

# F OCUS

On St. Andrew's Cathedral  
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## **Summer Edition**

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# The Provost Ponders

By The Very Rev'd Dr Isaac Poobalan

## **A time to labour and a time to rest - Holidays**

We enter a period of rest from our labours, at least those in education. I hope we would make an intentional effort to stop even briefly to come home to core of our being and being found loved by God of Sabbath. I am going to be brief in my pondering and help in your journey of resting and be refreshed.

## **A time to speak and a time to listen – CDP 2020**

We have been speaking a lot about the Cathedral Development Programme. There is now several questions arising from our speaking. It is time to listen to one another and most importantly to God who calls us in love.

## **A time to sing and a time to hear – Liturgy**

Over the summer period, the congregation will sing the parts normally led by the Choir. Please come and sing joyfully every Sunday. We will use liturgy which is familiar to most people.

## **God of Surprises**

I hope you are not too surprised by the brevity of this pondering. I believe, we are in a place of careful listening. Let us prayerfully listen to one another. God bless,  
Isaac

## **CDP2020 Fundraising**

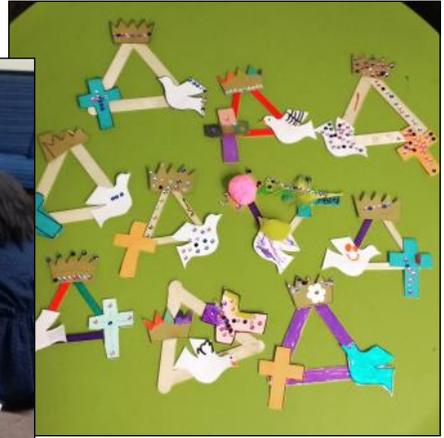
The total pledged by individual benefactors towards the Development Programme now stands at £94,773, including gift aid, of which £66,610 has already been received. We look forward to passing the £100,000 mark!

The Trustees and Development Team had a meeting with a fundraising expert from London on the 12th June. He gave us some plain-speaking advice about the strategy and resources needed to raise the sums of money we require for the programme. The Trustees met again on 14<sup>th</sup> June to consider his advice and the best way forward. This is work in progress and we will report fully to the congregation after the summer break.

*Claire Morrisson*  
Director of Fund-raising

# Godly Play Update

By Lucy Macdonald



The children have been learning about the Good Shepherd and the Holy Trinity this term. We have used Godly Play to tell the story of the Good Shepherd and the World Communion and also the parable of the Good Shepherd. If you would like to see and explore the materials we used for these stories please ask a member of the Young Church team.

We are also thinking about the different names for God by making our own Trinity Triangles. We cut out shapes for the Father, the Son and the Holy

Spirit and talked about how the three parts came together to be one.

You may have seen the children in church joining in with the Lord's Prayer using sign language. The older children have learned the words and we will continue to explore this prayer (in many formats!) over the rest of the year. If you speak any other languages and would like to share the Lord's Prayer in another way with us, or would like us to teach you the sign version, please get in touch!

## Children's Ministry

By Moira Middleton



The Summer Holidays are on us again. We have had a very busy session with wonderful Mother's Day and Father's Day family celebrations. The Godly Play, Junior Church team are having a break so the older children should attend the Sunday Eucharist with their parents.

The Crèche will operate as usual for all preschool children. Hope you all have a lovely Summer.

*Children's Ministry Team*



## Mothers' Union Update

By Kathy Priestley

By the time you are reading this we will have had our summer outing to Peterhead Prison Museum. Twenty of us are going and a full report will be in the next Focus.

Sunday July 2nd - a special day celebrating 75 years of Mothers Union, Cathedral Branch. Sylvia and Mimi will be enrolled as members during the morning service and the committee will also be commissioned. We hope you will enjoy sharing the celebratory cake with coffee after the service.

After the summer break we start our new session with the next meeting on Tuesday September 5th. More details later.

We are planning to go to the pantomime "Cinderella" at 2pm on Saturday December 9th in the Tivoli Theatre followed by high tea in the Station Hotel. Everyone is welcome to come. Tickets will be around £16/17 depending on group discounts. To reserve a place contact Kathy ASAP.

## Choir News

By Andrew and Claire Morrisson



Photo one: Outside Belfast Cathedral. Photo two: Inside Belfast Cathedral.

We were delighted to have several choir promotions at Evensong on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Zuzanna Prusik and Adrian Dongo received their surplices, Heather Robinson received her dark blue ribbon, Moro Olaosebikan her red ribbon and Elizabeth Poobalan her yellow ribbon. Thomas Cameron was promoted to Deputy Head Chorister. We congratulate all the successful trebles on their achievements.

