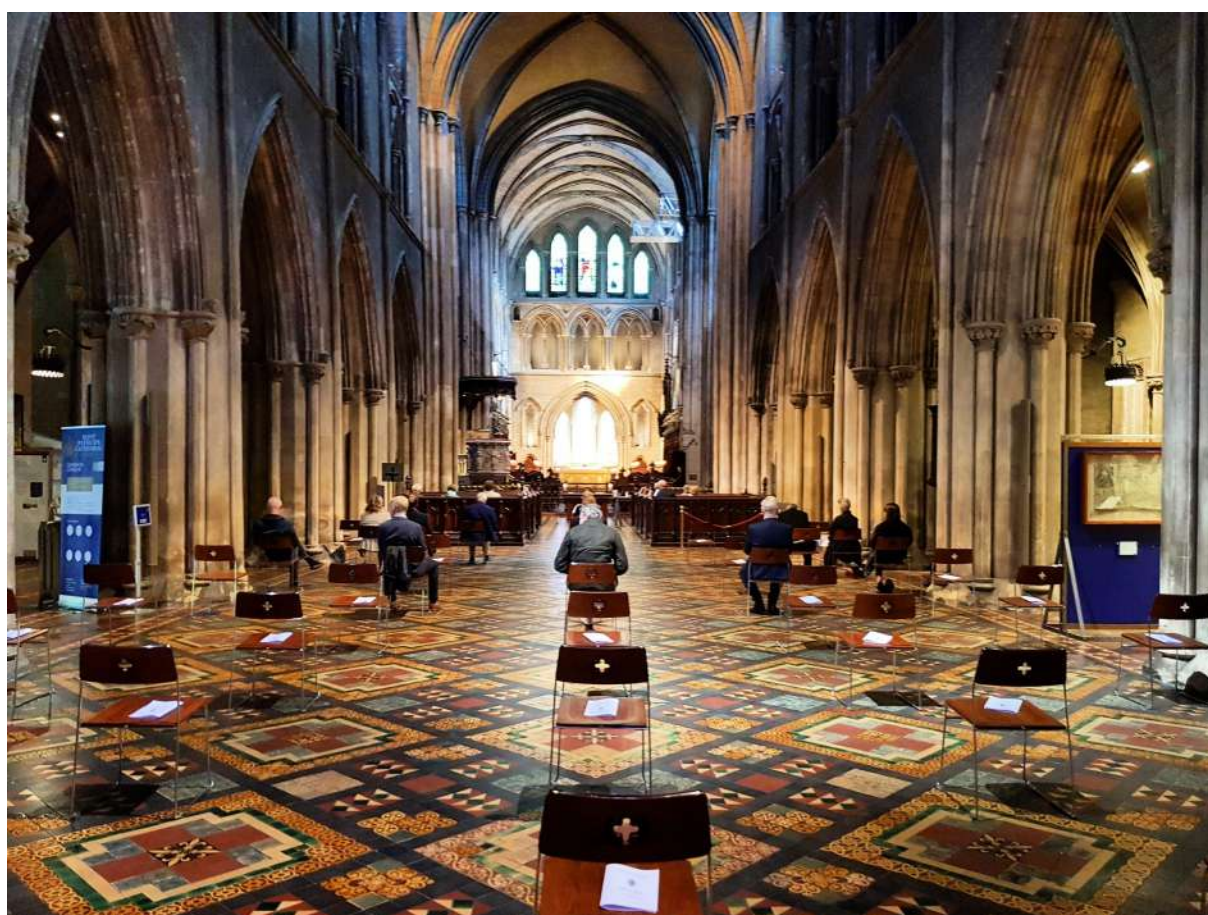




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PATRICK'S  
CATHEDRAL  
DUBLIN

# CLOSE NEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2020



THE 'NEW NORMAL' FOR WORSHIP IN SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
WHICH OPENED ON SUNDAY 5 JULY

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## SERVICE TIMES

### ***Sunday***

09.15	Eucharist ( <i>said in the Lady Chapel</i> )
11.15	Choral Eucharist / Choral Matins
15.15	Choral Evensong

### ***Monday to Friday***

09.00	Sung Matins ( <i>during school term</i> )
11.05	Eucharist ( <i>said in the Lady Chapel on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saints' Days and Festivals</i> )
17.30	Choral Evensong / Evening Prayer

### ***Saturday***

11.05	Eucharist ( <i>said in the Lady Chapel</i> )
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## JULY PREACHERS

