



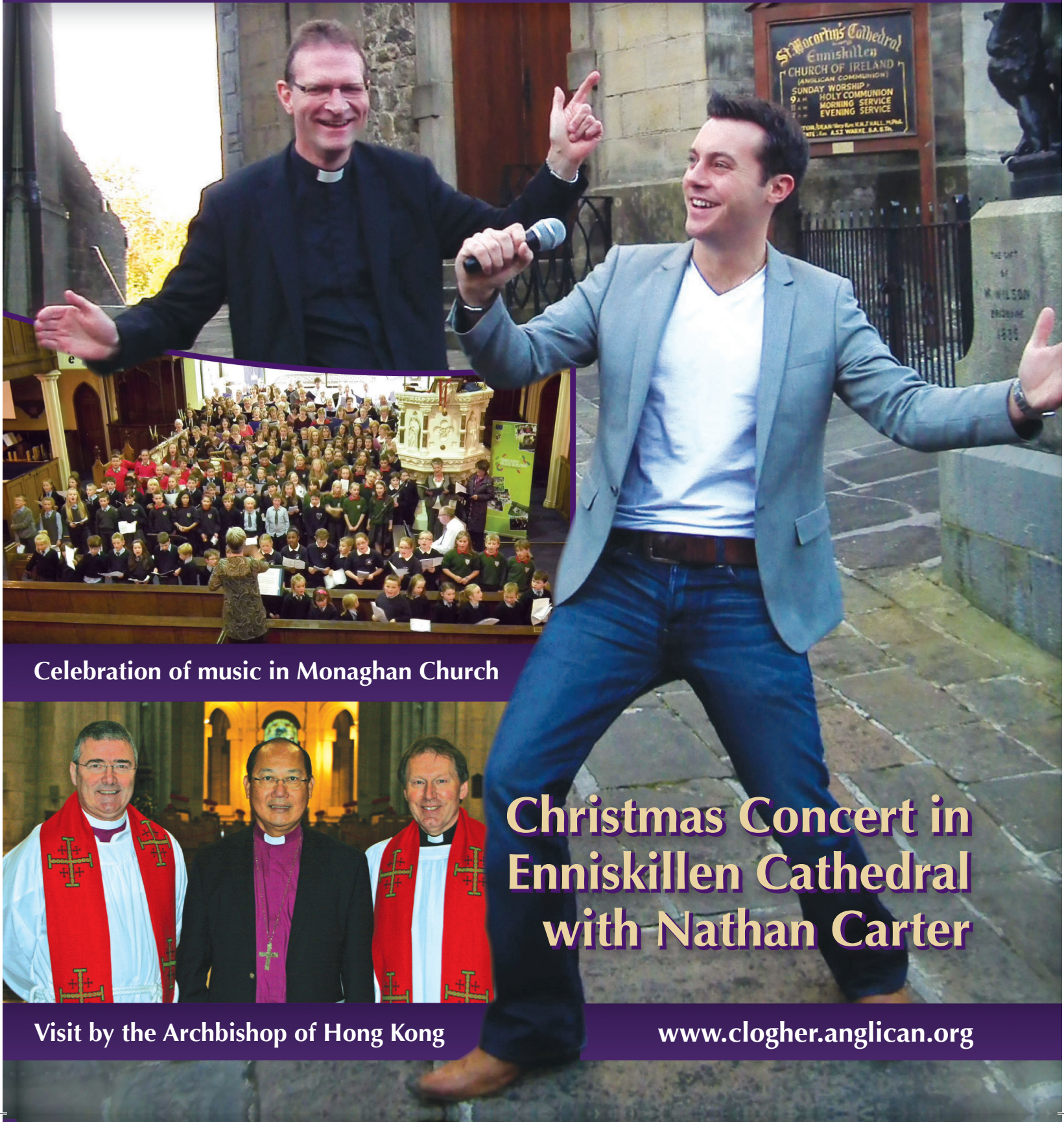
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## A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



In the past two years I notice that I have written something about the season of Advent in the November issue of the Diocesan Magazine. This time I want to write something about the week before Advent which also falls in November. It used to be called "Stir up" Sunday because of the opening line of the old Collect of the day: Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord.....

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The Sunday before Advent is now called "The Feast of Christ the King" and it is supposed to remind us that in Advent we prepare for the return of the King, just as at Christmas we celebrate the birth of the King.

But what sort of a King is he?

In the Bible the King is The Lord's Anointed. Just as with Queen Elizabeth at her coronation, oil was poured over the head of the Kings of Israel to indicate by anointing that they were chosen by God.

The word that the New Testament uses for this is "Messiah", which means literally "anointed". Jesus was the Messiah, the Anointed King of Israel. But, here is the interesting thing; he refused to allow people to call him by that name. He knew perfectly well that he was the Chosen One of the Father, but he refused to be called a King.

He refused to be called a King because he knew that people would misunderstand what that meant. Kings lived lives of luxury in palaces. In Jesus' day Kings did not care much about the welfare of their people who they looked upon as their servants. Kings had wealth and power and were often cruel and capricious tyrants.

Jesus was a king of a completely different sort - he was a Servant King, who did not exploit people. In fact He gave His life for His people. Kings in Jesus day could do whatever they liked. Jesus was a king who did not do what he liked, but who did the will of His Father.

That was the great battle of his whole life, to do what His Father wanted him to do. And that is the greatest battle of all of our lives - you and I - whose will should be done. Do we please ourselves or do we please God? Thy will be done.

And it is a great battle, not on one day of our lives, but every day, because there is something very deep within us which drives us to please ourselves. That is much of what the Bible means by the word "sin".

Of course it doesn't show itself in that way. When we please ourselves we are very good at dressing it up as though really it is for the good of others. That is part of the craftiness of sin. It was a great battle for Our Lord, who spent many nights of lonely prayer on the cold mountain to try to find out what the Father's will really was. It is no easier for us.

If we trace His footsteps from the sordid manger to the bloody cross we will find very little that would please us.

By nature we like to be respected and looked up to and it goes very hard with us if we think that people are looking down at us or sneering at us. But He was born into a very poor family indeed and amidst the muck of a byre. At no time in his life did he ever have an occupation or hold any official position or involve himself in any organisation that had any respect or prestige.

These are the names that he was called at different times in his life: a sorcerer, an imposter, a blasphemer, a drunkard and a rebel. Those were the only titles of honour that were given to him and he was the victim of every nasty tongue.

By nature we like to be thought well of and especially so when we go out of our way to be kind and courteous, and if that is not appreciated we can get very indignant. He was the world's greatest benefactor, and spent his whole ministry curing diseases and feeding the hungry and teaching the truth, and always repaying evil with good. And what was His reward? He was slighted by his family, and deserted by his disciples and one of his bosom friends betrayed him.

By nature we all like to be comfortably off and particularly nowadays we hate to have to go without. And what did God appoint for His Son, the King? He was abjectly poor and throughout his ministry he had no steady income. He had not so much as a house to lay his head. At one time he had to borrow the money to pay the Temple tax, which was a very small sum indeed. He owed his everyday existence to the alms of friends, mostly women, and sometimes had to depend on the figs that grew on trees at the side of the road for food. As S. Paul says "He was a beggar for our sake".

By nature we all like to have leisure time and hate to have too many demands on our lives. As the saying is now, we like to have our own space. Christ the King spent his days in continual labour, in restless travel - in

fact in complete vagrancy. He went always to where he thought he could be of help regardless. That is, he became a servant and someone who was always with people as one who served.

He taught with immense authority, and treated people with great graciousness yet near the end of his life he had to say "How often would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her brood, but you would not come".

What sort of recreation had he who tramped the roads of Palestine in search of lost sheep? What music did he hear but to be everywhere maligned and insolently mocked. To be styled a king and treated as a slave. To be spat on and struck, to be scourged and drenched in gall. To be crowned with thorns and deserted in the agony of death. These were the delights he had from the hand of the father who loved him before the foundations of the earth were laid.

These were the struggles which he had to undergo to answer the question "Whose will shall be done?"

No doubt the Father has not called us to the same degree of hardship and difficulty. But he does call us in our own lives and in our own times and in our own circumstances to struggle against our tendency to do our will rather than his.

To give the extra hour to visit a lonely person, to persevere in what we know to be right even though the rest of the world might think it is a useless waste of time. To serve his Church and his world in love and devotion. Probably we are not called to do the spectacular things that the great saints and heroes of the faith have been called to do. That doesn't matter to God. It is not the bigness or the weight of the task that matters to Him; just the love with which it is carried.

So, as we approach the Feast of Christ the King let us from time to time remember those words with which we are so familiar - "Thy will be done".

+John



*"Seems a doddle"*



*"Are you sure about this"*



*"Is there a handbrake on this thing?"*



### **Bishop John takes a leap of faith for Summer Madness**

The Bishop of Clogher, President of the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD), joined almost 140 others in hurtling down a 100 metre high Zip Line at Magheracross Car Park near Dunluce Castle on the North Antrim Coast in support of the Christian Youth Festival 'Summer Madness'.

Hundreds of locals and holiday visitors were treated to a spectacular Zip Line experience. The Summer Madness Youth Festival held the fundraising Zip Wire event, organiser, John Kee said "The stunning location was just begging for such an adventure and the weather turned the occasion into the most fabulous event we could have hoped for!"

# ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS



## Archbishop delighted to be christening Prince George

The Archbishop of Canterbury is delighted to have been invited to conduct the christening of HRH Prince George. Kensington Palace announced that the Prince will be christened at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace. Archbishop Justin said 'I am delighted to be invited to conduct the baptism of HRH Prince George. It is a great privilege and honour and will without doubt be an occasion of immense joy and celebration. I am looking forward to welcoming him into the family of the church.'

## Church leaders lament Christian persecution

Anglican and Oriental Orthodox Church leaders who recently met at Hampton Court shared not only prayer, worship and fellowship, but also their fears about the future of Christianity in the Middle East. Leading clergy and theologians from both Christian traditions met for the first Anglican-Oriental Orthodox International Commission in 12 years. Former Bishop of Clogher, Archbishop Michael Jackson, is a member of the Commission. They were there to engage in theological dialogue about important questions, which have kept eastern and western Churches separate for centuries, while at the same time to forge deeper bonds of faith

and mutual support. The dialogue's central topic was the Holy Spirit, but Christian persecution in countries across the Middle East was inevitably a key issue.

Speaking at the event, Bishop Angaelos of the Coptic Orthodox Church said, "We gather to remember our brethren in Egypt, Syria, and throughout the Middle East, where many continue to suffer persecution for their faith. Some suffer even to the extent of losing their lives, yet their faithful witness in the Middle East is a blessing to the whole Church, and to the whole world. The birthplace of Christianity is still a place in which Christians are witnessing every day and sometimes at great cost."

Archbishop Aphrem Karim of the Syrian Orthodox Church said, "A Latin American bishop told me, 'If a Church is not a suffering Church it is not a real Church'... But Christians are also people of hope, and suffering in this world will not separate us from Christ. What's happening in Syria and the Middle East is the cost we have to pay for our faith. But the whole people of the Middle East, Christians and Muslims, are suffering at the hands of groups that believe they act on behalf of God. We pray for these perpetrators that they may be touched by God's love, that they may change and see God's face in every human being around them."

Archbishop Welby said there was "an urgency and an importance" to the Commission's meeting not least because of the need for its members to seek "God's powerful hand" to deliver their brothers and sisters from persecution.



# CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS



## The Archbishop of Armagh meets with Dr Richard Haass

At the invitation of Dr Richard Haass, the Archbishop of Armagh accompanied by the Bishop of Clogher, met with Dr Haas and his colleagues for introductory discussions in Belfast recently. Following the meeting the Archbishop said "We very much welcomed the opportunity to meet with Dr Haass and his team and to have the opportunity to encourage them in their task and to offer whatever practical support we can for a fruitful outcome of this latest stage in the political process."

## Children's Ministry Development Officer

The Sunday School Society for Ireland has appointed a new Children's Ministry Development Officer, Ms Lydia Monds. Lydia is Education Officer for Bishops' Appeal – the Church's world aid and development programme – a job she will continue in conjunction with her new role. A new position created by the Society, the officer will develop and foster a culture within parishes of prioritising ministry with children, working closely with the Children's Ministry Network. On accepting the position, Lydia said, "I'm excited about developing a role that supports Sunday school teachers for the benefit and flourishing of children as they engage in church services and Sunday clubs."

## Churches support working together to reduce suicide risk

The Inter-Church Committee of the Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Episcopal Conference issued a statement in advance of a Suicide Prevention and Pastoral Care Seminar for Clergy held during October, which was organised by the Irish Churches Churches Peace Project: "The problem of suicide across the island of Ireland represents immense personal tragedy for families and communities. Church leaders and faith communities are acutely aware of the devastating suffering that follows the loss of every life through suicide. Together we have been reflecting on how we can best apply our resources of pastoral care, love and community, in cooperation with leadership across civic society, to prevent suicide by addressing the root causes of this most human of problems. We wish to acknowledge the complexity of suicide and the need to work for suicide prevention with open hearts and informed minds. A person dies by suicide when they run out of strategies to cope with immense pain. An important truth emerging from the research and experience of crisis mental health services exposes the idea of 'choosing to die by suicide' as a mistaken assumption. Many people who die by suicide do so in the belief that there is no other choice. Everyone has a role to play ensuring those suffering in this way know they are not alone and that professional and pastoral supports are available to them in our local communities. As churches we need to build

on our existing ministry of listening and pastoral care with training and support specific to suicide prevention, informed by bereaved families and up-to-date evidence-based practice. In this context, we encourage engagement with the two important cross-border initiatives taking place during the month of October: the faith leaders' seminar on suicide organised by the Irish Churches' Peace Project and the 'Building Resilience and Promoting Recovery' conference, organised by the Irish Association of Suicidology and Contact. The problem of suicide has no boundaries, bewildering and devastating communities across the island. Our coming together to share concerns, experiences and potential solutions, represents an important commitment to meaningfully address the problem of suicide with purpose and compassion. Equally vital is the examination of models and initiatives, which have proven successful elsewhere in the world. The tragedy of suicide may feel personally overwhelming, but working and reflecting on this problem together we can find practical solutions for our communities. As a society we owe a great debt of gratitude for the courage and generosity of all those who have been bereaved by suicide or who have experienced suicidal ideation, who now work tirelessly in our communities so that others might be spared this pain. Their commitment gives us hope and their courage is a powerful call to action."

## Literature Committee News

The following publications will be made available for purchase. '**Braemor Studies Series**' for the Church of Ireland Theological Institute began life as dissertations and are being published in order to broaden the reach of contemporary theological debate. These first individual Studies are: 'New Monasticism – a Catalyst for the Church of Ireland to Connect with Society?' by Jonathan Campbell-Smyth; 'The Place of Lament and the "Catharsis of the Complaint" in Response to the Problem of Evil' by John M. Godfrey and 'The New Masculinity Movement: A Viable Model for Engaging Men with God and the Church?' by Alistair James Morrison. The '**Sunday and Weekday Readings**' booklet for 2014 – taking users through the Lectionary from Advent Sunday 2013 through to the eve of Advent Sunday 2014 – previously edited by the late Canon Brian Mayne, the publication is now compiled and edited by the Revd Ken Rue.

## Disability Working Group

The Church of Ireland's Working Group on Disability seeks to signpost useful information relating to disability to individuals living with disabilities. The following list highlights some useful contacts for organisations working in Northern Ireland: Action on Hearing Loss 02890239619; The Royal National Institute for the Blind 02890329373; Disability Action 02890297880; Through the Roof (A Christian Charity Working with People with a Disability) 028 90947910.

## Standing Committee News

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met in September 2013 in Dublin and was chaired by the Bishop of Cork. Bishop Colton welcomed Archdeacon Roderic West as the newly elected clerical member of Standing Committee from the Diocese of Down & Dromore.

**Honorary Secretaries' Report** - The Honorary Secretaries reported that the Census across the Church of Ireland will take place in November, and it is hoped that the resulting figures will be brought to Standing Committee in March 2014 and to the General Synod in May 2014.

**Charity Legislation** - The Standing Committee approved the establishment of a joint Standing Committee/RCB working group to monitor the progress and operation of the pilot charities registration scheme in Northern Ireland.

**Girlguiding Promise** - In July Girlguiding UK took the decision to remove the words 'to love my God' from the Guide's promise and replace them with 'be true to myself and develop my beliefs', effective from 1st September 2013, and obligatory for all girls joining the Guides and for all current Guides renewing their promise. Standing Committee resolved to convey the following statement to Girlguiding Ulster and Girlguiding UK: 'The Church of Ireland wishes to convey to Girlguiding Ulster and Girlguiding UK the high value it places on their work with children and also the partnership between the Church and Guiding through the provision of premises, leadership and other support. However, we are deeply concerned that, as of 1st September 2013, all new members and leaders will be expected to make a new promise "To be true to myself and develop my beliefs", replacing the previous promise to "love my God". We regard the words in the promise "To be true to myself" as falling far short of Christian values and therefore cannot support this promise being used. We request that Girlguiding Ulster and Girlguiding UK, as soon as possible, provide its many children and leaders from a Christian background the option to make a promise to serve God. 'In addition, we request that no Church of Ireland based Guiding unit compel its new members to make this new promise containing the wording "to be true to myself".'

**NI Community Relations Working Group** - Standing Committee agreed that a Northern Ireland Community Relations Working Group be established. The group, comprising of the Bishop of Down & Dromore (Chairman); the Bishop of Clogher; The Ven. George Davison; and the Revd Barry Forde, is tasked with responding to consultations and developments on the issue of community relations in Northern Ireland, including the new 'Together Building a United Community' policy document and the forthcoming multi-party talks, and to act as a liaison and support to the Primate in this area.

## Architectural Drawings Catalogue

The RCB Library's collection of 19th and 20th century architectural drawings of churches and cathedrals, which includes drawings of Clogher cathedral and 50 churches in Clogher Diocese, have been digitized and catalogued and can be viewed at [www.archdrawing.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.archdrawing.ireland.anglican.org)



## RCB Library Archive of the Month

The RCB Library's 'Archive of the Month' for October features an insight into materials relating to the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

in Ireland. The YWCA in Ireland was not exclusively a Church of Ireland organisation, but many of its founding members and hard-working volunteers were. The material can be viewed at [www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive)

## Churches launch new peace initiative

Irish Church leaders have launched the 'Irish Churches Peace Project' aimed at promoting good relations, reconciliation and peace work at both strategic and grassroots levels across Northern Ireland and in the border counties.

The project involving the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the Church of Ireland and the Irish Council of Churches was recently launched. The EU Peace III funded project has nine staff including its director, Keith Hamilton and six regionally based Good Relations officers, including one focusing on Fermanagh and the Border Region. A strong emphasis of ICPP's work is on being 'local' and facilitating churches to impact their communities.



Launching the project were Church leaders including Presbyterian Moderator Dr Rob Craig, Church of Ireland Primate, Archbishop Richard Clarke, Archbishop Eamonn Martin representing Cardinal Brady, Methodist President Dr Heather Morris and President of the Irish Council of Churches, Revd Fr Godfrey O'Donnell. Also present were Junior Ministers Jennifer McCann and Jonathan Bell and Jacqueline Irwin, CEO of the Community Relations Council.



## Bishops learn about the City of Culture

The Church of Ireland archbishops and bishops travelled to the UK City of Culture 2013 for one of their residential meetings. As well as discovering more about how the City of Culture designation has benefitted the community, they also spent time learning how the initiatives in Londonderry have worked to build peace. During their visit, they met with a range of people, including those involved in leading the City of Culture, leaders from the Loyal Orders, the business community, and local mediators. They also visited The Apprentice Boys' Museum and Exhibition and the Museum of Free Derry, toured the City Walls and met with the Mayor at the Guildhall. Bishop Ken Good hosted and planned the itinerary for the two-day residential. He said "the meetings, the visits and the conversations in which the bishops are involved remind us that the path to building peace requires patience, engagement and creative resolve. In tackling the various obstacles imaginatively, the people of this city have demonstrated the inspirational words of Abraham Lincoln who said 'The best way to predict your future is to create it'."



The Guildhall where the bishops met the Mayor, Councillor Martin Reilly

## Disability Awareness Sunday 2013

The third Sunday of November is designated Disability Awareness Sunday in the Church of Ireland. This year it falls on Sunday 17th November and the focus for 2013 is on raising awareness around deafness and hearing loss alongside considering disabilities of every type at all times of the year. This November, the Church's Working Group on Disability wishes to encourage churches to consider how to help deaf people and people with hearing loss to participate fully in parish life and worship.

## The Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue

At a recent meeting the Bishop of Clogher was elected Chairman of the Commission. He succeeds the Archbishop of Armagh who was Chairman over a number of years.

**Annual Church Conferences** - The Revd Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir and Mr Trevor Morrow attended the Annual Methodist Conference in Carrickfergus on behalf of the Church of Ireland, the Revd Canon David Crooks and the Revd Daniel Nuzum attended the yearly meeting of

the Religious Society of Friends in Cork, and the Bishop of Derry and Mr Sam Harper attended the Annual Presbyterian General Assembly in Londonderry.

**Porvoo** - A Consultation on the Diaconate was held in Dublin, and a meeting of the contact group took place in Iceland, which was attended by the Revd Canon Helene Steed.

**Anglican Jewish Commission** - The Archbishop of Dublin recently visited Haifa to chair the Anglican Jewish Commission of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. The next meeting will be held in Dublin in 2014.

**Decade of Commemorations** - Under the auspices of the Church of Ireland, a conference on 'The 1913 Lockout' will be held in Liberty Hall on November 16th.

**World Council of Churches** - The Bishop of Connor will represent the Church of Ireland at forthcoming meetings in Busan, South Korea.

## You Can't Eat a Flag

Often we think of the Decade of Centenaries as only being about the great constitutional issues and events that dominated public life in Ireland between 1912 and 1922. However these events took place within the circumstances of everyday life for ordinary people in Ireland. For many life was dominated by economic hardship and social deprivation, these were years of great Trade Union activity and turbulent relationships between labour and capital. The best-known manifestation of this turbulence was the Dublin Lock Out of 1913, an event which continues to have relevance for today. Many of those affected by the Lock Out were also swept up in the revolutionary movement which came to sweep Ireland in those times.

An event organised by the Church of Ireland Historical Commemorations Working Group will consider the significance of the Dublin Lock Out. It will be held on 16th November 2013 at Liberty Hall, 33 Eden Quay, Dublin. To register for the conference email [press@topstorey.org](mailto:press@topstorey.org)

## Bishops' Appeal - Urgent Funds Needed

Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal requests harvest and advent funds for the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria and for the refugees in surrounding Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan. (Tearfund and Christian Aid partners) Eight million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. As little as €30/£25 can buy rice, beans, lentils, sugar, salt as well as cheese and milk to combat malnutrition in children.

