choir – so sorry to see you go but good luck to Clark McClintock,
David Carr, Dylan Bradley and Christian & Seth Campbell. We'll miss them.

This year the children will get their folders at the prize giving to take home for one week only
and then again at the end of each term. The folders will also have the Safe Guarding trust
registration form which please complete and return the next Sunday. This is important, so
thanks for your co-operation. We are delighted to support the Leprosy Mission again this
year – the response was excellent last year.

Finally we would take this opportunity to wish the Dean, Rosemary, Patrick, Nicky and
Connor all the very best from everyone in the Sunday School as the Dean moves to his new
post as Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. We will miss your support.

IRENE

PS: If a parent has any questions, please do ask. I'd be happy to help



Civic Reception/ Dinner held in the Guildhall for
The Dean on Friday 2nd September 2016



Men's Society bid farewell to The Dean



The Men's Society paid a final farewell to the Dean and Rosemary at a dinner in The Bishop Gate Hotel on Wednesday 31st August. A presentation on behalf of the Society was made to both of them by the Treasurer, Aubrey Fielding, who paid tribute on behalf of all the men to the magnificent hospitality afforded them in The Deanery over the last 17 years. Aubrey spoke about the formation of the Society and the success and growth in membership over the years which was entirely down to the leadership of the Dean. He said the Dean had engaged annually with a small committee to ensure a wide and diverse range of speakers and trips to many locations, including Dublin and London.

On behalf of the members he wished The Dean every success in his new role in Dublin and also Rosemary, Patrick, Nicky and Connor, God's Blessing in their new life.



The Men's Society will resume on Tuesday 20th September in Cathedral House, 1 St Columb's Court at 8pm. The speaker for the evening will be Mark Lusby, who will give a talk on the city walls heritage project through Walls400. Light supper will be served following the meeting. A programme for the year is almost in place and more details will be given on the 20th, with a programme booklet for 2016/17 made available at the October meeting. New members are always welcome to join us on the third Tuesday every month.

The Queen Responds to St Columb's Cathedral Gift for 90th Birthday



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

*I send you my grateful thanks
for the kind words you have
sent to me on the occasion of
my ninetieth birthday*

ELIZABETH R
2016

The Dean was delighted to receive a response from Buckingham Palace following the gift sent from the Cathedral on the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday. We have reproduced the letter and card which we are sure you be delighted to see. Cyril Morrison's folio of The Book of Kells was a very appropriate gift and was very well received. We would also take this opportunity to wish Cyril a speedy recovery following his recent major surgery.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

23rd May 2016

Dear Dean,

The Queen wishes me to thank you for your letter and for the message you have sent, on behalf of St Columb's Cathedral and your parishioners, on the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday. The Queen was very touched to know that you held a special service at the Cathedral on Sunday 8th May to mark this milestone birthday for Her Majesty.

The Queen is glad to accept the gift you enclosed of a beautiful, illuminated folio from The Book of Kells, created by Mr Cyril Morrison. It was kind of you to tell Her Majesty that Mr Morrison has produced several of these folios, using advanced calligraphy which he took up following a successful outcome from surgery for cancer just four years ago.

The Queen sends you, Mr Morrison, your parishioners, and all at St Columb's Cathedral, her good wishes and grateful thanks for your kind thought in sending her this lovely present for her birthday.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Hussey
Lady-in-Waiting

The Very Reverend W W Morton DL
Dean of St Columb's Cathedral

POEM

Dr Sam Burnside MBE very kindly sent The Dean a most beautiful poem recently. Very many thanks to him.

Sam explains how it came to be written as follows:

This was started on 8 August in Derry (I have no idea why) and worked on in Kilkenny during the arts festival there & finished on 19 August in Derry. In the middle of this bishop Daly died and was buried & I read in the Irish Times when I was in Kilkenny that both Cathedral bells in Derry rang out simultaneously on the day of his burial

Church Bells on Sunday

Evening bells surge with otherworldly charm,
Lord, while still hurrying on, in strict accord.
Picture the scene: empty streets, a touch of doom
Emerging from those silences that lie between us.
The grey day dampening the falling volume
Of music flooding like seeds broadcast across clods.
Flaxen strings descend and rise, imposing their rhythm, taut and slack;
Notes settle sullenly on hedges and behind churchyard walls.
Smudged shadows slide off ranked yews as darkness falls.
Banks of lavender soften, spreading into dusky paradoxes,
Melting, becoming smoky-blue, soft-edged fluxes ,
The tolling, the tolling binds sky and earth,
Conferring the necessary benediction of ragged hope
On we old warriors waiting, arms held stiffly at the slope.

