

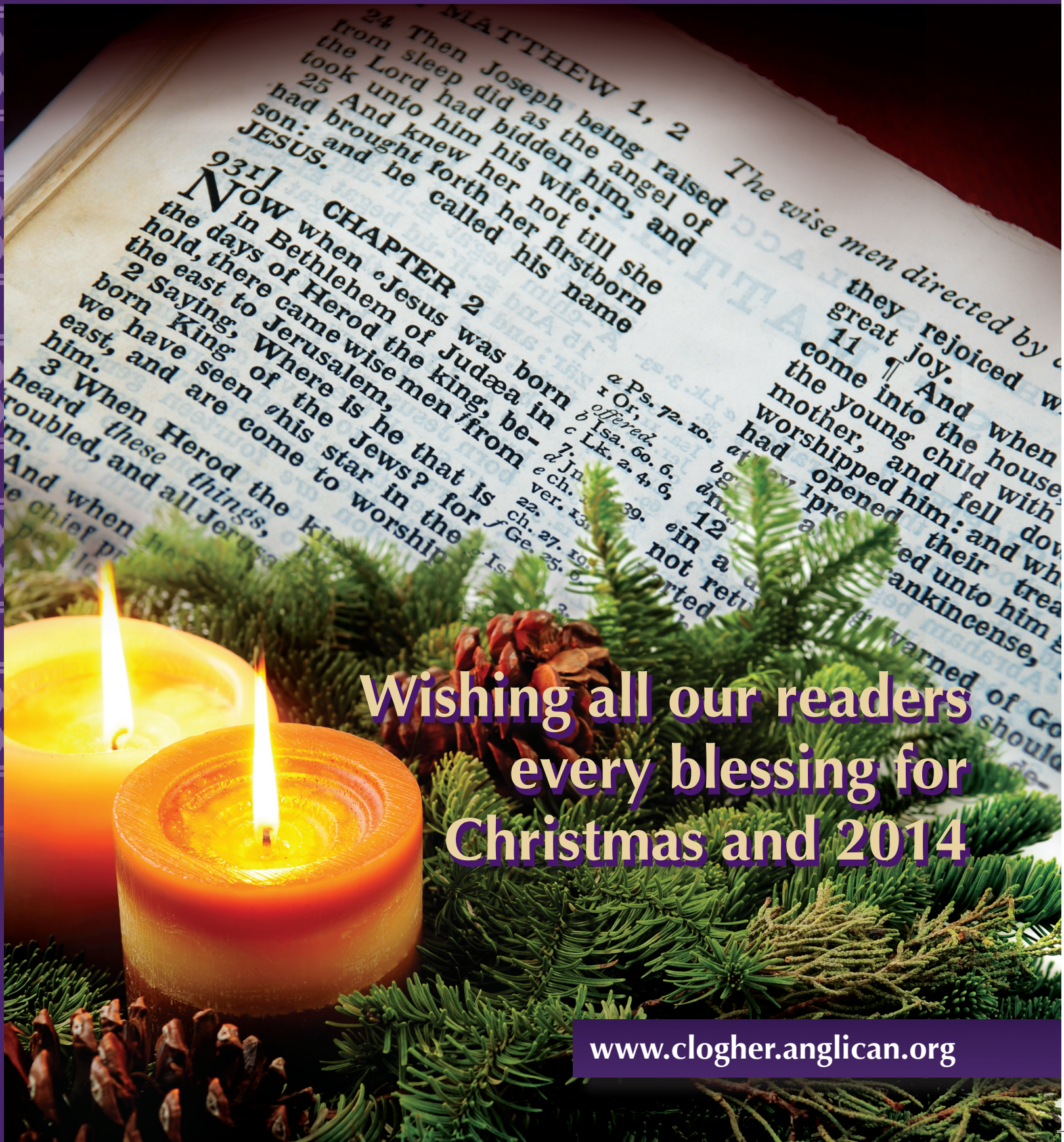


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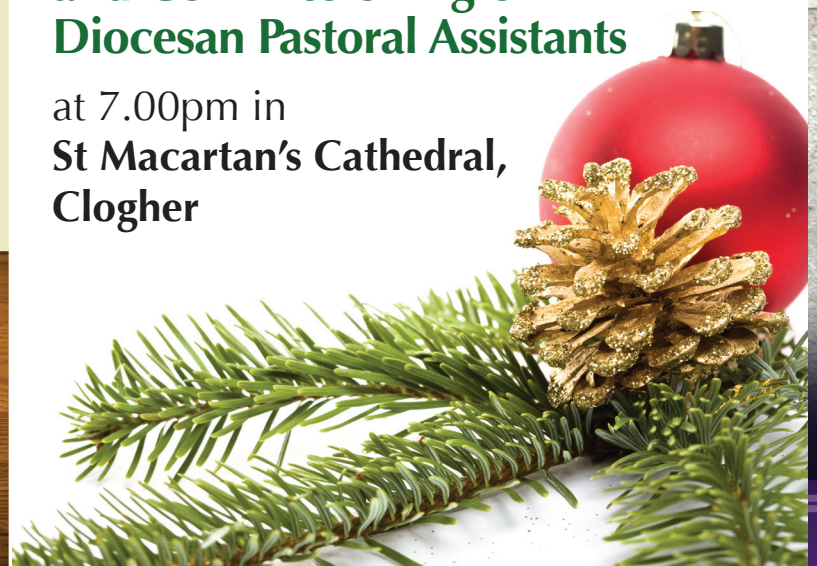
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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Archbishop William Temple once said that the more he prayed the more coincidences seemed to happen. And so it was that I was struck by a strange coincidence in two services recently in the Diocese of Clogher.

The services were about six weeks apart and were of a very different character. One was in Enniskillen Cathedral and the other in Clogher Cathedral. The first was

for the laying up of the last standard of the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards and the second was the Advent Carol Service during which six new Diocesan Pastoral Assistants were commissioned.

And the thing they had in common (the coincidence if you like) was the text of Scripture that was used as a kind of motto in relation to both groups:

“Anyone who puts his hand to the plough and turns back is not worthy of the Kingdom of God”.

As many of you will know much better than I do, the plough is a rough old tool. It tears up the ground as it goes along and doesn't really spare anything in its path. But it tears up the ground for a purpose - to prepare it for the seed that will bring new life.

When I think of the plough as it is referred to in that verse of Scripture I am reminded of an old prayer that I sometimes use as an ascription before preaching or occasionally before a Bible Study:

“Grant, O Lord that the wounds which are made by your word may be healed by your love”.

The scriptures and the teaching of the Church in every generation have left us in no doubt that the life of a disciple should be as disciplined as a soldier and as compassionate as those commissioned to carry out pastoral work. Sometimes we need to be ploughed up before the seed can germinate into a life of service.

That is very difficult to achieve or even to imagine. If God had simply left us instructions to be both extremely disciplined and extremely compassionate, I think we would soon have torn ourselves apart swinging like a pendulum between the extremes.

But he did not simply leave us an instruction. He gave us His Son. And after the Son returned to the Father, together they sent the Holy Spirit, who embodies the love between the Father and the Son and ties us into that love.

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We are all aware that “Emmanuel”, the well-known Christmas name for Jesus, means “God with us”, but it takes a lifetime to take it in what that means.

He was with us in a very particular way in Palestine over 2000 years ago. He has been with us in a different but even more remarkable way ever since then. He will be with us until the end of the Age.

He is with us as Friend, Saviour, Comforter, Judge.

Christmas is the time when we remember a certain aspect of God being with us. It is the time when he put Himself into our hands and when an ordinary family had the care of God with us. The infant Jesus holding on to his mother's finger and pulling her love down to Him.

It was not a perfect family, but it is difficult to blame them for any misunderstanding they may have had about their remarkable child especially as He grew up. None of us has a perfect family (especially when they are beginning to go stir crazy by Boxing Day).

But that does not mean that we do not have holy families. Families who care for one another especially when the life of one of its members is difficult or broken. In precarious situations love always works harder to redeem from difficulty.

I suppose it is because of the family in Bethlehem that we think of Christmas as a particularly family time of year. Certainly it is why we should do our best to make sure that no one spends Christmas isolated from the love of Jesus Christ through the compassionate discipline of our lives.

And perhaps for ourselves and for our own families Christmas and the New Year are times when a bit of ploughing would do no harm, to break up the ground a little and to get rid of anything that may prevent the seed of God's Word to germinate and flourish in our lives and our homes.

Wishing you a happy Christmas and peaceful new year from Mary, Dorothy and me.

+John



ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS



60th Anniversary of the Samaritans

The Samaritans was started in 1953 in London by a young vicar named Chad Varah, then incumbent of St Stephen Walbrook. Through his work in a number of different parishes in the City he had seen the range and extent of the distress experienced by people everywhere, every day. During his career he had offered counseling to his parishioners, and he increasingly wanted to do something specific to help people in distress who had no one to turn to.

In the summer of 1953 he knew that the time was right for him to launch what he called a “999 for the suicidal”. At the time, suicide was still illegal in the UK and so many people who were in difficult situations and who felt suicidal were unable to talk to anyone about it without worrying about the consequences. A confidential emergency service for people “in distress who need spiritual aid” was what Chad felt was needed to address the problems he saw around him. He was, in his own words, “a man willing to listen, with a base and an emergency telephone”.

The publicity meant that within a few weeks it was clear that Chad would not be able to cope on his own, such was the demand for both phone and face to face support. But the newspaper coverage had attracted volunteers as well as clients. Their official duties were to provide tea and coffee and sit with the clients, offering them someone to chat to whilst they waited for their appointment. However, it soon became clear that their role was much more central to the service. Often, the clients would pour out their problems to these ‘receptionists’ and many felt no need to speak to Chad afterwards, or intimated that it had been helpful to talk about how they were feeling.



Edward Chad Varah, clergyman and founder of The Samaritans, born 12th November 1911; died 8th November 2007. Photographed in 1981 outside the City of London Church, St Stephen Walbrook where the Samaritans began.

Chad began to understand that the action of speaking to someone they did not know, who would simply listen to what they had to say, could be beneficial for people in distress. Because the volunteers were not known to the clients, they were able to be more honest and open

about their feelings and they did not feel judged as they might have by a professional or someone they knew, while the volunteers, who were not trained at this time, would not interrupt and felt unable to offer advice. Inadvertently, some years before the benefits of counseling as we now know it were widely recognized, Samaritans was able to give people a space where they could potentially find objectivity and perhaps a way forward, through being listened to.

The emotional support services offered by Samaritans today is based on these same principles.

Conservative Anglican gathering in Kenya

A gathering of conservative Anglicans has concluded in Kenya with a commitment to outreach, witness and building networks around the world.

More than 1,000 people attended the GAFCON Conference held in Nairobi between 21st and 26th October 2013.

With the East African Revival as a key theme, topics covered included Christian persecution in countries including Nigeria, Sudan and South Sudan, Syria and Egypt; living alongside and evangelizing Muslim neighbours; youth ministry; episcopal ministry; and women’s ministry.

The first such conference, held in Jerusalem in 2008, was staged because of the organisers’ concerns regarding morality and doctrine in parts of the Anglican Communion.

A final statement from the 2013 conference made it clear these concerns still remain, however, Chairman of the group’s Primates’ Council Archbishop Eliud Wabukala said during the conference that the “crisis” in the Anglican Communion is “behind us”.



All Saint's Cathedral, Nairobi

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Additional €70 Million for Primary School Improvements

The Church of Ireland Board of Education (RoI) greatly welcomes the announcement by Minister Ruairí Quinn of the allocation of an additional €70 million to primary schools for school improvements.

The funding will address the shortfalls caused to schools through the withdrawal of the minor works grant in 2011. The additional funding will also allow schools to complete small-scale projects through the summer works scheme.

This announcement comes only three weeks after the announcement of Budget 2014 which saw the pupil teacher ratio in schools remain unchanged.

Commenting on the announcement, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Chair of the Church of Ireland Board of Education (RI) said: "This is tremendous news for schools, many of which operate in older buildings which is reflective of the involvement of the Church of Ireland in primary education over two centuries. I know that many of our primary schools have found the reduction in income a particular challenge. The inability to carry out minor maintenance works has also caused frustration among school Boards of Management. Minister Quinn's allocation of additional funding, both through the Minor Works Scheme and the Summer Works Scheme, will ease anxiety in schools across the country. It displays to me that Minister Quinn has been listening to the concerns expressed by schools, parents and the education partners on the issue of funding. Taken with his protection of the pupil teacher ratio in Budget 2014 it is a further affirmation by Minister Quinn of the important role primary schools hold in our society. On behalf of Church of Ireland Primary Schools I compliment Minister Quinn on this achievement and greatly welcome this announcement."