July 5	The Revd J. D. M. Clarke	<i>Prebendary of Tipper</i>
July 12	The Revd P. K. McDowell	<i>Prebendary of Clonmethan</i>
July 19	The Revd S. E. Doogan	<i>Prebendary of Wicklow</i>
July 26	The Revd R. Warren	<i>Prebendary of Tipperkevin</i>

## AUGUST PREACHERS

August 2	The Revd M. D. Gardner	<i>Prebendary of Maynooth</i>
August 9	The Revd T. C. Kinahan	<i>Prebendary of Monmohenock</i>
August 16	The Ven. R. W. Carney	<i>Prebendary of Taney</i>
August 23	The Revd G. V. Wharton	<i>Prebendary of Dunlavin</i>
August 30	The Revd T. S. Forster	<i>Prebendary of Yagoe</i>

## THE JULY/AUGUST PRAYER

Almighty God,  
you put down the mighty from their seat  
and you exalt the humble and meek;  
grant us your help to seek forgiveness, to offer mercy,  
and to walk humbly with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CM**

## THE DEAN'S SERMON 5 JULY 2020

The Dean was the preacher on the first Sunday back in the cathedral after lockdown and delivered the following address.

How we have longed for this day, when we are able to meet together for worship in our beloved cathedral.

Welcome back! It is so good to see you. I really appreciate you being here on this significant day.

It's been a long wait from when our last service was live streamed – on Friday 27 March – until today: over three months.

To be here this morning – allowing for the measures which we have had to implement – is such a blessing, and such a privilege. The fact that we have been able to keep safe and well is something for which we should be thankful without fail.

Among the effects of the dreaded Covid-19 virus, which has caused so many deaths and so much suffering, and inflicted loneliness, isolation and anxiety on innumerable people, is that, hopefully, it will make us never again to take things for granted, but instead, appreciate the precious gifts of friendship, and being able to meet with family members and friends, and to enjoy the social aspects of so much of life to which, often, many do not give a second thought.

That debt of gratitude is intensified as we remember those who lost their lives, and in the most harrowing of situations, away from their families, as we do those left to mourn, for whom life has changed for ever. There are also those who have lost their livelihoods, whose businesses have had to shut down, those whose mental health has been affected, those with life-limiting illnesses who couldn't receive treatment during the crisis.

Never to be forgotten is the marvellous work of all who met the challenge of the virus head-on: all frontline workers, some of whom sadly and tragically paid the ultimate sacrifice in doing so. We acknowledge them today, and pay tribute to them for their valiant work. We salute also the outstanding contributions of those in government, and in the HSE, the National Public Health Emergency Team, and all other agencies, and individuals, who offered guidance and skill in terms of restrictions without which the death toll and the number contracting the virus would have been much worse by far.

On the first day back in the cathedral, I pay tribute to our staff, and especially our Covid-19 response team of Gavan, Louis, Ken, Rowena and Stuart, through whose tremendous help, planning and expertise, we have been able to comply with the measures and open our doors to worshippers and visitors. Not only that, however.

Throughout lockdown, the continuity of worship continued thanks to the innovation of Mr Stuart Nicholson, Master of the Music, and members of the Choir, in the use of archived recordings, and remote recordings, to provide Sunday services, and since June 1st, Evensong on weekdays as well. I am also most grateful to the Organist, Mr David Leigh, for his twice-weekly series of organ recitals which has not only brought enjoyment to listeners through the music but has also provided a spiritual dimension as well, and these recitals courtesy of David, will continue through July and August. And thanks to all of you who continue to support the cathedral through listening in, through caring for others, and through your kind support of the cathedral, both your donations for Gift Day Appeal, and the Roof Appeal, but also through your prayers and resolve. I thank you all.



Canon Mullen and I are delighted you are able to be in church today for this eucharist, and thanks to him for the helpful guidance information, as well as the liturgical content, of the service sheets.

In today's Gospel reading we are reminded of the truth about God, and about his nature. God responds, and will continue to respond, to those whose earthly burdens are heavy, and all of us have been in that situation, granted, to varying degrees.

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all who are weary and whose load is heavy; I will give you rest.'

So, as we come out of this Coronavirus crisis, with all its perplexities and contradictions, I leave you with the comforting words of Louisa Haskins, words which are usually associated with the beginning of a new year, but then, we keep hearing that we are now in the 'new normal', so I will use them anyway!:

'I said to the man (who stood at the gate of the year), give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. He replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

May we all put our hand into the hand of God at this time.