Funds are also urgently required for very worthwhile projects such as agricultural self-help groups in Uganda (CMS Partners) and a garden project among the malnourished and displaced Wichi people in Argentina (SAMS). Statistically if female farmers in the developing world had access to basic agricultural training and basic tools, a further 430 million people could be lifted out of poverty by 2020. Empowering rural people is an essential first step to eradicating poverty. Other projects include a gender based violence awareness and action campaign in Zambia (Us) and a HIV/AIDS project in India (Friends of Hope). Due to funding constraints, worthwhile projects such as these are on hold.

Bishop Patrick Rooke, chairperson of Bishops' Appeal circulated a letter to all clergy at the end of August regarding Harvest and Advent giving. In it he urged those with Diocesan Link projects to continue focusing their efforts on these and Dioceses who do not have Link projects to support the named projects above.

'At the heart of every human experience is the desire to survive and prosper. To live without fear, hunger or suffering. To imagine how your life could be better and then have the means to change it. Yet, every day, 1.4 billion people – nearly one fifth of the world's inhabitants – cannot fulfill their most basic needs, let alone attain their dreams or desires.' UN Report on Rural Poverty 2013.

Donations should be sent by the parishes and individuals to: Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6. For more information contact Lydia Monds 0035314125610. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Sunday and Weekday Readings 2013

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 1st December, and so starts a new liturgical year and a fresh cycle of daily scripture readings. Church of Ireland Publishing has announced the availability of Sunday and Weekday Readings 2013. This annual booklet is compiled by the Revd Ken Rue, who says, 'Sunday and Weekday Readings is designed to help worship planners and lesson readers know the appointed readings for Sundays and weekdays. It is also beneficial for those who wish to follow a personal course of scripture readings tied in with the Church calendar.' On that note, in his Diocesan Presidential Address this year in Armagh, Archbishop Richard Clarke, focusing on the biblical tradition of the Church of Ireland, said: 'I believe that our people should

be encouraged to read through the following Sunday's lectionary readings so that they will be better prepared to get the most from their worship and to give the most to their worship.'

The price of Sunday and Weekday Readings 2013 remains unchanged from previous years, costing £3 in Northern Ireland and €4 in the Republic of Ireland. Copies are available from the Good Bookshop in Belfast 02890828890 and via Mrs Janet Maxwell 014125621.

### Visit by the Archbishop of Hong Kong



Archbishop of Hong Kong, Secretary of State for NI  
Theresa Villiers MP and Bishop McDowell

The Archbishop of Hong Kong, The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, along with the Dean of Hong Kong, the Very Revd Matthias Der, were part of an official visit to the Church of Ireland during October. Guests of the Archbishop of Dublin and the Dublin University Far Eastern Mission (DUFEM), the delegation visited Dublin, Belfast and Armagh, during which a lunch was hosted by the Bishop of Clogher.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Clogher Diocesan Synod

Clogher Diocesan Synod was held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Thursday 26th September, commencing with a service of Holy Communion in Enniskillen Cathedral. During the service the Old Testament Reading was read by the Revd John McClenaghan, the Psalm was read by the Revd Alistair Warke, the Epistle was read by Mrs Eileen Gallagher, a representative of the Roman Catholic Church, the Gospel was read by the Revd Rob Clements, and the intercessions were led by the Revd Eleanor Hayden, a representative of the Methodist Church. The celebrant was the Bishop, who was assisted in the administration of Communion by the Dean and the Revd David Cupples, a representative of the Presbyterian Church.

The Bishop presided at Synod, and the Assessor was Sir Anthony Hart. Synod commenced with a Scripture Reading read by Mrs Ethne McCord and prayers led by the Archdeacon.

**Observers from Sister Churches** included the Revd Eleanor Hayden and Miss Marian Henderson of the Methodist Church, the Rt Revd Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, PP, VG, and Mrs Eileen Gallagher of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Revd David Cupples of the Presbyterian Church.



The Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong and the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr were re-elected as Clerical **Honorary Secretaries**, and Mr John Irvine and Cllr Rosemary Barton were re-elected as Lay Honorary Secretaries.

The Rt Revd Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, PP, VG, brought **greetings** on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, Miss Marian Henderson on behalf of the Methodist Church, and the Revd David Cupples on behalf of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr William Allen was re-elected to serve as a lay member of the **Representative Church Body**.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for a presentation from the Diocesan **Wells Project** which was given by the diocesan youth officer, Mr Jonny Phenix.



The **142nd Report of the Diocesan Council** was proposed by the Revd Gary McMurray and seconded by Mr Walter Pringle. The Report was considered seriatim and adopted.

**Awards presented at Diocesan Synod** - The Archbishop Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal which are awarded annually by the Diocesan Board of Religious Education were presented as follows: Archdeacon Ruddell Prize: 1st Donagh Sunday School; 2nd William Lavelle, Newtownsaville Parish. Bishop's Medal: 1st Hollea Lavelle; 2nd Jack Steenson; 3rd Rebecca Lavelle, all three medal winners are from Newtownsaville Parish.



The first motion of the evening concerned the amendment of the **Diocesan Election Procedures** in order to bring them into line with recent revisions made to the Church of Ireland Constitution concerning the re-election of members of General Synod. The motion was proposed by the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr and seconded by the Very Revd Kenneth Hall.

The second motion to be tabled again concerned Diocesan Election Procedures and also the Order of Business at Synod. Proposed by the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr and seconded by the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, the motion brings the election of honorary secretaries into line with all other diocesan elections, so that they are elected by a nomination and postal ballot process, and on a triennial basis rather than an annual basis.

A motion to merge the two diocesan youth councils into a single **Clogher Diocesan Youth Council** included the Constitution of the proposed new single youth council was proposed by the Revd Henry Blair and seconded by the Revd Canon Ian Berry.



A motion to amend the **Diocesan Financial Scheme** was proposed by the Revd Mark Watson and seconded by Capt. Robert Lowry to take cognisance of recent changes in the Church of Ireland Clergy Pension Fund which were approved by General Synod.

Two further motions concerning the diocesan financial scheme were presented. The first was proposed by the Revd Henry Blair and seconded by Mrs Joy Graham. The second was proposed by Mr Henry Robinson and seconded by the Ven. Cecil Pringle.



Standing Orders were once again suspended to allow for a presentation by Mr Keith Hamilton, Director of the **Irish Churches Peace Project**.

The **Youth Committee** (NI) report was presented by the Revd Henry Blair and the Revd Canon David Skuce. The report of the **Diocesan Board of Religious Education** was proposed by Mr Jim Kerr and seconded by Mr Robert Watterson, and the report of the Clogher **Diocesan Board of Mission** was proposed by Mr Walter Pringle and seconded by the Revd Betty Thompson.



The report of the Clogher **Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action** was proposed by the Revd Charlie Eames and seconded by Mr Neville Armstrong. The **Ministry of Healing** report was noted and the report of the **Diocesan Glebes Committee** was proposed by the Ven. Cecil Pringle and seconded by Mr Henry Robinson.



## Cassandra Hand



Capt David Hamilton and Bishop John McDowell (photos by Eugene T Hamill, Clones)

An autumn sun shone brightly on the afternoon of

Saturday 12th October as the Bishop presided over the rededication of the grave of the Revd Thomas Hand and his wife Mrs Cassandra Hand at the Holy Trinity Church, Clogh. The church service was led by the Rural Dean of Clones, the Revd Canon Helene Steed, assisted by Capt. David Hamilton. Mr Walter Pringle laid a beautiful wreath of Victorian flowers on the grave. Local residents, community representatives and dignitaries came together to celebrate the life and work of Cassandra Hand (1809-1868) and her contribution to the famine relief in Clones and the surrounding area. Cassandra's legacy lives on today with many women carrying on the lace making craft handed down through generations.



Following the blessing, people returned to Clogh War Memorial Hall where the ladies of Clogh parish provided a sumptuous cream tea, enjoyed by all present. There was a great atmosphere of friendship as women from Derrylin, Lisnaskea, Newtownbutler, Roslea, Killeevan and Clones met to view their creative display of 'Peace Prayer Flags' in the hall.



Women of Clogh Memorial Hall Committee providing delicious refreshments for our guests



Ms Deirdre Kelly, Chair of Clones Community Forum presenting a gift of Clones lace to Rt Rev John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

The programme included two wonderful poems penned by Mary Tierney and Florence Creighton, followed by Carol Summerville singing, and the recitation of a piece on

Cassandra Hand carried out by Maeve Vance representing Clones ICA. Gwen Lanigan representing the International Fund for Ireland expressed collective thanks to the international donors who have supported the work of the International Fund for Ireland for more than twenty five years. Deirdre Kelly, chairperson of Clones Community Forum thanked the IFI for making the restoration of the grave a possibility and thanked Clogh Select Vestry for their support and in particular Gordon McCoy for overseeing the restoration. She concluded by thanking the Bishop of Clogher for personally attending this special tribute to Cassandra Hand.



'Peace Prayer Flags' on display in Clogh War Memorial Hall

## Living Stories: change in action

On Wednesday 13th November, CMS Ireland will host its annual Diocesan Mission Evening in St Macartin's, Enniskillen. The evening will be led by CMS Ireland's newest staff member, Jenny Smyth, and will feature stories from the Society, its Global Partners and some of those who are currently taking part in a Mission Experience Team Abroad to Madi West Nile Diocese, Uganda. The event begins at 8pm in St. Macartin's Halls. All are warmly welcome.

## Suicide – The Churches Response

The Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action are holding an event entitled "Suicide – The Churches Response" on Thursday 21st November at 8.00pm in the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Speakers will include John McClure (ICM), Jo Murphy (Lighthouse, Belfast) and Conor McCafferty (ZEST). This event is open to everyone who is concerned about this issue which has been so prevalent in recent times.

## Youth Praise Service

Kesh Rural Deanery are holding a Youth Praise Service for the young and the young at heart in the Fountain Centre, Kesh on Sunday 24th November at 7pm.

# DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## November 2013

Friday 1st November – **Halloween Event** at Kilskeery Parish Hall, organised by the Youth Council.

Friday 1st November – **Tempo Parish Concert** at 8pm in Tempo Church Hall with Curtis Magee and Friends. Proceeds towards Church Funds.

Friday 1st November – **All Saints Day** (white)

Saturday 2nd November – **Clabby Parish Auction** at 1.30pm.

Sunday 3rd November – **Church-wide 'Census'** of the Church of Ireland Population. Worshippers will receive a card on which they will be asked to indicate their gender and age. The card will be completely anonymous.

Sunday 3rd November – **Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service** in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 7.30pm. Speaker: Canon Eric McGirr. Refreshments served.

Sunday 3rd November – **The Fourth Sunday Before Advent** (green)

Tuesday 5th November – **Clogher Diocesan Board of Education** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 5th November – **Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 5th November – **Clogher Diocesan Council** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 5th November – **Table Quiz** in Killadeas Parish Hall at 8.00pm. Proceeds to parish funds.

Friday 8th November – **Sallaghy Parish Dance** in the Church Hall. Music will be by 'Sweet Harmony'. Tickets available.

Friday 8th November – **Garrison Parish Fundraising Dance** in the Gilaroo Centre from 9.30pm onwards. Music by Anthony McBrien. Tickets £10 including supper.

Friday 8th November – **Table Quiz** organised by the Youth Club at 8.00pm in Clabby Church Hall. Table of 5 people-£10.00. Groups welcome.

Saturday 9th November – **Devenish Parish Sale and Auction** at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.

Sunday 10th November – **The Third Sunday Before Advent** (green)

Tuesday 12th November – **Coffee Evening and Sale** in Cleenish Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Organised by Cleenish and Mullaghduin Mothers' Union.

Wednesday 13th November – **Diocesan CMS Ireland Annual Diocesan Mission Evening** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Thursday 14th November – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Friday 15th November – **Deadline for all submissions to Clogher Diocesan Magazine.** Email entries for December/January issue to: editor@clogher.anglican.org

Friday 15th November – **Drummully Parish Dance** in the Church Hall. Dancing from 10.00pm and music is by Roy Hurst. Refreshments served.

Saturday 16th November – **Singing Workshop** in Aghavea Parish Hall. The workshop is open to all who have an interest and enthusiasm for singing in worship. It will be led by Nathan Barrett from 11am-4pm. A light lunch will be provided. To reserve a place contact Nathan at rossorymusic@outlook.com or (028) 66 320239 by 14th November.

Saturday 16th November – **The Great Cathedral Bake Off** at 3.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Sunday 17th November – **Choral Evensong** in Rossorry Parish at 7.00pm with St Macartin's Cathedral Choir and Rossorry Church Choir.

Sunday 17th November – **Church-wide 'Census'** of the Church of Ireland Population. Worshippers will receive a card on which they will be asked to indicate their gender and age. The card will be completely anonymous.

Sunday 17th November – **The Second Sunday Before Advent** (green)

Monday 18th November – **Ardess Historical Society** meeting at 8.00pm in Ardess Parish Centre with speaker Dorothy Pendry on the subject 'Ardess School celebrates its Centenary'.

Wednesday 20th November – **Aghavea Christmas Fair and Sale of Work** at 8.00pm. Refreshments served.

Wednesday 20th November – **Galloon Parish Annual Sale** at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

Thursday 21st November – **Suicide - The Churches Response** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. This is open to everyone who is concerned about this issue. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action.

Sunday 24th November – **Church-wide 'Census'** of the Church of Ireland Population. Worshippers will receive a card

on which they will be asked to indicate their gender and age. The card will be completely anonymous.

Sunday 24th November – **The Kingship of Christ** (white)

Sunday 24th November – **Sunday Evening Concert Series** in Rossorry Parish with special guest Mr Louis McTeggart. The concert will feature a wide variety of styles including ballads, pop and even some light rock! Admission free.

Sunday 24th November – **Kesh Rural Deanery Youth Praise Service** for the young and the young at heart in the Fountain Centre, Kesh on Sunday 24th November at 7pm.

Wednesday 27th November – **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** deadline for boxes to be left in Drumkeeran Parish Hall. For further details contact Irene on 028 68631009.

Thursday 28th November – **Clogher Clerical Association** meeting in Clones Parish at 10.00am. Speaker: Valerie Thom. Topic: Church Army.

Thursday 28th November – **Templecarne Parish Annual Concert** in the Methodist Youth Hall, Pettigoe at 8.00pm. Compere: Kenny Archer & Local Musicians. Admission: £8/€10.

Thursday 28th November – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Friday 29th November – **Derryvullen North Annual Christmas Sale.**

Friday 29th November – **Annual Parish Sale and Auction** in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.00pm, Auction due to begin at 8.30 pm.

Friday 29th November – **Monaghan Collegiate School Sale** in St. Patricks Hall, Monaghan from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Saturday 30th November – **Christmas Tree Festival** in St Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee. from 11.00pm - 6.00pm. Refreshments served throughout the day.

Saturday 30th November – **Coffee Morning and Sale** in Rockcorry Old School House.

Saturday 30th November – **Saint Andrew** (red)

Saturday 30th November – **Craft Fair and Coffee Morning** in Donacavey Parish Hall, Fintona from 10.00am-3.00pm. Proceeds in aid of Donacavey Parish Church Building Fund & Horizon West Children's Hospice. Admission £3 (including refreshments).

## December 2013

Sunday 1st December – **Christmas Tree Festival** in St Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee.

**Sunday 1st December – Diocesan Advent Carol Service and Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants** at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher.

**Sunday 1st December – Christmas Tree Festival** in St Mark's Parish, Aghadrumsee from 2.00pm - 6.00pm. Concludes with a Service of Carols at 7.00pm. Refreshments served throughout the day.

**Sunday 1st December – A special evening of lantern making, a prayer walk, and Advent carols** organised by Fivemiletown Parish. Lantern making and a tea for children and parents will begin at 4.30pm. After a prayer walk around the town, we plan to join the rest of the church family for a service at 6.30pm.

**Monday 2nd December – County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society AGM** in Killeevan Parish Hall at 3.00pm.

**Friday 6th December – Concert** in Garvary Parish at 8.00pm. Featuring the Police Male Voice Choir and other artists. £10. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

**Saturday 7th December – Arts and Crafts Fair** in the Reade Hall, Monea.

**Sunday 8th December – Community Carol Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm.

**Thursday 12th December – Clogher Clerical Association Christmas Devotional and Lunch** in Monaghan Parish with the Most Revd Richard Clarke.

**Thursday 12th December – Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

**Friday 13th December – Christmas Carol Concert** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher. Organised by Riding for the Disabled Association.

**Saturday 14th December – Trory Parish Christmas Sale** from 10.00am - 12.30pm. Coffee morning and wreath sale in aid of Trory Parish.

**Monday 16th December – 'A Christmas Special' performance by Nathan Carter** with special guest Crawford Bell in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Tickets are available from St Macartin's Parish Office (Mon-Fri: 9am-12noon) for a subscription of £25.00.

## February 2014

**Friday 7th February – Cleenish Parish Dance** in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen.

**Saturday 15th February – MU Prayer Breakfast** in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Speaker: Revd Kathy Trimble, All-Ireland Faith and Policy Co-ordinator. Cost: £8/€10. For more details Tel: 028 66 387236 or Email: [stewartvalerie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stewartvalerie@hotmail.co.uk)

## March 2014

**Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd March 2014 – Marriage Preparation Course** hosted by Fivemiletown & Dromore Parishes. Friday 21st from 7.30-9.30pm. Saturday 22nd from 9.30am-1.30pm. Venue: Fivemiletown Parish Hall. Cost: £60 per couple. To register please contact your minister or phone 028 9146 8846 or email [admin@cguidelines.org.uk](mailto:admin@cguidelines.org.uk).

**Sunday 23rd March – Special Service** to celebrate the re-opening and refurbishment of the Garrison Parish Church.

## June 2014

**Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June 2014 – Cleenish Flower Festival.**

# MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

## Ballybay Group Opening Meeting



The opening of the MU and presentation of long service certificates by Dr Margaret Knox in St Maeldiod's Church

The Ballybay Group held its opening meeting on Wednesday 11th September with a service of Holy Communion in St Maeloid's Castleblayney. The service was conducted by Rev Margaret Pringle assisted by her husband, Mr Walter Pringle. The Diocesan President, Dr Margaret Knox, spoke on the theme "The Seeds We Sow". Three ladies received long service certificates, Mrs Mabel Leathem, Mrs Christine Dickson and Mrs Jennifer Leathem.

The Branches welcomed visitors from the local Presbyterian Church, including some men!

Supper was served after the Service and thanks was expressed to the Branch Leader, Mrs Ethel Coulter and the members of the Castleblayney Branch for their hospitality.

## MU Autumn Council

The Diocesan Autumn Council was held, this year, in Irvinestown. The meeting began with a Service of Holy Communion in the Parish Church. This Service was taken from the liturgy of the Anglican Church of Kenya, which was very interesting,

Council then retired to the Parochial Hall where the Rev Canon Glenn West give a very interesting and thought provoking talk on his book "Reflections".

There was then a short business meeting followed by supper kindly provided by the members of Irvinestown Branch.

## Prayer Breakfast

A Prayer Breakfast organised by the Faith and Policy Unit is to be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15 February 2014. The speaker is Rev Kathy Trimble, All-Ireland Faith and Policy Co Ordinator for All Ireland. The cost of the Breakfast is £8.00/€10.00. Letters will be going out to Branch Leaders in the New Year. If you would like more details please get in touch with Valerie Stewart: 66387236 or E Mail: [stewartvalerie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stewartvalerie@hotmail.co.uk)

## Curry Night

A very successful evening was held on 26 September, in Maguiresbridge Parish Hall for the younger women in the branches of Derrybrusk, Derryvullen and Garvary, Lisbellaw and Maguiresbridge. Elma Nelson, Branch Leader and three branch members provided the

most wonderful Curry Supper: Beef Rendang, Chicken Bhuna-style Curry, Chicken Korma, Sides, Rice Naan Bread, Red Onion Orange and Pomegranate Salad, Cucumber Raita. Poppadums and Chutney! Followed by desserts to die for!!

The evening concluded with Edel Greene, proprietor of Dolly Bird Beauty Studio showing us how to look after our nails. Barbara Clarke, Young Families Rep in the Diocese had her nails manicured and painted for the first time in her life!!!

This was a follow-up to the evening in the Killyhevlin in April. On this occasion we had some young women who had not been able to attend the previous function. All agreed it was a wonderful evening and thanks was given to the members of Maguiresbridge for their hospitality.



# YOUTH NEWS

## Canada Trip

By Sophie Robinson of Magheracross Parish

This summer I had the privilege of travelling to Canada with three other friends to stay with Ann Hallyburton, pastor of Brampton Church of the Nazarene. We stayed at her house for three weeks in Brampton, Ontario. We used the first week to prepare for the events we would be running, getting our stories and teaching ready for each session. It also gave us time to get to know the area and enjoy the lovely Canadian weather!

Our second week was spent leading a Vacation Bible School for 4-12 year old children in the area. We divided the children into three age groups; 4-5 years, 6-9 years and 10-12 years. A huge number of those attending were members of the church day care. This allowed us to rotate the children around a station of craft, games and bible stories. I was responsible for running the games station. The theme of our week was 'Athens' and we looked at Paul's second missionary story. This was an encouragement to us as we saw the knowledge of the children grow and we heard more and more questions about Jesus. I personally loved watching those who at first had difficulty, change to be more responsive. God had great impact!

Our third week took us further north to a small town called Pefferlaw to stay at Riverview Camp Centre. Here we took the position of counsellors and in pairs had the responsibility of a group of children in a cabin. Children came from all over Ontario to take part in this week. I had responsibility of five 10-12 year old girls along with a Canadian counsellor. I

grew to love these girls as we learnt their strengths, weaknesses and attitude towards God. Devotions in our cabin every morning and night became a great time for the girls to share about what they learnt and things that worried them at home. We encouraged the girls in their prayers as a group until they enjoyed speaking aloud to their father as we sat as sisters in Christ.

During the afternoon activities I had responsibility for craft along with another counsellor. The children also had time to canoe, slip and slide and play games. In the mornings Pastor Ann taught on the story of Daniel and on the first three evenings I told the missionary story of Amy Carmichael. This fitted well as she came from Ireland, just like us! I was so encouraged as children took the time to tell me they enjoyed hearing my stories and when they remembered points I had taught them. A girl who was from my cabin struggled with her identity in Christ. She didn't feel beautiful, and so it was exciting for me to tell her she was created for a purpose, like Amy Carmichael with her brown eyes.

On returning from this trip, I have grown in my confidence in preparation and delivering stories to children while emphasising the gospel. I have seen how the Holy Spirit is at work in Canada and the potential of the children there. God's church is at work, and I would like to thank you for your financial support and prayers as I had an opportunity to be used in His work. I ask that you continue to pray for the children of Ontario and their families as they take up their crosses to follow Jesus and shine in a changing world for Him. God Bless.