19/8/2016



The Dean's Last Service for The Apprentice Boys of Derry

The last service conducted by Dean Morton for The Apprentice Boys will be the annual invitation to the graves of Mitchelburne and Murray at the Old Glendermott Cemetery on Saturday 17th September. The Dean will also dedicate some flags on that morning.

At 12.30pm on the same date, presentations will be made to The Dean in recognition of his tremendous contribution to the Loyal Orders. This event will be hosted by the Mitchelburne Club at The Memorial Hall and it would be greatly appreciated by the Club if Church Wardens, Select Vestry Members and parishioners of St Columb's Cathedral could attend. The presentation ceremony will be brief, in the knowledge that The Dean's schedule will be fairly hectic.

Dedication of Annesley Malley Memorial Benches

On Wednesday evening 17th August, friends and loved ones of the late Annesley Malley gathered at the Cathedral and the Playhouse for the dedication of benches in memory of Annesley. The short and very touching service was conducted by Dean Morton at both venues.

The bench at the Cathedral has been placed along the south side of the church and it was here that Dean Morton recalled the exceptional historical work in the city and surrounding areas carried out by Annesley, "His expertise on antique documents, family genealogy and the history of old buildings was unequalled," said the Dean.

Playhouse founder and Artistic Director, Pauline Ross, mentioned the wonderful work Annesley had done for the Playhouse during their restoration, adding, "I want to thank everyone for their kind generosity in helping raise funds for the benches, particularly Felicity McCall and The Literary Ladies".



At a reception afterwards, writer and broadcaster Ken McCormack, praised Dean Morton's work for the Cathedral and the locality, "Your legacy is the magnificent church and the success and harmony you achieved in the many projects you established while with us. For someone to be trusted with the guardianship of two of the foremost cathedrals in these islands,

St. Columb's and St. Patrick's, speaks for the great esteem in which you are held everywhere," said Ken.

On behalf of all present, Playhouse CEO Niall McCaughan presented the Dean with a picture of The Peace Bridge and Mrs Rosemary Morton with a bouquet of flowers.

Pauline Ross
Artistic Director
The Playhouse





Ulster Project 2016

This summer I was one of the lucky few to participate in the Derry/Londonderry Ulster Project. In the early hours of 29th June we headed off as a group from the old Waterside Health Centre. We flew from Dublin to Philadelphia, before catching a connecting flight to Tyson airport, Knoxville.

Arriving at the airport Stephen and Jane (our leaders) told us to brace ourselves for the oncoming stampede of Americans. But after travelling for nearly a whole day, I don't think we fully embraced our very first encounter of the month. Over our action packed month we participated in many awesome activities, both as a group and with our families. My favourite activities were white water rafting, Dollywood and also tubing because they all had memorable moments throughout each activity. My favourite day of the month was the 4th of July as everywhere you went there were crowds of people and a great atmosphere. It also provided a few bargains to be bought in the malls. During the family weekend we went hiking in the Smokies and spotted a black bear! My host family were great as they provided for my every need; it must have been tough for them as one of the weeks there were 6 boys staying in the house. My host teen Sebastian and I got on really well. I never really felt home sick because I was always surrounded by amazing people. Overall it was the best month of my life and one I will always remember because of the things I did and the people I spent it with. I will hopefully return one day!

I would like to thank Bob and Linda for having me to stay in their amazing home. Also the Ulster Project Board Members in both Derry/Londonderry and East Tennessee and especially Irene and Malcolm for all the hard work they put into making the Project such a success. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to my fundraising especially all the parishioners of the Cathedral. Finally to Stephen and Jane for being legends!

Lewis Callen





THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SEPTEMBER 2016

TRINITY 15

8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	<u>Sunday School Prize Distribution</u>
16.00	<u>Ordination to the Priesthood</u>

MONDAY	05	10.30	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	06	10.30	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	07	10.30	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	08	10.30	Holy Communion

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

20.00 Installation of Canon Malcolm Ferry

FRIDAY	09	10.30	The Litany
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TRINITY 16

8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	<u>Choral Matins</u> STANFORD <i>in C</i> SHEPHERD <i>I heard the voice of Jesus</i>
16.00	<u>Choral Evensong</u> DYSON <i>in c</i> CAMPION <i>Never weather beaten sail</i>

MONDAY	12	10.30	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	13	10.30	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	14	10.30	Morning Prayer
THURSDAY	15	10.30	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	16	10.30	The Litany