Could you become a School Governor?

School Boards of Governors are reconstituted every four years when members complete their term of office. The Department of Education (DE) has started the reconstitution of Boards of Governors for the period September 2013 to June 2017.

Vacancies on Boards of Governors can be an opportunity for individuals from the community to consider volunteering to become a governor. For those from a church background it is an opportunity to make an important contribution to the education of children and also a way to serve God in the local setting. It is a rewarding experience and a chance to learn new skills; for example: working within a team, understanding finance, staffing, strategic management and accountability.



A governor works in partnership with the school principal to provide the best possible standards of education.

Although the principal and staff are the professional educators, governors contribute useful additional skills, expertise and experience from the world of work and life outside school. The role of the Board of Governors is to manage the school – this includes: setting the school's vision and aims; establishing and maintaining the school's ethos; setting the school's plans and policies; monitoring and evaluating school performance; staffing and financial matters.

There is obviously a time commitment – Boards of Governors generally meet at least once each school term although more usually once each month. Meeting times vary but may be in late afternoons or evenings. Governors are appointed on a voluntary basis for a four-year term of office, although they can resign at any time. Training is also provided through a governor support service.

Governors can be appointed in a variety of ways. In the case of Controlled primary and secondary schools, the Church of Ireland along with the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches have a right to nominate what are known as 'transferor governors', because these Churches were original founders of many controlled schools. Transferor governors are usually drawn from the membership of the local church community and include both clergy and lay people.

If any church members have an interest in becoming a transferor governor they should in the first instance speak to their rector about possibilities in the local area. For further information about being a transferor governor, the Church of Ireland Board of Education NI may also be contacted – Tel 028 90828860 or edunorth@ireland.anglican.org

Governors are also appointed by the Education and Library Boards (ELBs) and the Department of Education (DE). For anyone interested in considering one of these categories of governor then visit the DE website for further information: www.deni.gov.uk/index/85-schools/5-school-management/79-school_governors_pg.htm

At this time of reconstitution of school boards as church members please give consideration to serving as a governor. You may be able to bring a unique contribution to the education of children and young people in Northern Ireland.

A Pre-Christmas Communication from the Church and Society Commission

Christmas – the season of goodwill, celebration of God's amazing free-gift of himself in his son Jesus Christ. Born as a baby, his arrival was the best news the world will ever hear – but it so often becomes the most stressful time of the year.

Seasonal Pressures - If marriages are under pressure, the cracks are often seen during the holiday period when expectations of happy families are so high; some divorce lawyers are at their busiest in January. Choosing to be patient, kind and forgiving is the best Christmas present any spouse can give to the other.

The root cause is often the pressure of spending too much money on Christmas – gifts, food and drinks, parties and nights out. January is often a miserable month as people struggle to pay for overspending at Christmas.

Think practical, think realistic - We want to encourage churches to set out a few basic ideas - which are just good common sense, but can make all the difference. Some suggestions include: Instead of asking – ‘What do you want for Christmas?’ – work out how much you can afford to spend and then ask ‘What’s the best possible Christmas we can have on our budget?’ Recognise that our children may put us under pressure for the next new thing – but the best gift we can give them is our time, attention, love and security. Work out how much you really want to eat and drink, and don’t buy more than you need that will end up thrown away. Stop giving unnecessary presents – what about a family gift rather than something for each person? Arts and crafts and baking are back in fashion, and what could be nicer than someone spending their time and energy on making a gift for you?

Sharing the Season - At Christmas almost everybody wants to sing carols – invite your friends and family to your church carol services, Christingle services, Sunday school plays and any other Christmas events your church wants to run. Remember how lonely Christmas can be for people on their own, or away from home, and look out for people who would welcome an invitation to join in with your celebration.

Ask for help - If you are worried about money don’t let the pressure get too great – speak in confidence to your rector, or contact an organisation that specialises in helping people cope with their debts – Christians Against Poverty is just one example (www.capuk.org). Please remember, all the good things of Christmas can magnify the problems people can face, so don’t be afraid to seek or offer help where it is needed.

The Collect of the First Sunday of Advent - Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. amen.

Bishops’ Appeal makes urgent appeal for funds after Typhoon Haiyan hits Philippines



Disaster relief efforts are in need of emergency funds after a typhoon with winds reaching 200 miles per hour hit parts of the Philippines causing flooding and extreme devastation.

The Church of Ireland is responding through the Bishops’ Appeal emergency fund. Archbishop Richard Clarke and Archbishop Michael Jackson have sanctioned the immediate release of €10,000 to Christian Aid partners on the ground to provide tarpaulins, tents, food and hygiene kits to those who urgently need them. They urge the Church to respond generously in the face of such overwhelming need. To donate to this emergency relief response, please send funds to: Church of Ireland Bishops’ Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6 or contact 0035314125610.



World Council of Churches meets in Korea

The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Revd Alan Abernethy, travelled to Busan, Republic of Korea, for the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC). The WCC brings together churches, denominations and church fellowships in more than 110 countries and territories throughout the world, representing over 500 million Christians and including most of the world’s Orthodox churches, Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist and Reformed churches, as well as many United and Independent churches. The aim of the WCC is to pursue the goal of the visible unity of the



The Rt Revd Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor

Church. An Assembly of the WCC takes place every seven years, and the 10th Assembly ran from October 30th to November 8th. The assembly has the mandate to set the future agenda of the Council, to elect governance officials and to speak with a public voice on behalf of the churches. It is also a unique moment for the whole fellowship of member churches to come together in prayer and celebration.

The assembly programme included prayer at the beginning and end of each day, daily Bible study in small home groups focusing on moments in biblical history where life was threatened, yet justice and peace prevailed, through God's grace. Thematic plenaries were large scale events presenting global challenges the churches must face together, while ecumenical conversations promoted in depth discussion on issues of common concern. A special 'madang' programme promoted the exchange of gifts and experiences among participants through workshops, exhibitions and side events. Though there was a strong focus on celebration, dialogue and action, a great deal of business had to be completed by the member church delegates and official ecumenical partner representatives, including changes in governance, elections and receiving reports as well as processing the work of assembly committees. On the first Friday of the Assembly Bishop Abernethy met with Anglicans from all over Europe.

The WCC stated that Korea was selected to host the assembly because of 'the unique ecumenical "horizon" that the witness of the Korean churches offers the wider ecumenical movement.' It states that the assembly theme, 'God of life, lead us to justice and peace' was not merely a slogan for the event, but provided a focus for theological reflection, worship and meditation, as well as for planning programmatic activities before, during and after the assembly. The Bishop of Connor attended the Assembly representing the Church of Ireland. He was one of 3,000 delegates and was entitled to vote. He was asked to attend by the Standing Committee of the General Synod, as nominated by the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

The Bishop said he was very honoured to have been invited to preach in the Cathedral in Busan on Sunday November 3rd. Bishop Abernethy said, 'The theme of this Assembly of the World Council of Churches was peace and justice and in Northern Ireland we have learned a few things about both of these. I believe that we have something to offer into this theme. It was fascinating to meet Christians from all over the world and engage with them on issues affecting our different churches and communities.'

DIOCESAN NEWS

Thursday morning Holy Communion

If you are in Enniskillen shopping or free on a Thursday morning why not drop in for a 30-minute service of Holy Communion followed by a cup of tea/coffee in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am. All are welcome. Jesus said 'Do this in remembrance of Me'.

Diocesan Missionary Sunday

Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission are proposing that the 2nd Sunday in February be known as Missionary Sunday throughout the diocese, which falls on 9th February in 2014. Another Sunday in February could be used if for some reason the 9th is not suitable for certain parishes. On this Sunday it is hoped that the theme of Mission will be addressed at Church services, or a speaker from a recognised Missionary Society be invited to take part in Church services.

CMS Ireland

The annual CMS Ireland Diocesan evening took place on Wednesday 13th November 2013. The Revd Brian Harper, Chairperson of RSG, welcomed all present and opened the meeting with a reading from Micah chapter 4 and prayer.

There were 24 persons present representing 7 parishes. The team was led by Jenny Smyth, former Mission Partner, and now Partnership Co-ordinator with CMS Ireland,



Jenny Smyth and Revd Brian Harper

responsible for DR Congo, Egypt, South Sudan and Zambia. Her role is also to facilitate and develop links between Church of Ireland parishes and Global Partners.

Jenny also mentioned that 2014 is the 200th Anniversary of CMS Ireland. A programme of events was made available along with a special Anniversary Calendar for 2014. She then introduced the special guests for the evening, Ann and Pearl. These ladies were part of a MU team from the Derry & Raphoe Diocese who went on a META trip to Madi West Nile, Uganda.

They told of their experiences visiting schools, Sunday Schools, a Hospital and industrial workshop. They were impressed with the commitment and devotion of the leaders despite so many difficulties, and that the people were so full of happiness and joy as they praised the Lord. Both ladies felt it was a wonderful experience



Mr Walter Pringle and Mr Jim Kerr



Mrs Violet Noble and Mrs Winnie Breen

and often found their faith tested being out of their 'comfort zone'.

Supper was served by the RSG Committee and there was an opportunity to browse around and purchase from the Marketplace stall. It was a very worthwhile evening and gratitude is expressed to all who attended and to Gillian who accompanied the singing.

The next event is a Prayer evening focusing on the 200th anniversary taking place on 11th December 2013 in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 4.00pm.

Clogher Diocesan Council

The September meeting of Council was opened with a Bible reading and prayer by Mr John Irvine, and chaired by the Bishop. In addition to the regular business of council, an update on the forthcoming diocesan handbook was reported by Mr Sam Morrow. Two vacant positions on Diocesan Council were filled by the co-option of the Revd Brian Harper and Mrs Hope Kerr. Mr Walter Pringle updated council on progress in relation to the forthcoming tri-partite conference for the dioceses of Clogher, Tuam and Limerick.

Mr Jim Kerr reported on the work of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, highlighting the resources currently

available from the Board, and the inclusion of a children's section in the Diocesan Magazine. The Revd James Boyd reported on the work of the Wells project, commending the work undertaken by the Diocesan Youth Officer, and thanking Canon Helene Steed for her contribution to the Project Committee. The Streams proposal was presented, and council agreed to submit the proposal to the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund for consideration. Canon John Stewart presented the report from the Diocesan Glebes Committee, which had received the Clogher Rural Deanery Quinquennial Inspection Reports and the Clones Rural Deanery Annual Inspection Reports. Dean Kenneth Hall reported that nine young people received grants from the Diocesan Board of Mission to support their participation in overseas missionary work during the summer.

The report from the Bishops' Appeal Representative relayed that there are several excellent projects which the appeal are unable to fund due to financial constraints so they are appealing to people to direct their Advent giving to Bishops' Appeal. A number of other reports from various diocesan committees were also received.

Human Sexuality Conference

In the final part of a resolution passed at the General Synod 2012, a request was made of Standing Committee to progress work on the subject of Human Sexuality in the context of Christian belief. In response the Standing Committee proposed four InterDiocesan Tripartite Conferences be held, in the case of Clogher Diocese, this conference will take place with the dioceses of Tuam and Limerick in Claremorris during February. In preparation for the conferences, each diocese is encouraged to initiate a respectful listening/dialogue process. In Clogher diocese this will take the form of an information and discussion meeting in Aghavea Parish Hall on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm. Members of the diocese are welcome to attend this event, and are asked to register by contacting the diocesan office 02866347879 or admin@clogher.anglican.org

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2013

Sunday 1st December – The First Sunday of Advent (violet)

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 from 2.00pm - 6.00pm. Concludes with a Service of Carols at 7.00pm. St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee. 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 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.

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. Tickets: £10. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

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

Sunday 8th December – The Second Sunday of Advent (violet)

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

Wednesday 11th December – CMS Ireland Prayer Evening focusing on their 200th Anniversary in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 4.00pm.

Thursday 12th December – **Clogher Clerical Association Christmas Devotional and Lunch** in Monaghan Parish at 10.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion.

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

Thursday 12th December – **90th Anniversary Service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen** at 7.30pm. Musical contributions by: Murley Silver Band, Portora Royal School Choir, the Cathedral Choir and Organist.