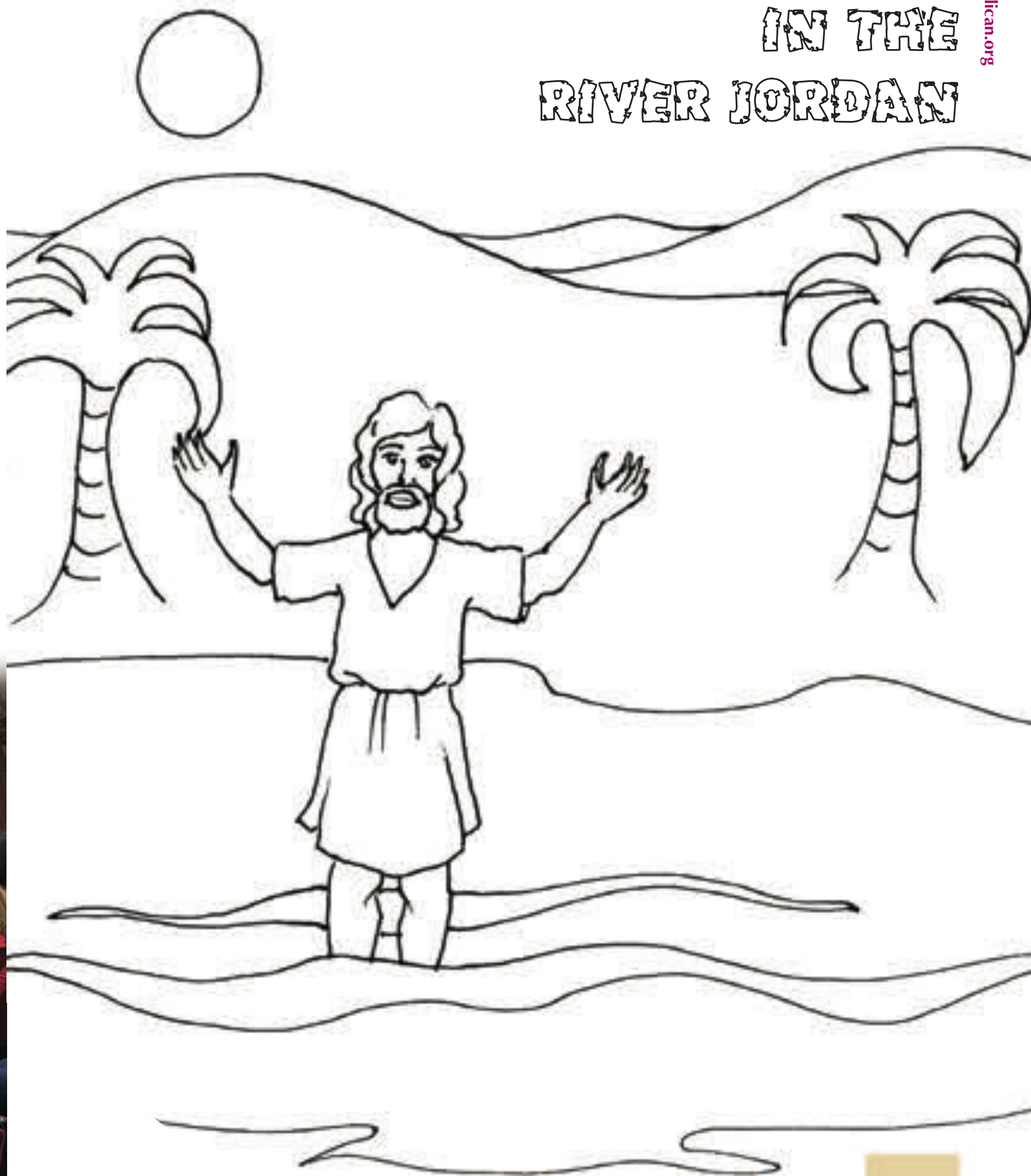




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The church's New Year begins with the season of

# ADVENT

## READ

## WORD SEARCH

### Getting Ready for Jesus

(Matthew 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:1-19)

John the Baptist was a messenger for Jesus and he prepared for Christ's arrival in two ways - by his life and by his preaching. John was different from other people around him - he looked different and he lived differently. John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt and he ate locusts and wild honey. John lived a holy life.

People came to see and hear John. He told them they needed to get ready for Jesus. They needed to 'repent' - they had to say sorry to God and change their thoughts and behaviour to live better lives.

When they had repented they needed to show they had changed. He gave them examples of how to do this - share their food and clothes with those who had none, tax collectors were to be honest in the amount of money they collected and the soldiers were not to accuse people falsely.

As a sign of their repentance, John baptised people in the River Jordan and so John the baptiser became known as 'John the Baptist'. John pointed out that he baptised with water but that Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit.

Find these words from the story in the wordsearch.

(Words might go forwards or backwards, up, down or diagonally.)

ADVENT  
PREPARE  
JESUS  
RETURN  
MESSENGER

JOHN  
LOCUSTS  
SORRY  
JORDAN  
BAPTISE

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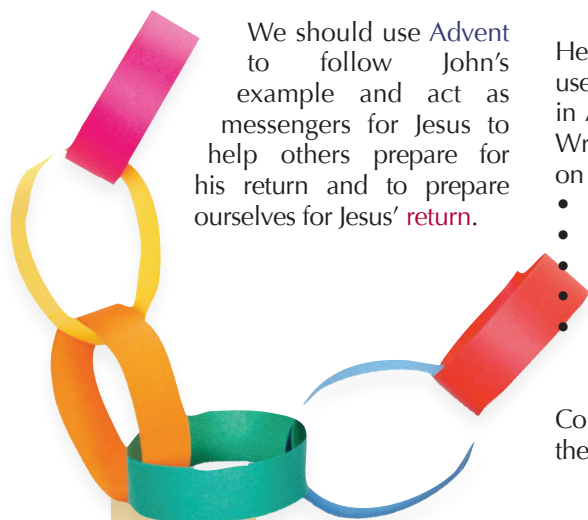
### MAKE an Advent calendar

Instead of opening a cardboard window to receive a chocolate each day, make your own Advent calendar and use it to do something, to 'give' something each day.

Here's one idea: Make traditional paper chains from strips of paper - you could use bright colours, glitter, sequins etc. Provide as many links as there are days in Advent, starting on Advent Sunday (this year it's Sunday 1st December). Write an activity/prayer/Bible verse on each link. Examples of what to write on your links include:

- write an activity to do that day e.g. tidy your toys
- write an activity that the family could do together e.g. visit Gran
- write out key verses of scripture and memorise them
- write the names of different people/causes to pray for
- write different things to thank God for e.g. happy experiences through the year.

Count down to Christmas Day by removing one link each day and following the instructions.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### UnLtd

UnLtd supports people who want to create a positive change in their communities. UnLtd supports individuals directly, not their ventures. We operate a unique model by investing directly in individuals and offering a complete package of resources from awards of funding, to on-going advice, networking and practical support. In Northern Ireland we offer our Do It Award and we may be able to help you if you have an idea that addresses a social issue. Your idea should deliver social impact, meet a clear social need, have the potential to become financially sustainable and offer you a learning experience. Our UnLtd Do It Award can offer you a package of support and funding tailored to suit you from £500 - £5,000, one-to-one guidance from an UnLtd Award Manager, specialist advice from relevant experts and access to resources to help get you up and running. Find out more at [www.unltd.org.uk/DOIT](http://www.unltd.org.uk/DOIT) or contact [nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk](mailto:nualasmyth@unltd.org.uk) or 07545933816.

### Age NI Consultative Forum

The purpose of the forum is to identify the needs and concerns of older people (in relation to poverty, health, equality and other issues) and communicate these to Age NI. The Consultative Forum is now recruiting new members. For more information contact Maura McClean on 028 90892618 or 028 90245729 or email [maura.mcclean@ageni.org](mailto:maura.mcclean@ageni.org) or visit [www.ageni.org/consultativeforum](http://www.ageni.org/consultativeforum)

### Fermanagh Community Transport

Dial-a-Lift service is for individual travel from Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 6.00pm. This is available to anyone living outside of Enniskillen who has no car or difficulty accessing transport services. Anyone who has a Translink Smart Pass can use it on the Dial-a-Lift service. Transport services are also available in Enniskillen for older people

and people with disabilities through a partnership agreement with Disability Action. Existing members of the Urban Door-to-Door community groups throughout Fermanagh can avail of access to our fleet of minibuses with or without a driver. MiDAS training is provided for groups who wish to use their own driver. Contact 028 66324260 or [info@fermanaghcommunitytransport.com](mailto:info@fermanaghcommunitytransport.com)

### Women & Work Training

Programme – Fermanagh Women's Network announce a programme of free training available to women in Fermanagh. Courses range across a broad spectrum of subjects including CV Writing, Confidence Booster sessions, Conflict Management, Needlecraft, First Aid, and Helping Parents Cope with Children who have Learning Difficulties. Contact 07719293230 or [fwnoffice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fwnoffice@yahoo.co.uk)

## PARISH NOTES

### Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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With onset of autumn and the darker evenings we remember all those who are laid aside in sickness, the housebound and those who find it difficult to move around. We uphold all of them in our prayers and remember if there is someone living near you it is nice to see a friendly face.

Clogh Bowling Club meets each Wednesday night at 8.00pm; new members will be made welcome.

Remembrance Services will take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 10th November when we remember those from our Parishes who lost their lives serving their country.

A Christmas Tree Festival will take place in Aghadrumsee on Saturday 30th November 11.00am to 6.00pm and Sunday 1st December 2.00pm to 6.00pm, concluding with a Service of Carols at 7.00pm. Refreshments served throughout the day. We are looking forward to this new venture in our group and encourage everyone to attend what promises to be a spectacular event.

Congratulations to Keith and Andrea Nelson of Clogh Parish on the birth of their first child a baby boy. To Gary and Vanessa McVitty of Aghadrumsee parish on the birth of a baby boy, a little brother for John and Chloe.

Sympathy - We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Jimmy McVitty, a lifelong member

of Aghadrumsee Church and a valued member of the Select vestry for many years. We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife Audrey and children Rodney, Trevor, Malcolm and Clive.



Aghadrumsee Sunday School children and teachers after the Harvest service.



Richard and Joanne Moore with their son Zac William, who was baptised when the Bishop recently visited Drumsnatt Parish Church.

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Dear Friends,  
Could I offer a huge thank you to everyone involved in my Service of Institution and for making that evening very special as we begin our time together in the Colebrooke and Cooneen with Mullaghfad group of parishes. Thank you to Bishop John, Archbishop Alan, Canon Maurice, fellow clergy and the members of the parishes who took part in the service, those who organised parking and preparation of the church and halls, and the ladies for an excellent supper. Thank you also to those involved in ensuring work was

carried out very speedily and beautifully in the rectory, especially Colebrooke and Cooneen Select Vestries, and also for the warm welcome which you have given to us as a family, as we settle into parish life with you. I am looking forward to getting to know you in the time ahead as we strive together to advance Christ's Kingdom among us.

Yours in Christ  
Johnny McClenaghan

### Harvest

Thank you to all involved in decorating the churches for the Harvest Thanksgiving services in Colebrooke, Cooneen and Mullaghfad. A special thank you to the members of SNATCH who took part in Colebrooke's evening service and Revd Gary McMurray for preaching on Being Connected.

### Services

**Sunday 3rd November:** 10.45am Colebrooke Church Holy Communion; 12.15pm Cooneen Church Holy Communion.

**Sunday 10th November:** 11.45am Colebrooke Church Service of Remembrance.

**Sunday 17th November:** 11.00am Cooneen Church Combined Family Service.

**Sunday 24th November:** 10.45am Colebrooke Church Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Church Morning Prayer.

**Sunday 1st December:** 10.45am Colebrooke Church Holy Communion; 12.15pm Cooneen Church Holy Communion.

### From The Registers

#### Holy Matrimony

On Thursday 3rd October, Joanna Primrose married Andrew West in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Cooneen; On Saturday 5th October Alison Little married Byron Anderson at St Ronan's Parish Church, Colebrooke; We wish God's blessing on both couples as they begin this next part of their lives together.

#### Snatch

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry - Aghavea & Colebrooke  
Sunday 10th and 24th November at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall.  
All young people of secondary school age welcome.  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/snatchyf](http://www.facebook.com/snatchyf)  
Website: [snatch.colebrookeparish.org](http://snatch.colebrookeparish.org)

#### Mothers' Union

Tuesday 26th November at 8.00pm (note change of date). Branch members look forward to visiting Crannog Antiques for an opportunity to browse, buy, have something of their own valued and enjoy supper with David and Evelyn Hassard.

Tuesday 10th December Mothers' Union host the Annual Christmas Party for Senior Citizens of the group of parishes – Festive Supper, entertainment and Christmas message. Everyone welcome. Transport can be arranged.

### GFS

Girls Friendly Society every Monday at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall for girls 3 years and upwards.

### Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills. Squirrels (4 - 6 years); Beavers (6 - 8 years); Cubs (8 - 11 years); Scouts (11 - 14 years) .

### Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm. New members will be very welcome.

## Aghavea



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### November

**Sunday 3rd:** 10am Sunday School; 11am Holy Communion; 7pm Evening Prayer in Brooke Memorial Hall.

**Sunday 10th:** 10.45am Act of Remembrance - Brookeborough War Memorial; 11.30am Morning Prayer; 7.30pm SNATCH (Colebrooke).

**Sunday 17th:** 10am Sunday School; 11am Church Family Service - speaker: Mr Jeff Gawn (SU).

**Sunday 24th:** 10am Sunday School; 11am Morning Prayer; 7.30pm SNATCH (Colebrooke).

Dear friends,

The story begins with a family tragedy. Famine. Emigration. Death. A widow woman left bereft with two foreign daughters-in-law. It's no wonder Naomi ('pleasant') wants to be called Mara ('bitter'). Everything has been taken from her; and what remains she tries to send away. One daughter-in-law gladly goes home, but the other, she stays, stuck to her like superglue. 'Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me... if anything but death separates you and me.' This Moabite woman has been won to the LORD, even through the weak witness of a wandering widow.

They arrive back at harvest time. Her faithfulness to her mother-in-law is recognised and repaid by the farmer - abundant grace is shown to her as she takes refuge under the LORD, the God of Israel. The farmer just happens (!) to be a kinsman of the dearly departed, who becomes the kinsman redeemer to buy back the property and secure the inheritance of the family line. It's a well loved rags to riches romance. The story draws the reader in. But it's more than just a wee story with a happy end and the returning of Naomi's pleasure. Through the rescue of one family and the inclusion of a stranger, God is carrying on his great purpose of rescuing his family and the inclusion of strangers from all peoples and nations and tribes and tongues. The hero is God, the covenant-keeping LORD, who uses the heroine Ruth, and includes her in the family tree of the Lord Jesus himself.

When tragedy comes, we cannot always see God's purpose. But keep trusting - he is in control and is advancing his great purposes. Just ask Naomi and Ruth. Yours in Christ,  
Gary

### Christmas Fair (including the Sale of Work)

On Wednesday 20th November, this annual pre-Christmas event will take place, beginning at 8pm. A variety of stalls will be selling all manner of goods - a great opportunity to beat the rush and buy some of your Christmas presents! Fun and games for all the family. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Firewood will also be offered for sale, to stock up before the cold winter begins.

### Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday will be observed in Aghavea with the annual Act of Remembrance at the Brookeborough War Memorial at 10.45 am followed by Morning Prayer and an Act of Remembrance in the Parish Church at 11.30 am.

### Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet on Sunday mornings from 10am until just before 11am. Please note that there will be no Sunday School on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November.

### Bowls

Aghavea Bowling Club meets on Monday nights at 8pm in the church hall. All are very welcome to come along and have a go at bowling.

### Mothers' Union

We were delighted to welcome many visitors to our October Visitors' Night, when we enjoyed hearing of the story of Liz Miller's family roots in Aghavea, as well as the ways in which she has discovered that God is faithful. Her touching testimony moved many hearts.

One of the features of our Visitors' Night is the 'Talent Table', which raised £176 for funds and overseas aid. The November meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, being held in the Church Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 12th November.

## GFS

GFS meets on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. The new season is well under way with badgework, Bible study, games, crafts, cookery and lots more! For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the other leaders.

## SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our new youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke Parish. This term we're meeting in Colebrooke Halls, on 10th and 24th October, at 7.30pm each night. New members are always welcome - parents can sign the registration forms on arrival.

## Bible Study

Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study has begun, studying 2 Peter. In November we're meeting on the 6th only, due to the Christmas Fair on the 20th. Please do consider joining us as we study God's word together.

## From the Parish Registers

Funeral - 13th October - Robert James (Jim) Dalton, Littlemount.

## Harvest

Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make our Harvest Thanksgiving memorable. The church buildings and Brooke Hall were delightfully decorated. The refreshments and suppers were superb. The music was marvellous - Myrtle Graydon on the organ, the choir leading the praise and singing the anthem 'Consider the Lilies', Gemma Johnston who sang a solo at each service: 'How great thou art' and 'Amazing grace', and Rev Gary and Lynsey who sang 'Faithful One'. The preachers were powerful - Ven David Huss, Mr Ellis Barnsley and Canon Brian Courtney. It was good to see the services well attended. Thank you to all.

## Find us on Facebook



The best way of keeping up to date with what's happening at Aghavea is our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/aghavea](http://www.facebook.com/aghavea) There you'll find news, notices, sermons, photos, prayer points and lots more!

# Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe

### Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Ian Berry, Rural Dean, is in charge, and Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant, is providing service and pastoral cover.

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## Ballybay News

Congratulations to Wendy and Paul Leonard on the birth of their daughter Alise, who is sister to Josef and Joshua. We wish them all every blessing.

Congratulations and well done to Abraham Dixon on achieving a place on the regional development soccer squad. Abraham has worked very hard to achieve this and we wish him continued success.

Our Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service took place on Sunday, 13th October at 3.30pm. We were delighted to welcome Keith Browne back to take the service. Our organist was Alannah Crawford and our guest singers were Derryvalley Youth Choir, all of whom we looked forward to hearing. A cup of tea was served afterwards.

We send Get Well Wishes to Lucas Gray who is recovering from a broken arm.

**Reading List** – The reading list is up and running. Everyone on the list should now have a copy. If you need to check your reading date, the rota is on display in the entrance hall to the church.

Work is almost complete on the removal of the gorse from the Church Tower. Trevor has had a difficult job due to the fact that the hill is so steep. We would like to thank him for all his help.

Three of our young people, Graham, Abraham and Elijah headed off to Strangford Lough with HUB youth club for a camping and activity weekend in September where they had a wonderful time.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to "Music is the Joy of Life" performance in St Patricks Church, Monaghan.

## Castleblayney News

Congratulations to Jolene and Clive on the birth of their second daughter, a little sister for Evie. Also congratulations to Miss Zoe Flack on her exemplary exams results. Well done Zoe and best wishes for the coming year.

The Parishioners and Friends from St Maeldoid's and Castleblayney were saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Mrs Myrtle Adair. At this time we extend

our deepest sympathy to the Adair and Hillis Families. Deepest Sympathy is also expressed to the relatives of the late Albert Shortt, Cashel, Clontibret.

## Clontibret News

Harvest Thanksgiving and Dedication of Pew and Communion Cushions – Our sincere thanks to Roy Crowe for conducting our Harvest Thanksgiving Service and dedicating the cushions in memory of the late William Dickson. We are grateful to Sharon Lancashire for playing the organ. We had a good attendance and everyone enjoyed the cup of tea afterwards. We wish Roy every blessing as he is commissioned as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant on 1st December in Clogher Cathedral.

On Sunday, 3rd November at 3.30pm there will be a memorial service in St Colman's for the late William (Willie) Dickson. This service is to mark Willie's dedication and long service to the Church of Ireland, the Protestant Orphan Society and the LOL & RBP. The preacher will be Keith Browne and everyone is welcome.

Condolences are extended to the Leathem family on the death of Albert James Shortt who died on Sunday 15th September and just 8 weeks to the day after his brother William. Albert was the brother of Mabel Leathem. Condolences also to the Donaldson and Falls families on the death of Freddie Carleton, brother-in-law of Yvonne Donaldson and Robert Falls. We pray that all will know God's comfort at this sad time.

**Crochet/Knitting Club** – Commencing on Thursday 17th October there was an opportunity to gain or refresh one's knitting or crochet skills at Clontibret Orange Hall. The Club will run for a number of weeks each Thursday night over the autumn evenings. A light supper will be served for a small subscription of €2 to cover heating and lighting. Everyone welcome – so why sit at home when you can be out meeting your neighbours.

**Music is the Joy of Life** – Throughout the County there have been preparations for the event in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan which took place on Saturday 19th October. Children from the various schools, church choirs, praise and gospel groups came together to celebrate the Joy of Life through Music. This event was funded by the International Fund for Ireland and has given those partaking the opportunity to have tuition and to gain knowledge and expertise as well as enjoying fellowship together.

**Get Well Wishes** – We are delighted that Albert Jordan continues to make good progress in his recovery from a hip replacement operation and look forward to his being back in church with us.

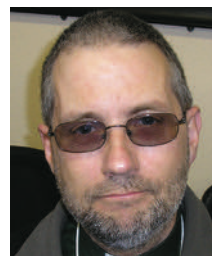
## Mothers' Union

It was a great pleasure to have Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President, with us for our opening service held in St Maeldoid's which was celebrated with Holy Communion. Our very grateful thanks to the Revd Margaret Pringle who was accompanied by her husband Walter. Three members of the MU, Mabel Leathem, Jennifer Leathem and Christine

Dickson were presented with long service certificates by Dr Knox and supper was enjoyed by all.

Our Visitors Night was held on Wednesday 9th October in Clontibret Church Hall when the South African Mission Team were in attendance. We were delighted to have a good audience to view the visual presentation and hear first hand from the members of the team who were pleased to receive a donation towards funding for future trips. Supper was served and enjoyed by all.

## Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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## Church Services for November

**Sunday 10th November:** 10:00am Remembrance Day Service Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11:30am Remembrance Day Service Cleenish Parish Church.

**Wednesday 13th November:** 10:00am HC Service Mullaghduin Parochial Hall.

**Sunday 17th November:** 10:00am Service of the Word Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11:30am Service of the Word Cleenish Parish Church.

**Sunday 24th November:** 10:00am HC Service Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11:30am HC Service Cleenish Parish Church.

**Sunday 01st December:** 10:00am MP One Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11:30am MP One Cleenish Parish Church.

## Vestry Meetings

Mullaghduin Wednesday 27th November; Cleenish Wednesday 20th November.

## Friends of Cleenish Service

There was a large attendance at the above Service on Sunday afternoon 29th September. The special preacher was the Revd Canon Robert Riddel now retired, who was Rector of the Parish during the early eighties. The Rector conducted the Service, and Joan Brownlee played the organ. Thanks again to the ladies, who served tea to all in the Parish Hall after the Service.

L to R: Owen Wilson, Revd Geoff Bridle,  
Canon Robert Riddel, Ian Crawford



## Mullaghduin Harvest Services

Our Harvest Services on Friday 4th and Sunday 6th October were again blessed with favourable weather. The Church was tastefully decorated and the choir, with Elizabeth Hazlett at the organ, led the singing of the familiar Harvest Hymns and sang the Anthems "Give Thanks", "All Created" and "Sowing and Reaping" with the junior choir singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful". Our special speakers, Mark Kenyon, Brother David Jardine, and Geoff Gawn, brought challenges and encouragement to all who attended. The Rector thanked all who had given of their time and talents to make the Harvest celebrations successful.