SAINT COLUMB, LONDONDERRY

SEPTEMBER 2016



TRINITY 17

8.00 Holy Communion
 11.00 Service of Dedication
Special Service Order

MONDAY	19	10.30	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	20	10.30	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	21	10.30	Holy Communion
<i>Saint Matthew</i>			
THURSDAY	22	10.30	Morning Prayer
FRIDAY	23	10.30	The Litany

TRINITY 18

8.00 Holy Communion
 11.00 Choral Matins
 STANFORD *in Bb*
 STANFORD *O for a closer walk*
 16.00 Choral Evensong Chamber Choir
 HOWELLS *Collegium Regale*
 DURUFLÉ *Ubi Caritas*

MONDAY	26	10.30	Morning Prayer
TUESDAY	27	10.30	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	28	10.30	Morning Prayer
		20.00	Diocesan Mother's Union Festival
THURSDAY	29	10.30	Holy Communion
<i>Saint Michael and all Angels</i>			
FRIDAY	30	10.30	The Litany



The long summer recess will shortly give way to another a busy term. We look forward to participating in a number of special services and Diocesan events throughout September, including the Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev Suzanne Cousins, the Installation of Canon Malcom Ferry and Commissioning of Mr David Bell as Diocesan Reader. Mindful of those preparing to be ordained, we send our best

wishes to our member **Nigel Cairns** ahead of his ordination to the Deaconate in Raphoe Cathedral on Sunday 11 September.

During the summer it was our pleasure to perform, along with *Renaissance* from Belfast, at the wedding of our long-serving members **Steven** and **Fiona Norris**. It was very fitting that the Cathedral Chamber Choir was able to participate, as it was through their membership of the choir that Steven and Fiona met! We wish them every blessing as they begin married life.

Further congratulations to our members **Jack Wilson** and **Dylan Harvey** on securing places at Queen's University, Belfast and the Ulster University respectively. I'm glad that their choice of Universities will enable them to remain with us during the academic term.

On Saturday 24 September the choir will travel to Dublin to join with the choir of St Patrick's Cathedral at the Installation of **Very Rev'd Dr William Morton** as Dean. This will be an historic and poignant occasion for us as we support the Dean and his family at the beginning of this exciting new chapter of ministry. While there will be many opportunities over the next few weeks in which to pay tribute to the Dean, it would be remiss of me not to record here our immense debt of gratitude to him for all that he has done to support the music in the Cathedral throughout his 19-year tenure. His encouragement of the choir has been steadfast, not least through the example of his three sons, Patrick, Nicky and Connor; his steering of the rebuilding of the Cathedral Organ and the design of the organ loft was visionary; his insistence on good music and good liturgy has reinforced the choir's reputation here and elsewhere, allowing countless young people to be inspired through their membership. For this and so much more we thank you, Dean William, and wish you and your family every blessing in your new role.

Ian Mills

U3A

U3A Foyle's Open & Enrolment Day for their new Autumn Programme will be held on Tuesday, 6th September 2016 from 10am to 3pm. Membership is open to all Retired people – no age limit! We have a huge variety of classes, courses and activities to choose from – Art, Languages, Physical Activities, Social & Recreational Activities and Cards & Games. U3A Foyle is based in Gransha Park – On entry to Gransha drive over 3 speed ramps, take a left, go over 2 more speed ramps and we are the third villa on the left. For further details call 02871860123, email Christine on info@u3afoyle.com or visit the website www.u3afoyle.com

A visitor's welcome to play Cathedral Organ

On Tuesday afternoon, 9th August, I was up in the organ loft, blissfully hacking my way through a bit of Widor's 6th. I then decided to venture down for some tea, always provided in enormous quantities in Derry Cathedral. The siege pageant was also on at the time. It was during tea in the vestry that I discovered there wasn't a bun in sight, and that a gentleman was coming to play the organ.



After being told this gentleman had played most of the Cathedral organs in the mainland, I thought I'd best tidy up the hymnals in the organ loft, you know, make a good impression. He was very impressed to see that the organ was of four manuals, immediately sitting down on the bench and starting to improvise. Mr Tom Rhoads and associates were travelling on a cruise that had docked in Belfast earlier in the week.

After some time conversation soon turned to his past experiences as an organist. Not only had Tom played most instruments in the UK, maintaining close relationships with the like of Francis Jackson (Ex. York Minster and true gentleman), he had the privilege of playing most of the distinguished organs in the United States, being a very close friend of Frederick Swan (Ex. Crystal Cathedral, California) and fan of the "Hour of Power", a one hour broadcast filled with music and liturgy from the premises (many fine examples exist on YouTube).

It is always a pleasure to show someone the Cathedral organ when they come to visit. I have a strange memory of a lady who visited from the States, who played Widor's Toccata whilst wearing crocs. Interesting!