The choir term ended on

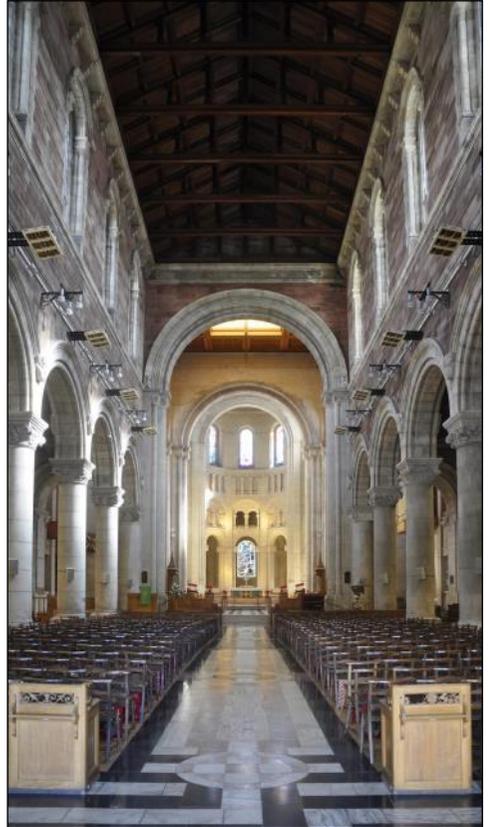
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June and the trebles adjourned to Pizza Hut after Evensong to celebrate the end of the academic year in traditional style. The summer tour will take place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August and the choir will sing services at Guildford, Rochester, Chelmsford and Southwark Cathedrals. Please check Focus in September or October for a report of the trip. The choir will resume singing at St Andrew's on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### Ed Jones

We are delighted that our former Assistant Organist, Ed Jones has been appointed as Assistant Organist of St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast (pictured) and will move from Exeter in January 2018.

St Anne's Cathedral, also known as Belfast Cathedral, is a cathedral of the Church of Ireland in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It is unusual in serving two separate dioceses Connor and Down and Dromore, and is the focal point of the Cathedral Quarter in Northern Ireland's capital city.

Built over a period of 80 years, the foundation stone was laid in 1899 and the nave (also pictured) was consecrated in 1904. The new Cathedral was built around the old Parish Church, which remained in use up until 27th December 1903, when the last service was held in it. The parish church, with the exception of the Sanctuary, which was incorporated in to the new Cathedral, was then demolished. In 1981 the North



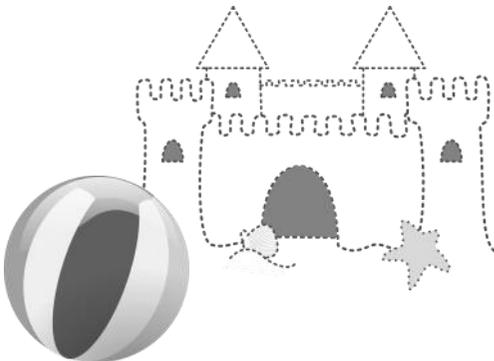
Transept was finished and in 2007 the Spire of Hope was added.

Ed said he was looking forward to his move to Belfast. "It is all extremely exciting, there is so much going on in the Cathedral and in the city," he said. "St Anne's has a wonderful organ, it is big and loud, but has

some wonderful quiet aspects as well, which can make a delicate, warm, rich sound."

In his new role in Belfast, Ed will be principal organist for choral services at the Cathedral and will be responsible for the junior girls' and probationer boys' choirs, deputising for Master of the Choristers David Stevens as required and assisting with the administration of the Music Department.

He will succeed St Anne's Organist Ian Barber and Assistant Master of the Choristers Thérèse Woodfield who will both leave the Cathedral later this year. The new role is an amalgamation of these two.



### **1. CDP2020 FUND RAISING AND PATRONS**

Fund raising is covered in a separate article in Focus.

The Provost reported that Professor Paul Mealor has agreed to become a Patron of the Development Programme and that Lord Glenarthur has agreed to become Chair of the Patrons. The Provost has also discussed the project with Professor Gordon Graham. He will visit the UK in the summer and be available to speak to the Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> July, providing an opportunity for an in-depth engagement.

### **2. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 2015 – SEPTEMBER 2016 ACCOUNTS**

Andrew Morrisson reported that the accounts have been received from Johnston Carmichael and circulated to the Trustees prior to the meeting. There were no questions. A copy will be displayed on the noticeboard in the cathedral porch and this will be advertised in the weekly service sheet.