## Mothers' Union

Tuesday 12th November 7.30pm Coffee Evening and Sale, Cleenish Parish Hall, support from parishioners would be very much appreciated. Tuesday 19th November 8pm Mullaghduin Parish Hall, Jonny Phenix, Diocesan Youth Officer, will speak on his involvement with the Wells Project in the Diocese.

## Cleenish Brownies

Pack now meeting on Wednesday evenings, 6.30 to 7.45pm, in Cleenish Parish Hall. Girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made welcome.

## Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesday mornings 10am-11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall. Parent/Carers with children under school age are welcome. The group gives parents/carers the opportunity to socially interact, and children to avail of a variety of play, craft and music activities.

## Morning Classes

SEFF are now running classes for those over 60 years in Cleenish Parish Hall. Larger numbers than required turned up for the first Cookery Class on Wednesday 9th October, and for the Exercise/Relaxation Class on Friday 11th October. For further details contact Maureen 6634 8806, or Ruby 6634 9886.

## Fund Raising

Over £19,000 has so far been collected with our fundraising campaign. With the purchase of land behind the Church for a Car park we need to keep the impetus going. Dance in Unionist Hall 7th February 2014. Flower festival in Church 6th, 7th and 8th June 2014.

## Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Harry Carson, Arney, Bellanaleck, who recently celebrated their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary. They had a family gathering to celebrate including their family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

## Illness

It was a pleasant surprise to have Ida Hicks back in her usual seat in Cleenish Church. Although still recovering from a serious illness, Ida has a most positive attitude, and states she wants to get out and about amongst the local people. With God's help, Ida will make satisfactory progress to her former good health.

## Cleenish Centre

To contact the centre - enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

## Bellanaleck Community Group

The Group held their first monthly meeting after the summer break in Cleenish Parish Hall on Wednesday 25th September. A large number of items were discussed, with a result the meeting took up a considerable amount of time.

Events discussed were the 5K run/walk and Family Fun Day on Saturday 8th June, which was held in very good weather. Profits from the morning event were divided between the Bradley and Keys funds, and profit from the afternoon goes towards the running of the Group, and forthcoming Christmas event on Saturday afternoon 7th December.

Funding has been successful through FDC for the proposed upgrade of the Old Quarry site and nearby Car park, however there is still some distance to travel, as permission is required from various public bodies.

Community links with Cleenish Community Centre and West Fermanagh/West Cavan Group, were discussed at length.

It is also envisaged that a defibrillator will be available within the community in the near future, however volunteer training will be required. Road Safety is always a concern, and it was noted DRD Roads Service be asked to adjust timings within the internally illuminated warning sign near the Church gates. Next Meeting, Wednesday 27th November.

## About our Churches

Cleenish Parish Church was built around 1763 in Bellanaleck village and is situated five miles from Enniskillen, close to the shores of Lough Erne. It takes its name from the nearby island of Cleenish, which was one of a series of important monastic sites on Lough Erne, and where the original church was situated. The recently renovated Parish Hall is situated beside the Church, and also serves the Parish.

Mullaghduin Parish Church is situated 4 miles from Letterbreen off the A4 Enniskillen to Belcoo road. The Parish of Mullaghduin was originally established as a rural curacy out of the greater parish of Cleenish in 1817, and a Church was constructed on the present site. A modern Church Hall at Letterbreen, also serves the Parish.

In 1978 the two Parishes of Cleenish and Mullaghduin were amalgamated.



# Clogher Cathedral

## Group of Parishes

(Clogher, Augher, Newtownsaville and Errigal Portclare)



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### Our Worship in November

**Sunday 3rd November** The Fourth Sunday before Advent: 10.00am Errigal Portclare HC; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30 Clogher HC; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

**Sunday 10th November** The Third Sunday before Advent & Remembrance Day: 9.00am Clogher Holy Communion; 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30 Clogher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP; 2.30pm RBL Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial; 3.00pm RBL Service of Remembrance St Macartan's Cathedral.

**Sunday 17th November** The Second Sunday before Advent: 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP; 10.00am Augher HC; 11.30 Clogher HC; 11.30am Newtownsaville HC.

**Sunday 24th November** The Sunday before Advent: 9am Clogher HC; 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30 Clogher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

**Sunday 1st December** Advent Sunday: 10.00am Errigal Portclare HC; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30 Clogher HC; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP; 7.00pm Diocesan Service of Carols for Advent and Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

### Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 6th November** - Weekly Waltzing classes commence in RBL Hall, Clogher.

**Wednesday 20th November** - MU Dinner in Corick House, Clogher.

**Sunday 1st December** - Diocesan Service of Carols for Advent and Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher at 7.00pm.

**Thursday 5th December** - Community Carol Service and Switching on of Christmas Lights at 7.00pm. Proceeds to Cancer Focus Northern Ireland.

**Friday 13th December** - Christmas Carol Concert in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher organised by Riding for the Disabled Association.

### Clogher Notes

#### Tractor Run

On a glorious autumn day at the end of September the first ever tractor run took place from the Cathedral in Clogher. Over 50 tractors ranging from the smallest of vintage Fergusons to monster modern John Deere's took part. After a hearty breakfast in the Cathedral Hall cooked and served by a large band of Cathedral helpers the convoy set off from Fannin's Yard. Among the drivers were the rector on a Massey Ferguson 390P kindly lent him by Mr Richard Mulligan and the curate on a Massey Ferguson 135 kindly lent him by Mr William Fannin. Our first stop was at the Forth Chapel outside of Augher where Mr Jack Johnston, our renowned local historian, gave a short talk on the Chapel and highlighted the magnificence of the Harry Clarke windows. It was then back on board for a short venture into Co Monaghan before our second stop at the Brackenridge Monument high on the hill overlooking the entire Clogher Valley. As well as an opportunity to admire the wonderful vista of the valley on a clear day the participants were able to enjoy another talk from Jack on who Brackenridge was, his associations with Clogher and why he built the monument to himself. After negotiating the steep descent from Brackenridge, with only one casualty, an overheated tractor, the next stop was at the Fardross Caravan Park for refreshments. We journeyed on to the ruins of Aughtentaine Castle where Jack, once again, informed us of its history. The final leg of the journey brought us to Paisley House, the home of Mr Richard Mulligan, where a welcome cup of tea and scones were provided. The day ended with a fun "reverse rolling" competition which tested the skills of the drivers at reversing a farm roller around a specially designed course, the winner of which was Mr Oscar Clingen in a time of just under 40 seconds. Thanks to all of the cathedral community and their friends who worked so hard and helped in any way to make the day so special. Particular thanks go to William and Sharon Fannin whose inspiration for the day and the regard in which they are held contributed greatly to its success. Thanks also to Richard Mulligan and Jack Johnston for guiding the participants respectively, physically and historically through the day.

#### Harvest

Harvest Thanksgiving was celebrated in St Macartan's on Friday 4th October with a service at which the Dean of the Cathedral was the preacher. Members of the choir of St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen together with the choir of Clogher Cathedral led the worship. The crucifer, who on this occasion was Janice Clingen, who did a superb job with only 5 minutes notice, led the procession. Afterwards the congregation enjoyed supper which was served in Cathedral.

On Sunday morning the rector conducted a Holy Communion for Harvest and it was the turn of the Sunday School to assist in leading the worship and we thank the pianist Janice Clingen for playing so well. It was also a delight to welcome for the first time Miss Heather Fannin who has been approved by the Bishop to assist at services of Holy Communion by administering the chalice.

## Augher Notes

The annual Harvest Thanksgiving weekend took place on 11th and 13th October. On Friday evening the service was led by the Rector and the special preacher was the Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon of Clogher. The choir under the direction of the organist Mrs Sylvia McClung sang several harvest anthems. The service was followed by a tasty harvest supper served in the Carmichael Hall. The scene was repeated on Sunday morning when the rector was the preacher. It was wonderful to see the Church of St Mark as always so beautifully decorated with an augmented choir and congregation. A credit to all concerned!

## Newtownsville Notes

At the Clogher Diocesan synod, held in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, the young people of St Mark's, Newtownsville were pleased to receive awards in the Sunday School competition organised by the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. First place went to Hollea Lavelle who received the Bishop's Medal. In second place was Jack Steenson, and in third place, Rebecca Lavelle. In the Archdeacon Ruddell competition, second place in the Diocese went to William Lavelle. Certificates of Merit were also awarded to Matthew Bell, Dylan Crawford, Lauren Smyth and Georgia Crawford.

These awards reflect the effort put in by these young people and also the dedication of Mrs Pat Scott, the Sunday School Superintendent, together with her helpers who do so much to encourage the young people in their Christian life and learning. Well done to each and every one.

The Annual Harvest Thanksgiving festival took place on the 18th and 20th October. Once again the Church of St Mark was beautifully decorated for the event. On Friday the service was conducted by Mr John Irvine, Diocesan Reader assisted by Mr Alan Lavelle, Parish Reader, and the Very Revd Cecil Orr, former Dean of St Columb's Cathedral Derry was the preacher. On the Sunday Holy Communion was celebrated by the rector.

## Errigal Portclare Notes

Following the success of the Harvest Musical Evening on Friday 27th September the Sunday Harvest Service was led by the Rector, assisted by the curate, and we were delighted to welcome the Bishop who gave the harvest sermon on his first visit to Errigal Portclare. We look forward to welcoming the bishop back to the parish in the near future for the rededication of the church following the extensive restoration work to the roof, the painting of the interior and also to dedicate new hymn books for use in worship.

## Mothers' Union

The September meeting of the MU branch was treated to an informative talk by Mr Lawrence Todd of local

Clogher Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service on aspects of safety in the home. Particular emphasis was placed on the urgent need for everyone to consider installing carbon monoxide monitors and also on the free checks which the NIFRS will carry out in any home and the measures they will install to provide protection in the event of a fire.

The Annual Dinner will be held on 20th November in Corick House, and members look forward to fellowship and entertainment on that occasion.

## Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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## Services in November

**3rd of November:** The Fourth Sunday before Advent  
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**10th of November:** The Third Sunday before Advent, Remembrance Sunday  
10.00am Currin Holy Communion; 11.30am Killeevan Morning Prayer.

**17th of November:** The Second Sunday before Advent  
10.00am Clones Morning Prayer; 11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion.

**24th of November:** Christ the King  
10.00am Currin Morning Prayer; 11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion.

**1st of December:** The First Sunday of Advent  
11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer; 3.00pm Clones Advent and Christmas Carol Service together with Lisnaskea Silver band, singers and soloists.

*'Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works  
they may by you be plenteously rewarded:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.'*

## Blaze and Shine

Our youth and children ministry will meet on the following Thursdays: 14th and 28th of November and 12th of December at 7.00pm in Killeevan Hall. Ahead is a term of lots of fun and learning about the Christian faith. The group finishes each night around 8.30pm. The leaders look forward to seeing everyone back and would be delighted to welcome new members. For more information please contact Miss Averil Crowe 047 51647 or Mrs Diane Smyth 086 8182416.

## Study Group

The Bible Study group will meet in November on the following Mondays: 4th of November at 8.00pm in Killeevan; 18th of November at 8.00pm in Newbliss. All welcome, please bring a Bible and a friend.

## Protestant Orphan Society AGM

The annual general meeting of the Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society will be held on Monday 2nd December at 3.00pm Killeevan Church Hall. Bishop John McDowell will chair the meeting.

## Sustentation

All four parishes have to pay the assessment to the Diocese four times each year. Some of you pay your sustentation throughout the year, others pay on one occasion. If you have not yet contributed to your parish, can I as rector encourage you to do so during November. Payments after the 30th November may not be included in the report for 2013. Can I also express my and the Select Vestries' sincere appreciation for your financial support to the life of the church. Thank you very much.

## Beetle Drive

The Beetle drive held in Killeevan early in October was an evening of fun, laughter and competition. The hall was filled with enthusiastic participants, the atmosphere engaging and the supper delicious. Sincere thanks to all who played, those who helped and to those who donated prizes. The evening raised €530 – a wonderful result. Thank you.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Tanya Fawcett and Mr Wesley Moffett who in September were married in St Andrew's Church, Scotshouse. May God bless you.

## Baptism

Lisa Amanda, daughter of Mrs Dorothy and Mr Ian Jordan, Jason and Zoe's sister, was baptised in St Andrew's Church, Scotshouse on the last Sunday in September. May God bless Lisa and her family and Godparents.

## Bereavement

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mr Fred Carleton. We remember especially his family and niece Mrs Linda Keating.

## Colaghty



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## November

3rd Holy Communion 11.30am.  
10th Remembrance Sunday 11.30am.  
17th Morning Prayer 11.30am.  
24th Morning Prayer 11.30am.

## December

1st Holy Communion 11.30am.  
8th Family service 11.30am.  
15th Morning Prayer 11.30am.  
22nd Morning Prayer 11.30am.  
22nd Carol service 7.00pm.  
25th Christmas day family communion 10.30am.  
29th Morning Prayer 11.30am.

## Baptism

29th September 2013 - Mark Thomas Jack Johnston, son of Mark and Sandra, Hollybank, 94 Tirwinny Road, Tirwinny, Lack.

## Christian Burial

17th September 2013 - Elizabeth (Betty) Scanlon, 7 Main Street, Lack.

## Praise Service

Our thanks to those who organised the praise service on Sunday evening, 29th September. It was an inspirational evening with music by MTC and guest speaker Nathan Johnston. The retiring collection was for the purchase of bibles for China. We would seek to hold in prayer those who are going out at the end of October that God would watch over and guide their paths.

## Harvest Services

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the harvest services. To those who provided the gifts of fruit and vegetables, flowers and other items towards the decorating of the church. Thanks to all the various groups, organisations and individuals, for the beautifully decorated window displays that encapsulated much of what the harvest is all about. To our organist, musicians and choir for the special pieces at each service, to our visiting speakers, Canon Dr W Johnston and Karl Saunders, to the readers and those who led the prayers and to Glassmullagh accordion band our sincere thanks to you all.

Thanks too, to the Women's Fellowship and the Young@heart for providing the refreshments after the services on the Friday and Sunday evenings.

## Remembrance Sunday



As we approach Remembrance Sunday, much has happened throughout this last year, violence and conflict are still evident, terrorism is as

real as ever and it seems that little has been learned from the past. The remembrance of two World Wars and subsequent wars and conflicts is important, in that each of us need to be consciously aware of the sacrifice of so many who give their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Freedoms that for the most part, are taken for granted and in some instances, squandered altogether.

The effects of terrorism in our own province can never be underestimated, the pain and hurt, the loss and suffering is as real today for the many innocent victims of terrorism as it was when they first heard the heart-breaking knock at the door with the news of a loved one's life cruelly ended by a terrorist bomb or bullet. Over the summer months, with the Maze terrorist shrine debacle and the glorification of terrorism events in Castlederg and Loughmacrory, and even as I write these notes, the further attempts for Belfast, does little to encourage confidence for the future. Events such as these and the possibility of similar future events only seek to further traumatise the innocent victims of terrorism. They need our support; they need us as a church to not only offer continual pastoral support but to speak out against anything that glorifies terrorism, either in a written, spoken or physical way. Let us all, in the season of remembrance acknowledge the sacrifice and strive for peace with justice.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope and power of the Holy Spirit? Romans 15: 13

## Dates for your diary

Sunday School 10.30am.  
Friday CE/Youth Fellowship, Juniors 7.00pm & Seniors 8.30pm.  
Bible Fellowship, Wednesday @ 8.00pm.  
Bowls every Thursday 8.00pm.  
Women's Fellowship Monday 11th November, 8.00pm.  
Young@heart, Wednesday 20th November, 10.30am.  
Sunday 24th November at 7.00pm Kesh Rural Deanery Youth Praise Service at the Fountain Centre, Kesh.

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## Prayer

Lord Jesus, as I remember your washing of the disciples' feet, keep me humble and ready to serve. As I remember the Last Supper, make me aware of your coming in the sacrament of the Eucharist. As I remember your betrayal, keep my heart and life loyal to you, Christ my Lord who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Church Services

### November 2013

Sunday 3rd Holy Communion Castle Archdale 10.15am; Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Wednesday 6th Monthly Evening Prayer Derryvullen North 7.30pm.

Sunday 10th Act of Remembrance Derryvullen North 10.30am; Castle Archdale 11.45am; RBL Service of Remembrance Derryvullen North 3.30pm.

Sunday 17th Morning Prayer Castle Archdale 10.15am; BB Enrolment Service Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Tuesday 19th Quiet Holy Communion Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Sunday 24th Morning Prayer Castle Archdale 10.15am; Derryvullen North 11.30am.

### December 2013

Sunday 1st Advent Service Castle Archdale 10.15am; Derryvullen North 11.30am.

## COMET – Come to Christ

Our new Youth Fellowship was launched by our Diocesan Youth Officer, Mr Jonny Phenix at morning worship on Sunday 15th September. Our new leaders, Sandra Cashel and Lindsey Farrell met an enthusiastic group of young people at their first meeting and were impressed by the response. This is a totally new development in our parish and we hope an innovative and successful approach that will engage our young people. We ask for everyone's support and hope there will be support and commitment for further developments in youth ministry.

## Fermanagh Churches Forum

On Sunday 15th September Irvinestown hosted this annual event that attracted about 60 visitors. The 'tour' began at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church where Fr McGourty gave a talk and presented each of the other denominations with a copy of a book that celebrates 100 years of the church. Canon West spoke in the Church of Ireland, drawing attention to the fact that it is named after St Tighernach. At the Methodist Church, the Revd Eleanor Hayden talked about Methodism and at the Presbyterian Church, the Revd Charles Clements answered questions about his church governance and organisation. The dry but windy conditions meant the cup of tea in Derryvullen North Parish Hall was particularly welcome. Thank you to all who helped.

## Derryvullen North Parish Church – A Statement of Significance

Previous Rectors wrote short histories of our parish: Canon Kerr in 1938 and Canon McKeon in 1985. Now the present Rector has also added his contribution. The book is written in a distinctive style and contains much detail that will provide explanation for both the church and adjoining churchyard. Shorter than his previous book, *Connections – Celtic Spirituality on the shores of Lough Erne*, the book should be of interest to parishioners, past and present, as well as visitors.

## New Bishop of Meath and Kildare

Parishioners may have already learned of the appointment of the first female Bishop in the Church of Ireland: The Revd Patricia Storey, Rector of St Augustine's Church in Londonderry. She is married to the Revd Earl Storey who preached at the Derryvullen North Harvest several years ago. Earl has a local connection, a Fermanagh man and a nephew of the late Canon Robert Doonan who served in the Ardess and Tubrid parishes. Following his retirement, Canon Doonan took occasional services in Derryvullen North and Mrs Doonan and Dr Margaret Knox led the Junior Choir. We wish the 'new' Bishop well in this important church calling.

## Mothers' Union Diocesan Autumn Council

This service was held for the first time in many years on 2nd Oct in Derryvullen North. Holy Communion of the Anglican Church of Kenya was celebrated by Canon West assisted by Dr Margaret Knox. This was followed by the Council meeting in the Parish Hall, preceded by supper supplied by Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale members.

Canon West was invited to speak on his book 'Connections'. He gave a very interesting and informative talk, appreciated by all. Sixty-seven members of Council attended and after dealing with business matters the meeting closed with the Grace. Dr Margaret expressed thanks to all who had helped to make the evening a success.

## Castle Archdale Harvest Thanksgiving

Harvest Thanksgiving services took place on Sunday 6th October. The Sunday School children took part in the morning service; the Rector conducted Evening Prayer, lessons read by Dr Margaret Knox and Archdeacon Cecil Pringle was the preacher. Harvest music was provided by Mr William McBride (Organ), along with Mr Stephen Magee (Trumpet) and Mr Don Swain (Flute).

The church was very tastefully decorated and the ladies of the Parish supplied supper. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations.

## Rector's Notes

I have just completed my duty week in Dublin. As Prebendary of Donaghmore it is an honour to represent our diocese on the Chapter of the National Cathedral, St Patrick's in the centre of the city. Each of the 21 prebends from all over Ireland spends 2 weeks in residence at the Cathedral each year.

Duty week begins on the Sunday morning with an early morning departure from Enniskillen. After 'moving into' the nearby Canon's flat the resident Canon attends the 9.15am Holy Communion and preaches at the 11.15am and 3.15pm services. Each weekday the duty Canon assists at 9.15am Matins and 5.30pm Evensong. Additionally he/she celebrates Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 11.00am. Other commitments may involve attending meetings, attending organ recitals or other functions.

This year has seen the refurbishment of The Lady Chapel at a cost of £700k. This has been a great success with both visitors and regular congregations who have been delighted with the beautifully presented space.

The Cathedral is always looking for new ways to engage with visitors and recently opened a café facility in the nearby school. Year on year visitor numbers increase, 2000 on some days and 900 in one 3 hour period. The duty Canon is available to assist the some 60 cathedral staff and is regularly asked by visitors to pray for, or with them. Visitors come from all over the world and there are many interesting stories told. It is usually a busy but most enjoyable week that passes all too quickly.

## Diary Dates

- 10th Nov - Tuesday Club at 2.30pm (Brendan Lilley)
- 10th Nov - Faith & Friendship (Mahon's Hotel) at 8.00pm
- 20th Nov - Women's Group at 8.30pm (Mrs Irene Gibson – Floral Treats)
- 24th Nov - At 7.00pm Kesh Rural Deanery Youth Praise Service at the Fountain Centre, Kesh.
- 27th Nov - Mothers' Union at 8.00pm (Mrs Myrtle Allen – MU Enterprise)
- 29th Nov - Annual Christmas Sale

## Christian Burial

Derryvullen North – Friday 13th September - Francis Eric Pearson, 20 Lisnarick Rd, Irvinestown.

# Derryvullen South and Garvary



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10th Nov	10.30	Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
	12.00	Morning Prayer	Garvary
17th Nov	10.30	Morning Prayer	Garvary
	12.00	Holy Communion	Derryvullen South
24th Nov	10.30	Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
	12.00	Morning Prayer	Garvary
1st Dec	10.30	Holy Communion	Garvary
	12.00	Holy Communion	Derryvullen South
8th Dec	10.30	Morning Prayer	Derryvullen South
	12.00	Morning Prayer	Garvary

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 15th September 2013 in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Zach Gary Andrew, son of David and Wendy Downey, 117 Tempo Road, Enniskillen. Also in Holy Trinity parish church, Garvary, on Sunday 22nd September 2013 the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Florence Joan and Phoebe Elsie, twin daughters of Christopher and Joan Bullock, 10 College Park Lane, Enniskillen. On Sunday 29th September 2013 in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Harry David, son of David and Alison Graham, 18 Bayview Close, Tamlaght.

On Sunday 20th October 2013 in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Dori Violet, daughter of Jonathan and Tamsin Armstrong, 62 Station Road, Maguiresbridge. We continue to remember these children, their parents and godparents in our prayers as they endeavour with God's help to bring up their children in the Christian faith.