I explained, what I could, to Tom about the organ's history and briefly about the choir, and he found it most interesting. Unfortunately he couldn't stay long as he had to venture back to Belfast. He had a good 15 minutes playing time, making elaborate use of double pedalling.

Jack Wilson

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Derry & Raphoe

13th September 'Celebration of Faith by Caring and Sharing'

Held in the Diocesan Centre, London Street
at 7.30 pm



MU WIDOWS'

The group will meet again on Monday 19th September at 3.00 pm in 22 Rossbay.

I trust you all had a good summer in spite of the weather.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

My name is Lucy from Kenya.

Visit to Cathedral:

The first time I came to Londonderry I prayed in St Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 17th July. I was welcomed by Daphne who sat with me throughout the service. It was special to participate in Eucharist. Daphne invited me to visit second time. I returned on Wednesday 27th, she gave me a tour of the cathedral and introduced me to members of the church. She also shared with me stories of her life and her family, such a wonderful conversation we had. My highlight was to see the Cross of Nails. I understood the connection between Coventry, your church and Corrymeela. It gives me so much joy that you are committed to Christian Unity.

The welcome and hospitality I received from Irish people is heartwarming.

Journey to Monastic Community

My journey of faith has been rewarding and challenging, just like any other walks of life. I have had moments where I felt God was with me, and some seasons where I questioned the existence of God.

The definition of a spiritual seeker is someone who is looking for truth. To be a seeker in Christianity then is to seriously consider-or reconsider what God means to you.

I had a good career back in Kenya. I was however not satisfied with what I was doing. I was working towards a change of career when I came across a call to join a religious community for 10 months in England. Being a seeker and wanting transition in life, I considered joining The Community of St Anselm at Lambeth Palace. I committed myself to a monastic experience together with 36 young adults from different countries.

The journey in Religious community was the most rewarding experience I have had in my adult life. I experienced deep fellowship with trust and openness to others who were not like me. In the community there was no race or skin color, denomination, job qualifications or age. We were one, all of us seeking a deeper relationship with God. I came face to face with my challenges, I had no place to escape my questions about religion, Christian traditions, personal beliefs and issues affecting our world today.

During my stay in the community, I met a friend from Downpatrick who shared with me lots of stories about the history and culture of Northern Ireland. I desired to visit Northern Ireland to see Christian memorial sites and pray for Christian Unity. When my commitment to the community ended in June 2016, I immediately sought opportunity to visit. I was welcomed to Corrymeela Community as a short term volunteer in July. I have since toured sites in Belfast, Armagh, Londonderry, Coleraine and Ballycastle.

Whenever I visit church building I say a prayer of Christian unity, which is said daily at Lambeth Palace by members of St Anselm Community and Chemin Neuf Community:

Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray for unity of Christians, according to your will, according to your means. May Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sins and to hope beyond all hopes. Amen.

Journey Ahead:

I am back in Kenya. I plan to finish my studies in Child Development, then pack my bags again in 2017 for a working experience in Anglican Church of Zambia- Lusaka. I pray that God will show you His goodness and faithfulness. I wish you peace and joy from God.

Obituaries....

Robert Stanley Hamilton

Stanley, whose earthly journey ended on the evening of July 27th in the serenity and peace of his home late in the loving care and support of his dear wife Eileen and their family, was, as all the many tributes have also expressed, an absolute gentleman, a totally unique person, who, in his personal and family life, as well as in his membership of St Columb's Cathedral, and in his contribution to Institute FC, was totally dedicated and committed. There will not ever be his like again.

Although Stanley's parents lived in different locations during his boyhood, the house which Stanley is most associated with those years ago is No 1 Gordon Place, from where Stanley attended the Bishop Street School. Not surprisingly, Stanley engaged in the odd bit of football, and, again, no surprise, given the fact that he was a boy chorister in the Cathedral Choir, he was a member of the School Choir, a very distinguished choir at that, in that it won the Schools' Cup in the local Feis. Music certainly played a part in Stanley's life in that he was also a member of The No Surrender Flute Band for a time as well. Stanley was also a member of The Walker Parent Club of The Apprentice Boys of Derry.

As school days turned to working days, Stanley served his time at, and became very proficient, as a shirt cutter, an occupation which was to be the focus of his entire working life. His places of work included the Star Factory, Hogg & Mitchell's (which became Peter England Shirts), and then ultimately for the Hunter family, in Springtown.

