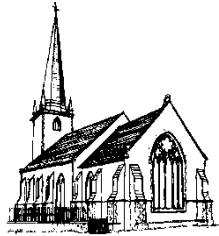


# Lisburn Cathedral

## *vestry voice*

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### ***To be Church as God intended***

#### **The Vestry Voice**

This is a new newsletter which seeks to improve communication concerning the work that the Select Vestry does on behalf of the Congregation. The first issue was produced in January 2008 and is available on the Cathedral Website ([www.lisburncathedral.org](http://www.lisburncathedral.org)).

#### **What did you miss in Issue 1?**

Issue 1 described how the Select Vestry is beginning to implement the Lisburn Cathedral Vision 2007-2015 as well as explaining how the Select Vestry is chosen and who the members are.

#### **Select Vestry Sub-Committees**

The Select Vestry delegates some of its fact-finding, decision-making and implementation of specific projects to smaller groups such as the Glebes (property/building), Finance, Mission, Rectory and Fund-raising Sub-Committees. Sub-Committees are made of members of the Select Vestry but may also co-opt others when their particular expertise is needed. From time to time a Sub-Committee may be set up for a special event such as the recent Flower Festival.

#### **Glebes Sub-Committee**

This Sub-Committee works closely with the Rector's and Peoples' Glebewardens to review the state of the buildings, commission professional reports when needed and gather together estimates for the work. The recommendations are then fully considered by the Select Vestry and prioritised. A recent review of the Church Buildings has revealed that major stonework repairs to the Spire and Tower are essential and that there is a pressing need to rewire and install a fire alarm and emergency lighting in the main Church Building. The Sub-Committee is exploring various options for grants to assist with these costs.

#### **Finance Sub-Committee**

This Sub-Committee liaises with the Honorary Treasurer and advises the Select Vestry on major financial decisions and on the distribution of funds to Missionary Organisations on behalf of the Church. The Cathedral has a policy of donating 10% of its income to missionary work (home and abroad). The Honorary Treasurer will be presenting the audited Annual Accounts at the Easter Vestry on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

### **Mission Sub-Committee**

Members of the Congregation who plan to go overseas for short term work or placement may make a request for financial support from the Mission Sub-Committee.

### **Fund Raising Sub-Committee**

This Sub-Committee was set up to coordinate and plan events to raise money to help pay for the renovation and refurbishment work that is ongoing. The next big event is the May Ball on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Edenmore Golf Club. Keep the date free and plan to come.

### **Rectory Sub-Committee**

This group meets with the Rector and his wife to discuss how best Rectory facilities could be used to make a Rectory fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Flower Festival Sub-Committee**

This Sub-Committee was responsible for the planning, advertising and organisation of the highly successful Flower Festival from 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2008 which raised over £20,000 for Refurbishment of the Cathedral and for Building work at Mongo Primary School. This was a wonderful effort! An enormous "Thank-you" to all members of the Congregation who served on the Sub-Committee, as well as to all who helped during the event.

### **Annual Easter Vestry**

All members of the Congregation are invited to attend the Annual Easter Vestry on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm. To be able to vote or to be elected to the Select Vestry, members of the Congregation need to have signed the Register of General Vestry. This Register is currently open and will remain open until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### **Tasks Completed**

In implementing Lisburn Cathedral Vision 2007-2015, renovation and refurbishment work has taken place including renovation of Cathedral heating, provision of new External Lighting, refurbishment of Chapter Room, Choir Vestry and Hall Kitchens and provision of improved disabled access to the Halls.

### **Challenges Ahead**

To continue to develop Lisburn Cathedral '*to be Church as God intended*' there are major challenges ahead. Essential repairs to the spire and tower are needed as well as rewiring for the Cathedral, installation of fire alarms and emergency lighting.

Currently Free Will Offering does not meet regular expenditure. The Select Vestry is very concerned about how such further major works are going to be funded.

### **What can you do?**

- The Select Vestry would ask that everyone would examine their giving in the light of our present financial circumstances
- Please consider how you can become more involved in Lisburn Cathedral and help to make it '*Church as God intended*'. If you would like to become more involved, please speak to a member of the Select Vestry.
- Please pray for the Select Vestry and for its next meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008.
- Please come to the Annual Easter Vestry.