William

## THE FRIENDS' FESTIVAL & GARDEN PARTY

The Friends' Festival Evensong & Garden Party, due to take place on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>. June, was, unfortunately, as we all know only one of many events this year to fall foul of Covid-19. A real pity, as the weather on the day turned out warm and sunny, unlike last year when the "Garden Party" had to be an indoor one. How fortunate we were on that occasion to have a Dean who so generously made us welcome in his home.

However, notwithstanding the disappointment of this year's cancellation, due to the technological expertise of the Master of the Music, Mr Stuart Nicholson, we did have a service, albeit a "streaming" one. From the archives Stuart made a wonderful evensong and we are very grateful to him for his work. The canticles were by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) and the lessons, the first from the book of Haggai and the second from the First Epistle of Peter, were read by the chairman of the Friends, Mr Albert Fenton. The anthem was the beautiful *Blessed City, Heavenly Salem* by Edward Bairstow (1874-1946). It was our great good fortune to have as our preacher the Very Rev Gregory Dunstan, dean of Armagh and since 2007 Prebendary of Swords on the cathedral chapter.

Our grateful thanks to all who made this possible, the Dean, the Dean of Armagh and Mr Nicholson and we hope that many Friends were able to avail of this facility. To those who did, it will be of interest to note that this year's Dean's Gift Day is towards improving the quality of this very welcome and appreciated streaming service. We hope that, when this *annus horribilus* is over, in 2021 we will be able to have a more conventional Evensong and that the sun will again shine on our Garden Party. **AF**

## THE ADMINISTRATOR WRITES

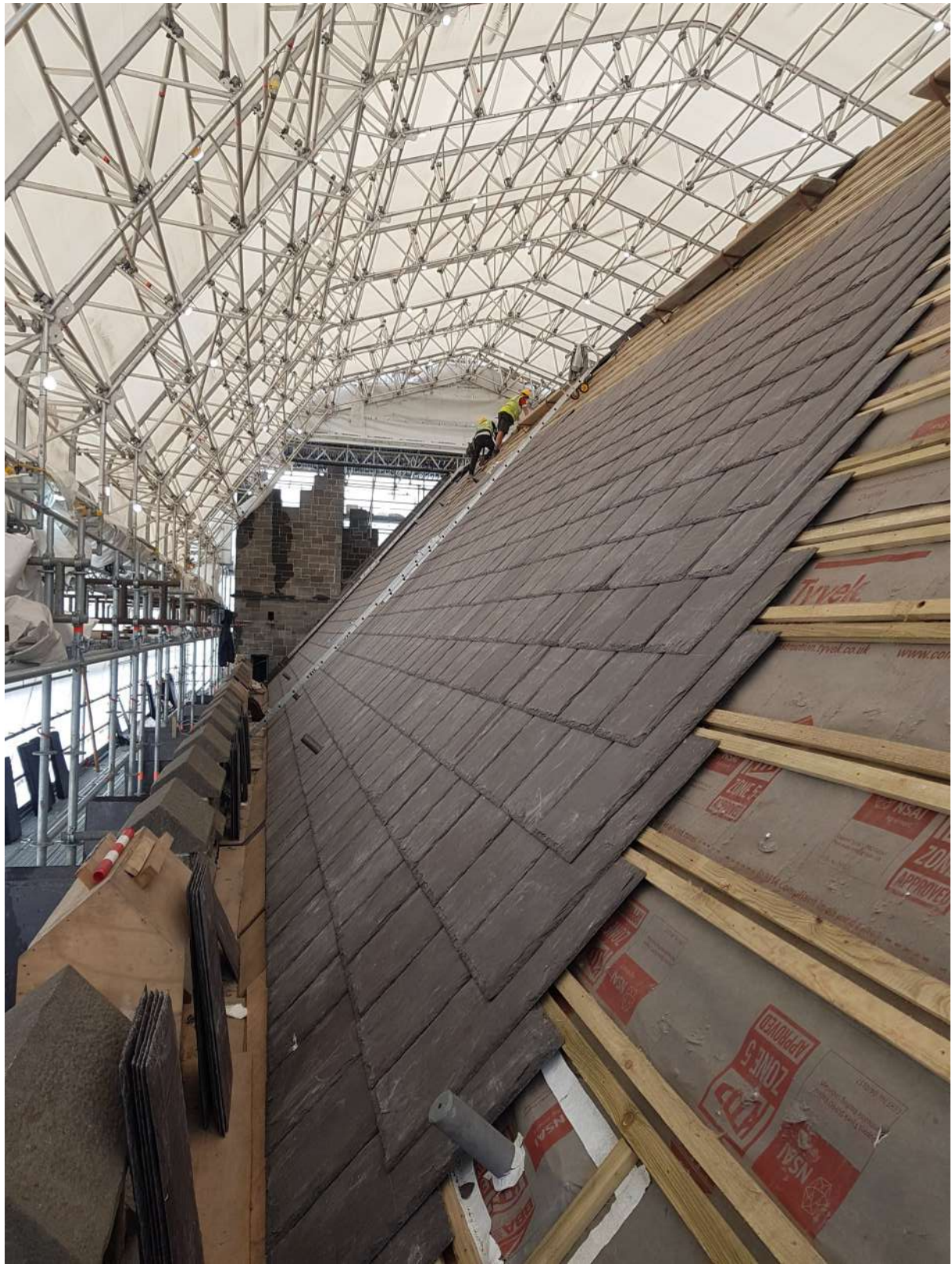
The Cathedral is now open for worship and visitors. It has been a long road to get to this position and I thank all of those who have worked to achieve it. We are not out of the woods yet, but we are grateful to be in a position to take positive steps towards functioning more normally again. The care the state is taking to ensure international travel will not resume until it is as safe as it can be to do so is something we welcome. We have maintained the view that a slow, carefully considered reopening coupled with a sustainable resumption of travel is preferable to another large scale lockdown.