For Stanley, family life was of paramount importance. His wife, Eileen, and daughters, and grandchildren, meant the world to him. Stanley and Eileen's home has always been a place of great welcome and friendship, a place where traditional family values are appreciated, and adhered to. When the grandchildren came along, they added a whole new dimension...and Stanley became the 'perfect' Granda! Whatever needed to be done to help out with the grandchildren, it certainly was done.

The wonderful sense of family, and of love for one another, was so evident through all the time of Stanley's illness especially in the exemplary way in which Eileen and her daughters, and the wider family circle too, cared for Stanley. Everything which could conceivably be done, certainly was done. And I know that Eileen and family would wish to pay warm tribute to the doctors, nurses and carers, and all who helped during Stanley's illness – and especially Dr Boyd with whom Stanley had special links, not least through their respective interests in football, Dr Boyd also being the doctor for Institute FC!

Deepest sympathy is extended to Eileen, to her daughters, Stephanie, Roberta, Esdale, Linda and Emma; to David, Paul, Stewart and David; and to the grandchildren, Aimee, Kyle, Chloe, Caleb, Aaron, Elle, Isaac, Mya, Robbie and Alesha; also to Stanley's brothers, Andre and Ian, and sisters, Carol and Valerie; and to their families, and the entire family circle. We assure you all of our thoughts and prayers over these coming days, weeks, and months.

Stanley was 'a great stalwart' of the Cathedral in that he and Eileen just did not ever fail to attend the services – whether it was on a Sunday morning, a mid-week Lenten service, whatever the occasion. One of my earliest memories here is of Stanley and Eileen and the five girls coming into to the Cathedral on a Sunday morning and making their way up the Nave to their customary pew. Church was a priority. Nothing delighted Stanley's heart more than to see people attending Church. He was always so meticulous about having the free will offering envelopes paid up, and the savings for the Thrift Club. The best way to remember Stanley would be to take a leaf out of his book – to follow his example in church attendance, in living out the faith, in serving God.

Stanley was a boy chorister in the Cathedral. He was so thrilled when his grandson Caleb joined the Choir for a short time. And when he would come to collect Caleb after the choir practices, as he waited on the boys coming out, he would tell Nicky about how it was when he was in the Choir – days when there were 26 boys, or more – but days when circumstances were different, when Cathedral members were living on this side of the river, and accessible, before television, and computers, and mobile phones, and X-boxes! Stanley, and Eileen, were

such supporters of the Choir.

Stanley was a most faithful and dedicated member of the Cathedral. He was unique in that he never ever would question in any way whatsoever why the Cathedral was fund raising for this, or that; he would simply contribute. He was totally committed in every way possible, a 'Cathedral man' through and through. In similar fashion he never questioned either his final illness. He just accepted it.

We shall all miss him so very deeply here. We thank Almighty God for Stanley's life in every aspect, and above all for his faith, and his participation in worship, in sacrament and prayer.

Sport had a major focus in Stanley's life. Institute FC had special place in his life. He was, of course, a former player for Institute, from 1964 – 1972, and, after that date, he assisted with management of the team for some years. Clearly, Stanley was an extremely gifted player. Glowing comments have been made about his contribution to Institute over the years, and prominent among them is the account of how Institute won The Irish junior Cup Final on Saturday 17 May 1969 at Coleraine Showgrounds against Queen's Park Swifts. During the wake, on Stanley's coffin was a Stute hat, and scarf - and Stanley was wearing his Sheffield Wednesday tie! He had also played for Foyle Rovers and Finn Harps and had the rare distinction of being on the winning team on each side of the Border when that team won the Cup.

Stanley also loved the snooker. Near his coffin, throughout the wake, there stood his snooker cue which he used on Saturdays at the Gransha Club. He so enjoyed his games of snooker. The world of sport will therefore be so much the poorer as a result of Stanley's passing.

We give thanks to God for all of Stanley's many fine Christian qualities – his friendship, kindness, goodness, generosity, concern for others, and above all his love for God expressed through his faithful membership of St Columb's Cathedral. We shall all miss Stanley very much indeed, and look forward to being reunited with him, and all our loved ones, in the heavenly places.

Stanley's funeral service took place in St Columb's Cathedral. Canon John Merrick assisted, and Nicky played the organ. Interment followed in Ballyoan Cemetery.

William Morton

Moving Tribute

Among the tributes which have been paid to Stanley is a lovely piece written by his granddaughter Aimee, which appeared on social media. Aimee is hoping to pursue a degree course later this year in creative writing.