### **3. UPDATE ON PVA (Peacock Visual Arts)**

Our architect has taken a comprehensive set of pictures of the state of the Art Space as vacated by PVA and transferred these onto 3 CDs, one for himself, one to be kept in the office and one to be given to PVA on handover of the keys. The Provost will contact PVA and set up a meeting for the handover of the keys, entry codes and the CD of the dilapidations.

Andrew Morrisson has met with our new solicitor, Caren McNeil of Peterkins. She seems well briefed on the Cathedral's interests and has drafted an annex to the previous lease, covering only the Old School House. She has also issued PVA with a temporary 'licence to occupy' the Old School House to cover the period until the new lease is signed.

The Provost, Andrew Morrisson and Claire Morrisson had an informal meeting with Numo Sacramento, the director of

PVA, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Numo informed them that he has a group working on the dilapidations. The Trustees agreed that the Peacock and Mitre meetings should be re-instated if PVA will agree.

### **4. UPDATE ON CATHEDRAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CDP) WORKS**

Lanes Drains have completed the patches to the drains the cathedral has responsibility for. Anderson will be employed to raise the manhole covers in the north alley, so that they are flush with the pavement. Mark Edwards will spray round the edges of the manhole covers with high-viz paint as a temporary safety measure until they are raised to meet the level of the path in the north alley. The new cathedral boilers are currently off but the pumps are circulating water round the system.

### **5. H&S AUDIT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO LAYOUT OF THE JSC FOR COFFEE SHOP**

The proposals include

extending the floor over the two steps from the upper to lower levels for most of their length, leaving access only at the west side, where the hand rails are, increasing the height of the storage units that demark the change in height and potentially installing curtains to run across the width of the hall and partition off the northern end. Mark Edwards performed an H&S audit of the proposals and made several recommendations, which the Trustees agreed to proceed with.

## **6. FORWARD LOOK TO UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

Summer Opening: Will commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and continue until Doors Open Day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Opening times will be 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday-Friday. Ann Leith has relinquished the organiser's role and Bill Henderson has taken this on.

August 6<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Mark will hold a Confirmation Service in the cathedral, time and format tba.

## **7. AOCB**

### *i. Access to the cathedral*

Members of the congregation had pointed out that, should the keypad on the vestry door malfunction, we would have no means of entry to the cathedral. It is advisable to have a second door that can be opened from the outside and it would be convenient if this were the south door, to facilitate passage between the cathedral and JSC. A keypad for entry via the south door would be ideal and this will be discussed with the architect.

### *ii. Stewards for concerts*

The administrator had notified the Trustees that she finds it very difficult to obtain stewards for concerts. The Trustees agreed that there were many other jobs that were also understaffed and they would place a general advert for new volunteers in the next edition of Focus. They will also review the conditions attached to cathedral and hall bookings and the method by which these conditions are notified to organisations renting the buildings.

## Informal Summary of the Trustees Meeting on 31 May 2017

### *iii. 1982 Liturgy Books*

The 1982 Eucharist Liturgy books used by the congregation are in a poor state of repair and the Trustees received a request to replace them. The Trustees agreed to print our own books, tailoring them to the form of service we use.

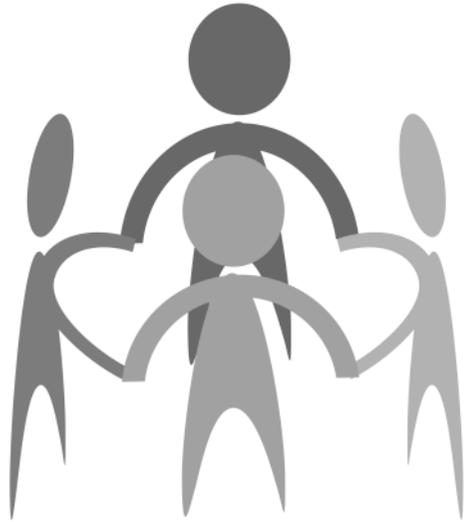
## Notices



### **Cathedral summer opening hours**

From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June until  
Doors Open Day on Saturday  
9<sup>th</sup> September.

Opening times are 10 am to 3  
pm, Tuesday-Friday.



Would you like to become  
more involved in the  
Cathedral Community?

**Volunteers are needed for:  
Sunday Reading Rota**

**Flower Team**

**Junior Church/Godly Play**

**Weekday cleaning**

**and more...**

For more information please  
contact the Cathedral  
Office, or one of the team  
leaders (contact information is  
on the back page of the  
Focus).



# GALLOWGATE GALA

SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017

## WANTED FOR CATHEDRAL STALL

In aid of St Andrew's Cathedral Development Fund

### DONATIONS OF

BOOKS

DVD'S

CD'S

JEWELLERY

JIGSAWS

GAMES

(Should all be in excellent condition and jigsaws must be complete)

HOMEBAKING

JAMS

MARMALADE

CHUTNEY

TABLET

SWEETS etc.