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

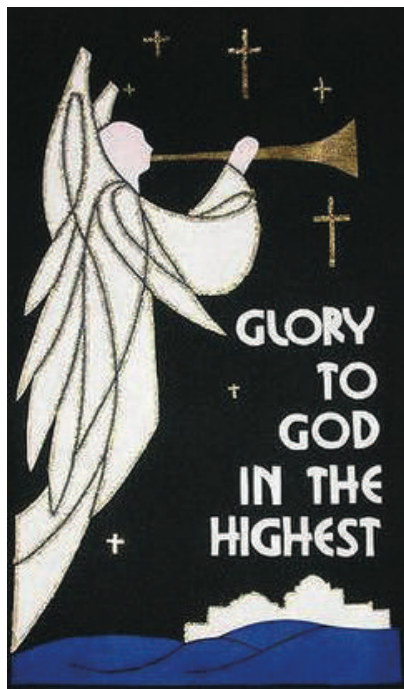
Saturday 14th December – **Trory Christmas Coffee Morning, Cake and Wreath Sale** from 10.00am - 12.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Trory Parish funds.

Sunday 15th December – **The Third Sunday of Advent** (violet)

Monday 16th December – 'A Christmas Special' performance by Nathan Carter with special guest Crawford Bell in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Sunday 22nd December – **The Fourth Sunday of Advent** (violet)

Tuesday 24th December – **Christmas Eve** (violet-day/white-night)



Wednesday 25th December – **Christmas Day** (white or gold)

Thursday 26th December – **Saint Stephen** (red)

Friday 27th December – **Saint John the Evangelist** (white)

Saturday 28th December – **The Holy Innocents** (white)

Sunday 29th December – **The First Sunday of Christmas** (white or gold)

January 2014

Wednesday 1st January – **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus** (white)

Sunday 5th January – **The Second Sunday of Christmas** (white)

Monday 6th January – **The Epiphany** (white)

Monday 6th January – **Ardess Historical Society in Ardess Parish Centre** at 8.00pm. Speaker: Eoin Parkinson; Topic: A study of Ardess Medieval Graveyard.

Thursday 9th January – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Sunday 12th January – **The First Sunday after Epiphany - The Baptism of our Lord** (white)

Monday 13th January – **Clogher Diocesan Youth Council Consultation Evening** in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard. Commencing at 7.45pm.

Thursday 16th January – **Clogher Diocesan Youth Council Consultation Evening** in St Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan. Commencing at 7.45pm.

Saturday 18th - Saturday 25th January 2014 – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Sunday 19th January – **The Second Sunday after Epiphany** (white)

Wednesday 22nd January – **Clogher Diocesan Youth Council Consultation Evening** in the Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea. Commencing at 7.45pm.

Thursday 23rd January – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Thursday 23rd January – **An information and discussion meeting on the subject of Human Sexuality in the context of Christian belief** in Aghavea Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Members of the diocese are welcome to attend this event, and are asked to register by contacting the diocesan office on 028 66347879 or admin@clogher.anglican.org

Saturday 25th January – **The Conversion of St Paul** (white)

Sunday 26th January – **The Third Sunday after Epiphany** (white)

February 2014

Saturday 1st February – **St Brigid** (white)

Sunday 2nd February – **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple** (white)

Thursday 6th February – **CMS Annual Project Launch 'God's Big Family'** at 4.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

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

Sunday 9th February – **Diocesan Missionary Sunday: Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission encourages each parish to focus on Mission on this Sunday. Clergy are asked to either speak on mission or invite a speaker from a recognised Missionary Society.**

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Saturday 15th February – **MU Prayer Breakfast** organised by the Faith and Policy Unit in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. 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

Thursday 27th February – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

March 2014

Thursday 13th March – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

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.

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

Sunday 23rd March 2014 - **Eve of Saint Macartin's Day Choral Evensong** in Saint Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm. Preacher: The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Revd Richard Clarke.

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June 2014

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

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS



Mrs Daisy Simpson

Mrs Daisy Simpson an Indoor Member of Inishmacsaint Branch was 101 years old on 11th October 2013. She lives with her nephew in Irvinestown.

Mrs Olive Johnston



Mrs Olive Johnston who was 101 years old on 27th October, pictured with the Diocesan MU President, Dr Margaret Knox. Mrs Johnston is still able to attend meetings and has a great interest in everything that is going on not only in Mothers' Union but also in the Parish. She still lives at home.

Derrybrusk Visitors Night

On Tuesday 15th October Derrybrusk Branch held a very successful Visitors Night. The speaker was Brian Rankin reciting poetry, which he writes himself, and certainly there was plenty of laughter. He had poetry books on sale, the proceeds of which go to the charity Africare that he supports. The amount raised from the sale of the books was £640.

Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan MU President gave an inspiring epilogue on "The seeds we sow together" and Kathryn Little presented some appropriate pieces.

Next year, Monday 20th October, Derryvullen and Garvary will be hosting the Visitors Night in Derryvullen South Hall when the speaker will be the All-Ireland President, Mrs Phyllis Grothier.

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YOUTH NEWS

Report by Samuel Harper of Magheracross Parish on his recent mission trip to Kentucky

For 7 weeks in the summer, thousands of volunteers head to the Appalachia region of the United States to serve the local communities by repair homes for low-income families. The project is designed to make homes warmer, safer, and drier in Appalachia and to lift the spirits of the families we are serving and remind them that God's love knows no boundaries.

The project is spread out over 5 states in America: Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

This was my second time participating in the Appalachia Service Project. I join up with a church in Indiana who sends around 25-35 volunteers for one week every summer. This year, we were located in Harlan County, Kentucky in the city of Evarts. Harlan is located in the southeast corner of Kentucky and over 30% of the population live below the poverty line.

The area is famous for its coalmines that are the main source of employment in the area but it is an industry under threat due to the introduction of machines to the



process leading to large numbers of unemployment in the county.

I was in a team with 4 other volunteers from Indiana and we were assigned to a family who were located around 35 minutes outside of Everts. The trailer house that we were working on belonged to a guy called Clifford. Clifford is 23 and owns his own trailer (which is rare for someone of his age). He works in a pharmacy in Everts as a deliveryman. He told us one day that his pharmacy has won awards for being the best in the area and for having the best delivery team of which he was the only member. He had won these awards due to his determination to ensure that everyone was served when they needed it and never leaving work for the next day resulting in him doing a lot of overtime



at work, sometimes stretching to as much as 4 or 5 hours extra. This is all going on so that he can make enough money to support his father who is consistently on oxygen and cannot be left alone and also to make necessary repairs on his own trailer. He also enrolled at a local college hoping to complete a pharmacy degree in order to set up his own pharmacy, as he was not happy about how the customers were treated in some of the local pharmacies.

My team initially were to put new insulation in the floor and fit siding around the trailer to help seal it off from water, but due to the conditions, our task was reduced to fitting the insulation. This was due to a number of setbacks ranging from bees and wasps nests, leaky water pipes, to simply the rain because if insulation gets wet, it is useless. The rain also led to the conditions under the trailer (which is where we were working) being extremely muddy and difficult to work in. Our first job was to remove the old, disintegrated

insulation. This is when we came across the bees' nests so we had to wait until we had removed them to work in the area that it was located in. The trailer was located beside a river and at the bottom of a hill, which is why it got very muddy underneath.



We ended up having to wear full body suits to keep our clothes relatively clean. Despite the setbacks, we were able to complete the insulation by the final day.

Once we finished on the site every day, we would return to the centre. For us, this was the local primary school where we slept on classroom floors. We shared this centre with a large group from Minnesota and every evening, we would all eat dinner together and then attend evening gatherings, which varied from night to night. One night it was learning about the difficulties in the local area with poverty. Another night we had a local storyteller who told us about local myths. On the final night, we all gathered in the canteen and in turn we all shared the moment in the week where we felt God's presence or felt him working during our week. For me, this came in two forms. The first was on the last morning. I was very tired and honestly thought we weren't going to get our project finished in time and we wouldn't have achieved much during the week. I remember lying under the trailer, struggling to secure a piece of insulation with a faulty staple gun. I just couldn't see any way we would finish. But then, a Bible verse popped into my head. It was Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. With this verse circling around in my head, I found the energy and strength to continue and fight through the fatigue and humidity and complete the insulation.

The second 'God moment' started a month before leaving for Kentucky when one of my friends in Indiana took ill and was unable to go on the trip. His father was also supposed to be going but had to drop out to look after his son. A number of my other friends who normally go also weren't going for a variety of reasons. This resulted in me knowing very few of the group I was actually travelling with and this made me very nervous and worried that the group were not going to get on well. Thankfully, by the end of the week, we were all really good friends and still keep in contact and I believe that it is no coincidence that this was God working among us as it says in Matthew 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

Clogher Diocesan Youth Council

CDYC seeks to advance the personal, social and spiritual development of young people throughout the diocese of Clogher.

Consultation Meetings With Clergy & Youth Leaders

Diocesan Synod recently constituted a new Youth Council to replace the previous northern and southern youth committees. To progress the work of the new council, consultation meetings will be held with those working with young people throughout the diocese. Consultation Evenings will be held at three strategic points to allow ease of access and opportunity to as many as possible.

- **Monday 13th January in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard.**
- **Thursday 16th January in St Patrick's Church Hall, Monaghan.**
- **Wednesday 22nd January in The Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea.**

Commencing at 7.45pm with light refreshments followed by the main business at 8:00pm and ending at 9:30pm

In preparation to attend one of these evenings we ask that you consider:
How can the work of CDYC best support and resource me as a youth leader?

What training events or programmes would I like to see arranged?

Which medium is best to act as a forum for communicating with each other?

As part of this consultation process we are very keen to hear the voice of our young people as well. In order to hear from as many as possible we would ask that you take time prior to these evenings to ask young people:
What events or programmes would they enjoy coming along to?

What training would they be interested in attending?

What outreach or service would they support?

These consultation evenings and their outcomes will form the basis for planning our work in the future. This consultation process is very dependant on a positive response from clergy, youth leaders and young people. Please ensure that a representative properly represents you, your parish youth work and young people at one of the arranged evenings.



CHILDREN'S SECTION
COLOUR IN



THE SAVIOUR IS BORN

READ

Born to be King

(Matthew chapters 1 and 2, Luke chapter 2)

There was lots of excitement this summer when Prince George was born in London. Many people were very interested to hear about the baby because he is a royal baby and one day he will be a king. Years ago the most special baby ever was born – he was born to be the King of all kings. This baby was Jesus. There was no hospital for Jesus to be born in, no palace nursery prepared for him and no photographers waited to get the first photos of him. But the birth of Jesus is very important for us all.

This is how the birth of Jesus happened.... Mary and Joseph left their home town of Nazareth and travelled to Bethlehem. The town of Bethlehem was very busy because lots of people had travelled there to register for the census. Mary and Joseph could not find anywhere to stay – all the rooms were already taken by other people. While they were there Mary had her baby. She wrapped the baby in cloths and put him in a box that would have been used for feeding animals.

Angels went to tell shepherds in nearby fields the exciting news that this special baby had been born. The shepherds were afraid but the angels told them not to be scared because they had come to tell them good news – a saviour was born. When the angels left, the shepherds went to visit the new baby. They told Mary and Joseph what the angels had said about this special baby. Then the shepherds went back to look after the sheep, praising and thanking God for the baby Jesus.

Later, some wise men from the east followed a special star to find baby Jesus. They knew Jesus was a special baby, born to be King - so they thought he would be in a palace. When they eventually found where he was, they worshipped Jesus and gave him some presents gold, frankincense and myrrh.

WORD SEARCH

Find these words from the story in the wordsearch.

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

JESUS

BETHLEHEM

MARY

JOSEPH

ANGELS

GOOD NEWS

SAVIOUR

SHEPHERDS

WISE MEN

STAR

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JUMBLED WORDS

We remember the visit of the wise men at Epiphany – 6th January. Unjumble the words to make the names of the three presents given to Jesus by the wise men.