"Grief. That ominous, all-consuming five letter word that gives way to the body-quivering gnawing ache of emptiness. Yesterday, my family and I sadly had to experience it's unwanted presence as we lost my Granda. He was and forever will be, one of the kindest, innocent, purest, wisest, funniest men and father-figures I have ever known. With his quick wit and quirky ways, he was never without a joke on his tongue or a smile on his lips. It is a fact to state that all who met him, loved him immeasurably. He was very brave until the very end - and I don't think any of us can quite absorb what has just taken place. So it is with a heavy chest and wet eyes that we come to turns with this unfortunate event. But at the same time we will feel relief that any suffering has now left him, and that he will eternally be a beacon of light and a gem to our memories forever.

Today as we remember Stanley we thank God for his wonderful Christian life, witness and example. We thank God for all that was so good and true in his life and for the wonderful Christian example he has left us to follow. We thank God for having had the wonderful privilege of knowing Stanley and for every remembrance upon him. And now, until that joyful union in those heavenly places, may Stanley rest in peace and when the time comes for that final reckoning may he be raised in Glory."

Agnes Long

It was with great sadness that news spread of the death, in Altnagelvin Hospital, of Mrs Agnes Long, the Cathedral's last parishioner on the Abercorn Road where she had been living in No 22 for the past 62 years – certainly the end of a chapter.

Agnes was such wonderful lady, great in years, and so strong in faith. We shall all miss her so very deeply.

The following is the address which The Dean gave at Agnes' funeral service in the Cathedral on the first day of September.

“Life can be so uncertain, and so transient. One never knows what a day brings – indeed, never mind a day, even an hour, a minute. While Agnes, for some time, had been suffering from a few health concerns, she always, so characteristically, remained in good form, always cheery, a lady whose countenance portrayed welcome, acceptance, good naturedness, empathy and concern for others.

The transitory nature of life can be seen so clearly in that, not that many weeks ago, so many who are here today for Agnes's funeral, were present for the funeral of her brother-in-law, Mr Jack McElwee. Little did we think we would be back so soon for the funeral of Agnes. Such is life; such is death – and the certainty of it all. But Agnes was always a person who was 'earthed' in reality – she was fully aware of her mortality – indeed, she was an example to all of us in that regard – aware, always, that this life is transient, that what is lasting, eternal, awaits us in the world to come.

Agnes was born and raised, and lived and died, within the sound of the bells of St Columb's Cathedral. She was born in Orchard Row.

The eldest of six children, she was brought up in the close knit Lumsden family where Christian values were the bedrock of their daily lives and a spirit of mutual support and kindness existed among family, friends and neighbours. Throughout her life she remained devoted to her brothers and sisters and their families.

Agnes was married to her husband, William, a greatly respected solicitor in the City, for over 50 years before his death in 1999 and she devoted her life to raising their three children – Hester, Peter and Joan – and providing a loving and stable home.

In times of great change, Agnes remained steadfast in the community she knew so well and a locality where she had many good friends and neighbours and was a good friend and neighbour to others in return. SO often, Agnes would speak of her wonderful neighbours who, she would say, 'can't do enough for me.' Even after her husband's death, Agnes was determined to remain in her cherished neighbourhood and did so until the end – which is what she always wanted – retaining the love and respect of those around her.

She was a faithful member of the congregation of St Columb's Cathedral and continued to attend church on a regular basis for as long as her failing health allowed, and her weekly attendance at the Cathedral with her sister Margaret, and Margaret's recently departed husband Jack, was a joy to all three of them. One could have set one's watch to their arrival on a Sunday morning – always in such good time. They were true friends, as well as sisters. Love for her children remained the central focus in Agnes' life and this continued and expanded with the arrival of her four beloved grandchildren – Stacey, Stephanie, Richard and Natasha – and, in more recent years, her three great-grandchildren – Matthew, Addison and Peter – in whom she took a great pride, and they just adored her!

Despite her failing health, Agnes fought hard to retain her independence, steadfastly refusing to leave the home and the neighbours she loved; but she made the most of every opportunity to enjoy life with her vital hairdressing appointment each Thursday, her weekly visits to her sister, shopping expeditions with her daughters, days travelling to Donegal or the North Antrim Coast with her family and dining out with her children and grandchildren.

In her long and fulfilling life she remained unwavering, steadfast, in a world of change. She was the ever present wife, mother, grandmother, great grand mother, sister, aunt, friend, neighbour, and so much more, to all who knew and loved her. Today we are thankful for a life well lived, a rest well earned, and memories which will never be forgotten.

Agnes was a remarkable lady. She was a person of immense faith in God, whom she loved and served so faithfully. She was meticulous about her attendance at church, about getting her free will offering envelopes paid up, her Thrift Club/savings paid to the Cathedral, about supporting fund raising, whatever the cause.