## Holy Matrimony

On Thursday 26th September 2013, the marriage of Gemma Mary Healey, Portadown, with Paul Pierson, Portadown, was solemnised in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South. The marriage of Rebecca Ellen Woods, 67 Cloughcor Road, Lisbellaw, with Adrian Albert Mee, Gannons Cross, Belturbet, was solemnised in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South on Saturday 5th October 2013. On Saturday 12th October 2013 the marriage of Lyndsey McVitty, Gortmesson, with James William Armstrong, Tullyhona, Florencecourt, was solemnised in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary. May we continue to support them in our prayers that they may know God's blessing in their new lives together.

## Bereavements

We express our sympathy to all who have been bereaved recently including Caroline Higgins, 8 Bayview Close, on the death of her father, Richard Higgins, Lisbellaw; to Wendy Little, 17 Rampart Lane, on the death of her uncle Jimmy McVitty, Magheraveely; to James Wilson, Derryhillagh, on the death of his uncle John Wilson, Belfast; to Jean and Roberta Hunter on the death of their cousin Jim Dalton, Littlemount; and to Jean Noble, Violet Boles, Florie Edwards and Mae Eames on the death of their brother, David Storey, Lisbellaw.

## Auction

The auction held at Derryvullen South parish hall on Saturday 12th October 2013 realised the magnificent sum of £5,814. Our thanks to all who worked very hard at preparing the timber and providing the home produce. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported this important event for the parish.

## Congratulations

Best wishes to Kerri McFrederick on being awarded an MSc in Environmental Health from Leeds Metropolitan University following her graduation from the University of Northumbria last year when she was awarded a BSc (Hons) in Food Science and Nutrition. Also to Jonathan Wilson, Derryhillagh, on graduating with a BA (Hons) in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University where he continues with his veterinary studies.

## Mothers' Union

The meeting on Monday 18th November will take the form of an outing to the Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Enniskillen. Details nearer the time. For your diaries please note the Diocesan MU Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February 2014. Details later.

## Harvests

During our Harvest weekends we much appreciated the ministry of the Revd Sam McGuffin (Enniskillen Methodist Church) on Sunday morning 6th October in

Derryvullen South, the Revd Gary McMurray (Aghavea) on Friday evening 11th October in Garvary and the Revd James Boyd (Dromore) on Sunday evening 13th October in Garvary. The young people took part, along with the senior choir. In Garvary the soloist was Miss Alison Irvine. Our thanks to our organist Miss Gillian Ewing, our Sunday School teachers and to all who prepared the churches for our celebrations.

During the Sunday morning Harvest service in Garvary an Act of Dedication took place following the complete rewiring of the parish church and the installation of new lights. The lights in the sanctuary were a gift in memory of Sarah Kells, Garvary, from her brother Thompson and family. An iPod music player given by Sadie Curran in memory of her late husband Neil was also dedicated.

### With Thanks

Garvary select vestry acknowledge receipt with thanks of the generous gift of £2,000 in memory of the late Sarah Kells from her sister Mrs Elizabeth Armstrong and her niece Mrs Sandra McCormick.

This was allocated by the select vestry to the new lights in the nave and towards the rewiring of the church.

### In Lieu of Flowers

Derryvullen South select vestry acknowledge receipt with thanks of £545 in lieu of flowers following the funeral of the late William Hurst, Cloughtate.

### Remembrance Sunday

During our morning service in each parish on Sunday 10th November the Act of Remembrance will take place. The offering will go as usual to the Earl Haig Fund. There is no Sunday School on this particular Sunday.

### Concert

On Friday 6th December 2013 at 8.00pm a Concert will be held in Garvary parish church. The Concert will feature the Police Male Voice Choir and other artists. Tickets costing £10 will be circulating during November. Your support including donations will be much appreciated and will go towards Church funds.

### Clothes

In January 2014 Garvary parish will once again be collecting second hand clothes for parish funds. If anyone has any queries feel free to get in touch with either Hilda Lucy on 89541267.

### Historical Interest

In contrast to the grasping of big bonuses, the generosity of a number of 18th and 19th century philanthropists has recently been highlighted in the media. One such is Hugh Rainey 1644-1707, iron smelter, wealthy merchant and elder of the Presbyterian Church in

Magherafelt. He left provision for a school to be built. His vision for it was that it should educate those of all faiths and none. The school was established in 1713 and became the Rainey Endowed Voluntary Grammar School. At the end of September 2013 staff along with present and former pupils celebrated its 300th anniversary. It is worthy of note that we have a local connection. Victor Irvine, a former parishioner of Derryvullen South and brother of John Irvine, Garvary, and Elsie Graham, Derryvullen South, was a former Head of the Chemistry and Physics Department at the school.

### A pat on the back

Rowan Williams, the last Archbishop of Canterbury, said that there was a great need for children to be taught the Lord's Prayer in school; half of them didn't know what it was. With the backing of the present Archbishop, Justin Welby, a new course devised by a group of bishops and theologians in the Church of England is to be offered to parishes across England in an attempt to re-teach the faith. It is a basic course that includes lessons on the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. Church of Ireland parishioners will recognise these as part of what is in the Charge during Holy Baptism One on p.351 of the Book of Common Prayer and what we have been teaching for years in our two parishes through the Sunday Schools and preparation for Confirmation. Sometimes we don't give ourselves enough credit and so on this one, let's give ourselves a pat on the back!

## Devenish and Boho



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### Marriage

Marriage in Boho Parish Church on 20th September 2013. Lyn Buchanan and Rodney McDowell. We extend our best wishes to Lyn and Rodney on the occasion of their marriage.

### Remembrance Day Services

Sunday 10th November in Boho at 10.00am and Devenish at 11.30am. We look forward to the Bishop joining us for the services.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

We wish to thank our Harvest preachers Revd Rob Clements and Revd Derek Kerr. Thanks also to our choirs of both parishes, the organists, Mrs Kathleen Irwin and Mrs Gill Spence and all who brought flowers

and vegetables and helped decorate both churches. We also would like to thank the ladies, who provided such lovely Harvest Suppers in both Boho and Devenish.

## Devenish Parish Annual Auction and Sale

Devenish Parish Annual Auction and Sale on Saturday 9th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall Monea. This is the main annual fund raising event in the Parish and the Select Vestry would be grateful for all gifts for the Auction and Sale. This can include agricultural products, vegetables, firewood, electrical goods, cakes, groceries, bric-a-brac or financial donations.

## Reade Hall Project

At a parish meeting on Wednesday 26th September Mr Chris Allen, architect gave a presentation of future plans for the Reade Hall. The plans include a new disabled entrance and toilet block and an extended kitchen and committee room. There was a very positive reaction from parishioners at the meeting and at a subsequent Select Vestry meeting, Devenish Select Vestry decided to forward the plans to the Glebes Committee for their consideration.

## Arts and Craft Fair

The Parents Association of Derrygonnelly Primary School will be holding an Arts and Craft Fair in the Reade Hall, Monea on Saturday 7th December.

## Donacavey and Barr



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First Sunday of the Month 11.30am Holy Communion. Other Sundays 11.30am Services as announced.

### Barr Parish Church:

Sunday mornings at 10.00am (or as announced).

The Rector is providing pastoral and spiritual cover in Donacavey. For the present the Diocese continues to provide cover for Barr Parish.

Dear Friends,

On Sunday evening 13th October I joined with others from the Presbyterian church and the Church of Ireland to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving in Fintona Methodist Church, I listened very

attentively as Revd William Newell, a dear friend and the Methodist minister here in Fintona shared something of two separate visits to a Nazi concentration camp in Poland and how his deep shock on the first occasion was, surprisingly, somewhat anaesthetised on his second trip in another year. He then went on to expound the frightening concept of hearts hardened to God's voice and the possibility of eventually becoming entirely deaf to God's call.

It seemed to me that it was certainly a word in season and a call to be attentive to our Almighty Father who loves us utterly, completely and unreservedly requiring only that we turn to Christ in repentance and faith to receive new and eternal life.

What about you this Harvest season? Is Jesus knocking at the door of your heart? Has your spiritual hearing become increasingly impaired of late?

Remember that wonderful proclamation: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

Remember what Jesus said:

20 *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."* (Revelation 3:20)

Is Christ knocking for you?.....Are you listening.....Do you hear his voice....perhaps you should open the door....You will never be the same again.

God bless you,  
Your pastor and friend  
John

## CU4T

CU4T met on the first Tuesday in October in the Conference Room in Donacavey Parish Hall. We all simply enjoyed a time of fellowship and a cuppa. It was also great that our numbers doubled to ten – Let's hope for another increase next time! It seemed that our time together passed all too quickly but we were able to chat about where we would like the group to go in the future and if we should occasionally have different speakers.

Remember, remember, we meet again on Tuesday 5th November at 2pm in the Conference room. We extend a warm welcome to all who would like to join with us.

## Hour Of Prayer

**We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room at 7.30pm.** Our time of prayer in October was powerful and those who met were of one heart and mind. It was a powerful time of prayer together and we look forward to meeting again on 5th November – how about getting yourself into the engine room and then watching our Almighty Father respond mightily to our prayers. It would be wonderful if others came to join in prayer and see where God, by His Holy Spirit leads us.



## Afternoon Bible Study

**The Afternoon Bible Study meets in the Rectory on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.** Initially it was planned to meet only once a month but on reflection, and because of the enthusiasm of those who met together, we decided to meet on two Tuesdays in the month. This is greatly encouraging. We are studying "The Power of Knowing God" and gleaning so much as we go.

## Evening Bible Study

**We meet on Tuesdays (all Tuesdays except first Tuesday) at 8pm in The Conference Room in Donacavey Parish Church.** We are now well underway with our Precepts Bible Study: "God's Love Alive in You" and we are enjoying studying God's Word together, learning together and deepening our faith. We are taking our time with the study and it will certainly take us some time to cover the excellent material produced by Kay Arthur and Precepts Ministries. Already we are finding it's a gold mine of deepening our discipleship.

## Harvest Thanksgiving Services

**Harvest Decorations.** This year we were unable to meet in our church building due to extensive decoration and renovation so we gathered in Donacavey Parish Hall. In very different circumstances to normal the hall was tastefully and beautifully decorated to reflect the season and this was a blessing to those who gathered. Thank you to the team of ladies that decorated the hall – we appreciate your hard work.

Our **Childrens' Harvest Service** was a great encouragement as around 90 people gathered to support the children as they presented in a very clear way their harvest message to us in song, poetry and prayer. The children brought their harvest gifts forward during the singing of the first hymn. Every child in our Sunday School took part and we especially thank our Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs Lucy Woods and Sunday School Teachers, Alan Nesbitt and Brian Beattie for all their hard work with the children in preparing for this service. We appreciate all you do with the children in the Sunday school from week to week.

It was a joy to welcome Heather Watson from Child Evangelism Fellowship to join us for this service and she presented a very clear message to the children that they need to say sorry to God for the naughty things they have done and ask Jesus to come into their hearts as their Saviour. God's message to the children was very clearly presented by Heather and we thank her for coming. It was wonderful to see all the youngsters soaking up her message of God's love for them with focus and interest.

## Sunday Evening Service

A good number of people (over 80) gathered for our Sunday evening service and it was a joy to see so

many gathered. The choir presented two anthems to us and Mrs Lucy Woods blessed us with a solo. A very clear harvest message was presented by the Rector entitled "Five simple but vital grains of corn". One parishioner commented after the service that there was a lovely presence of the Lord amongst us. How encouraging!

## Monday Evening Service And Harvest Supper

On Monday evening we welcomed Reverend Mark Watson from Trory and Killadeas. It was good to have him come amongst us and share the Gospel message at this service.

The choir once again ministered to us in song and Mrs Lucy Woods gave a very powerful rendition of the Gospel song: "Soul adrift without a Saviour".

Revd Mark brought to us one of the most powerful sermon's I have ever heard preached. He challenged each of our hearts to be available for God to call us to help reap the harvest of souls that is so clearly out there ready for the picking. He also challenged us that we not only have to be called but we also have to be "chosen" and many of us hear God speak but we don't respond. We all hope that before he comes back he will urgently take a course in proper poultry husbandry! (Ask Mark)

## For Your Prayers

Please pray for those both within our community and those whom we know from elsewhere. Please pray for:

**Monday:** Jean; Violet; Kathleen; Diane; Muriel; Bella; Carrie; Chris.

**Tuesday:** Sarah; Euel; Leonard; Jean; Jack; Bill & Jan; Evelyn; Joe; Francis.

**Wednesday:** Robert, Mary; George; Tilly; Carol; Desmond; Norman.

**Thursday:** Lucinda; Laura; Anne; Richard, Theresa; Edith; May.

**Friday:** Marjorie; Madge; Jonny; Martha; Peg; Lily; George; Glen.

**Saturday:** Gertie; Ina; Joe & Mary; Molly; Ruby; Noelle; Mary; Henry.

*On Sundays please pray for all those known only to you.*

## Craft Fair & Coffee Morning

Donacavey Parish Church Hall on Saturday 30th November from 10am-3pm. Stalls include: Home Baking, Various Crafts, Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery and more! Come early and get your Christmas Gifts! Proceeds in aid of Donacavey Parish Church Building Fund & Horizon West Children's Hospice. Admission £3 (including refreshments). The Rector extends a very warm welcome to ALL who would like to join us on the day.

## Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Services: November 2013

**Sunday 3rd** (The Fourth Sunday before Advent): Donagh 9.30am Holy Baptism, Dedication of gift, 1st Census; Tyholland 11.00am HC.

**Sunday 10th** (The Third Sunday before Advent & Remembrance Sunday): Donagh 9.30am HC; E'Truagh 11.00am HC.

**Sunday 17th** (The Second Sunday before Advent): Donagh 9.30am MP; Tyholland 11.00am MP.

**Sunday 24th** (The Kingship of Christ): Donagh 9.30am MP; E'Truagh 11.00am MP.

### Harvest Celebrations

One of the pieces our choir have been singing this harvest is "God is good."

*"For all your gifts we bless you Lord. But chiefly for our heavenly food; Your pardoning grace, your quickening word, These prompt our song, that God is good".*

Certainly God has been very good to us this year. I think the good attendance at our services reflected something of the gratitude of people towards God for his goodness.

As a choir we were invited on the first Sunday in September to join in the celebration of harvest with the folks in Aughnamullen. We also were invited to join with the choir of St. Mary's Glennon for the annual service of thanksgiving for harvest.

Tyholland Parish Church, harvest service and Dedication took place Sunday 22nd September. The preacher was the Rt. Revd John McDowell. The gift of a 'chair of ease' for the graveyard, hymn books and the sound system were dedicated. The chair was given by the Quinn family in memory of Sam Quinn. After the service many people were able to sit outside around tables on the patio for refreshments, courtesy of the well equipped canteen of Ronnie and Doris Wilson.

Errigal Truagh harvest reminded me of the "home coming" ongoing celebrations in Southern Ireland during the year, when many people returned to visit their roots in Ireland. Year after year people return to E'Truagh to celebrate harvest with family and friends through praise and prayer in the church, followed by a 'sit down meal'. The preacher was the Revd Precentor Noel Regan.

This is a major event for the people in E'Truagh annually and a lot of hard work goes on prior to this special service.

The finale of our praise to God for his bountiful harvest was in Glaslough, Sunday 13th October. Preacher was

the Revd Christopher Fraser from the Methodist Church in Monaghan. Organist and soloist was Mr Glenn Moore. The recessional voluntary "Highland Cathedral" was played by Glenn on the organ, accompanied by Lucy Somerville on pipes, and Neil Somerville on the Drum. Thanks to our Parish Reader, Marina Waller who assisted with the service, also to our Bible readers, Robert Wilson of Tyholland and William Singleton of Errigal Truagh. The Sunday school boys and girls set the scene for the service by carrying harvest gifts to the Communion table as the choir sang "Thank you God for all your gifts to put on the harvest table". My thanks to the choir and conductor Ethne for providing special music for all three harvest services in the group. Special thanks to those who provided food and did the catering for the services. Thanks also for those who gave up their time decorating the churches for these events, and to anyone who had any input into these worshipful events.

### The Archdeacon Ruddel Prize

There was much excitement among the children and teachers in Glaslough Sunday School when they learned they had gained 1st place in the Archdeacon Ruddel project. The theme was on six of their favourite hymns under the headings: Hymn of praise; A hymn of prayer; A hymn of thanksgiving; A hymn of creation; A hymn of hope and trust; A hymn of the church's seasons. Each child was awarded a certificate. They also received a prize of money which the Sunday school will put to good use. Special thanks to the teachers Robert Jordan, Edna Taylor and Dianne Coulter for all their hard work with the children.

### Bible Study

We meet on alternate Wednesday evenings at 8pm. The theme for this term is "Threshold, a place of transformation."

### Congratulations

Good wishes to Philip and Nessa Wilson on the birth of their baby boy Connor James. Connor is the grandson of Mr and Mrs Ronnie Wilson. We pray that God will bless Connor and all the family.

### Rural Deanery Inspections

Thanks to Canon Ian Berry and Mr Chris Treacy for carrying out the inspections of the three churches and rectory within our group. These ongoing inspections help to keep our building in reasonable condition.

### Safeguarding Trust Training

Fourteen people attended a training evening in Glaslough parish hall. Thanks to the Revd Mark Watson for delivering the training in a way that was encouraging to our youth workers. Thanks also to new people who have put their names forward to assist in Sunday school. As Mark reminded the potential leaders "they do a very important job teaching in Sunday school".

## Future Event

Girl's Brigade Enrolment Service in Glaslough Parish Church, Sunday 17th November at 3pm. Speaker will be Miss Lizzie Allister.

## Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November, service of Remembrance in Donagh at 9.30am, Errigal Truagh at 11am, when the names of those who lost their lives in war from that area will be remembered.

## Carol Services

Sunday 1st (The first Sunday in Advent) Tyholland at 3pm.  
Sunday 8th Errigal Truagh at 3pm.  
Wednesday 18th Glaslough (time to be confirmed).

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## Services Times

Every Sunday at 11.30am. First Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion.

We are now well into the new season of activity and organizations within the church. We have celebrated Harvest and the annual events keep coming with an Act of Remembrance during Sunday Worship on the 10th November, the Advent Carol Service at 7.30pm on Sunday 1st December to name only two. Yet often we get caught up in the humdrum of the organization and forget that the church is more an organism – a living breathing entity. Yet much more it is a life-giving organism that exists not for itself but rather for those yet to become members. I was challenged recently by this quotation by Keith Green "The Church used to be a lifeboat rescuing the perishing. Now she is a cruise ship recruiting the promising" WOW what a wakeup call for each and every one of us not lest the preacher and church leader. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit and through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ I pray that the church will once again be known as a place that rescues people.

Every Blessing  
James

## Expression

2nd November 2013 8.00pm–12.00 Midnight. This time at Expression we are joined by Ian Hannah. He is a gifted worship leader and currently leads CHOP (Coleraine House of Prayer). God has gifted Ian with a wonderful passion for intercession. We will be praying for the church, community and nation seeking that God would move in a

mighty way in the West. You can come and go throughout the evening staying for as long as you wish. Put the date in your diary and encourage others to come along – this is for everyone.

## M13

Tickets are available for M13 (previously called Mandate) it is happening in the Waterfront on Saturday 9th November. This year's theme is The Future of Church and your Place in it with Alan Scott and Christoph Ebbinghaus. If you would like to attend please let Gordon or James know.

## Repairs

Over last number of months the Select Vestry has been looking at ensuring our buildings are fit for purpose. A number of projects have been completed to date - refurbishment of the upstairs rooms, upgrading the AV system and many smaller jobs as well. Over a number of years the roof on the church has caused some concern and at a recent meeting the vestry decided that it was time to put it right. The slates need to be removed, new felt and lathes put on and then re-slatted putting the roof back to normal ensuring that it will continue to keep us dry for years to come. It is anticipated that the project will cost in the region of £40,000 and works will have already begun as you read this. We will endeavour to keep you informed throughout the works and there will be an opportunity to contribute directly to the cost of the project at a later date. Be assured that the vestry have pledged to continue to ensure that our premises are fit for purpose and will continue to look at other areas that need attention.

## Harvest

The building was looking fantastic, the singing was splendid and the presence of God was very tangible. Our preachers brought us some very challenging messages from God's word. Bishop Ken Clarke challenged us to search and see if we had compassion in our hearts – would other people see Jesus in us. Lesley Donaldson challenged us from the story of Ruth with this strap line – Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Revd James Boyd brought the message that God does some of his best work in some of our darkest days – do we know the difference between the Gift and the Giver? Thank you to all who contributed to the Harvest celebrations in any way.

## Confirmation

Preparation for Confirmation has already begun. Please pray for those who will be confirmed as they express their faith in Jesus and share their testimony with the wider church. Bishop John will be with us at the Morning Service on 17th November.

## Christmas Dinner

The now not to missed annual Christmas Dinner is booked for Saturday 7th December at 1.00pm – get your place reserved and invite others to come along as well.

## From the Parish Register

Marriage - 20th September – Lysie Bond and Clive Stronge.

## Recorded Services

Each Sunday the worship is recorded and then distributed to many people throughout the week. If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry or you wish to get a copy of a service/sermon yourself then please speak to Gordon 02882898005

## Social Networking

We are now on Facebook find us using the name Holy Trinity Dromore, simply 'Like' our page to receive regular updates on what is happening.

## Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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## Services in November

### Sunday 3rd

10.00 Templecarne MP  
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

### Sunday 10th

10.00 Muckross HC (Act of Remembrance)  
11.30 Drumkeeran MP (Act of Remembrance)  
Youth Parade in Pettigoe - No Sunday School  
7.00 Dernasesk. Speaker: Revd Eleanor Hayden.

### Sunday 17th

10.00 Templecarne HC  
11.30 Drumkeeran MP

### Sunday 24th

10.00 Muckross MP  
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

## Services in December

### Sunday 1st

10.00 Templecarne MP  
Drumkeeran HC

### Sunday 8th

11.00 Joint Children's Service, including lunch.  
7.00 Dernasesk Carol Service

### Sunday 15th

10.00 Templecarne Carol Service inc. HC  
11.30 Drumkeeran Carol Service

### Sunday 22nd

10.00 Muckross Carol Service  
11.30 Drumkeeran MP & HB

During September Harvest Thanksgivings services were held in all three churches. Details of the services in Muckross and Templecarne were in the October Magazine. The Harvest services in Drumkeeran were on 22nd September, morning and evening. The preacher at the evening service was Canon David Skuce, rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk. Tea was served in the Church after the evening service, an opportunity for pleasant and relaxed conversation.

I would like to thank all who played a part in the preparation for the Harvest Thanksgiving services in all three parishes, those who decorated the churches, those who prepared and served supper, the organists and choirs, and all who contributed in any way. Thank you to all who attended, particularly those who made the effort to be at services in other churches in the group. Please try to be an 'every Sunday worshipper'.