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These were unusual presents to bring to a baby – but Jesus was no ordinary baby.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Premier CHRISTIAN RADIO

Premier Christian Radio presents teaching from inspirational church leaders and renowned speakers, uplifting Christian music, interviews, testimonies, devotional times, debates and much more! The broadcast is available on Freeview 725, for further information visit www.premier.org.uk

Alzheimer's Society

Leading the fight against dementia

Alzheimer's Society Fermanagh Services are holding a Carer's Information Programme from 7.30-9.00pm in Belmore Court Motel, Enniskillen (opposite Tesco) to which everyone is welcome, taking place on Tuesday 3rd December when the subject will be understanding and managing behaviours that challenge, and Tuesday 10th December when the subject will be legal and financial issues. Further information can be obtained by contacting 02866 344073 or olive.johnston@alzheimers.org.uk

Marriage Preparation Course

This weekend course, which is being hosted by Fivemiletown and Dromore parishes, will take place on Friday 21st from 7.30-9.30pm and Saturday 22nd March 2014 from 9.30am-1.30pm in Fivemiletown Parish Hall, costing £60 per couple. For further details contact the Revd Kyle Hanlon or phone 02891468846 or email admin@cguidelines.org.uk

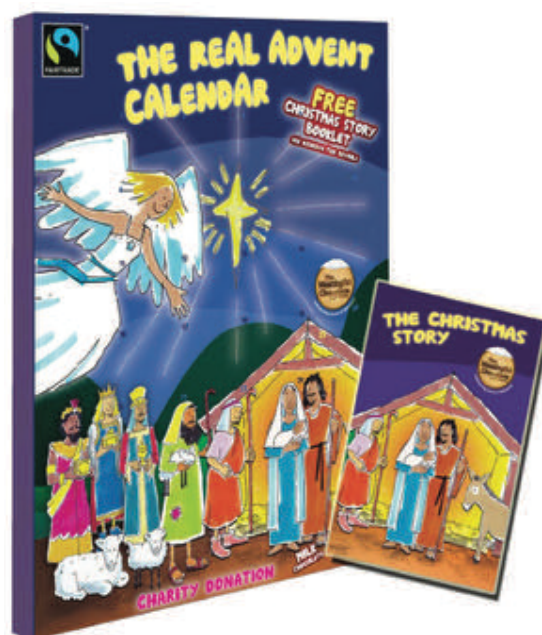
The Real Advent Calendar

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way to share the real meaning of Christmas. There's a line of the Christmas story and a chocolate star behind each window, and behind the final window is a 24-page Christmas storybook. A charitable donation is made to The Children's Society and the chocolate is Fairtrade.

It might be difficult to believe but recent surveys show that knowledge of the Christmas story is fading. 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.

The Christmas starts with Christ campaign hopes to reverse the trend by telling the Christmas story in new ways. To support the campaign the Real Advent Calendar has been produced, and it is a fun way to share the Christmas story. You can read more at www.realadvent.co.uk or purchase a calendar at Tesco.



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Remember

Please continue to remember in your prayers all who are sick, in hospital, nursing homes or recovering at home.

Christmas Tree Festival

At the time of going to print we are looking forward to our Christmas Tree Festival in Aghadrumsee, we are indebted to the Ladies Guild for everything they have done to organise such an event and look forward to having full details and photos in the next edition.

Morning Prayer

During Morning Prayer in Clogh on Sunday 1st December, Heather and Amanda Johnston will speak

about their trip in the summer with SAMS to Paraguay. There will be no service in Drumsnatt.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union meeting in Clogh on Monday 2nd December.

Sunday School Christmas Party

This year our annual Sunday School Christmas parties will be held in Clogh on Saturday 14th December and in Aghadrumsee on Thursday 19th December, when we are expecting our usual visitor in his red suit.

Carol Services

Our Carol Services will be held on Sunday 15th December during morning prayer at 10.45am in Clogh and on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm in Aghadrumsee. Both services will be led by Captain Hamilton with the Sunday School children participating.

Concert

A concert will be held in Aghadrumsee Orange Hall on Friday 14th February 2014, when we are looking forward to having 'Wee Tom' entertain us.

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim Johnston Drumady, Magheraveely on the death of his wife Madge and assure him of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

We also extend our sympathy to the Creighton, Forster and Egerton families following their recent bereavements.

Happy Christmas

Finally can we take this opportunity to wish everyone reading this a very Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings for 2014.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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December

1st 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion; 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion.

8th 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer.

15th 11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke; 7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service by Candlelight.

22nd 11.00am Cooneen Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service by Candlelight.

24th 11.30pm Colebrooke Holy Communion.

25th 9.00am Cooneen Christmas Family Communion; 10.30am Colebrooke Christmas Family Communion.

29th 11.00am Colebrooke Christingle Service.

January

5th 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion; 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion.

12th 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer.

19th 11.00am Family Service at Cooneen;

26th 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer; 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer.

Mothers' Union

Tuesday 10th December Members host the Annual Christmas Party for Senior Citizens of the Group of Parishes in Colebrooke Hall – Festive Supper at 7pm followed by entertainment and the Christmas Message – Santa has been invited!! Everyone welcome. Transport can be arranged.

Friday 10 January 2014 Members Celebratory Dinner (postponed in September) in Corick House 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tuesday 21 January 2014 Opening Service of Holy Communion for 2014 in Colebrooke Church, followed by Aerobics in the Hall with Lorna Mitchell – Everyone welcome – Could this become a weekly or fortnightly date for your diary?

SNATCH

(Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea & Colebrooke.

Christmas Party Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall. All young people of secondary school age welcome.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf

Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

Girls Friendly Society

GFS 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.

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December 2013

Sunday 1st - 10am Sunday School; 11am Morning Prayer.

Sunday 8th - 11am Holy Communion; 7.30pm SNATCH Christmas Party (Colebrooke).

Sunday 15th - 10am Sunday School; 11am Church Family Service & Sunday School Nativity; 7.30pm Christingle Service in the Brooke Memorial Hall.

Sunday 22nd - 11am Morning Prayer with Baptism; 7.30pm Carols by Candlelight.

Tuesday 24th - 11.15pm Christmas Eve Communion.

Wednesday 25th - 10am Christmas Family Service.

Sunday 29th - 11am Morning Prayer.

Tuesday 31st - 11.30pm Watchnight Service.

January 2014

Sunday 5th - 11am Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th - 10am Sunday School; 11am Morning Prayer with Baptism.

Sunday 19th - 10am Sunday School; 11am Church Family Service.

Sunday 26th - 10am Sunday School; 11am Morning Prayer.

Dear friends,

You've decided to start reading the New Testament every day. You're eager to get cracking as you discover more about Jesus. You're excited to begin as you turn to the opening page of Matthew's Gospel, only to find a big long list of unpronounceable names. Your heart sinks. Will you fall at the first hurdle?

It's your turn to read in church. You've waited months for the opportunity. You check the readings, only to discover that you've been landed with Matthew chapter 1. And not the bit where the angel tells Joseph all about the birth of Jesus. No, you've got the big long list of unpronounceable names. You might be excited to meet these guys in glory, but for now, you'll not enjoy stumbling overamminadab, Jehoshaphat, Shealtiel or Eliakim.

So why is it that Matthew begins with the list of names, the rough equivalent of the Judea phone book? Why would he include all those names when we're tempted to do what the kids do when they're counting: 'One, two, skip a few, nintey-nine, one hundred!'

Matthew's purpose is revealed in the very first verse: 'The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.' That verse is the perfect one to open the New Testament. Matthew lists Jesus'

family tree to show that he is the fulfillment of all the promises of the Old Testament - the promise to David of a son to reign forever as king; and the promise to Abraham of a seed through whom the whole world would be blessed.

The list of names is a testament to the way in which God is working his purposes out in each succeeding generation - both in the familiar names we recognise as well as the unfamiliar names we've never heard of before. And inamong the fathers and sons are the names of some 'interesting' women, each demonstrating God's grace to the hopeless and helpless.

Tamar, the woman who pretended to be a prostitute to get pregnant by her father-in-law; Rahab, the prostitute in Jericho who sheltered the spies and was rescued from its destruction; Ruth, the outsider from Moab who found love in the barley fields and came under the wing of Israel's God; Bathsheba, simply known as 'the wife of Uriah' whose husband was murdered to cover up her adultery with King David; and Mary, the teenage girl pregnant in suspicious circumstances.

If we've all got skeletons in our closet, the family background of Jesus was far from flawless. Yet God's grace is at work, fulfilling his purpose as he fulfills his promises in sending Jesus the Christ, son of David and son of Abraham to save and reign.

May you have a blessed time as you celebrate the Saviour's birth this Christmas time.

Yours in Christ,
Gary

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who helped in any way to support the Christmas Fair on 20th November. A good evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

Sunday School

Sunday School are hard at work preparing for their Nativity Play which will be performed during the December Family Service on Sunday 15th at 11am. The Christmas Party will be held on the evening of Friday 13th December, with more information on the notice sheets.

Sunday School will resume from their Christmas break on Sunday 12th January at 10am as usual.

Bowls

Thank you to all who came along and supported our Annual Fun Pairs tournament at the end of October. Over 100 pairs played through the course of the week, with visitors from far and wide. Thank you also to our generous sponsors for their support.

The bowling club team are progressing through the league fixtures for the season. We continue to meet for practice on Monday evenings at 8pm in the church hall. Anyone wishing to have a go will be very welcome.

Mothers' Union

At our AGM on 12th November the following were elected to serve for the coming year:

Enrolling Member: Valerie Crawford; Secretary: Helen Sadlier; Treasurer: Helen Rutledge; Missions Representative: Audrey Percival; Sick Visitors: Millie Shaw & Helen Rutledge; Committee: Lily Graham, Yvonne Johnston, Shirley Morrison, Jean Parsons, Iris Robinson and Bella Toland.

Our December meeting will be our annual visit to Northwick House, Brookeborough, where we will sing Christmas carols for the residents. We meet at Northwick at 7pm on Tuesday 10th.

Our 2014 programme will begin with a service of Holy Communion in the parish church at 8pm on Tuesday 14th January. New members will be made most welcome.

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. Our final meeting of 2013 will be our Christmas party on Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Church Hall.

We'll be starting up again in January, meeting in Aghavea Church Hall. For more information on dates and programme, please see the notice sheet or check our website.

Bible Study

Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study has begun, studying 2 Peter. Our final session in 2 Peter will be on Wednesday 4th December, with some special Christmas treats on offer.

Bible study begins again at 8pm on Wednesday 15th January.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism - Sunday 27th October: Lexie Alice Robinson, Park Hill, Maguiresbridge.

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 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

Harvest Thanksgiving

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held on 13th October. Special thanks to Keith Browne for conducting the service, to Alannah Crawford who played the organ so wonderfully and to Derryvalley Choir who enriched us with their singing. Thank you to the ladies who worked so hard preparing the church, which looked beautiful, and for making sandwiches and tray bakes for a most enjoyable cup of tea afterwards. We would like to thank all our visitors for taking the time to come and worship with us.

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes to Graham Crawford who had a rugby accident. We hope he makes a full recovery.

Music is the Joy of Life

This event was held on 19th of October. Some of the members of our church took part in the singing and Alannah performed an organ solo. It was a wonderful evening of praise with all different types and ages of choirs, organ recitals and readings coming together.

Getting Ready for Christmas

Yes believe it or not Christmas is around the corner. Our Ecumenical Carol Service will be held on 18th December at 8pm. It is hoped that each family will take a candle and some oasis and make a decoration of Holly and Ivy for each window. Candles and oasis will be left at the back of the church from 1st December or if you would rather, please come along and help the children decorate the Christmas tree. The window decorations and Christmas tree decorating will take place after morning service on Sunday 15th December.

Christmas Eve Communion will be held on 24th at 9.30pm.

Castleblayney News

Mothers' Union

The next meeting is in Castleblayney Church Hall on Wednesday 13th November at 8pm where they will be joined by the PW Ladies from Castleblayney to a "Craft and knitting night" with Maureen and David King from Portadown. All proceeds in aid of an orphanage in Kenya. Looking forward, the Ladies have been invited by the PW ladies to join them in the Market place

Theatre in Armagh for "Christmas with Cantilena". This is a choral performance with the first part of the evening, telling the Christmas story from Advent to the visit of The Three Kings, while the second covers the more secular side of the season. This event takes place on Wednesday 11th December at 8pm.

Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 27th October the Annual Harvest Thanksgiving was held in St Maeldoid's. The preacher on this occasion was the Revd Betty Thompson. There were a number of visitors from our neighbouring Churches in attendance and tea was served afterwards in the Church.

Carol Services

Crossduff Carol Service will be held on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. There will be tea afterwards in the newly refurbished stables. St Maeldoid's Carol Service will take place on Friday 20th December at 7.30pm. There will be special music and tea afterwards.

Get Well Wishes

Get well wishes to Mr Eddie Robinson who is in hospital at this time. Also it is great to see Mrs Mary Hardy doing so well after her recent illness.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr John Montgomery who celebrated a very special birthday in style recently!

Co-Operation Ireland Events

These events are coming to an end and we sincerely thank all concerned for the wonderful events and happenings over the past 10 months.