Apart from a period of just seven weeks the roof project has continued throughout. Below the temporary roof over the nave I am delighted to report that the slating here is largely complete. It all looks very well indeed. The slates, the craft behind their installation, the associated intricate lead work and masonry repairs are a pleasure to behold. As some of you will have seen the scale of the scaffold for the next phase of works over the transepts is something else again. Over the next couple of weeks, the temporary roof over the nave will be dismantled as the new roof covering over the transept scaffolding is constructed. The rest of the scaffold around the nave will remain until the clerestory windows have returned following their repair.

Donations are continuously coming through for this important work, just as they are for the Dean's Gift Day appeal focused on improving the quality of the streaming of our services. We thank you for your generosity and support for these important projects.

**GHW**













## SAVE OUR ROOF

The Cathedral's roof is in urgent need of repair. We need to raise €9 million to facilitate this work. Can you help us? You can become a part of the living history of Saint Patrick's Cathedral by sponsoring a slate for the roof.

### BRONZE €50

Sponsor quarter of a slate and receive:

A mention on social media on our weekly sponsors post.

### SILVER €250

Sponsor a slate for the roof and receive:

A mention on social media on our weekly sponsors post.

A name in our "book of thanks" (displayed in the Cathedral)

A certificate of thanks.

### GOLD €1,000

Become a "keystone" of the roof works!

If you are interested in supporting this historic project then please make contact with the Cathedral's Administrator, Gavan Woods.

To get involved or to donate today, visit: [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie)



## OBITUARY - MARJORIE HAMPTON

A lady who gave sterling and devoted service to Saint Patrick's Cathedral over many years as Secretary to two previous Deans, and as a former member of the Cathedral Board, has died. The late Mrs Marjorie Hampton dealt with the daily administrative duties of the cathedral during the ministry of the late Dean Victor Griffin, and for some years with Dean Maurice Stewart, assisted by the late Canon Cecil Bradley. In those days the office was in the basement of Marsh's Library. Marjorie, who was instrumental in initiating the concept of the Dean's Gift Day Appeal, and many other projects, later served as both a member of the Cathedral Board, and of the Fabric Committee. She was renowned for her dedication, commitment, expertise, knowledge of the cathedral, not to mention her gifts of friendship, kindness and thoughtfulness, combined with a great sense of humour. She was a Life Member of the Friends and will be sorely missed by the Cathedral Family. Marjorie, late of Churchtown, was a resident in the Brabazon Trust Nursing Home. She was predeceased by her late husband, Archie.