## Sunday School

Sunday School has resumed in all three churches. Muckross and Templecarne Sunday School combines as with the alternating services. Thanks to all the teachers in the group who serve faithfully month by month. Please ensure full attendance by the children every Sunday, if possible in Church as well as in Sunday School. Drumkeeran Sunday School now has an enrolment of over fifty children. It is planned to hold a group Christmas Children's Carol Service in Drumkeeran on Sunday 8th December at 11.00 am, followed by a light lunch and presentation of gifts in the Parochial Hall, plus the usual visit of Santa. There will be no Sunday School on 10th November as many of the children will be taking part in the BB/GB Remembrance Parade Service in Pettigoe.

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 22nd September Joshua David Webb was baptised in Muckross Church. Although Joshua and his parents now live abroad, his mother grew up in Fermanagh. It was good to have such a large family gathering for the event, even a great-grandmother, and to enjoy tea in the church at the end of the service. We pray that God will continue to bless Joshua, his parents and all who will have the care of him in the years ahead.

## Concert

Templecarne Parish's annual concert is taking place on Thursday 28th November in the Methodist Youth Hall in Pettigoe. As in other years Kenny Archer will be the Compère. I hope that it will be well supported by parishioners, friends, and members of the local community. Thanks to those who are making the arrangements, and to those who have agreed to perform.

## Youth

Pettigoe Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade have re-opened for the winter session. As work on the renovation of the Methodist Hall in Pettigoe has not been completed,

the BB and GB are presently meeting in Drumkeeran Parochial Hall. As a parish we are delighted to be able to offer this facility, particularly as many of our young people are members of Pettigoe BB and GB. And some of the BB leaders are parishioners. It is good to have this sharing, particularly in a sparsely populated area.

## Dernasesk

The Harvest Thanksgiving in Dernasesk is due to be held on 20th October, details next month. There was no service in Dernasesk in September due to the Harvest in Muckcross. The November service will be on the 10th at 7.00pm.

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

As we move into November the work for this annual Christmas Appeal gathers momentum. Again, appreciation of the great work which Irene Boyd and her helpers put into this effort year by year. This will be Irene's seventeenth year of organising the appeal for children who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift. Anyone who can help in any way should get in touch with Irene, 02868631009. If you can fill a shoe-box with Christmas gifts for needy children, that would be much appreciated. All shoe boxes to Drumkeeran Parochial Hall - deadline, Wednesday 27th November.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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## God in Music

When I received the invitation to the parishes to join with other parishes to the singing workshops I was elated. I have always thought that singing praises or having a soft melody sung in the background during prayers was something special, but what makes a great piece of music? When we try to answer that question, we might point to the beauty of melodies created by the composer, or the brilliance of the counterpoint and harmony, or the mastery of orchestration, or the sensitive writing for the human voice. But there always seems to be something more – a special gift or quality that defies explanation. It is then we could point to the patronage and inspiration of St Cecilia, whose feast day falls on 22nd November and who is traditionally the patron saint of music.

St Cecilia was a third century martyr. At her wedding to Valerian, she sang to God in her heart and so was

able to convert her husband to the Christian faith. By the 15th century artists were portraying her with musical instruments, especially the organ. In 1942 W H Auden wrote an Anthem for St Cecilia's Day that was set to music by Benjamin Britten, born on the saint's day in 1913. 'Blessed Cecilia appear in visions to all musicians, Appear and inspire.' Three centuries earlier, another poet, John Dryden, wrote a Song for St Cecilia's Day in 1687. Music is described as present at creation. It will be there at the dissolution of the universe, and in between the past and the future, Dryden praises the joy of instruments and singing in the present moment. His words were set by Handel as the Ode for St Cecilia's Day which was first performed on her feast day in 1739. Handel composed the work at breakneck speed in nine days, inspired by his own supreme gifts, by the words, and we might believe also by the patronage of St Cecilia. He did in fact lift some of his musical ideas from two harpsichord suites by Muffat, but, as one critic described it, 'Handelian alchemy could turn base metal into gold.'

The Ode begins with an imposing overture. Solo arias and choruses follow. The music lifts our hearts to the heavenly harmony of the spheres above and then presents us with the special qualities of each instrument here on earth: the martial trumpet's loud clangors and drum, the soft compelling flute, the sharp violins, and all informed by the beauty of the human voice. Dryden wrote about Orpheus soothing the savage beast, while bright Cecilia could transport us to a higher wonder. 'His numbers rais'd a shade from Hell, Hers lift the soul to Heav'n.' It is the power of such 'sacred lays' that ends the work with a brilliant, majestic fugue, which shows how 'music shall untune the sky.' Even Chopin, a composer we do not usually link with Handel, wrote that the Ode 'comes closest to that ideal of sublime music enshrined in the deepest reaches of my soul.' St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, celebrates this unique gift of music – to speak to the heart and lift the heart to God.

## Aghabog

The Harvest service was held on Sunday 13th October and was very well attended. Our thanks to the Revd George who conducted the service and to our guest speaker Canon David Skuce who preached a very inspiring address involving the young people. Our thanks also to Miss Elizabeth Allister who sang two beautiful pieces, and to Ethel and the choir for their part in the service. We are very grateful to all who came along on Saturday to decorate the church and to those who provided flowers, fruit and vegetables.

**Illness** - We pray for all those who have been in hospital or ill at home, we wish them a speedy recovery.

**The Carol Service** will take place on Sunday 15th December at 8.00pm.

## Aughnamullen

On Saturday 12th October we welcomed Jesse Thomas Jordan into God's Church through Baptism. Jesse is the

son of Trevor Jordan and Julie Ann Dorin and Grandson of William and Edith Jordan. Jesse's baptism brought his family on both sides to Church, they came from all over Ireland, his Grandparents on his Mother's side from Kilkenny. Julie Ann's brother Paul and Trevor's sister Sandra are his Godparents.

**Bowls** - We are delighted to congratulate John Patterson from our parish and Sylvia Bell from Co. Donegal on winning the Charity Tournament held in Westport, Co. Mayo. There were over 130 bowlers who took part.

**The Carol Service** will take place on Sunday 8th of December at 3.00pm.

**Crossduff (near Shantonagh)** - The Annual Carol Service will be held on Sunday 1st December at 3.00pm. The preacher will be Revd Dr. Jean Mackarel. Refreshments will be available after the service in the newly refurbished stables. As most of you know Crossduff is still consecrated although does not function on a Sunday-by-Sunday basis. The parish numbers fell away and rather than closing it the Diocese handed the Church over to a committee who administer it. The committee undertook a large-scale refurbishment a few years ago, which turned it into one of the best-kept churches in the county.

## Drum

Harvest Thanksgiving was held on Sunday evening 15th September; it was well attended by friends and neighbours of the local community and the other churches in the group. Thank you to Revd George for conducting the service with assistance from Mr Roy Crowe, who also gave a very inspiring address. This was Roy's first time preaching in Drum but is no stranger to us as he is a regular guest soloist with us. Thank you to our soloist on this occasion, Mrs Alison Donaldson from Clontibret Parish. Thank you to all who helped decorate the church and to all who donated the flowers and vegetables etc.

**Mothers Union** - The opening service for the Drum with Ematrix Group was hosted by Drum on Thursday 3rd October. Mr Walter Pringle conducted the service in Revd George's absence. This was a great opportunity to welcome the Diocesan President of the MU, Dr Margaret Knox on her first visit to Drum, and she gave the address on the night. We were delighted to have so many visitors on the night, and thank everyone for coming. Thank you to our organist for the evening, Miss Audrey Doogan. The night ended with a lovely supper and catch-up with each other.

**Illness** - our thoughts and prayers are with those who are sick in the parish; we wish a speedy recovery to Billy Reilly who is currently in Cavan General. Also to Revd George after his back surgery, we hope they are both soon back on the road to recovery.

**Drum Carol Service** - Friday 6th December at 8.00pm.

## Dartrey & Rockcorry

Dartrey harvest thanksgiving service was held on Sunday 29th September, the Church was well decorated for the occasion. We had the Dawson Family to perform some beautifully sung pieces for us, which took us to the gates of heaven. They most surely have the voices of angels. The family group are made up of three sisters and three of their daughters with the only male in the family playing the keyboard. Captain David Hamilton who was our invited preacher gave an inspiring address. Grateful thanks to all who decorated the Church and helped in any way to make the service a success.

**Sympathy** - It is with great sadness that we express our sympathy to Mr Noel Carlton and Mrs Nan Browne and all the family circle on the death of Mr Fred Carlton. May God give them "the pace that world cannot give" at this time of loss.

**Rockcorry & Dartrey Carol Service** - will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm in Dartrey Church.

**Harvest** - Rockcorry Parish held their Harvest Service on Sunday 6th October at 8.00pm. Care was taken with the decoration of the Church, which looked very well. My grateful thanks to Revd Canon Steed for taking the complete service due to my sojourn in hospital. I had asked her to preach for us but she very willingly agreed to take the whole service. Our thanks to our soloist Mrs Beryl Trainer and to all who helped in any way.

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## November Services

**Sunday 3rd November:** (The Fourth Sunday before Advent): 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

**Thursday 7th November:** 11.00am Holy Communion.

**Sunday 10th November:** (The Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Day): 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.30am Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

**Thursday 14th November:** 11.00am Holy Communion; 1.05pm Healing Service; 4.00pm Messy Church.

**Sunday 17th November:** (The Second Sunday before Advent): 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

**Thursday 21st November:** 11.00am Holy Communion.

**Sunday 24th November:** (The First Sunday before Advent - The Kingship of Christ): 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer (Family Service); 7.00pm Evening Prayer (Pre-Confirmation Class Service).

**Thursday 28th November:** 11.00am Holy Communion; 1.05pm Healing Service.

## Holy Baptism

**Sunday 6th October** – Ben William Yuill

**Sunday 27th October** – Sophia Kathryn Parker

## Harvest Services

The Cathedral was beautifully decorated for our Harvest Services. A sincere thank you to all those who helped in any way with our harvest celebrations.

## Our Vision

Our Vision is that Saint Macartin's is 'At the heart of the community – strengthening commitment, outreach, worship and Christian Love' and to ensure this our Cathedral Church is moving forward, pursuing new ventures and aiming to cater for all people, in all places at all times! Why are we doing this? Because we are here to love God and to love all people! Our vision statement explains how we are to show our love to both God and neighbour. Firstly we strengthen our own commitment to serve and worship God in the fullest manner, then we show His love to each other and those around us. Our Vision Statement comes from the Great Commission which says: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:19-20

Our vision for this Cathedral Parish is for the people of God to gather weekly for worship, to get to know each other better and become more like Christ; to use their gifts and talents to help each other and those around us, reaching out with love, acceptance and forgiveness through evangelism. Most people think that a mission field is only in some foreign land – it is not. It is right where you are and you can help by being a 'good witness' playing an active part in our Cathedral Church and also by encouraging others to do likewise. We are about to embark on a wide range of new ventures –

Xplore, Messy Church, Mid Week Holy Communion Services, Prayer and Bible Reflections and even a new Mini Bus to assist us in our work and witness here in Enniskillen – that is not to mention an up and coming fully renovated and extended Cathedral Halls! As we all grow in faith and love with each and the Lord may we experience His peace and His presence in our lives?

## Xplore

At St Macartin's we hope to take the voice of young people seriously. In September we sent out an invitation to young people from the parish to meet with us to 'Xplore' what their cathedral could do to support them, and how they would like to be involved in the life of their cathedral. The idea wasn't to tell the young people what they should be doing, but to talk and to listen. A group of 23 teenagers met with us one Sunday evening. Over pizza and games we talked about church and how they would like to engage with it. In small groups we built cathedrals using cardboard boxes; on one side they wrote down things they'd like to see during Sunday worship, on another they brainstormed things that could happen during the week that they would find useful. Some suggestions were a bit ridiculous (we are unlikely to have a popcorn maker at the font). However other ideas were a breath of fresh air. Some talked about their desire to be more involved in shaping the worship experience or developing youth services, others talked about the need to meet together socially, and others still the desire to find spaces to talk about faith. There is still plenty of work to be done if we are going to put some meat on these ideas, but watch this space. Our feeling is that there is a lot more to come from the young people in our parish.

## Messy Church

Messy Church is a fresh expression of church for children and adults of all age that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It is a model of church successfully being used in thousands of churches across the world. Messy Church typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy with arts and craft; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. Why would St Macartin's want to start a Messy Church? Quite simply, Messy Church is a way to share the love of God in Jesus in a way that's as accessible as possible. It is for families of our parish, but also for families in our area who don't belong to church.

Messy Church meets once a month at 4.00pm. Between 4.00pm and 5.00pm there are multiple craft activities for parents, grandparents, minds etc. to play with their children. There is a big emphasis on fun and togetherness. At 5.00pm there is a short celebration followed by a meal at 5.20pm. Eating together is a really important part of Messy Church as it tells the story of God's hospitality. Messy Church is an exciting initiative for our cathedral, and we want to get cracking at making it happen. But it needs a team if it's going to work!! If you would like to be involved, in any of the elements (publicity, welcome, craft, celebration or food) give your name to the clergy.

## Crèche

A good crèche is more than a 'holding pen' for our cute, but occasionally disruptive little lambs. A crèche is a great opportunity to affirm children and show them that God loves them. It also gives parents the support they need to engage in worship without any concerns. Over the next number of months we hope to raise the profile of the crèche and strengthen the good work that is already going on there. Keep your eyes opened for our crèche purpose statement which is in development.

## Holy Communion Thursdays at 11am

In the past we have celebrated Holy Communion during Advent and Lent and also certain weekday Saints' Days. This gives us another important opportunity to worship God and receive Holy Communion during the week. However since these services fall only in certain seasons and on different days of the week, and not every week, it adds to confusion. Now a service of Holy Communion will be held in the side chapel at 11.00am every Thursday. This will finish about 11.30am and will be followed by a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits served at the back of the side chapel. It is hoped that those who come into town to shop on Thursdays can call into the Cathedral either before or after shopping, spend a little time in the presence of the Lord, and enjoy a quick cuppa and a chat afterwards. It may also be an opportunity to come to church for those who have difficulty to getting on a Sunday Morning due to work or other commitments. This service is not only for parishioners but anyone throughout the Diocese who may be in town on a Thursday morning. A cathedral is the 'mother church' of a Diocese!

## Prayer Meetings

A new style Prayer Meeting using our Book of Common Prayer will now be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays from 8.00pm – 9.00pm in the Coffee Lounge. If you have never been to a prayer meeting before and are anxious about it then this new style will suit you fine! We will use the formats for daily prayer on pages 137 – 144 of our Prayer Book.

## Bible Reflections

An opportunity to reflect on different aspects of the Bible will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 8.00pm – 9.00pm in the Coffee Lounge. If you have never been to this type of a gathering before and are anxious about it then maybe this new style will suit you fine! We can read, meditate and reflect on different passages of the Bible and learn together.

## Parish Pastoral Assistants (PPA)

A new round of Parish Visiting is underway but it does take a considerable time to get around approximately 560 homes so to help with this a team of Parish Pastoral Assistants (PPA) will soon be trained to assist the clergy. More details soon!

## Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on 14th October. There was a good attendance to hear guest speaker Barbara Clarke, Young Families Representative talk on the overnight stay in Dublin with younger members of the All Ireland Mothers' Union. Faith, fellowship and fun shone throughout the talk. The Rev Rob Clements then outlined a new project called 'Messy Church.' This is to bring together all ages of the community to be held in the Cathedral Hall early November on a Thursday afternoon. The next meeting will be held on 11th November with a demonstration by 'Lakeland', Home of Creative Home and Kitchenware.

## Tuesday Club

The Tuesday Club reopened on 24th September with a good attendance including new members. Dean Hall welcomed Rev Rob Clements who along with Rev Alistair Warke led the readings and prayers. One of our members Mrs Maureen Farrelly demonstrated soil preparation before planting up many pots of bulbs. Some members were lucky enough to win one of these pots. A delicious tea brought a thoroughly enjoyable meeting to a close. The next meeting is on 26th November and will be Holy Communion with Dean Kenneth Hall.

## New Mini Bus

We are delighted to have our new replacement Mini Bus, a 17 seater Ford Transit, and it will be used extensively for to collect parishioners for Church on Sundays and also by the many organisations within the Cathedral Parish.



Andrew Crawford, Sales Executive with T.P. Topping Ltd, handing over the keys of the Mini Bus to the Very Revd Kenneth Hall. Also in the picture is Select Vestry Member, Mr Ivan Kee, who organised the purchase.

## Choral Evensong

The Cathedral Choir will join Rossorry Church Choir for an evening of Choral Evensong in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 17th November at 7.00pm. All are welcome.



## The Great Cathedral Bake Off

The Great Cathedral Bake Off will be on Saturday 16th November at 3.00pm in the Cathedral Hall. Spectators will be able to watch some adult Parishioners compete at decorating a cake in their own 'unique style'. A special 'Mystery' judge will then award prizes to the Star Bakers and everyone will be able to have 'afternoon tea' and enjoy their tasty bakes. Children will have the opportunity to join in, decorating and eating cupcakes. This is an event for all ages with the emphasis on FUN, please bring your friends along.

## Parishioners Favourite Recipes

Watch out for the launch of a new cook book compiled by Mrs Ruby Elliott later this month called 'Parishioners Favourite Recipes' – an ideal Christmas present.

## The Prayer Book

There are many copies of the Prayer Book available in the pews and we should be thankful to the Select Vestry for supplying them, however how many have the Book of Common Prayer in their homes and use it on a daily basis? This is what it was designed for. A simple structure for daily prayer is found on the inside cover of the Prayer Book. If you would like to have one, copies are on sale in the Parish Office. Standard Green copy £14.00 or a beautiful presentation copy (maroon colour) £20.00. These would make ideal birthday or Christmas presents. The churchwardens can also order you a copy.

## The Church Hymnal

The hymns are available on the screens, but some parishioners may prefer to use a 'light weight' Hymn Book. Some have already made enquiries about them so they are now also available from the Parish Office in a beautiful presentation edition (maroon colour with large print) for £20.00. The churchwardens can also order you a copy.

## Sale of Work

Our annual Parish Sale is planned for Friday 29th November at 7.00 pm with the Auction due to begin at 8.30 pm. Stalls will include Cake, Grocery, Plant and Craft, Household, Jewellery and White Elephant, Toys and Games, Bathroom, Books, Records, CD's and Cassette Tapes, Playstation Games and Gamepacks.

## Shoebox Appeal

Put some of your Christmas into a shoe box – and send it to a child in need! When you start planning your Christmas this year, why not plan to share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2013 – unless you send it to them in a shoe box. Our Mothers' Union supports this project each year, so let us all as a parish support them in this very worthy cause. Operation Christmas Child is a project run

by Samaritan's Purse International, a Christian relief and development charity. Last year 1.1 million needy children in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa received shoe boxes from children, families and individuals in the UK. The shoe boxes are given unconditionally, regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. So – how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoe box? It's easy! Simply take an empty shoe box, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life. You also need to include £3.00 'Shipping' donation per shoebox, to cover UK transportation, overseas shipping, distribution and promotion, with any surplus going to the work of Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to contribute, there are fliers full of ideas of what to buy – plus a label to stick on the front of your box available in the cathedral porch or contact any member of the Mothers' Union or the Churchwardens for more information. Please bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to church on or before Sunday 17th November. Over the past 23 years, Operation Christmas Child has delivered 94 million shoeboxes to needy children in over 100 countries.

## Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held in the spring of 2013 for young people of school year 10 and above. Confirmation Classes will begin on Monday 25th November 2013 from 6.30pm – 7.30pm, and rather than have the candidates continue at Sunday School the only expectation until then is that you attend church on a regular basis, and Xplore. Parents and candidates will be asked to attend a special Sunday evening service on 24th November at 7.00pm and we will explain the procedure and expectations for Confirmation. The decision to be Confirmed should be taken on board voluntarily and not by any forceful interference by anyone else. Each young adult must make up their own mind voluntarily, whether or not they want to confirm their baptismal vows and take ownership for them. However the final decision rests with the Rector to decide who is presented to the Bishop for Confirmation. A form is available from the Cathedral Office which needs to be filled in by the candidate and signed, with the bottom section filled in by a parent/guardian and signed off by them. The form needs to be returned as soon as possible to the Cathedral Office.

## Advent Carol Service

A Diocesan Advent Carol service will be held in Saint Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher on Sunday 1st December at 7.00pm. There will be no service in Enniskillen at 7.00pm and transport can be provided if necessary to Clogher Cathedral. Please contact the Cathedral Office to arrange.

## Community Carol Service

Keep free Sunday 8th December at 7.00pm for a Community Carol Service in Enniskillen. More details next month.



## Nathan Carter – 'A Christmas Special'

Nathan Carter and his band with special guest Crawford Bell will perform 'A Christmas Special' in Saint Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Monday 16th December 2013 at 8.00pm. There will be no reserved seating, doors open at 7.00pm and ticket holders need to be seated before

7.45pm. There will be an opportunity to meet and greet Nathan afterwards. Tickets are available in person only (no orders by phone) from St Macartin's Cathedral Office, Cathedral Halls, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen (week days only 9.00am – 12.00noon) for a subscription of £25.00. This will be a night not to be missed!

### Prayer

May the joy of Christ shine in our eyes, the compassion of Christ reach out through our hands, the word of Christ fall from our tongues and the love of Christ flow from our hearts? Amen.

## Fivemiletown (with Kiltermon)



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11am St John's  
7pm Evening Praise 1st and 3rd Sundays

### Parish Office

10.30am-1pm Wednesday and Friday

## Footprints of Ministry

Recently, with a hour to spare, I found my car was leading me on a detour to a very pleasant antique shop. Having browsed around, wondering if this or that piece of furniture would fit, or if I could slip it into the house without it being noticed, I discovered that more time had slipped away than enough. Not a penny poorer I headed back to the route I should have been on. And there it was, a footprint of ministry. A small single story house set between two junctions. An unexpected reminder of ministry in the past.

A few years ago, Dromore Parish, together with the Clogher Diocesan Youth Council, hosted a Chilean couple for five months of shared ministry in the parish and diocese. Gerado and Suyai Gimple from Santiago, bravely answered God's call and ended up in West Tyrone, living in that little house nestled alongside the road. I remember their vain pursuit for organic vegetables, in the days before they were easily available, and their valiant and brave willingness to travel in a very aged car to all and any parts of the diocese where they were invited. Months past. We became accustomed to wonderful Chilean-Ulster accents. But eventually the Gimples said farewell and finished their time with us, and on they went to continue working under the care of SAMS, in parishes in the east of Northern Ireland. Wonderfully today, Gerado has been ordained presbyter, and is curate of Knockbreda in Belfast.

Footprints of ministry. I spent some time mulling over the sense that in Christian ministry we can and do leave footprints in people's lives, and hearts, and also in whole parishes. The hope is that we tread lightly, and with care. I began remembering those who have left footprints in my own life, especially rectors and curates from my days as a child, and as a young adult, in the parish of Portadown.

Earlier in the year I had invited former Portadown curate, Canon Norman Porteus, now rector of Derryloran in Cookstown, to preach at Kiltermon during Harvest Thanksgiving. And he came, and took great relish in telling all, that his wife was one of my babysitters!