We shall miss Agnes so very much, as a lady of great kindness, goodness, friendship, generosity, concern for others...the list could go on and on.

Agnes has been called from this earthly life to life in the Nearer Presence of the Lord whom she so lovingly, and faithfully, served, into the company of her dear husband William and all her departed loved ones.

We look forward to that joyful reunion with Agnes in the heavenly places. As we commit Agnes's earthly remains to their resting place, we thank God for her wonderful life in every aspect. May Agnes rest in peace, and be raised in glory."

Deepest sympathy is extended to Agnes's family – Hester, Peter and Joan – their families, and to Agnes's sisters, Margaret and Flora. Sadly, Agnes's brother, Billy, who had been very ill in hospital, died the day after Agnes was buried.

Following Agnes' funeral service in the Cathedral, which was conducted by Dean Morton, assisted by Canon John Merrick, Agnes' mortal remains were interred in Altnagelvin Cemetery.

The Reverend Canon Noel Moore MA

The Reverend Canon Noel Moore, former Rector of Glendermott, who died recently after a long illness, was an exemplary Rector, a priest of the highest calibre. He was a former Curate Assistant in St Columb's Cathedral back in the time of Dean Leslie Lawrenson, and then, years later, following incumbencies in Donegal, he was appointed to the Chapter of Derry Cathedral during his time as Rector of Glendermott.

Canon Moore never forgot his links with the Cathedral, and indeed liked to attend the Tuesday morning Eucharist when possible. I wish to put on record my appreciation of all his tremendous support and encouragement throughout my ministry, and especially for his good wishes on my move to St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin in what was the last telephone conversation we had before his condition worsened.

With his characteristic encyclopaedic knowledge of families and family connections, coupled to his great interest in people, Canon Noel ministered always with great care, concern and sensitivity. We thank Almighty God for every remembrance we have of Noel, and utilising a line from The Book of Common Prayer, which was so dear to his heart in the worship of the Church, we look forward to 'that joyful reunion in the heavenly places.'

Deepest sympathy is extended to Noel's daughter, Caroline, and to all who mourn his passing. May he rest in peace and be raised in glory.

William Morton

Deepest Sympathy

Very deepest sympathy is extended to William & Elma Lynn, and the Lynn family circle, on the death of William's uncle, Mr David Coulter, younger brother of the late William (Billy) Coulter, in Suffolk, in England. We remember also Ron and Etta Dobson and their family on the death of Ron's sister in England.

It was with sadness, also, that we heard of the death of Mr Robert Jackson, in England, whose funeral took place here in Londonderry. It is only recently that Robert very kindly donated to the Cathedral a most beautiful hand-carved oak pedestal, which the Dean dedicated. Robert was the son of the late Bobby Jackson who, for many years, was Sexton in St Columb's Cathedral.

Very deepest sympathy is extended to all the members of the Jackson family who are assured of our thoughts and prayers.

We remember also Billy & Davida Cairns, their son Nigel and his wife Alison and family, on the death of Billy's sister, Mrs Jacqueline Caldwell.

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- 9 July 2016 Penelope June, daughter of John Paul Conway & Claire Hannah Elizabeth Porter, 42 Ivy Mead Mews, Altnagelvin.
- 9 July 2016 Evan Sean Richard, son of John Paul Conway & Claire Hannah Elizabeth Porter, 42 Ivy Mead Mews, Altnagelvin.
- 10 July 2016 Thomas Luke Emmet, son of Emmet John Fallon & Catherine Alice Duddy, 9 Winchester Park, Kilfennan, Londonderry.
- 17 July 2016 Finlay Joseph William, son of Iain Scott Gordon & Lorna Jean Lianne Harper, 4 Scalpay Place, Kilmarnock, Scotland.
- 21 August 2016 Kenedi Marshall, son of Kenneth Martin Gourley & Sabrina Leanne Wilkinson, 58 Templetown Park, Maydown, Londonderry.
- 27 August 2016 Alfie Darren, son of Darren John Griffiths & Cheryl Louise Roberta McKimm, 41 Westlake, Enagh, Londonderry.
- 27 August 2016 Charley Faye Noelle, daughter of Darren John Griffiths & Cheryl Louise Roberta McKimm, 41 Westlake, Enagh, Londonderry.

Holy Matrimony

“Those whom God hath joined together, let no one put asunder.

- 8 July 2016 Steven William Norris & Fiona Mary Anne McNeill, The Old Stables, Ballyclare
- 9 July 2016 Dwayne Samuel Montgomery & Patricia Noelle Wilkinson, Shackleton Crescent, Ballykelly
- 30 July 2016 David Halley & Rachael Janet Forgie, Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly
- 20 August 2016 Matthew Stephen Roberts & Carolyn Millar, Finsbury Avenue, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

Burial

“The Lord is my Shepherd.”