The Dean & Chapter, and the members of the Cathedral Board, offer their condolences to Marjorie's sons, Patrick and Garret, daughters-in-law Becky and Alicia, grandchildren Anita, Erin, Carina, Ryan and Sean., and all of her extended family. A private family funeral took place in accordance with current government guidelines concerning public gatherings. The Dean wishes to acknowledge the kindness of Marjorie's family in requesting that donations, in lieu of flowers, should be forwarded to Saint Patrick's Cathedral - <https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/donate/>



*Mrs Marjorie Hampton with members of the Fabric Committee in February 2012*

**Saturday 31 October at 6.15pm**

## **THE WONDROUS MACHINE after Dark**

This year's ever popular All Hallows' Eve concert includes Bach's *Toccata and Fugue* in D minor, Saint-Saens' *Danse Macarbe* and Dukas' *Sorcerer's Apprentice*. Admission Free with a retiring collection in aid of the IRISH CANCER SOCIETY.

**Friday 18 December at 7.30pm**

## **HANDEL by CANDLE**

Following its success last Christmas, the Cathedral Choir will be giving another performance of part one of Handel's *Messiah* (alongside other seasonal offerings) in aid of the Cathedral Roof. Tickets €30-€50 available shortly from



## CHORISTERSHIPS



### Can your child sing?

We have places in the Cathedral Choir School for children going into 3rd and 4th class this September.

#### BENEFITS INCLUDE

- first rate education in Ireland's only specialist choir school
- free instrumental tuition
- unrivaled performance opportunities including concerts, tours, recording and broadcasts.

Want to learn more?  
[music@stpatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:music@stpatrickscathedral.ie)  
[www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/learn](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/learn)



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations from the Dean, Chapter, and the many friends in Saint Patrick's Cathedral of Canon Horace McKinley, who, on Sunday 5 July, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Canon McKinley, who has been a member of the Chapter since 1991, is a priest of the highest calibre, and a most faithful and dedicated pastor in the Church of God.

## ON-LINE MUSIC - AT THE FLICK OF A SWITCH!

Under the direction of Stuart Nicholson, Master of the Music, the choristers, together with the Gentlemen of the Choir, are heard in these CDs: *Christmas From Dublin; A Year at Saint Patrick's; How Can I Keep From Singing.*

In addition, CDs featuring the playing of David Leigh, Organist & Assistant Master of the Music are available: *From Highest Heaven* and *Organ Music From Saint Patrick's Cathedral.*

Please pre-book the brand new and exciting CD of Choir and organ, featuring music for Advent. This is to be released in the autumn.

Any enquiries may be emailed to [retail@stpatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:retail@stpatrickscathedral.ie) where Elizabeth will be delighted to help you with any questions you may have.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



#COMMUNITY  
#RESPONSE  
#TEAM  
#CALL

CRiTiCall—Community Response Team Call supporting people emerging from domestic abuse situations, compounded during Covid-19 restrictions.

- ROOF – Safe Haven, Sanctuary, Home, Security, Shelter, Protection
- PEOPLE – Community - Reaching out, Reaching in, Helping hands, Holding space.
- OTHER – Symbol of Hope, Wraparound, Virtual Embrace, Comfort

Seven organisations have come together to support people emerging from domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic – Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, Safe Ireland, Dublin City Volunteer Centre, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Volunteer Centre, Fingal Volunteer Centre, South Dublin County Volunteer Centre and Wicklow Volunteer Centre.

As part of Phase 1 of the partnership and in preparation for increasing demand for supports, we are appealing for several responses. The participating Volunteer Centres are today announcing a list of ways that you can be involved, which include:

**Donations** – purchasing much-needed items and dropping them off in D. 8

**Volunteer your home** – volunteer a holiday home or second property as a safe haven

**Write letters** of courage and hope to those emerging from domestic abuse

According to Kelley Bermingham, Community Officer, Saint Patrick's Cathedral "Under Operation Faoisimh, An Garda Síochána have recorded a 25% increase in reports of domestic abuse compared to the same period last year. Already, many refuges are at full capacity. We want to ensure that when people are ready to make the courageous step to leave an abusive situation that we have every resource to hand to support them in their recovery and pathway to a new, safe life."

Lord Mayor Tom Brabazon says of the initiative, "Domestic abuse takes many forms, as we know, so the response must be flexible, creative, and sadly immediate when danger is imminent. Lots of people feel unable to support someone, as they are reluctant to get involved, to interfere, to take sides, to put themselves at risk. CRiTiCaLL shows people how they might be able to respond to the needs of men, women and children in different ways and as Lord Mayor, I fully support this coordinated community response, as do my colleagues."