A special tribute to a very special friend of St Maeldoid's, Mrs Myrtle Adair

Myrtle Elizabeth Hillis was born on 20th October 1935 in Castleblayney. She was the first daughter of Mr Willie John and Mrs Mary Hillis, Muckno Street. The Hillis family were farmers and in her young days Myrtle loved nothing more than to get on her bike and cycle out to her grandparents farm in Creighanroe. When she was ready to go to secondary school she moved to Belfast to live with her Aunt and Uncle. Here she attended Brookvale Collegiate. She continued with her education and became a Children's nurse at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

However, Myrtle loved to get back to Castleblayney to see her family and this is where her future husband Mr Robert Adair, fondly known to us all as Bob, also came from. In 1957 the couple married and a decision was made to relocate to Ballymena. Here they were to establish Adair's Jewellery Shop. This was an ambitious undertaking at this time, as this young couple knew nobody in the town. However, with Bob's skills as a watchmaker and Myrtle's determination work came pouring in and a thriving business was established and so it remains, to this day, as busy as it has ever been with Stuart (their son) successfully running it. They set up home at Grange Road and 5 children

quickly followed. During this time Myrtle never forgot her roots or her friends in Castleblayney and they often made the trip with the 5 children from Ballymena to Castleblayney. Even in later years with their family all grown up, Myrtle and Bob would go on the "Grand Tour" of Castleblayney to visit extended family and friends. Myrtle's on-going connections with Castleblayney weren't just about visiting, she also organised the Annual Friends Reunion Service in St Maeldoid's Parish Church which occurs on the second Sunday in June and over the years has raised thousands of euro's for the Church funds. Myrtle was a determined lady with a huge heart in other words she called a spade a spade and you always knew where you stood with her. Last year on 2nd May, sadly Bob passed away. Myrtle missed him badly, but in her own way she had to get on with it. In early October, Myrtle took ill after a routine operation and died on 3rd October in Antrim hospital. Myrtle's funeral took place in St Patrick's Parish Church, Ballymena on Saturday 5th October 2013 at 1pm. A number of friends from St Maeldoid's, First Castleblayney and St Mary's RC Church attended the funeral. We will all miss Myrtle very much. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Adair children, John, Jayne, Carol, Stuart and Judith their spouses and her 5 grandchildren whom she adored. Also sincere sympathy to the extended family in Castleblayney.

Clontibret News

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kenneth and Fiona Dickson and to Barbara and Trevor Johns on celebrating 25 years of married life. We wish you God's Blessing on reaching this important milestone in togetherness and family life.

Congratulations also to Donna Geary who has graduated from Galway NUI with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Well done and we wish you every success in your chosen career.

Memorial Service

Thank you to Walter Pringle for conducting the memorial service for the late William Dickson that was held on 3rd November. Thank you also to Abraham Storey for reading the lessons, to Keith Brown for preaching the sermon and to Sharon Lancashire for playing the organ. It was great to have so many of Willie's friends present to mark the occasion and Keith captured Willie's faithfulness to all the organisations that he was associated with in a very appropriate way. We all enjoyed fellowship and a cup of tea afterwards.

Good To See You!

It was great to see Albert Jordan back at church on Sunday after his hip replacement operation. We wish you continued progress and hope you will take things easy as you recover.

The Late Albert Shortt

Albert Shortt passed away on Sunday, 15th September in Dunlurg Nursing Home, Keady surrounded by his

family. Albert was a farmer all his life and it was a life that he thoroughly enjoyed. He was at his happiest working with his animals and the land. He would proudly say that on buying a farm of land he was able to clear the cost of it in a year's production of potatoes. He put no charge on the long hours of toil that he had put in to plant, care for and harvest the crop. Albert was a very active member of the IFA Annyalla Branch over his lifetime and served on the committee for many years. He was particularly skilled in maintaining a high level of membership within the branch, and was of great assistance to the local Ballybay office to ensure the branch always met its target. Because of this work Albert was fortunate, but deserving, to have been the recipient of a trip with IFA/FBD Scholarship on a tour of Denmark and Holland in 1994. The trip included visiting a number of beef and dairy farms and the participants were able to see how they were farming in the former EEC now the EU. Members also met with farming bodies from the two countries. Albert was Registrar for the Annyalla Branch on a number of occasions between the years 2005-2012 which included looking after the membership and escorting visiting representatives. He was the Treasurer of the Branch in the 90's and in 2000. Albert could always be relied on to spread the word and gather the troops when a protest was being organised, and supported and attended many protests and events down the years including the National Ploughing Championships.

Albert was a very sociable man and enjoyed the craic. He enjoyed his visits to the local pubs and to concerts where he would cheerfully chat away with anyone there and you could hear his exhilarated laughter as he told or heard a story. Albert was famous for his battered grey Ford Mondeo that stood the test of time and gave him his freedom. Albert and his friends Ben Carragher and Wilfred Wilson enjoyed socialising and going out to lunch in the local hotels on a Sunday and when he was not able to drive his friend Ben Carragher provided the transport.

In July 2010 Albert suffered a stroke and through sheer determination regained a reasonable level of fitness and was soon back on the tractor and driving his Mondeo. Throughout his illnesses his first question when visited was "What about the cows?" or "Where are the cows?" – meaning were they on the home farm or one of his other farms. On leaving rehabilitation Albert went to live with his good friend and neighbour Henry Hughes. Albert enjoyed being in the heart of the family and travelling with Henry in his lorry or jeep. Sadly Albert's cancer became more aggressive and he was admitted to Drogheda hospital in July. In August this year Albert was devastated at the passing of his brother Willie who had suffered from Alzheimers. Albert was a faithful visitor to his brother's bedside and was discharged from hospital to attend the funeral. Albert was next admitted to Tallaght Hospital before being discharged to Dunlurg Nursing Home in Keady where he passed away. Albert's passing brings to an end the Shortt name in the townland of Cashel where previously four families of the name had resided. Albert was laid to rest in the family plot in the graveyard of St Colman's Church of Ireland, Clontibret, where he had served as a member of the Select Vestry and as Churchwarden. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by his family, neighbours and wide circle of friends as evident from the hundreds

who attended his funeral where Walter Pringle paid tribute to Albert. Albert is survived by his sisters Mabel Leatham, Clontibret and Elsie Henderson, Tandragee.

Reading List

Dec 1st Isaac Leatham; 8th Chloe Boyd, 15th TBA, 22nd Courtney Tate, 29th Alwyn Donaldson.

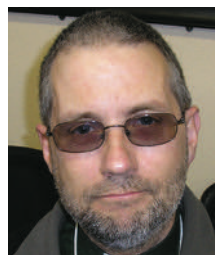
Sustentation

Can the Treasurer have your 2013 sustentation ASAP otherwise it may not be included in the 2013 Report.

Bishops' Appeal

Please return your envelopes for the appeal if you have not already done so. We have, through our televisions and media, a constant reminder of the importance of supporting this and other appeals.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for December/January

Sunday 8th December 10:00am HC One Mullaghduin; 11:30am HC One Cleenish.

Wednesday 11th December No Service due to Home Communion.

Sunday 15th December 10:00am MP One Mullaghduin; 11:30am Family Service Cleenish; 7:30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Cleenish.

Sunday 22nd December 10:00am MP Two Mullaghduin; 11:30am MP Two Cleenish; 7:30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Mullaghduin. No Sunday School.

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve 11:30pm HC Mullaghduin.

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day 8:00am HC One Cleenish; 9:30am HC One Mullaghduin; 11:00am HC One Cleenish.

Sunday 29th December 10:00am MP One Mullaghduin; 11:30am MP One Cleenish. No Sunday School

Sunday 5th January 2014 10:00am MP One Mullaghduin; 11:30am MP One Cleenish.

Wednesday 8th January 10:00am HC & Healing Service Mullaghduin Parochial Hall.

Sunday 12th January 10:00am HC One Mullaghduin; 11:30am HC One Cleenish.

Sunday 19th January 10:00am MP One Mullaghduin; 11:30am MP One Cleenish.

Sunday 26th January 10:00am HC Two Mullaghduin; 11:30am HC Two Cleenish.

Sunday 2nd February 10:00am MP One Mullaghduin; 11:30am MP One Cleenish.

Vestry Meetings

Cleenish, Wednesday 15th January.
Mullaghdun, Wednesday 22nd January.

Cleenish Harvest Services

Our Harvest Services took place on 18th and 20th October this year.

At the Friday night service, the special preacher was the Revd Betty Thompson, NSM in the Donagh Group of Parishes. Tea was given to all by the ladies, in the Parish Hall after the Service.

On Sunday morning the preacher was Heather Wilson, Faith Mission, after which the ladies provided a stew lunch in the Parish Hall. A magnificent total of £685 was raised for Parish funds.

On Sunday evening, the special preacher was the Revd Ivan Reuters, Rector of Florencecourt.

Once again thanks are due to the choir, who took part in all three services, and to Mrs Joan Brownlee who played the organ.

Remembrance Services

At the annual Act of Remembrance in Mullaghdun the Rector conducted the Service, and Robert Watterson led the Prayers. John Ryan recited the poignant words, from Laurence Binyon's poem

"For the Fallen"

*"They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them."*

The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by George Bracken, and the offering was taken up by John Ryan and Norman Corr.

The Rector composed a special reading entitled *"It was a lie of course"* for this occasion and expanded on its meaning during the course of his address. With his permission the reading is reproduced below.

It was a lie of course

- 1 (Genesis 3:4-6)
Go on do what you want.
Eat this lovely fruit from the Garden.
It will make you wise.
It was a lie of course.
- 2 (Numbers 13:30-31)
Don't be afraid.
Said Caleb to Moses 'We should march right in and take the land'.
We can't, said the other spies, those who live there are too strong.
It was a lie of course.
- 3 (1st World War)
Join up.
We will win the war and return by Christmas.
It was a lie of course.
- 4 (Holocaust – 2nd World War)

Let us settle you in the East.
Take with you just a few items.
You will enjoy life there.

It was a lie of course.

- 5 (Holocaust – 2nd World War)

Join us in our endeavour.

For 'Work makes (you) free'.

It was a lie of course.

- 6 (Northern Ireland)

It's just the troubles over there in Northern Ireland.

Just some sort of local conflict which will soon be over.

It was a lie of course.

- 7 (Join up)

We will fight in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The war will soon be won.

Our war is completely justified.

It was a lie of course.

- 8 (Eternity)

Said the preacher, there is no need for personal commitment to Jesus.

For everyone will go to Heaven when they die.

It was a lie of course.

Copyright Revd Geoffrey P Bridle (November 2013)

At the annual act of Remembrance in Cleenish, the Rector conducted the Service, wreaths were laid by Dessie Smyth on behalf of the Forces, Ashley Beaumont on behalf of the Brownies, and Ian Crawford on behalf of the Parish. The Last Post & Reveille was sounded by George Bracken.

Cleenish & Mullaghdun Mothers' Union

Tuesday 10th December, Christmas Celebrations, Cleenish Parish Hall 8pm

Tuesday 21st January, Members Night, Mullaghdun Parish Hall 8pm

Cleenish Brownies

A total of 16 Brownies attended the autumn period, and were mainly involved at craft work. They will shortly close for the Christmas period, and reopen during January. They meet 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

The Group will close for Christmas holidays on Tuesday 10th December. A magnificent total of 28 babies with mothers were present on Tuesday 12th November.

The Group will re open on Tuesday 14th January from 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.

Cleenish Parish Auction

A total of over £3,100 was raised at the Auction on Saturday 26th October.

Morning Classes in Cleenish Parish Hall

The FACT Project is about to complete running the Cookery Class, and an Exercise/Relaxation Class for those over 60 years in Cleenish Parish Hall. It is anticipated further classes will be held in the New Year. For details contact Maureen 6634 8806, or Ruby 6634 9886.

Fund Raising for Cleenish Parish Church

Dance in Unionist Hall 7th February 2014.
Flower festival in Church 6th, 7th and 8th June 2014.

Illness

A number of Mullaghduin parishioners are suffering illnesses which prevent them from attending Worship. They are regularly remembered in Prayer during our weekly services, and also at our monthly Holy Communion Service in the Parochial Hall. To all who are ill, at home, in hospital and nursing homes, we miss your presence from your familiar place each Sunday, and extend Prayerful good wishes for your recovery to better health.

Obituary

Edith Armstrong, a former member of the Parker family, Clontymullan, Bellanaleck, passed away in the Tilery Care Home, on Wednesday 16th October. She had formally resided at Ballycassidy, therefore her funeral service was held in Trory Parish Church, on Saturday 19th October. The members of Cleenish Parish send sincere sympathy to her siblings Caroline, Bobby and David, and to the entire family circle.

Cleenish Centre

Many of us are not surprised when economic downturn has an effect on businesses large and small, but we often forget that such times have a great impact on churches and ministries. With that in mind it is with some sadness we announce our employment as Manager and Deputy Manager of the Cleenish Centre must come to an end.

We have achieved much in a little under two quick years that we hope you will celebrate with us. These include seeing numerous young adults coming to faith in Christ, beginning our own summer day camps and working alongside national organisations.