- 30 July 2016 Robert Stanley Hamilton, 63 Blackburn Crescent, Woodburn, Londonderry. Funeral service in St Columb's Cathedral followed by interment in Ballyoan Cemetery.
- 1 September 2016 Agnes Long, 22 Abercorn Road, Londonderry. Funeral service in St Columb's Cathedral followed by interment in Altnagelvin Cemetery.

Flower Rota September

4 - Mrs Muriel Hughes (In memory of Joy Turner)

11 -

18 - Mrs Joan Ferguson

25 -





IN MEMORIAM

Fabric Fund

Hamilton

Precious memories of my loving husband Stanley

From his wife Eileen £100.00

Treasured memories of our dad Stanley

From Stephanie, Robert, Esdale, Linda & Emma £100.00

Beautiful memories of our granda Stanley

From Aimee, Kyle, Chloe, Caleb, Aaron, Elle, Isaac, Mya, Robbie & Alisha £100.00

In memory of our cousin Stanley Hamilton

From Dorothy McGowan £20.00

From George Johnston £30.00

From Bridie, Blackpool £10.00

From Tom, Italy £30.00

In memory of Stanley Hamilton

From Joe & Elma Hetherington £20.00

From The Alford family £40.00

From Raymond & Oonagh Todd £30.00

From Billy & Marion Walker £20.00

From Ian Bartlett £20.00

From Edwin Hutchman £40.00

From Billy & Joy Begley £40.00

From Shirley & Morris Forbes £20.00

From Andy, Kathleen & Lisa McCorkell £20.00

From Tom & Maude Gault £30.00

From Etta & Ron £25.00

From Muriel Hamilton £25.00

From Elizabeth Mills £20.00

From Lil Wilson £20.00

From Val & Maurice Brown £25.00

From Joan & Charlie Ferguson £20.00

From Hugh & Elizabeth Lindsay £25.00

From Norman & Pamela Donaghey & family £20.00

From Billie & Fay £20.00

From Amy Moore £50.00

From Valerie & Robin Godfrey (Sister) £100.00

From Mrs I Mowbray £ 20.00

From Mr & Mrs Billy Blair £30.00

From Helen (Cousin) & Howard Kirk £10.00

From Elwin & Elizabeth Colhoun, Broughshane £20.00

From Alistair, Ben & Cathy Gilmore, Cullybacky	£20.00
From Roy & Frances Colhoun	£50.00
From (Sister-in-law) Mr & Mrs Colhoun	£50.00
From Gerry & Noel Browne	£10.00
From Uel & Jean McIvor	£20.00

In loving memory of our parents James & Hannah Pomeroy & David & Jane McCauley

From Will & Jean Pomeroy £1,000.00

In loving memory of a dear sister Margaret Robson called home 7 July 2016 in

Northumberland

From Etta & Ron £100.00

In memory of Jack McElwee

From the Houston family, Claudy £20.00

From Millie & Jack Henderson £25.00

In loving memory of my wife Avril

From George Laverty £100.00

In memory of Miss Molly Roulston

From Brian, Pauline, Paul & Mark Doherty £25.00

In memory of our dad Lennie Moore

From Lynn, Alison & Suzanne £30.00

In memory of Bobby Jackson

From Richard Doherty £25.00

Donations to Fabric Fund

From Mrs Millie Campbell £30.00

From Mr William D McCauley, Limavady £75.00

From the Estate of the late Dora Hughes £1,000.00

Baptismal Thankoffering

On the Baptism of their grandson Finlay Joseph William Harper

From Joe & Elma Hetherington £200.00

On the Baptism of Penelope June and Evan Sean Richard

From Claire & John Porter Conway £70.00

On the Baptism of Finlay Joseph William

From Iain & Lorna Harper £100.00

On Baptism of Thomas Luke Emmet

From Emmet Fallon & Catherine Duddy £50.00

On the Baptism of Kenedi Marshall

From Sabrina Wilkinson & Kenny Gourley £100.00

On the Baptism of Alfie Darren and Charley Faye Noelle

From The McKimm & Griffiths family £60.00

SUNDAY SERVICES:	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	(1st & 3rd Sunday of the month) Choral Eucharist
		(2nd & 4th Sunday of the month) Choral Matins
	4.00 pm	Evensong
4th SUNDAY:	10.00 am	Family Service
EACH TUESDAY:	10.30 am	Holy Communion

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