And a great joy it was this year when a former rector of St Mark's, Portadown, Canon Reggie Twaddell, preached in St John's. It was great to reconnect over lunch with him and Mrs. Twaddell, joined by another St Mark's curate, your friend, and my father-in-law, Canon Dennis Robinson. Canon Twaddell set very good and high standards of ministry in my home parish and he is very fondly remembered. Good footprints indeed.

Another St Mark's rector, and former Dean of Kilmore, Dr. Charles Combe, retired to Bangor parish during my curacy there, and became 'Minister in Residence.' What a great preacher. And earlier this year it was a great pleasure to meet up again with Mrs. Frances McCreery, wife of the late Canon Desmond McCreery who was my training rector in Bangor Parish, and former rector of Knockbreda. Desmond's footprints

were his love for preaching, his love for people, his infectious laugh and his singular commitment to the Lord. I will always cherish some of his preaching notes which I took home with me that day.

How odd it was then to discover at a meeting with Bishop Ken Clarke and Chris Bloomfield, after they had returned from Peru and Paraguay in September, that they had seen footprints left by people who also for a time had worked for the Lord in Portadown. Ray and Beth Mills worked as mission partners with SAMS in Peru, before coming to St Mark's. They and their family were a great influence towards God and his mission for many of us who knew them then. And wonderfully, in the economy of God's grace, who works out all things according to His foreordained purpose, Bishop Ken and Chris spent some time with an older couple working in Lima, Peru, who recall with great affection, the influence of the Mills family on their lives. Holy footprints of ministry for God's sake.

I imagine there are many other footprints left by God's people if I took care enough to remember. My dad drew my attention to some just last week. Sadly the death was announced of the late Canon Tom McGonigle. Another former rector of Portadown, and held in high regard by those to whom He ministered during his years there. The Newsletter carried a very telling scripture, which must be the high accolade of all God's people: 'Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints.' Psalm 116:15.

The clear sense of scripture is that we are but passing through. A great cloud of witnesses has gone ahead of us. The names mentioned are a few of those who have left footprints of ministry in my life. I have been privileged to live and work in parishes where God's people have trodden lightly but purposefully in the cause of the Gospel of Jesus. I imagine you too have footprints left by others.

The hope is that for our part, and in our day, we will continue to walk with hope and purpose in the way that God has called.

### Parish Diary: November

Months of God's Grace: During October and November the Bible Teaching at Sunday gatherings of the church will focus on 'grace.' God willing, we will learn to understand and appreciate the great act of kindness which God has shown towards us in Christ. See Ephesians 2:3-10.

3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his

kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### Confirmation and Parish Youth Weekend: Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd

We hope to travel to Castlewellan Castle, Co. Down from Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd November. God willing, the bishop will be with us in the parish at 7pm on 24th November 2013, for Confirmation.

### Mops: Monday 11th

Time Out on Monday for Young Women, with breakfast and a supervised crèche held on 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. 11th November Topic: "Beads & Things, Jewellery Making", 25th November "First Aid for Kids and What to have in your Kit".

### 20s and 30s: Friday 15th-Sunday 17th

A group of young adults in their 20s and 30s will join others in Ballybofey, from parishes across the diocese for a weekend of reflection and challenge.

### Evening Praise: 7pm Sundays 3rd and 17th

Join us for these evenings of Bible teaching, praise and prayer.

### The Bowling Club

The Bowling Club continues each Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

### CLB

CLB Church Lads Brigade for P1-P7 boys, continues each Tuesday at 6.30-8pm, in the Parish Hall

### GFS

GFS Girls Friendly Society for P1+ girls meet at 6.30-8pm each Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

### Advance Notice

A special evening of lantern making, a prayer walk, and Advent carols is being organised for Sunday 1 December 2013. Lantern making and a tea for children and parents will begin at 4.30pm. After a prayer walk around the centre of town, we plan to join the rest of the church family for a service at 6.30pm. Advent is the time at the beginning of the new church year, to celebrate Jesus and anticipate His return. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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### TAG Group:

The TAG (Teen's and God) Group has recommenced for the season in the Archdale Centre in Lisnaskea and is open to children of secondary school age. The next meetings will be on Sunday 3rd November and then on Sunday 17th November, both at 7.30pm. For further information, please contact Helen & William Noble. "You're it! Spread the Word!"

### Galloon Parish

**Harvest Thanksgiving Services** - Thanks to all who gave of their time and produce to decorate the church for our harvest services. Thanks to those who provided the tea and eats on the Friday night after the service. The collection from Friday night's service will be going to the work of The Leprosy Mission which is the local Primary School's chosen charity for this year. The Sunday morning service was well supported with the Sunday School children taking part. Thanks to Revd Anita for all the work she put into the services and for her very appropriate sermons.

**Illness** - We wish Maisie and Gladys well after their stays in hospital and hope that by now they are back to normal again. Our thoughts are with those who are house-bound or on residential care. We thank Revd Anita for her diligent pastoral care and remind you to let her know if there is anyone who needs a pastoral visit.

**Remembrance Sunday** - There will be an Act of Remembrance during Morning Prayer at 11.30am on Sunday 10th November. This will be a joint service with the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. The youth organizations will also be present. Collection at that service for the Poppy Appeal.

**Sale of Work** - The annual sale will take place on Wednesday 20th November at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. There will be the usual stalls and competitions and refreshments will be on sale.

**Giving** - Just a reminder to those who are part of the Gift Aid scheme to have their money in and up to date by 30th November, please, so that the necessary paperwork can be dealt with. We would encourage anyone who gives to the church and is a tax-payer to consider signing up to Gift Aid. For further details speak to Amanda or Richard.

**Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union** - A branch meeting will be held in the Trinity Hall on Monday 25th November at 8.00pm. Canon Skuce will be speaking and showing slides on his trip to South Africa earlier this year and a brief talk on his recent trip to Austria. This meeting is open to all.

**Just a thought** - It has been claimed that man descended from monkeys. The monkeys have denied all responsibility!

### Sallaghy Parish

**Harvest Thanksgiving** - The Harvest Services were well attended and thanks are expressed to those who did the decorating and/or provided flowers, fruit, vegetables, etc. Thanks also to those who provided the Harvest Supper after the Friday Evening service in Sallaghy. The loose collection went towards The Pantry, "A Helping Hand" a new food bank which has just opened its doors in Lisnaskea. The Sunday morning service was also a United Service, with the children of the Sunday School taking part, providing all three parishes with the opportunity to come together to give thanks for the harvest and then to join in fellowship over a cup of tea in the hall afterwards. Thanks to those who helped with the tea and provided the food. Thanks to Revd Anita for her work for these services.

**Parish Dance** - A parish dance in the Church Hall has been arranged for Friday 8th November 2013. Music will be by "Sweet Harmony". Tickets will be on sale from early October. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

**Remembrance Service** - There will be a short Act of Remembrance during the service on Sunday 10th November when we remember all those who have died in the various conflicts around the world.

**Mothers' Union Visitors Evening** - The Mother's Union Visitors Evening will take place on Thursday 14th November at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. The guest speaker will be Inspector Roy Robinson: 'The Story of his Life and Faith'.

### Drummully Parish

**Harvest Thanksgiving** - We had a tremendous turnout for our Harvest Thanksgiving in Drummully on Sunday 6th October. The collection went towards Farm Africa, which is a very worthwhile cause. It is good to think of others who are less fortunate than us. It puts everything into perspective. Well done to our new Diocesan Curate, Reverend Anita Kerr for such a lovely service and also to the children for doing their part so well. We really appreciate the support we have been given from everyone inside and outside the parish. It is great to be able to enjoy fellowship afterwards with you all over a cup of tea in the Church Hall.

**Parish Dance** - We are looking forward to our annual parish dance in Drummully Church Hall on Friday 15th November from 10.00pm. Music is by Roy Hurst. Refreshments will be served on the night. Everyone welcome.

## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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**Sunday 3rd November:** Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC.

**Sunday 10th November:** Belleek 11.30am MP; Garrison Remembrance Service 5pm.

Sunday 17th November: Kiltyclogher 10am MP; Slavin 11.30am MP (Both Family Services).

**Sunday 24th November:** Confirmation Service in Garrison 11am HC.

**Sunday 1st December:** Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC.

**Sunday 8th December:** Kiltyclogher 10am MP; Belleek 11.30am MP.

### Mothers' Union

The September meeting was held in Garrison Church Hall where the guest speaker was Mrs Patricia Lindsay from Ballinamallard. Mrs Lindsay completed colour demonstrations on several members to see what colours suited them best. It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening and we all learned a great deal from the demonstration.

The November MU Meeting is an invitation to the Open Evening in Monea church Hall on 19th November with the guest speakers, Brian & May Gault.

### Holy Matrimony

The marriage took place on 6th September in the Anglican Church of St Saviour in Riga, Latvia of Richard Earls, youngest son of Robert & Florence Earls, Slavin, and Kintija Kreslina. We wish them God's richest blessing in their married life and we are delighted to welcome them back to Slavin.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

The Rector, Rev Ngozi was the preacher at each of the Harvest services this year.

**Slavin** - The first Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in the group on Friday 20th September in Slavin Parish Church. The organist was Miss Eithne Earls. The choir sang

2 pieces, The Harvest Call & the Bountiful Harvest. Robert Ovens read the 1st lesson.

**Belleek** - The Harvest Thanksgiving service in Belleek took place on Friday 27th September. The organist was Mrs Sadie Moore. The choir sang 2 pieces, Praise for the Harvest and Surely Goodness & Mercy. The lesson on Friday night was read by Helen Thompson. On Sunday Belleek held a group Harvest Service. The choir sang Bountiful Harvest and the lessons were read by Lee Walker and Rachel Love.

**Garrison** - The Harvest Thanksgiving service in Garrison took place on Friday 4th October and was held in Melvin View Cultural & Historical Hall (kindly granted by the committee) due to the church renovations. Jamie Kettyles read the lesson. The organist was Mrs Joy Graham. The choir sang 2 pieces: There's a Mansion over the hilltop and Praise for the Harvest.

**Kiltyclogher** - The last of the Harvest services was held in Kiltyclogher Parish Church on Sunday evening 13th October. There was a wonderful turnout of Parishioners from the Group and from the community. The lessons were read by Dot Barlow and Laura Thompson. The organist was Mrs Joy Graham. The choir led the singing and sang 2 pieces: Surely goodness & mercy and There's a Mansion over the hilltop.

At all of the services the Rector expressed her thanks for all those who decorated the churches so beautifully, the choir for singing and for the sumptuous suppers served after all of the services.

Many thanks to the choir who also travelled to Kinlough Harvest Thanksgiving to sing on Sunday 6th October.

### Illness

We think of those in our group of Parishes who have been ill. We particularly remember Betty Johnston from Belleek who was in hospital. We pray for continued improvement in all those in our Group of Parishes who have been unwell, whether in hospital or at home.

### Thanksgiving

Praise God for Austin and Sadie's 40th Wedding Anniversary and asking God for more blissful years of marriage.

### Bowls

The bowling club has re-commenced for the winter season every Tuesday night at 8pm in Melvin View Orange Hall. New members always welcome.

### Fundraising Dance

Garrison Parish are holding a dance in the Gilaroo Centre on Friday 8th November from 9.30pm onwards. Music by the well known country and western singer, Anthony McBrien. Tickets £10 including supper available from Lorraine Kettyles. All proceeds to the Church Renovation Fund.

## Remembrance Service

A Service of Remembrance will take place in the Group in Garrison Parish Church on Sunday 10th November at 5pm. A wreath in memory of all who lost their lives for their country will be laid by members of the Regimental Association. Everyone welcome.

## Service of Confirmation & Confirmation Classes

A confirmation service conducted by the Bishop will take place on Sunday 24th November in Garrison Parish Church at 11am.

Confirmation classes continue in the Rectory each Thursday at 7.30pm. Please pray for our young people/young adults who will be confirmed:- Darren Carson, Neil Graham, Amy Kettyles, Jamie Kettyles, Arianne McCordick, Rebecca Nelson, Adam Ovens, Kathy Ovens, Laura Thompson, and Lee Walker.

## Garrison Church

The building renovations are now completed on Garrison Church. Services will resume in the Church from November onwards. Praise God for the completion of our Church! Thanks are extended from the Rector and the Select Vestry to all who helped in any way throughout the renovations.

Would you like to give a gift to Garrison Parish Church in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving? Before the church re-opens there are items needed to update the church. Please discuss with Revd Ngozi or the Churchwardens, Keith Kettyles and Adrian Elliott for more information. All items donated will be dedicated at a special service on Sunday 23rd March 2014 to celebrate the re-opening and refurbishment of the Church.

## Parish Website:

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on [www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org). The web manager is Jenna Clarke.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at [doreenearls@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenearls@yahoo.co.uk)

## Inishmacsaint



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As I write I look out at the sun shining from an almost clear blue sky. It's a perfect autumn morning. Out in the fields cows and cattle are grazing contentedly where there are still good crops of grass. Some farmers tell me that it has been the best season for many years. God has been faithful to his promise that "as long as the earth

endures seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8 v22 We are about to celebrate Gods goodness and generosity to us in our Harvest Thanksgivings Services. God has provided us with so much both for our material needs and our spiritual need. God is good and has blessed us in so many ways. Above all he has shown his great love for us in giving his own dear son Jesus Christ. He is the bread of life, the one who alone can satisfy the hunger in our hearts. So in our Harvest services this weekend we have every reason to express our praise and thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving should be a normal feature of our lives as Christians if we enjoy Gods good gifts.

By the time you read this the Harvest services will have passed. The days will be getting colder and the nights longer as we move into the winter season. Those of us who live in warm comfortable homes need to remember that there is increasing number of people for whom it is a struggle to afford the heating bills. Don't forget to look out for your neighbours.

In November we have our annual Remembrance Day service. This is a solemn time as we pause to remember the many millions of, mostly young soldiers who lost their lives in the two great world wars and many others who were killed in a number of wars since then. War seems to be almost constantly on the worlds agenda. One day we know that wars will end and peace will come when Jesus comes again.

## Divine Healing Service

On Sun 3rd Nov Inishmacsaint will be hosting a Diocesan Healing service at 7:30pm. The preacher will be The Rev Eric McGirr retired rector of Ardess parish. This is open to all and we would like to welcome a good number in particular from our neighbouring parishes. There will be a cup of tea after the service. We are looking to Jesus the divine healer who is the same yesterday and today and forever

## Mothers Union

The ladies are looking forward to the next meeting when our speaker will be Precenter Noel Regan speaking on his experience of Gods healing in a very difficult time and his call to ordained ministry in the Church of Ireland.

## Christianity Explored

We meet on Wednesday evenings in Derrygonnelly Methodist church to learn about who Jesus really is and what he has to say to us. With the help of a DVD we are taking a fresh look at Jesus as we discover him and his life in the Gospel of Mark.

## World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings for Macmillan Cancer support were happening all over, and most readers of this magazine were probably at one. Sylvia and Stanley Bourke decided to host one in the Rectory on 28th September. We were delighted with the support from all sections of the

community. Cancer is a disease that has affected so many we know and the Macmillan nurses have been a great help in these situations. Thanks to all who came and for their contributions which amounted to £485.

## Kilskeery and Trillick



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### Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Wonderful Harvest Thanksgiving Services took place where, on Friday October 11th, at Kilskeery, we were joined by Revd Ken Lindsay, former president of the Methodist Church in Ireland, as members of our choirs, Boys' Brigade, soloist Catherine Johnston, organist Elizabeth Armstrong and guitarist Art Logue lead us in music and song. It was then off to our hall for supper.

Sunday morning saw children from our Sunday Schools, join our choirs as we welcomed Paul Cameron, Scripture Union.



Footage from the previous day's 'Vintage Working and Family Fun Day' in aid of 'NI Cancer Fund for Children' (held at parishioner John Armstrong's field) which was shown prior to the Service, was greatly enjoyed by all! October 20th saw us off to Trillick to do it all over again with, in the morning, a visit from George Conn, Irish Faith Missions and in the evening, Dean Kenneth Hall, with another delicious Harvest Supper drawing events to a close.

We again thank all those who helped in any way, those especially who supplied flowers, greenery, fruit and vegetables and prepared harvest supper and each and every one for their valued and welcome support.



'Vintage Working and Family Fun Day' held on Saturday, October 12th at Parishioner John Armstrong's field at Laughterush, Kilskeery, in aid of NI Cancer Fund For Children

### Sincere Thanks

Sincere Thanks to those who have carried out, hopefully, the last major grass/hedge cutting this year!

### Church House, Trillick

Revised design has been sent out to tender (copy of new design at back of church).

### Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Group

Tuesday, November 12th – 'An Invitation to Afternoon Tea' (and Dance) at Kilskeery Parish hall.

### Operation Christmas Child

Sincere thanks to Jill (Funston) for an excellent presentation at both Trillick and Kilskeery! You can bring hope and change lives this Christmas. Fill a shoebox with gifts for Operation Christmas Child and send it to some of the most needy children in the world. Boxes can be left with Gwen Crozier in Kilskeery, Edie Brunt or Jean Funston in Trillick. Further information from Jill 02882249084.

### Mothers' Union

Members at Kilskeery/Trillick continue to supply knitted hats, gloves, coats and blankets to Maternity and Neo-natal Units with the blankets also going to local nursing homes and to elderly people in the community and we invite you to get involved - speak to any MU member.

Members are, at the time of writing, looking forward to their Visitor's Night with Bring and Buy Event and talk on his visit to Kenya, by local Chemist, Raymond Dowdals and extend a warm welcome to all who wish to join us on November 18th when Mrs. Patricia Lindsay will join us for what promises to be a fun-filled evening!

December 16th will see a 'Christmas Movie' with the customary pop-corn and seasonal mince-pies!

### Boys' Brigade

A big thank you to those who came along, to what proved to be a very uplifting and encouraging meeting, as a result of which six additional leaders/helpers joined our core team, making twelve in total! Sincere thanks to Jonathan, Wendy and Lynn who stepped down following many years of dedicated service, to Roger, Sam, Pauline, Adele, Emma and Susan for their continuing service and all best wishes to our 'newbies', Neil (Thompson), Alan (Irwin), Stephen (McClintock), Hilary (Vance), Gaynor (Armstrong) and Jo-Ann (Beatty).

#### Anchors/Juniors:

Wednesday evenings 7-8.30pm.

**Company:** Thursday evenings 7.30-9pm. New boys very welcome in all sections!!

## Halloween Event

Friday, November 1st at Kilskeery Parish Hall from 7.30pm - All Age Event.

## QEII Primary School

Congratulations to Armour Vance, P4, who has been awarded a Bronze Attendance Certificate by WELB in recognition of full attendance at school over 3 consecutive years!

## Remembrance Sunday

Our Services on Sunday, November 10th will be at the usual times of 10.30am (Trillick) and 11.45am (Kilskeery) with the Boys' Brigade Annual Service of Dedication and Enrolment of new members taking place at our Kilskeery Service.

## Advent Carol Service

(Joint Family Service) on December 1st (First Sunday of Advent), Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am. Girls' Brigade Enrolment will take place at this service and a warm invitation extends to all to join with us. 'You, O Lord, are my lamp: You turn our darkness into light.' (Psalm 18:28)

## Lisbellaw (with Coolbuck)



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## Holy Baptism

6th October - James Robert Alan Bolan son of Andrew and Sandra, Belfast.

## Lisbellaw Harvest

Many thanks to the Junior Choir and Sunday Club for their contributions to the Family Harvest Celebration. Thanks also to Lynda and the choir for the anthems at the other services, and to all who helped in decorating the church. It was a delight to have the Ven. Ian Linton, Archdeacon of Elphin and Ardagh, as our special preacher.

## Remembrance

Please note that the morning service on Remembrance Sunday will start at 10.45 a.m.

## Christmas Starts with Christ

As we move towards Advent and Christmas, it might come as a surprise that recent surveys show that knowledge of the Christmas story is fading.

In surveys taken across the UK, among 5-7 year olds, 36% don't know whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas and 72% don't know Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Among adults less than 12% know the full nativity story and 51% say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas.

A church campaign, Christmas Starts with Christ hopes to reverse the trend by telling the Christmas story in new ways. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to support the campaign as a new and fun way to share the Christmas story. You can read more at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

There's a line of the Christmas story and a chocolate star behind each window. Behind the final window is a 24-page Christmas storybook. A charitable donation is made to The Children's Society and it is Fairtrade chocolate. It costs £3.99 and is only available at Tesco.

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## Services For November

**Sunday 3rd** 11.30am Holy Communion  
**Sunday 10th** 11.30am Service of Remembrance  
**Friday 15th** 8.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for Lisnaskea High School  
**Sunday 17th** 11.30am Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism  
**Sunday 24th** 11.30am Morning Prayer

## Harvest Thanksgiving

Our harvest weekend as usual had a good attendance at all three services and in particular Sunday morning when it was pleasing to see so many families and young people in church. The Children's Church played their part through singing and readings while the choir led the hymns and also sang three pieces at each service. Thank you to everyone who took part and especially our organist Karen, the Children's Church Leader, Laura and all the teachers and helpers for the time and effort they put into preparing for the occasion. Throughout the services Revd Capper spoke on the theme "We plough the fields and scatter." The church was beautifully decorated with an abundance of flowers, fruit and vegetables so thank you to everyone who brought these and helped arrange them so tastefully. This was much appreciated.

## Mothers' Union

On Thursday 3rd October we were delighted to welcome Canon Walter Quill and his wife Sylvia who



had travelled from Coleraine to be with us, and also his daughter-in-law Joanne and some members of Derrylin MU. Canon Quill played his keyboard, sang 2 solos and played hymns which members joined in with. He entertained us for nearly 2 hours with stories about his earlier life in the Church Army. We were amused to hear that when he was based in Lisnaskea he cycled to Rockcorry on his day off to meet Sylvia, his girlfriend then. Sadly he recalled stories about the troubles when he was a Rector in Castledearg and told of his successful fight against cancer.

Our esteemed member Margaret Kells BEM who recently received her medal at a ceremony in Hillsborough brought it along to the meeting for all to see and also to the Autumn council in Irvinestown, which she attended with the Branch Leader and Treasurer.

Some of our members made prayer flags one of which depicts the lilies from our MU banner and these were displayed in Clogh Hall on October 12th when the Bishop re-dedicated the grave of Cassandra Hand who was responsible for starting the Clones Lace industry. We look forward to Canon David Skuce coming to our November meeting to talk about his trip to Austria.

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**3 November (4th before Advent):** 9:30am Morning Prayer; 11:00am Holy Communion; 7:00pm Evening Prayer.

**10 November (Remembrance Sunday):** 9:30am Holy Communion; 11:30am Service of Remembrance with Morning Prayer; 7:00pm Methodist Evening Worship.

**17 November (2nd before Advent):** 9:30am Morning Prayer; 11:00am GFS Enrolment and Holy Baptism; 7:00pm Holy Communion.