The Centre will continue to operate with volunteers who will ensure it continues to reach across borders and divisions in reaching young people and whole communities for Christ.

As we move on to our next adventure we want to thank all who made us feel welcome while we settled in to the area and our role at the Cleenish Centre. We wish to particularly extend our gratitude to the staff and volunteers who sacrifice their time and energy to help clean windows, chop wood, cut grass, plant trees, pull

weeds and serve in the kitchen all in God's service to provide a safe, clean and joyful environment that is always noted by the guests and groups.

We thank all who have donated financially to the Centre and those who have been able to give 'only' of their prayers.... may you be blessed greatly for your generosity.

Finally we would like to thank the Directors of the Centre for the opportunity to serve Christ and the Gospel in such a unique way. We pray for God's continued blessing on the Centre and the work which lies ahead.

Please consider adding the Cleenish Centre to your prayer list, donating your time (for volunteering) or finances to ensure this work which has been so valuable to increasing God's Kingdom continues.

Yours in Christ,
Ellis and Holly Barnsley

Many thanks are due to Ossie Clements, Derrick Graham, Balfour Hoey and Dessie Smyth, who recently cut down the large beech tree in the Centre grounds. The tree had gone dead, and was becoming dangerous.

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

Bellanaleck Community Group



The internally illuminated warning sign outside the Church wall



The Loughshore path

The Group held their usual monthly meeting after the summer break in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Wednesday 23rd October. The evening began with a cheque presented to Jennifer Keys on behalf of the Children's Heartbeat Trust, to assist young Alfie who suffers from a heart condition. A further cheque was later sent to the parents of Sam Bradley, who continually battles with cancer. Sam's parents were in Belfast, and unable to be present.

The meeting then continued with a brief by Sharon Howe representing the FACT project.

A large number of items were discussed, with a result the meeting took up a considerable amount of time.

A brief summary of items discussed included forward arrangements for the Christmas event, which will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon 7th December. It was pleasing to note some upgrading work had been undertaken to tidy up Waterhen Lane. Upgrade of the old quarry site and associated car park

is now the main Project for implementation, and awaits the relevant Planning permission. The illuminated bend warning sign outside the Church wall is now in full operation, and much appreciated by Group members and the local community. See photograph.

At the Community Network Awards held in the Hall on Monday 21st October, Julian Fowler, Group Chairman, was presented with an award on behalf of the Group for organising the 5K Fun Run during the summer. The overall individual award was presented to George Thornton for his work in the Community during the past number of years, and in particular his contribution to the roadside/loughshore path. See photograph. Next meeting, Wednesday 22nd January.

Christian Burials

Cleenish Parish Church - Saturday 19th October 2013
Edith Florence Armstrong, 2 The Four Oaks,
Ballycassidy, Enniskillen. Aged 84 years.

Mullaghduin Parish Church - Wednesday 30th October
2013 Mary Elizabeth (Marie) Maguire, Hillcrest
Nursing Home, Omagh. Aged 83years.

Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes (Clogher, Augher, Newtownsaville and Errigal Portclare)



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Our Worship in December

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

**Sunday 8th December The Second Sunday
of Advent -** 9.00am Clogher HC; 10.00am Errigal
Portclare MP; 10.00am Augher HC; 11.30am Clogher
MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville HC.

**Sunday 15th December The Third Sunday of
Advent -** 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP; 10.00am
Augher MP; 11.30am Clogher HC; 11.30am
Newtownsaville MP.

**Sunday 22nd December The Fourth Sunday
of Advent -** 9.00am Clogher HC; 11.30am
Newtownsaville Carol Service; 3.00pm Errigal
Portclare Carol Service; 5.00pm Augher Carol Service;
7.00pm Clogher Carol Service.

Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve - 7.00pm Errigal
Portclare HC; 8.30pm Newtownsaville HC; 11.30pm
Clogher HC.

Wednesday 25th Christmas Day - 9.00am
Augher HC; 10.00am Clogher HC – Celebrant and
Preacher The Bishop.

Sunday 29th December Christmas 1 - 11.30am
United Service – Clogher MP.

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th December Community Carol Service in aid
of Cancer Focus and switching on of the Christmas Lights.

Tuesday 10th December Errigal Portclare Sunday
School Party.

Wednesday 11th December Augher Sunday School Party.

Friday 13th December Christmas Musical Evening in
Aid of Riding for the Disabled in the Cathedral featuring
Gillygooley Community Choir, Kyra McKinley & String
Quartet, Devison Family Band, Hannah Garrity and
Marcella Robinson.

Wednesday 18th December MU Christmas Party.

Thursday 19th December Augher Central Primary
School Concert in St Mark's Church, Augher.

Friday 20th December Clogher Sunday School Party.

Saturday 21st December Newtownsaville Sunday
School Party.

Mothers' Union Notes

The October meeting of St Macartan's Mothers' Union was very special indeed. The hall was packed to capacity by both men and women to hear a talk from Dr Emma Regan on her work as a criminal psychologist with the Irish Prison Service. Dr Emma gave an enthralling talk on her work within the prison and on many other aspects of mental health. She then answered many questions from the audience which showed a very genuine interest in the subject.

The MU had their annual dinner during November and a Christmas Party and Beetle Drive on Wednesday 18th December.

Parish Notes

Many thanks to all those who have been working on Saturdays in the graveyard in Clogher, tidying, cutting ivy and much more. During the recent rebuilding of the boundary wall a very important stone was

uncovered which is thought to date back to one of the early cathedrals on the site. It is of a similar design to the Roman Arch in Kilmore Cathedral.

A special Festival of Remembrance was held in the Corick House on Wednesday 23rd October. A musical programme was presented by Roughan Silver Band, Augher Central Primary School Choir, Mr James Emery, Fivemiletown College Orchestra, The Tin Hat Tenors, Lisbeg Pipe Band and Nicola Moody and The Moodettes. This was followed by the muster of standard bearers and representatives of the PSNI, NIFRS, St John's Ambulance, Army Cadet Force, Youth Organisations and Regimental Associations. Included in the muster were 3 standards from the Dublin Branch of the RBL one which had been carried during WW1. Following the muster Precentor Regan led a Service of Remembrance and the traditional Act of Remembrance.

The Annual Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance took place on Sunday 10th November. The service was led by Precentor Regan, who also led the Act of Remembrance during which a Poppy Wreath was laid at the Holy Table by Mr Alan McKeown. Sgt Stanly Coulter PSNI read the lesson. Thanks to Mrs Diane Whittaker who played the organ and held choir practices in the weeks leading up to the service.

Thanks to people from all four parishes who filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are now on their way to brighten the lives of children across the world.

During December Bishops' Appeal envelopes will be distributed in all parishes. While always an important appeal, this year it has taken on an even greater significance with the recent devastation wrought on the Philippines by the typhoon. Please give generously.

Canon Noel will be carrying out his annual sit out during December and this year it will be in aid of The New Horizons Children's Hospice.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services in December and January

1st December: The First Sunday of Advent - 11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer; 3.00pm Clones Advent and Christmas Carol Service together with Lisnaskea Silverband, Largy College Choir and soloists; 7.00pm

Clogher Advent Carol Service and Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants - Please support our parishioner Mr Roy Crowe.

8th December The Second Sunday of Advent - 10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Morning Prayer and Carols; 11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion.

15th December The Third Sunday of Advent - 10.00am Clones Holy Communion; 11.30am Newbliss Nativity play, Carols and Seasonal Poems in the Market House. The Sunday School participates.

16th December - Monday 3.00pm Clones Christmas Carols and Holy Communion in the Protestant Hall, Cara Street, followed by seasonal refreshments.

22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent - 3.30pm Killeevan United Carol Service with the Presbyterian Congregations. Preacher: Revd Stanley Stewart.

24th December Christmas Eve - 8.00pm Newbliss Holy Communion.

25th December Christmas Day - 10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion followed by Christmas refreshments in the Rectory.

29th December The First Sunday of Christmas - 11.00am Clones Morning Service and Christmas Carols.

5th January The Second Sunday of Christmas - 10.00am Clones Holy Communion; 11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer.

12th January The Baptism of Christ - 11.00am Killeevan Group Service Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please pray for our Candidates.

19th January The Second Sunday of Epiphany - 10.00am Clones Morning Prayer; 11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion.

26th January The Third Sunday of Epiphany - 10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion; 11.30am Killeevan Morning Prayer.

2nd February Candlemas: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 10.00am Clones Holy Communion; 11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer.

'Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing.' (Isaac Watts)

Commissioning of Diocesan Pastoral Assistants

Mr Roy Crowe will be commissioned as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant at a service in Clogher Cathedral on Sunday 1st December at 7.00pm. Congratulations to Mr Crowe on the completion of his training.

Clones Christmas Fayre

Clones Parish invites you all to its Christmas Fayre in the Ballroom at the Creighton Hotel in Clones on Saturday the 7th of December at 10.30am to 1.00pm. The Fayre is an excellent opportunity for us to purchase some of those lovely treats we all long for at Christmastide. There will be homemade cakes and Christmas puddings, beautiful wreaths and decorations, firewood, etc on sale, as well as refreshments served. Proceeds in aid of church funds. All very welcome.



Wreath making by talented and enthusiastic committee members.

Christmas Carol Services

This year, as in other years, we will enjoy all the well-known Christmas Carols on several occasions.

On Sunday the 1st of December at 3.00pm Clones parish will host a Carol Service in St Tighernach's Church. At this service we look forward to welcome Lisnaskea Silver Band and the Choir from Largy College and their musical director Ms Lynn Sullivan. Light refreshments served in the Church after the service.

On the Third Sunday of Advent (15th of December) the Sunday School Children will participate with readings in the Market House, Newbliss at 11.30am at a service of Carols, a Nativity Play and seasonal poems. We would like to extend an invitation to our Christmas Carol and Holy Communion service followed by tea and mince-pies in the Protestant Hall in Clones on Monday the 16th of December at 3.00pm. Those who find it difficult to access our church buildings are especially invited to this service. If anyone needs help with transport, please contact the rector.

We look forward to the joint Carol Service with the Presbyterian congregations in the area. On Sunday the 22nd of December, we meet in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan at 3.30pm for a United Carol service. A joint choir will lead the singing and the lessons will be read by members of the different parishes. All singers are welcome to participate in the choir. Please contact Mrs Ivy Ritchie tel. 028 – 67738639 or Mrs May Leach, tel. 047-51085 for information about choir rehearsals.

Christmas Services

On Christmas Eve, Holy Communion will be celebrated in the evening at 8.00pm in Newbliss. On Christmas Day we meet in Currin, Scotshouse, at 10.00am, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ as we gather for Holy Communion. On Sunday after Christmas, the 29th of December we will meet in Clones, at 11.00am for Morning Prayer.

If anyone cannot attend services before or during the Christmas season and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the rector.

Sunday School Christmas Party

Welcome to the Protestant Hall, Cara Street, Clones on Saturday the 28th of December for the annual Sunday School Christmas Party. There will be games, party food and if we are lucky, a visit from a bearded man. We start at 4.00pm. and finish at 6.00pm.

Confirmation

The confirmation will take place on Sunday the 12th January at 11.00am in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan. Please pray for the candidates as they prepare themselves to continue on their journey of faith. Can I encourage all parishioners, in all four parishes, to support the candidates and join them at this solemn and joyous occasion. Confirmation is not a private event; rather it reminds us all about our journey as disciples. That we more than once in life need to reject the devil, renounce evil and repent of our sins and that we turn to Christ our Saviour, submit to Christ as Lord and come to Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.



Some of the Confirmation Candidates.

Study Group

The Bible Study group will meet on the 20th of January at 8.00pm in the Rectory, Scotshouse.

All welcome, please bring a Bible and a friend.

Sustentation

Please note that the accounts close on the 31st of December. Could I please urge all parishioners to pay their sustentation before the end of the year, as payments after that date may not be included in the report for 2013. There are several ways to contribute financially to the parishes, through the weekly envelope scheme, by cheque or direct debit. If any parishioners would like to change the way you contribute or find out more about the direct debit option, please talk to the treasurers or the rector. Can I also express my and the Select Vestries sincere appreciation for your financial support to the life of the church. Thank you so very much.

Theatre evening in Clones Parish

A Widow's Paradise

A hilarious Comedy by Sam Cree from the 1960's, set in a "luxurious caravan", with the usual mix of unusual characters!

We look forward to welcome you to a three act comedy with the Killylea Silver Band and Players on Friday the 24th of January at 8.00pm in the Protestant Hall, Cara Street, Clones. Admission €10.00, light refreshments served.