Dublin City Volunteer Centre Manager, Edwina Dewart, says "Volunteer Centres, at the heart of local communities, have always sought to connect people who are moved to respond to community needs with relevant groups and causes. Covid-19 has proven how volunteers are prepared to go above and beyond for those who need it most. We are delighted to be a core part of this wonderful, needed initiative, and will work with our partners, now and into the future, on how we all and will work with our partners, now and into the future,

on how we all creatively continue to provide practical supports around domestic violence.”

The Very Rev Dr William Morton, Dean of Saint Patrick’s said that “at a time when we are separated from our social network and supports, it is very difficult to contemplate the challenge that this presents for people who live with those who are the source of fear, violence and abuse. At this time, in this crisis, we reach out to extend ourselves to those who are living in such dire circumstances to do what we can, to help, to support and to respond.”

Offers of support to assist people in the immediacy will be directed to Kelley Bermingham, Community Officer of Saint Patrick’s Cathedral and Lisa Marmion, Services Development Manager of SAFE Ireland. These practical resources will then be allocated to where they are most needed through partnership with various organisations including An Garda Síochána, The Iveagh Trust and Serve the City, maintaining the dignity and respect for those who receive your gifts. Accommodation will be channelled via Lisa Marmion in SAFE Ireland. We have two other planned phases, details of which will follow when we launch them in 2021.



## A LETTER FROM ALICE LEAHY

Dear Kelley

Hope you and all our friends in St. Patrick's Cathedral have kept well during this very strange time.

Thanks to technology Jeanette has been able to keep on top of office work from home and she and I liaise daily. Jeanette has been aided by Lisa and both call to the centre once a week as there are certain things she is unable to do from home. Karen keeps the centre fresh and Brendan who lives locally meets some of the people we know who sleep rough and who continue to ask when we will reopen.

As you may know, Alan passed away peacefully in April after a long illness. We are interviewing a potential replacement for Matt who is due to retire on 3rd July after 13 years working with us. Our work will be very different when we reopen. Our centre is so small social distancing will mean only 4 people at a time can be allowed in. The core of our philosophy has always been about welcoming people and for example now even hand shaking will be impossible. People who reside in hostels, homeless centres or even flats will be encouraged to stay in their own facilities to ensure we are there for those who need us most, those who continue to sleep rough. However, we will of course strive to work with as many people as possible, mindful of health & safety. It is clear that the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive have done an enormous amount of work supported by NGOs but in spite of this, there are people who continue to sleep out. This is the nature of homelessness as opposed to houselessness and this will remain the case as it does throughout the developed world.

We, with the approval and support of our directors look forward to reopening on Monday 20th July, all going well with the Government's phased plan which so far seems to be moving in the right direction. We will also be guided by Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and HSE recommendations.

As you know, we could not do the work we do without the amazing support we receive from our many friends and supporters. With this in mind, we are pleased to let you know that we have ample food and clothes in stock for our planned re-opening in July. Going forward, it would be very much appreciated if anyone planning to call with donations could ring in advance so we can ensure that we don't have too many callers on the same day and have the necessary space required to store donations.

We very much look forward to meeting you all again in the near future – till then, keep safe and well.

Best regards

Alice



## **ORGAN RECITALS**

Organ recitals are available on live stream on Mondays and Fridays at 1 o'clock. The aim of the series is not only to provide some music for listeners' enjoyment, but also that, through the music, God's Presence and Peace may be found, and one's spiritual life uplifted and enhanced.

## **WILL US WELL**

When making, or amending, your Will please consider including a legacy bequest to the Cathedral. If you are interested in supporting us in this way, let your solicitor or Will-writer know that you wish to make provision for the Cathedral in your Will. For more information please contact the Cathedral Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods.

## **THE CATHEDRAL'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

The Safeguarding Handbook, as well as Safeguarding Trust, may be viewed on the Cathedral website. If you have a general enquiry or any concern relating to safeguarding at Saint Patrick's Cathedral contact Kelley Bermingham, Designated Liaison Person, on 01 453 9472 /086 6061080. Katherine McCormack has been appointed by the Cathedral Board as the Deputy Designated Liaison Person. If you recognise a safeguarding emergency in which a child or vulnerable adult is in danger, Tusla Child and Family Agency can be contacted on 01 856 6856.

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*The Dean & Canon Horace McKinley who on 5 July celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate.*

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