**24 November (Kingship of Christ):** 9:30am Holy Communion; 11:00am Morning Prayer; 7:00pm Methodist Evening Worship.

Each year in Ballinamallard the Remembrance Parade splits into the youth and adult sections and meets in both the Methodist and Parish Churches. This year it is our turn to welcome the adult section for their Act of Remembrance, worship and prayer. This annual formal gathering serves as

an opportunity to recall how others have suffered for us, to pray for those who continue to serve in dangerous situations and all who suffer as a result of war and violence. Having lived in Fermanagh for only a year, I have already become acutely aware of the extent to which violence has touched so many families. Remembrance Sunday resonates deeply in our hearts and souls.

## Harvest Celebrations

We were greatly blessed at our Harvest weekend to have Jeff Gawn as our guest speaker. Jeff is the local Scripture Union worker who supports many primary and secondary schools in the region. We also had the Methodist TOM team helping at our family worship with singing and drama. They had completed a busy week in the village, visiting our youth groups and schools.



Roly Hurst, Gail Thompson and Kenny Fisher enjoy the refreshments after the Harvest celebration



Children present a basket of fruit with the usual offering

## Census Thoughts

November has been designated as the month in which a census will be taken throughout the Church of Ireland to determine the numbers of people who worship with us by age and gender and to establish figures for all those who look to the Church of Ireland for pastoral support or who support it financially. There will be lots of numbers crunched and statistics carefully analysed as a result and it will certainly be very interesting (if you like that sort of thing!).

However, we can never forget that our church is made up, not of lots of numbers, but of souls. There are many well-known references in Scripture reminding us about how God works not only through the mighty armies but through the individual. Whether they be seemingly small and weak, like David; strong and mighty, like

Samson; dramatically converted, like Paul; or in need of encouragement, like Timothy, it is the individual that is important. My own cherished scriptural reminder of this can be found in Isaiah 49:16 "See, I have engraved you in the palms of my hands." Although Isaiah was writing about the relationship between God and the people of Israel, the image is still a very intimate and personal one. When you fill in your little card on each of the census Sundays this month, remember that you are not only a small part in a mighty fellowship, but a greatly loved and cherished soul.

## Mothers' Union

The November Meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Thursday 7th November 2013 at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall. The speaker will be a representative from CMS Ireland and the theme is "The story of the Market Place". A warm welcome is extended to all to come along.

The Mothers' Union Christmas Party will be held on Thursday 12th December 2013 in Mahon's Hotel Irvinestown. Please book with Margaret Kerr as soon as possible. Any member of the congregation who would like to join us will be very welcome. We promise good food, fellowship and of course a visit from a very important person on the night bearing gifts for all.

## Select Vestry

The November meeting of the Select Vestry will take place on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

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During the month of September as we started a new term our focus has been on the intimacy of our relationship with God that is reflected in our prayer life. Prayer is simply having a conversation with God as we would have with anyone else that we would meet. It is however very sad that the prayers that we offer to God are so often nothing more than a shopping list for God and so often the phrases we say are, Please God... do this... fix this... give me this... meet this need. Generally

our prayers are simply a list of requests that we want God to meet, but we are not giving God the option as to how they are met, we have it all worked out and we are asking that God does it our way and not his way. Simply we are taking the role of God and specifying the way we want our prayers to be answered. Does this sound familiar? Do you take time in your prayers to be still, to be silent and allow God to speak to you? Do you expect God to speak to you? When was the last time that you lifted your bible in the middle of your prayers and allowed God to speak to you through his word?

When we read the bible we see that Jesus regularly took time to be alone with Jesus, he took time to hear what it is that the Father wanted him to do. Jesus tells us in John 12:49 (ANIV) 12:49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. When we have that right relationship with God, then we can ask God for all that we want because we will want what the Father wants us to have. If you really want to see God's hand at work then pray back to him the promises that he gives to us through his word and you can be sure of the answer because God will not break the promises that we find in his word.

## What's On

**Healing Prayer** every Friday evening 7.30-8.30pm.

**Prayer for the Youth** every Tuesday evening 7-8pm in the Fountain Centre.

**Revival Prayer** every Monday 8pm.

**Wednesday Prayer Meeting** 9.30-11am.

**Children's Church** during 11am service for children 3-14 years.

**Ardess Little Lambs** Mother & Toddler Group Mondays 10am-12 noon during school terms.

**Christian Book Exchange** in the Parish Centre after 11am service every 1st Sunday. Pick up a book or books free of charge.

**Ardess Historical Society** on Monday 18th November 8pm with speaker Dorothy Pendry on the subject 'Ardess School celebrates its Centenary'.

**Friends in the Afternoon** on Tuesday 12th November with Ellel Ministries Jim & Eileen Murdock.

**Mothers' Union** on Thursday 21st November 8pm with Flying for Life: Mission Aviation Fellowship - Gareth Rooney.

**Ellel Ministries** Ireland in Kesh Primary school 15th-17th November - Healing Workshop.

**Life Groups** - meet weekly, either evenings or daytime. Please see Revd Henry for details about a group that would suit you and help you apply your faith to your life and help you walk in your journey with God in the company of others.

**Salt Groups** - made up of people with the same interests reaching out into the community, meeting during the first week of every month.

## Dates for the Diary

**Remembrance Sunday** Service on 10th November at 11am.

Sunday 24th November at 7.00pm **Kesh Rural Deanery**

**Youth Praise Service** at the Fountain Centre, Kesh.

## Fountain Centre

**Junior Youth Club** for all P5, 6 & 7 ages every Thursday 6.30-8pm £1 entry fee.

**Senior Youth Club** for all secondary school age Years 1, 2, 3 every Friday 7-9pm £1 entry fee. Years 4 and upwards 9-11pm £1 entry.

**Youth Life Groups** 5.30pm on Sunday evening.

**CONNECT** (Fountain Youth Fellowship) Sunday night for all secondary school age from 7-8.30pm. See Gillian Robinson for details.

**After Schools Club** for all secondary school age 4.30-5.30pm Monday-Wednesday.

20's Life Group Mondays 7.30pm in the Fountain Centre.

## Registers

### Baptisms

28 September Mason Nicholas Noble son of Ciara and Nicholas Noble 7 Agharainey Road Kesh.

13 October Jensen James Kilpatrick son of Sarah Kilpatrick 52 Titmacspird Road Ederney.

### Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriage:-

28 September Gillian Phillips and Malcolm Weir, 70 Fortview Park, Kesh.

3 October Niall Ewing and Danielle Thiel, 107 Normanhurst Road, Boondall, Queensland 4034, Australia.

## Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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### Parish Register

**Christ Church, Maguiresbridge - Burial** - 16th September, 2013. Thomas Bryan Marshall, Valley Nursing Home, Fivemiletown.

**St. Michael's Parish Church – Wedding** - 12th October, 2013. Lindsey Read, 'Ashfield', Aghinure, Maguiresbridge and Andrew Drummond, 23 Dam Road, Bangor.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Marshall family on the death of Brian and to extend our best wishes to Lindsey and Andrew in their future life together.

This year we had so much to be thankful to Almighty God for. After the cold weather at the start of the year

and the wet spring, we wondered if anything would have been harvested. At the end of May, many farmers were in desperation and wondered if they would see any way out of the shortage of food for the animals. The weather suddenly picked up and within about a fortnight the whole countryside had its' first cut. Many have managed this summer to get a third cut or even fourth cut. We can surely say this year: - 'All is safely gathered in'.

I would like to thank all those who prepared our two churches for harvest, St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk and Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. They were tastefully decorated. The singing was very good and I would like to thank the organists and choirs. We were delighted to have Rev. Sheila Johnson to on the Friday night and Rev. Stanley Johnston on Sunday morning, to preach at the harvests in Derrybrusk. It was a great pleasure to have our former rector, the Rev. Canon Peter Wilson to preach on the Friday night, in Maguiresbridge and on the Sunday morning it was a great pleasure to have our bishop, the Rt. Revd John McDowell present. At this service we had an act of dedication to mark the completion of work on Maguiresbridge Parish church. The west gable wall and bell tower were replastered and repointed. The floor was replaced and new pews put in. A new heating system was installed and the church was repainted. The walls on the avenue were repaired and the driveway was retarred. The remaining ground of the graveyard was tidied and paths put in. I would like to thank all those who were employed to carry out the work. From the parish we need to thank especially:- The secretary, treasurer, church wardens and glebe wardens. Many people donated money to the repairs for which we are most grateful.

We would like to acknowledge those who gave donations to the repairs and especially the generous bequest left to the parish by the Bowes family and especially Willie.

The plaque which will contain the names on the succession list of clergy for the parish of Maguiresbridge in memory of Margaret Elizabeth (Moirid) Kelly, presented by her husband Eddie and family. The cabinet for the PA system by McNickle & Sons. The carpet in the sanctuary presented by the parish catering group and lastly all those who gave of their time.

### Derrybrusk Mother's Union

On Tuesday 15th October we had a very successful 'Visitors night'. We would like to thank everyone who came along and supporting us. Special thanks to our speaker Brian Rankin and for his poetry with a difference (he definitely made us laugh), Dr Knox for her inspiring words and Kathryn Little for the lovely singing. Brian texted to say he had made a grand total of £640 for the charity Africare and is delighted with this. He sends his thanks to everyone. A beautiful supper was provided.

The meeting next month will be held on Tuesday 19th November and the speaker will be Raymond Farrell. He will be talking about mental health. Everyone one is welcome.

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**10th November** The Third Sunday before Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion; Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer.

**17th November** The Second Sunday before Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer; Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion.

**24th November** The Sunday before Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship and Girls' Brigade enrolment; Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion.

**1st December** The First Sunday of Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion; Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Wayne and Roberta Gray on the birth of their daughter Harriet.

### The Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will meet on Tuesday 17th September and visited the Mausoleum at Rossmore Park and then returned to the Hall for a talk by Mr. Noel Carney from Monaghan County Museum. The evening concluded with refreshments. The Plans for December are as follows: Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Dinner, Tuesday 17th December – Interdenominational Carol Service in St. Patrick's followed with refreshments in the hall.

### The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union The October meeting on Tuesday 1st was well supported when the members enjoyed an evening of Card making with Mrs. Marion Ferguson, followed by refreshments. The November meeting will be on Tuesday 5th November and the guest speaker will be rev Danny Reyes-Martin, Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church.

### Condolence

We offer prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Doreen McClean and family on the death of her Uncle. Please remember them and all who have been recently bereaved in your prayers.

### Illness

Your prayers are requested for those from our group of parishes who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families

### Vortex Youth Group

Vortex Youth Group meet every two weeks in the hall and the numbers attending are very encouraging.

### Harvest Services

The Harvest Services concluded with Ballinode on Sunday 13th October and all were very well attended. We are as ever indebted to our visiting speakers, Monaghan – Mr Jonny Porter, Ballinode – Mr Charlie Mills. The services once again were a reminder of Gods unfailing love in the provision of our spiritual & physical needs.

We express grateful thanks to the organists, choir, Praise group, soloists & Sunday school children for their lead in worship. The willing band of volunteers who provide materials and decorated the Churches to a very high standard and those who provided refreshments after the services. We also record grateful thanks to all who supported generously to the Harvest Appeals.

### Monaghan Collegiate School Sale

Monaghan Collegiate School Sale will be held in St. Patrick's Hall, Monaghan on Friday 29th November at 10am to 3pm. The stalls will include cakes, jams, farm produce and white elephant. Tea and coffee served throughout the day. Please support and bring your friends.

### New Vicar

We congratulate Revd Simon Genoe who was installed as Vicar of Lisburn Cathedral on Tuesday 2nd October by Bishop Abernethy. The guest speaker was Rev Mark Harvey, former rector of our group of parishes. We wish Rev Simon God's richest blessings as he enters this new phase in his ministry.

### Holy Matrimony

Holy Matrimony, Saturday 12th October, Brian Shirley and Noleen McKenna. We wish them every happiness and Gods richest blessing as they set out on the road of life together.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Denise Sharpe and Chris Adair who recently announced their engagement.

### Youth Organisations

Youth Organisations Explode, Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade continue to meet on a weekly basis.

## Minority Protestant Faith Choir Project

Minority Protestant Faith Choir Project the concert for this project took place on Sunday 19th October. It combined recitals from some organists with singing from 3 different choirs. The choirs taking part were from Monaghan Collegiate School, a combined choir from churches in and beyond Monaghan, and another combined choir from Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Protestant National Schools. The project was at times hard work in getting to grips with the music but always good fun. We are indebted to the organising committee and the tutor for all their work.

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## Services in November 2013

**Sunday 3rd November:** 9.00am & 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Service of Remembering.

**Sunday 10th November:** 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer (Remembrance Service).

**Sunday 17th November:** 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Family Service; 7.00pm Sung Evensong.

**Sunday 24th November:** 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Concert.

## Sunday Evening Concert Series

A series of concerts will be held in Rossorry Church on the fourth Sunday of most coming months at 7.00pm. The concerts will feature a number of well-renowned local musicians, as well as some from further afield. The inaugural concert took place on the 29th September at which Mr Billy McBride gave a wonderful organ recital. The varied programme included the premiere of a piece specially written for the occasion.

On Sunday 24th November, the special guest will be Mr Louis McTeggart. Louis is a singer/songwriter from Enniskillen, and currently a final year music student at the University of Ulster. The concert will feature much of his own work, as well as pieces by others, in a wide variety of styles including ballads, pop and even some light rock!

There is no admission charge to the concerts, but donations will be gladly received to defray the costs involved.

## Olivia Downey - Ordinand

On Sunday 29th September, we welcomed to Rossorry, Olivia Downey, who comes to us as part of her training

for ordination in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Olivia will be with us each Sunday from the end of September to the beginning of December, and will be in and around the parish on a number of Fridays as well. We hope and pray that her time with us will be fruitful and rewarding, and that she will experience something of parish life and the regular patterns of Sunday worship

## Service of Remembering

On Sunday 3rd November a Service of Remembering will be held at 7.00pm. This service provides a time for reflection and thanksgiving for loved ones who have died. The service is quiet and meditative and gives an opportunity to remember those "whom we have loved but see no longer", and to bring our own prayers to God.

## Wednesday Club

Congratulations to the Wednesday Club – 14 years old in October! A party was held at the Parochial Hall to celebrate this wonderful achievement, complete with a cake and a demonstration on making Party Bags by Bernie Reid.

The Club continues to meet every Wednesday Morning at the Parochial Hall at 10.30am for a lively programme of activities and speakers, as well as a spot of lunch.



## This months events include:

6th Nov - talk on the Eating Disorder Service  
13th Nov - Beetle Drive  
20th Nov - Outing to Dobbies Garden Centre  
27th Nov - Holy Communion and Carols.  
All over 50s welcome to come along.

## Sunday School and Crèche

Sunday School is back in full flow with a good number of children, and some new leaders who are very welcome. The crèche has moved from behind the Parochial Hall to the Stables beside the Church to be closer to parents and for safety. Sunday 17th November is a Family Service, so Sunday school is from 10am to 10.45am.

## Choral Scholarships

Rossorry Parish has awarded 4 choral scholarships to encourage musical ability and talent in the parish and community. The scholarships, which have been awarded for one year, require the Scholar to be fully involved in the worshipping life of the parish choir, in leading the music at regular Sunday services and at other special occasions as well. The bursary for each scholarship is intended to be used to enable the Scholar to continue their vocal tuition, alongside which they will also receive piano or organ lessons. The new Scholars are Hannah Armstrong, Lucy Barrett, Alexander Beattie and Tully Irvine.

## Royal School of Church Music

Twelve choir members were recently presented with their "Voice for Life" white award medals and certificates, following completion of their recent training course. This course, which is accredited by the Royal School of Church Music, seeks to encourage musical knowledge and understanding.



The new Choral Scholars in Rossorry Choir, along with members of the choir who have received their White Award in the RSCM "Voice for Life" scheme.

## Parish Registers - Baptisms

13th October 2013 Anna Jean Wilson, daughter of Stephen and Claire Wilson.

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## Restoration Fund

The Select Vestry gratefully acknowledge a grant of £2,500 from the Beatrice Laing Trust, £24,300 from the Marshall Beresford Church Fabric Fund, £1,002 from the Vintage Tractor Run. Our thanks to Mr. Harold Wilson who led the organising of this event assisted by Mrs. Vera McConnell and Mr. David Wilson. Thank you to all who supported the event.

## Harvest Services

Thank you to all who took part in our Harvest Services, In Clabby to our organists Audrey, Ryan and Ann and on Friday evening a special thanks to Miss Jessica Givan our Soloist and to Ryan Crawford and James Armstrong for two instrumental items. Thank you to the Choir for their anthems at all the Harvest services. On Sunday morning our Sunday school members read the scriptures, said poems, led the prayers and took part in a harvest drama along with the instrumental group playing along with the hymns. Our thanks to the Bishop and Mr. John McPhillips who were our preachers on Friday evening and Sunday

morning respectively. On Sunday Evening we had harvest hymns of praise and readings. Thank you to those who read the Bible passages and to the instrumental group who also took part.

In Tempo on Friday 4th October the choir sang two anthems and Mr. Mark McDonald played two musical items on the flute. The preacher was Mr. John McClure. On Sunday morning we had the family service again the choir sang their two anthems, the Sunday school read the Bible passage, read poems on a harvest theme and led the prayers. The preacher was Mr. Jonathan Graham from C.E.F. On Sunday evening we had readings and hymns of praise for harvest. Again thank you to all the readers, choir and our organist Carol. Finally thank you to those people who took time and gave of their talents to decorate the hall in Clabby and Tempo Church for the services.

## Thank you

I wish to thank the Select Vestry of Colebrooke Group of Parishes for their generous gift of a Belleek Lamp which they presented to me at the Institution of their New Rector. It was much appreciated and I wish the Vestries and their new Rector and family God's richest blessing in their future together.

## Confirmation

The service was held in Tempo Parish Church on Sunday 13th October. There were nine candidates – Leah Armstrong, Katie Bloomfield, Megan Gardiner, Jake Browne, David Jenkins-Blundell, Callum Carruth, Dylan Crawford, James Crawford and Cameron Wilson. Please pray for them that they will look to God for guidance and strength to carry out the promises they made in God's presence in Church.

## Rectory Repairs

A special word of thanks to Mr. Harold Wilson People's Glebewarden in Clabby who initiated the much needed work in the Rectory. The Select Vestries supported the work needed to be completed on the staircase hand rail which never had come right down to the bottom of the stairs and replaced hall stairs and landing carpet which the previous carpet had been in place for 34½ years. The hall stairs and landing was repapered and painted along with the staircase and the landing floor replaced. The kitchen floor was replaced and new floor covering along with repainting was carried out. A special word of thanks to parishioners Mr. Neil Armstrong and Mr. Sammy Dunn for carrying out the work. The Rectory Family are very grateful for this work which makes the Rectory entrance look welcoming and much brighter and has received a lot of praise from visitors.

## Clabby Church Hall Youth Room

At the end of the summer the Youth room was repainted after 10 years of constant use. We thank Mr. Jonathan Black for painting the room voluntary and to Mr. Gregg Nixon who painted a new mural – The tree of life on the wall – with the inscription "Nothing is impossible with God".

## November Dates

**3rd–10th November** County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge Banner Mission will be held in Enniskillen District Hall at 8pm. Tempo District are Hosting the Gospel Concert on Wednesday night. Special Speakers and musical items each night.

**8th November** Youth Club Table Quiz 8 p.m. Clabby Church Hall. Proceeds towards Clabby Church Restoration Fund. Groups welcome – Table £10-00 – 5 members.

**12th November** Mothers' Union 8pm. Tempo Church Hall. Speaker Mrs. Eva Baxter – Women of Faith. Church Census – **17th and 24th November.**

## Remembrance

The month of November is always associated with Remembrance. The Great Armistice. In the bible remember also features the writer in Ecclesiastes Chapter 12 v 1 calls his listeners and us readers to "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth". The importance of growing and developing a genuine strong living faith in God through Christ in the formative years of life. This will help any young person cope with all that life throws at them as they advance in life's experiences and years. The other place we find the word remember are the words of our Lord as he instituted the Lord's supper – Our Holy Communion – on the night before he died. When He said "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke chapter 22 v 19).

Each year we remember those who paid and continue to pay the supreme sacrifice with their lives.

As we resolve to pray for and work for peace in our world, may we also resolve to know God's peace in our lives which Christ came to bring by his death on the Cross. "For he himself is our peace" Ephesians (Chapter 2v 14).

## Trory and Killadeas



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All Saints Day is a festival of the church year, which for me is taking on a greater significance, as it now seems to extend in our thinking to include Remembrance Sunday. Perhaps it is God, nature, events of history and even the calendar combining to give us a quiet time to draw close in spirit and in faith to the living God, as we reflect in shorter days and longer evenings on those whom we love and see no more.

Remembrance is good, helpful and restorative of the soul. Not a remembrance of the type Halloween has become with its paganism. Rather in an acknowledgement that beyond our sight the souls of the faithful departed are in a place of love and in the presence of God in Heaven.

As we celebrate All Saints in our parish on the nearest Sunday (November 3rd) and on the following Sunday (November 10th) we remember the fallen in our countries wars. It is essential to put in order our feelings of sadness, grief, pain and sorrow that we may bring them before God for his healing and restoration. All the love in the world was shown at Calvary and we remember this in the broken bread and shared cup. It is that atonement on the cross and Christ rising from the dead which frees us from seeing death as a final act. Indeed allows us to see it as the completion of a journey in love.

## Trory Organ

As I type these notes the organ is once again giving trouble. It was fixed for Harvest but the old problems of notes continuing to sound has resurfaced again. The Select Vestry has appointed a sub-committee to deal with the matter urgently. The committee includes the organists and Select Vestry members and we are seeking an effective solution.

## Table Quiz in aid of Killadeas

Organised by the Select Vestry for parish funds on Tuesday 5th November at 8.00pm in Killadeas parish hall.

## Killadeas Select Vestry

Monday 11th November at 8.00pm in The Rectory. Please note the venue.

## Carol Service

Two years ago Trory Orange lodge ran a successful service of Nine Lessons and Carols in aid of Help for Heroes. This year on December 8th at 8.00pm. they are hosting another service of Nine Lessons and Carols in aid of Macular Degeneration. Macular Degeneration is a progressive eye disease and in County Fermanagh we have a number of people who live life with this condition. Please support this service.

## Trory Christmas Sale

Saturday 14th December: 10.00am – 12.30pm. Cake sale, Coffee morning and wreath sale in aid of Trory Parish.

## Childrens Hospice (Horizon West)

Wednesday 18th December 6.30pm - Lights For Remembrance.

## Harvest festivals

Thanks to everyone who decorated each church for Harvest. Those who sang and contributed especially the choirs and children. A special word of thanks to our preachers Canon Glenn West and Revd Alan Irwin. Each church lends itself wonderfully for the liturgy of Harvest but this harvest we have much to reflect on in our faith and love for God.

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from 11.00am to 3.00pm

**Tea and Coffee available.**

Buy your Christmas cakes, cards and presents with  
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**Admission fee £3.00**