Newbliss Information Service

Newbliss Information Service is open daily from 9.00 to 12.45 contact tel. 047-54762. They are available for filing LPT returns online, helping with filling in forms and for any general queries you may have etc. This is a confidential service.

Positive Age Centre in Monaghan launches new Information Service for Older People

The new Information Service for Older People is based in the Y.W.C.A building in Monaghan Town. The 'Positive Age Centre of Information for Older People' can help with information, advice, and signposting to individuals aged 50 years and over, their families and carers and professionals acting on their behalf. They also operate a "Good Morning" service from the new office. The 'Good Morning' service provides a free daily telephone service to older people in order to ensure that they are safe and well in their own home at a time and date which suits the service user.

If you would like more information on the Centre of Information for Older People or the Good Morning Service or are interested in becoming a volunteer you can contact Tim Mohan on 047-30009 or email: gmprmonaghan@eircom.net

Baptism

Holly Jennifer, daughter of Mrs Alyson and Mr Turlough Reilly was baptised in Newbliss Church on the first Sunday in November. May God bless Holly 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 Albert, John and Ronnie Irwin and their families on the death of their brother-in-law, Mr J. Gordon, Maguriesbridge.

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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

January

5th Holy Communion 11.30am
12th Family service 11.30am
19th Morning Prayer 11.30am
26th Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

10th November 2013 - William David Ellis, The Gran Abbey Care Home.

Baptism

17th November 2013 - Poppy Alexis Milligan, daughter of Stephen and Glenda, The Millery, Edenamohill, Ederney.

Remembrance Sunday

Our Remembrance Sunday service was a reminder of sacrifice and loss; a reminder of the need to strive for peace, a reminder that evil will face the full wrath of God and find their place in the unquenchable fires of hell. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the service, which added to the poignancy of the occasion.

Often acts of remembrance in the wider sphere can be overshadowed by the cosmetic approaches by some who attend out of a sense of public duty or political point scoring. It is seventy years since the Battle of the Atlantic and seventy-three years from the Battle of Britain, two significant battles that were the turning point in the Second World War. May the words of the then Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few' be a reminder to each of us to remember the sacrifice not just the once and for all sacrifice of Christ on the cross of Calvary, but the sacrifice of others in the defence of freedom and liberty.

Writing notes in November for December and attempting to pre-empt activities and events, could very easily give the impression that even as a church the demands of a consumer driven society dictate how the churches year unfolds. Does society's craving to be in control of the seasonal activities and when we should do certain things mean that even we no longer have a key role in how our own lives are lived. It might be good for us to reflect on Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol' and let the three ghosts of Christmas past, present and future pay us a visit. Maybe it would be good to re-visit where our lives have been, where

they are now and where they are going? And more importantly what place Christ has in our lives.

But let's face it; we seem to just accept it. To allow 'secular' society to control much of our Christian celebrations and thereby have greater influence on the populace than we have who are called to share the good news of Christ. Maybe as this year draws to a close we can reclaim something of the true spirit of Christian living, and allow God to have his rightful place in our lives.

Dates for your diary

Sunday school 10.30am
 CE/Youth fellowship, Juniors 7.00pm each Friday & Seniors 8.30pm each Friday
 Bible Fellowship, every Wednesday, 8.00pm
 Bowls every Thursday 8.00pm
 Women's Fellowship Monday 13th January, 8.00pm
 Young@heart, Wednesday 15th January, 10.30am

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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'Getting people from where they are to where God wants them to be'

December 2013

Sun 1 - Special Service for Advent - Castle Archdale 10.15am & Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Wed 4 - Monthly Evening Prayer - Derryvullen North 7.30pm.

Sun 8 - Service of the Word 6 - Derryvullen North 10.30am & Castle Archdale 11.45am.

Sun 15 - Sunday School Nativity & Gift Day - Castle Archdale 10.15am & Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Tue 17 - Quiet Holy Communion - Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Sun 22 - Service of Lessons & Carols - Castle Archdale 10.15am & Derryvullen North 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS EVE Tue 24 - Family Holy Communion Derryvullen North 9.00pm & Holy Communion Castle Archdale 11.00pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wed 25 Holy Communion - Castle Archdale 9.00am & Derryvullen North 10.30am.

Sun 29 - Morning Prayer - Castle Archdale 10.15am & Derryvullen North 11.30am.

January 2014

Church Services Follow Our Normal Routine

February 2014

Sun 2 - Holy Communion - Castle Archdale 10.15am & Derryvullen North 11.30am.

Rector's Notes

"God is good – all the time. All the time - God is good" - a statement of faith because of, or despite circumstances it is the lens through which we see and interpret everything.

While the sun is shining and all is well with life it is easy to agree that God is good. But life isn't always easy or even enjoyable. Bad things happen. That is the time we need to hold on to what we know about God; to remind ourselves that "God is good" because if we lose that then what is the alternative? Do we give up? If God is good there is the chance that we can get through the difficult times because God has promised never to leave us or forsake us, to lead and guide through the Holy Spirit, to walk with us in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

Perhaps this is a useful prayer:

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.amen

Derryvullen North Harvest Thanksgiving

The Sunday school, who thrilled a packed church with their singing and drama, led the Junior Harvest. The special speaker was Jenny Smyth, CMS Ireland and former mission partner in Southern Sudan. Thanks to our Sunday school teachers, Rachel and the children for a memorable service of worship.

The Harvest Thanksgiving services continued on Sunday & Monday evenings. Again, the services were well attended, the preacher on Sunday evening being the Revd Mark Watson and on Monday the Revd Ngozi Njoku.

As we thank God for all his goodness and blessings to us, it is also appropriate to thank the choir and organist, those who prepared the Church for the Harvest services, those who sent gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables, the Mothers' Union ladies who provided supper and indeed to everyone who made our services such an expression of gratitude to God our Father.

Mothers' Union

Mrs Lindsey Farrell spoke to the members about the Wells Project and the recent introduction of the Youth Fellowship for 11-13yr olds in the Parish. A lively discussion followed and members expressed their appreciation for the work that Sandra and Lindsey were doing.

Women's Group

The Women's Group plan to have their Christmas meal at the Oaks Restaurant on Wednesday 4th December. Members enjoyed the Cookery Evening with Mrs Edith Humes and look forward to Flower Arranging with Mrs Irene Gibson. The January meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 8.30pm, which will be a Party Night and auction.

COMET

COMET our Parish Youth Fellowship continues to meet fortnightly from 7.30–9.00pm on a Friday evening in the Church Hall. A fun night was had by all at the Halloween fun and games night at the Rectory. Following a meeting with the Mothers' Union members, it was gratifying and greatly appreciated to have their full support for the work of the Youth Ministry in the Parish. It is also very encouraging to hear very favourable reports from the parents of the young people participating in our fellowship. The dates for meetings in December and January will be announced in Church. All new members will be made very welcome.

Visit of Cross Community Groups

Visit Of Cross Community Groups to the Centenary Garden. On the 30th October, a cross community group from Lisnaska and Teemore Senior Citizens visited the Centenary Garden at the Sacred Heart Church. There were 60 persons in all, Revd Father Michael McGourty led one group and the Revd Canon Glenn West the other, with special emphasis on Celtic spirituality. Several members bought copies of the book "Connections" being very interested in its content.

The leaders were then invited to Mahon's Hotel for tea and enjoyed the "Boxy" which was a speciality for the day. Dr Margaret Knox was also very kindly invited to the event, which was indeed a very enjoyable occasion.

Diary Dates

Mon 9 Dec - Community Carol Service in the Delaney Suite, Mahon's Hotel at 8.00pm.

Tue 10 Dec - Tuesday Club Christmas Communion at 2.30pm. (Please let the Rector know of any Home Communions).

Wed 11 Dec - Prayer Focus – CMS Ireland in Enniskillen Cathedral Hall at 8.00pm.

Tue 17 Dec - Faith & Friendship in Mahon's Hotel at 8.00pm.

Wed 1 Jan - Monthly Evening Prayer (Derryvullen North) at 7.30pm.

Thur 16 Jan - Senior Citizens' Dinner in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge at 6.30pm.

Tues 21 Jan - Quiet Holy Communion (Derryvullen North) at 11.30am.

Wed 22 Jan - Mothers' Union – Informal Evening and Auction at 8.00pm.

Wed 5 Feb - Monthly Evening Prayer (Derryvullen North) at 7.30pm.

Baptism

Derryvullen North

26 October 2013 - Tia Millie daughter of Jeffrey & Kathryn Bryans.

3 November 2013 - Abby daughter of David & Gail Martin.

Christian Burial

Castle Archdale

9 November 2013 - Eileen Maguire, Drumarkey, Killadeas Rd, Lisnarick.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to those who have been bereaved and our prayerful support to all who are sick. We remember also, many who are less fortunate than ourselves in many parts of the world. As we celebrate Advent and Christmas we look forward to our special services and pray that Christ's presence may be very evident in our worship.

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Calendar

8th December - 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South; 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary.

15th December - 10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary; 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

22nd December - 10.30 Carol Service Derryvullen South; 12.00 Carol Service Garvary.

25th December - 8.30 Holy Communion Garvary; 10.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

29th December - 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South; 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary.

5th January - 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary; 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

12th January - 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South; 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary.

19th January - 10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary; 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

26th January - 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South; 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary.

2nd February - 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary; 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South.

Bereavements

We express our sympathy to all who have been bereaved. Parishioners of Garvary extend sympathy to Derek Douglas, formerly of Ballydoolagh on the death of his wife Charlotte. Charlotte was a dedicated member

of the Mothers' Union and the Douglas family are still fondly remembered as weekly attenders and loyal supporters of Garvary before their move to Scotland.

Changes in Derryvullen South

At the beginning of 2014 Mrs Laura Courtney will be taking over from Mrs Valerie Stewart in assisting the rector with the running of the Sunday School. The parish is indebted to Mrs Stewart who has given many years of dedicated service to this important work of teaching the faith to our young people and encouraging their involvement in church services and parish life. During her time Mrs Stewart has brought together a number of young ladies to help with the teaching and we continue to value their support.

Mrs Doreen Woods will be taking over organising the rota of those who clean the church and provide flowers. Mrs Stewart has been doing this for the past twenty years and again we are indebted to her for this contribution to the life of the parish. We take this opportunity to express again our appreciation to everyone who is on the list and who make the church a tidy and welcoming place on a weekly basis. Additional volunteers would be very welcome.

Miss Jean Hunter will be taking over the distribution of the diocesan magazine which has been conscientiously carried out for several years by Mrs Laura Graham to whom we are much indebted.

Those who receive the magazine look forward to its arrival each month. The recent change in editor has brought a change of ideas and a new glossy look. The magazine committee are keen to promote it and if anyone would like to have a copy please get in touch with Jean. The cost is £10 for the year. Those who have not yet paid for this year are asked to leave their money with either Mr Robert Boles or at Tamlaght P.O. for collection.

Mothers' Union

The December meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Monday 9th in Derryvullen Parish Hall. This meeting will take the form of a quiz – match the baby/child to the bride! Also traditional Carols and Readings by the members. The meeting on January 20th at 8.00pm will take the form of Holy Communion in Garvary parish church. This is the first meeting of the new Mothers' Union year and the theme this year is, "Sowing the future together". New members are welcome, as always.

Pantomime 2014

The Sunday Schools are once again going to the Pantomime in the Ardhowen Theatre. This year it is Jack and the Beanstalk, on Saturday 18th January at 3.00pm.

Revision of General Vestry

In January, throughout the Church of Ireland, there is an annual legal obligation to revise the list of those who are members of General Vestry. These are

members of the Church of Ireland who are aged 18 yrs or over and who contribute a minimum of £50 to the sustentation fund. If your name is on this list you are entitled to vote for a new Select Vestry at the Easter Vestry, in other words, those who will represent you in the future running of the parish. Or indeed you might consider allowing your own name to go forward to be a member of the select vestry yourself. Looking to the future of our group of parishes we would encourage as many of our younger generation as possible to become more actively involved and this is one way in which you could do so. To have your name added to the list you simply sign a simple form which is available from the rector.

Collect of Advent

(Commencing 1st December)

Almighty God,
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light
now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great
humility;
that on the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. amen

Happy Christmas

Canon and Mrs Stewart take this opportunity to wish all our parishioners a blessed Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

Devenish and Boho



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Holy Baptism in Devenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th October 2013 - Alfie Farlow
son of Kyle and Diane Farlow

We wish God's blessing on Alfie, his parents Kyle and Diane and his godparents.

