

## St Canice's News



27 November 2022  
Advent Sunday

### WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

A very warm welcome especially to Tillie May Jamison, her parents Thomas and Kara and the family circle as she is baptised.

*Creator God, we thank you for the gift of the life of this child, Tillie, who is to be baptized. May your blessing of peace and joy be with her and protect her all her days. We make this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*

Today is also marks the start of a new church year, Advent Sunday. This morning in our worship, we'll be thinking about one of the key Advent themes – joy. Special thanks

to Sandra Burns, supported by Dawn Cairns, for the gift of the Advent Wreath, and the candles which will be lit on Christmas Eve.

### NEXT SUNDAY

10am – Daybreak family worship

11am – Holy Communion

### NATIVITY SCENES' FESTIVAL

Starts this Friday at 10am with a short service with two local school choirs. Open until 8pm, 6pm on Saturday, and from 2-6pm on the Sunday. You can dress up and take your place in the nativity scene with real-life Denver the donkey! Denver will there 3-4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Other attractions - pick your favourite nativity scene (the winner gets £100 for their favourite charity). Quiz for the children. Donations for Jennifer's Journey, a local homeless charity, and our Building Fund.

### SPARK

Meets tonight between 7.00–8.30pm in Faughanvale Presbyterian Church hall. For all young people of secondary school age.

### CHOIR

Practice for our Carol Service on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6:45pm in the mobile.

### SELECT VESTRY

Meets on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm by Zoom.

### FLOWER ARRANGING CLASSES

On Wednesday at 7.30pm in the mobile behind the church.

### CONFIRMATION GROUP

Meets Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm in the mobile.

**CANDLELIGHT ADVENT PROCESSION**  
this evening 7:30pm in St Columb's Cathedral.

### PRAYER CHAIN

For confidential prayer for anyone (including yourself), please call/text Ann 07547202649.

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### MAGAZINES ETC

Copies of the Diocesan n:vision magazine, our Christmas magazine, and other materials are available at the back of the church for distribution this week. Grateful if those who deliver them could collect them today.

### TALKING CLIMATE JUSTICE

Workshop led by Christian Aid to help us to grapple with issues of poverty, the climate crisis, and how we can act for climate justice. 8th December 7-9pm at the Diocesan Centre, 24 London Street, Londonderry.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT SERVICE

Christmas presents will be collected to be given to Kinship Care for distribution among families in need at our service on 11<sup>th</sup> December. Maybe when you're shopping over the next few weeks, you might consider popping a gift for a child in your basket.

### YOUTH POST

We are readvertising the post we share with Faughanvale Presbyterian Church, with revised terms and conditions. Please see our Facebook page for information, make this known and pray for a good response.

### ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITAL CHOIR

is holding its annual Carol Service in our church on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7:30pm (not 7pm as previously announced). This excellent choir is well worth hearing and since this is the first time they've chosen a church outside the city to hold their Carol Service in, please make a definite point of attending. Retiring collection for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust, the charity which assisted the Boggs family with repatriation in the sad circumstances of their recent bereavement.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:30pm – a free concert to mark the end of our 200 years' celebrations. A wide variety of excellent artists with a programme that promises to get you into the Christmas spirit.

### CONDOLENCES

We are deeply saddened to learn of the death last Friday of Gerard O'Donnell, while he was in South Africa. Gerard will be known to most as a generous, caring, kind member of this community, who worked hard over many decades to being joy to this village, especially during some tough times. Please keep his widow, Rosemary, and his family circle in your prayers.

### TEAR FUND

Is doubling the amount you donate to their Christmas appeal, and it can be gift-aided too, so £50 will become £125 for the world's neediest people. [Christmas Appeal - Tearfund](#)

### TIME CAPSULE

We are preparing to plant the time capsule with items that will convey to future generations what St Canice's was like in 2022. If you have ideas, speak to Olga, or the Churchwardens.

### The Collect and Readings

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Matthew 24: 35-44

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 'Therefore keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

### FREEWILL OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Rector is ordering new envelopes for 2023. All existing envelope users will receive a new set, and retain their existing number. If you would like to have envelopes, please let the Rector know as soon as possible. Thanks

### THRIFT SHOP

We would particularly welcome donations of Christmas decorations and toys, which are selling well at the moment.

### OCCASIONS

Best wishes to Dawn Cairns who celebrated her birthday recently. Please let the Rector know of any special occasions.

### RECTOR

Canon Paul's day off this week is Thursday.

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