(Should have ingredients and date it was made)

Boxes will be available in Cathedral and JSC  
to drop off donations

### Volunteers needed

TO SET UP STALL AT 8am – (Unloading cars and carrying boxes to stall location)

TO MAN STALL FROM 10am – 2pm (If we get enough volunteers we can do 1hr shifts)

TO CLEAR UP AFTERWARDS AND TRANSPORT THINGS BACK TO CATHEDRAL

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**Aberdeen Youth Festival concert in the Cathedral  
1 August 2017**

Choral Concert with the RCS Voices &  
Hamrahlídarkórinn (Iceland) at 7.30 pm

Tickets at £9.90/£6.60 available from the Box Office

From the Aberdeen International Youth Festival  
website:

“RCS voices is a chamber ensemble featuring many of the best student voices from the conservatoire based in Glasgow.

Hamrahlídarkórinn also make a welcome return visit to AIYF and both choirs are sure to enchant with their mix of music that will perfectly fit the Cathedral's ambiance and acoustics beautifully.”

## Events Around the Diocese

### **PLEASE PRAY**

Over the summer please pray for the Diocese and members of the Preparatory Committee as the election process for a new bishop continues.

### **OPEN DAY**

Saturday 1 July 12 noon to 6.00pm

St John's Rectory, 15 Ashley Road, Aberdeen

The rectory has recently be refurbished. All welcome to view the changes. Strawberry Teas being served.

### **GARDEN PRODUCE EXCHANGE**

Starting Monday 3 July 10.00 to 11.30am

St Anne's Kemnay

Every Monday morning until end of August.

### **MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER CIRCLE**

There will be no meetings of the Prayer Circle in July and August. The next meeting is on Tuesday 19 September 2.30pm, St Mary's, Carden Place, Aberdeen

### **CITY WIDE PRAYER GATHERING**

Friday 21 July 7.30 to 9.00pm  
Seaton Community Church,  
School Road, Aberdeen

### **ANNUAL LOGIE BUCHAN SERVICE**

Sunday 6 August 3.00pm  
Logie Buchan Church, Ellon

### **CITY WIDE PRAYER GATHERING**

Friday 11 August 7.30 to 9.00pm  
King's Community Church, King Street, Aberdeen

### **LUNCHTIME FELLOWSHIP**

Tuesday 29 August 12.30 to 1.30pm

St Mary's, Carden Place, Aberdeen

In Choir Vestry (please use side door). For more information contact Mary McKinnell: [itofficer@aberdeen.anglican.org](mailto:itofficer@aberdeen.anglican.org)

### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

Saturday 2 September 2.00 to 4.00pm  
St Devenick's Church, Bieldside

# July/August Diary

## Weekly Services

Wednesdays at 10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sundays at 8.00 am	Holy Communion (1970 Liturgy)
Sundays at 10.45 am	Eucharist (1982 Liturgy) followed by coffee in the JSC
Sundays at 10.45 am	Crèche available in the JSC
Sundays at 6.30 pm	Evensong

## Weekly Events

Tuesdays at 6.00 pm	Fellowship, JSC
Fridays 10.00 am to 12 noon	Cathedral Coffee Shop (Teas/ Coffees, and a whole range of homebaking, as well as sandwiches available)
Saturdays at 12 noon	Cathedral at Noon (30 minute recital followed by refreshments)

### **Cathedral at Noon - July/August**

**8 Jul Lesley-Ann Hastie**

*20th-Century American Jazz- and Blues-inspired Piano Works*

**15 Jul Sarah Alexander**

*Classical Accordion Music*

**22 Jul Andrew Fowler**

*Music for Solo Piano*

**29 Jul Michael Caraher**

*Organ Music*

**5 Aug Fearghal McCarten**

*Music for Solo Harp*

**12 Aug Megan Cormack**

*Music for Voice*

**19 Aug David Cumming and Dylan Findlay**

*Music for Trumpet and Trombone*

**26 Aug Roger Williams**

*Organ Music*

All are welcome to attend the Cathedral at Noon performances held every Saturday at noon! This is a free event, with a light lunch provided afterwards.



**We are taking a bit of a break, so there will not be an issue of the Focus magazine published for August.**

**The deadline for the September issue of the Focus magazine is the 31st of August.**

Please send your articles to Amber at [a.shadle.07@aberdeen.ac.uk](mailto:a.shadle.07@aberdeen.ac.uk).

Many thanks to all those who contributed to make this

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