

St Canice's News

4 May 2025



Easter 3

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP



At the start of our service today we will take a moment to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day, a significant day in the history of our nation, and of the world. We will also be thinking about the meaning of another significant day, the Confirmation of nine of our young people next Sunday, and of a link between the two events.

NEXT SUNDAY

10am JAM children's activity in the mobile

11am Confirmation

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Andrew will be with us next week at our 11am service to confirm nine of our young people. The first Communion of those

≡ Please join us ≡

recently confirmed will be the following Sunday, 18th May. Please make a point of being at both services, as part of the church family, to support these young people. There will be a rehearsal and final session tonight at 6pm. Please pray for the candidates: Anna, Catherine, Chloe, Isa-Mae, Maggie, Olivia, Rosa, Jack, and Jensen, that they will be given strength to keep the promises they make and find ways to play their part in the life of the church.

EILEEN'S OPEN GARDEN

Treat yourself and your friends to a visit to Eileen Hepburn's wonderful garden. The garden is open from now until 29th June on Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 1 and 5pm. Suggested donation £5, or £10 to include tea and cake. By appointment only with William (07817 941884) or Eileen (07748 570573). Leave a message and they'll get back to you.

BRITANNIA WIND CONSORT

Will play a lunchtime recital this Wednesday in Christ Church, Infirmary Road, Londonderry, starting at 1.10pm. Music ranges from Baroque to Modern. Admission free; a voluntary contribution can be offered.

VE DAY SERVICE

A civic service will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th May to mark the 80th anniversary of 'Victory in Europe Day'.

RECTOR'S RETIREMENT



It's only two weeks now until Canon

Paul's retirement! We are organising a lunch

on Sunday 18th May, immediately after church, to thank Canon Paul for his almost ten years as our Rector. The lunch will be held in the Presbyterian Church Hall. Tickets are £20 (adult) and £10 (children). The cost will cover a main course - turkey and ham or roast beef (GF option), apple tart with ice cream/custard or raspberry and white chocolate cheesecake (GF option), tea and coffee. We need to know numbers attending and your menu choice for catering purposes, by next Sunday 11th May please. Book your place(s) with the Wardens as soon as possible, or email elaine.way25@gmail.com to confirm bookings/menu choices. Some parishioners have said they would like to contribute to a leaving gift. You may do so through the Wardens or the Treasurer, Ernest Moore.

ADMINISTRATION

Please complete the GDPR and gift aid forms you were sent in December please. If you've mislaid them, please let the Wardens know and we can provide new forms, which are at the back of the church. The Rector is keen to ensure that the new incumbent has as complete and up-to-date list of parishioners as possible. Many thanks.

THRIFT SHOP

We'd like to strengthen our team of volunteers as we approach the summer leave period. Do you enjoy working with people? Could you give three hours a week to help the church? If you might be interested, please speak to Elaine Way or Roberta Sinclair about what volunteering entails. Many thanks'

MUSIC IN MAY CONCERT POSTPONED

Regretfully, the musical evening planned for 14th May has had to be postponed. Please watch this space for details of a new date

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you board the wrong train,
it's no use running
along the corridor
in the other direction.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

SYMPATHY

Your prayers are valued for the family of Walter Lynch who was laid to rest in St. Canice's graveyard yesterday.

OCCASIONS

Happy birthday this week to John White (we were a week early last week!) Please let the Rector know of your special occasions.

RECTOR

Canon Paul plans to be off on Thursday this week.

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The Collect and Readings

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Acts 9: 1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

John 21: 1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'