Christmas Services

Sunday 15th December at 8.00pm
Boho Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December at 11.30am

Devenish Sunday School Service

Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm

Devenish Carol Service

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

at 9.00pm Holy Communion Boho

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

at 10.00am Holy Communion Boho

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

at 11.30am Holy Communion Devenish

Sunday School Party

Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 16th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall.

Remembrance Day Services

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka and the preacher was Bishop John. The readings in Devenish were read by Dr John Graham and Leanne Harper, and the organist was Avril Crawford. Wreaths were laid by Alan Gault and James Kells (Parish), Wesley Scott and Herbert Johnston (RIR/UDR), Norman McIlveen and Clive McKee (PSNI) and Leah Pedersen and Sarah Kate Brown (Girl Guides)

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction which was held on Saturday 9th November raised a total of £3175.06. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.

The 30th Devenish Bowling Club Tournament

The 30th Devenish Bowling Club Tournament was held recently in the Reade Hall, Monea with over 85 pairs taking part. At the conclusion of the tournament David Ferguson, the chairman of Devenish club thanked all who had supported the tournament gave donations and the club members who had organised the tournament. Tommy Cathcart, President of Devenish Bowling presented the winners of the tournament, Jude Norris and James McCaffrey and the other finalists with their prizes.

Boho Parish Dinner Dance

Boho Parish Church held a dinner dance and auction on Friday 24th October. It was a great night. Over 70 people enjoyed a beautiful 3 course meal in the Hunting Lodge, Irvinestown. An auction was held which caused much merriment. A dance followed, the music was by Martin Robinson. The amount raised was £1036.00.

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Donacavey Parish Church

First Sunday of the Month 11.30am Holy Communion.
Other Sundays 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Barr Parish Church

First Sunday of Month 10.00am Holy Communion (or as arranged). Other Sundays 10.00am Morning Prayer (or as arranged).

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

A Saviour for so much more than simply for Christmas**Jesus Presented At The Temple - Luke 2:22-35**

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons". Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

It seems to me that sometimes we need to look beyond the glitz and dazzle of the world's interpretation of what Christmas is all about. The Christmas lights, the trees, the decorated windows, gardens and homes, all of that is truly nice but I do believe it sometimes camouflages quite neatly the real message of this Holy Season to each

of us. We need to look deeper and closer through the seeking eyes of faith.

The great renaissance artist Giotto captures the essence of this scene in his "Presentation at the Temple." Simeon holds the baby Jesus, his lips moving beneath his hoary beard, carefully reciting the lines of his nunc dimittis: "now may your servant depart in peace." Giotto knows his Simeon, and he knows his babies too. The infant Jesus, far from resting contentedly in his arms through this holy aria, is responding as all babies do when held by weird strangers. His eyes are narrowed and fixed in frozen alarm on Simeon. He reaches desperately for his mother, every muscle arched away from the old man toward Mary.

But looking deeper and more carefully at the background, we see the artist's true genius; The child seems suspended above the temple altar, that place of sacrifice. As art historian John W. Dixon puts it; "This very human baby is known, from the very beginning, to be the eternal sacrifice for the redemption of the mankind."

What about that redemption, that costliest gift in all of time and eternity yet paradoxically free to all who turn to Christ in repentance and faith? What about you this Christmas season, have you given your all over to Him who came to give His all for you, are you journeying on into this year of our Lord 2014 as God's committed man or woman, boy or girl?

This year may you know and receive that greatest of all gifts which only Jesus can give; New and eternal life which you can receive now, wherever you are, whatever your circumstances. In the words of the old hymn; "Come into my heart Lord Jesus, there's room in my heart for you"

May that be your true and faithful prayer this Christmastide.

I wish each of you a very happy and Christ centred Christmas and New Year.
Revd John

CU4T

Our November CU4T was a very enjoyable time of chat and fellowship. We welcomed members of Fintona Senior Citizens Club. They meet every Tuesday at St. Patrick's Hall, Fintona. We were very pleased that so many had chosen to come to our one CU4T in the month and delighted that there was a prevailing view that "we'll be back!" This swelled our numbers to just over 40! There was such a warm, friendly and happy atmosphere and never a silent moment with lots of laughs and a time of informal fellowship in high spirits together. We look forward to further occasions of "getting together" Revd John is looking forward to joining them at one of their weekly Tuesday meetings from time to time along with others from our parish church who regularly attend there too. Please keep an eye on the "Link" pew sheet where the St Laurence folks' busy and interesting programme is regularly in our notices. And I know they will make you very welcome.

Our next CU4T Tuesday 3rd December.

Hour of Prayer

Our Hour of Prayer continues to meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the conference room from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. It is very encouraging to see people's commitment to this prayer time and we would encourage others to join us. If you want to see both lives and situations changed for God's glory and for Kingdom purposes then the prayer room is the place to be! Please come along as we together enter into this vital time of intercession for our parish and community. **Our next hour of prayer is Tuesday 3rd December at 8.00pm then again on 7th January at 8.00pm – please do make it a personal priority.**

Afternoon Bible Study

Having commenced this study group with the intention to meet on the second Tuesday of the month it soon became very clear that this was not enough. Those attending wanted more so we now meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 2.00pm at The Rectory. There is a real desire to study the Word of God and our current study is taking each of us on a personal and deepening journey with Jesus. **We will be recommencing on 14th January 2014.**

Evening Bible Study

It is wonderful to be able to share how our Tuesday Evening Bible Study has taken off. We are a small but very committed number and we are being taken, together, to a new and breath-taking level in our walk with the Lord and in our commitment to Almighty God above all else. The challenge of this study is very real, the depth of the study is remarkable and we simply want to grow together in our walk with Jesus. We continue to meet at 8pm in the Donacavey Parish Church Conference Room (Not first Tuesday of month). **We will be recommencing on 7th January 2014 at the Rectory during the cold weather.**

New Initiative - Powerhouse Prayer

In the near future there will be an opportunity for members of the congregation to come together on a Sunday morning for a short time of prayer prior to divine worship. We will gather in the balcony area at around 10.50am. If you can join us for all of this time or just part of it you will be very welcome. Prayer changes people and situations and if we are faithful in prayer then God will undoubtedly do amazing things in His faithfulness to us. I hope you will come along to this time of seeking God and His perfect will. I look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your Christmas Diary

Home Communion

During the Christmas season I have a number of home communions to those who are unable to get out and about. At this time please leave a message if you have cause to ring the Rectory and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

A Musical Evening with Roughan Silver Band

The Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday 8th December at 7.30pm in Donacavey Parish Church, followed by a cup of tea and mince pies in the hall afterwards (baked to the rector's special recipe). Please join us for what will be a superb evening of music and carols.

Crib Service

A special Christmas service with a particular emphasis towards families with younger children but all members of the community are welcome. Date and time to be announced in weekly pew sheet.

Donacavey Sunday School Christmas Party

Donacavey Church Hall on Saturday 14th December 2.00pm.

Donacavey Sunday School Christmas Service

The Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday 15th December at 11.30. Please make it a priority to come along and support our young people as they lead our worship.

Seniors Christmas Holy Communion with Carols

Wednesday 18th December at 2.00pm in Donacavey Church Hall/Conference Room Followed by C-U-4-T with mince pies (baked to the Rector's special recipe), cakes and a cup of tea. ALL VERY WELCOME

Drop in for a Little Christmas Cheer

Saturday 21st December in the Rectory 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Drop in for as long or as short a time as you like for Christmas roast coffee, or Christmas blend tea, festive nibbles including the Rector's special mince pies and a few surprises. All are most welcome.

Donacavey All Age Carol Service

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday 22nd December at 11.30am. Please do come along and worship the Lord as we draw nearer to Christmas.

Christmas Eve

"O Come All Ye Faithful" - Donacavey Parish Church on Tuesday 24th December at 9.00pm. Holy Communion. All Welcome.

Christmas Day

"O Come let us adore Him!" - Donacavey Parish Church on Wednesday 25th December at 10.00am. Holy Communion. All Welcome.

The First Sunday of Christmas

Donacavey Parish Church on Sunday 29th December at 11.30am. An informal service of worship with Christmas Carols.

The Second Sunday of Christmas

Donacavey Parish Church on Sunday 5th January 2012 at 11.30am - Holy Communion. Come and worship

Almighty God at the beginning of this New Year and commit your year ahead to Him and His purposes.

A special service of re-commitment and new beginnings will take place in donacavey parish church in february to give thanks for God's faithfulness to us in this parish and for the refurbishment of our place of worship. Details to follow.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services for December 2013

Sunday 1st The first Sunday of Advent

Donagh 10.30am H.C.

Tyholland 3.00pm Community Carol service

Sunday 8th The Second Sunday of Advent

Donagh 10.30am M.P.

Errigal Truagh 3.00pm Community Carol Service

Sunday 15th The Third Sunday of Advent

Glaslough Joint Carol service 10.30am

December (date still to be decided)

Community Carols

A winter's tale by candlelight in St. Salvator's

December 22nd The fourth Sunday of Advent

Donagh 10.30am M.P.

E'Truagh 12.00 Noon

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

Tyholland / Time to be decided.

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

Donagh Joint Family Service 10.30am

Sunday 29th The First Sunday of Christmas

Place and time to be decided by Revd Betty Thompson.

As you will notice from the Sunday services there are still some dates and times to be agreed for December services as the Revd Betty Thompson is taking over from me from Sunday 17th November in the Donagh group of parishes. I wish her well in her appointment. Like many others things in life, the church also faces change. The parishioners and myself have come to a cross roads. Not many people like change because of the uncertainty of the future.

At my "farewell" given by the parishes, it gave me the opportunity to look back with them to Sunday 27th April 2008 when my Induction service took place.

Looking back over those years, my strengths and weakness have been put to the test. God has promised "his Grace is sufficient" and I have proved that promise to be true.

I have learned that weakness can be turned into strengths, failures into victories and losses into gain. It has not been always obvious at the time but hindsight is a great thing.

I have found that the kingdom of God works nothing like the kingdom of the world.

While the three parishes are numerically small, they have great potential. The buzz word comes to mind that small is beautiful and they can make their presence felt with the bigger and greater.

Even in the five and a half years since I have been in the group many changes have taken place in the world, in our society, in the homes and all this change have brought its own impact into church life which has not always been for the best.

Thankfully no matter what happens, God's Grace is open to all who seek him in Spirit and in truth.

Over the years, I have valued the friendship of the parishioners, community and of other churches.

There are lots of things about the future which I approach by faith and not by sight.

The one thing I am sure about is that I am a Pastor at heart and love to be among people. I am not a leader looking for prominence. I am passionate about the Gospel of Christ and the difference he can make in the lives of people who accept him as Lord and Saviour.

While there are many aspects of the church to be considered such as fabrics, finance and furnishings, the primary concern of the Church and its pastor is the Spiritual health of individuals.

It has been my pleasure to minister to the people in the group at various levels of need, sadness and joy.

As we journeyed together we have seen great things done in the upkeep of all three churches. As space is limited in Donagh church, one of the dreams I came to the group was to have a facility put in place for the Sunday school children to meet. While this has not yet been accomplished thus far, I still hope that this dream will come true in the not too distant future.

There have been many highlights in my time in the group with wedding and baptism, being with people in their times of illness and loss was indeed a great privilege. It was of particular encouragement to me, the Sunday school teachers and children to win the Archdeacon Ruddel prize for three years running as well as the Bishop's medal one year. To me growth was taking place when someone indicated their willingness to go forward for the training for Parish Reading.

Over the past three years the newly formed Donagh community choir has been very active within our own parishes leading worship, but also at Community level.

I want to acknowledge and say a big "thank you" to all who supported me in so many ways during my time in the group.

Finally I want to thank the parishioners for their "farewell" which contained food, fun laughter and of course music, for the generosity in their speeches, poetry, cards and gifts, sprinkled with some tears.

I leave them with the "Farwell" of Paul to the Corinthians "The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen"

Dromore



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Services Times

Every Sunday at 11.30am.

First Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion.

As I pondered what to write at the beginning of these notes two things struck me. Firstly that with the busyness of the Christmas season we have lost the sense of pondering that Mary had that first Christmas. Secondly Christmas brings expectation: with visits to family, shops, church and giving and receiving presents yet we miss the expectation that God wants us to have in our everyday life.

Maybe this Christmas season is the appointed time for us to slow down and ponder what God has done in Emmanuel releasing a sense of expectation that God is with us in the everyday and that He 'is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!' Eph 3:20-21

Every Blessing

James

Confirmation



On Sunday 17th November Bishop John was with us in Holy Trinity as we witnessed eight young people confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. After a confirmation course that was filled with humour and energy both from the young people and those who led it these eight young people made a decision to follow Christ. It was clear that they had thought this through and understood the step they were about to take. The service was designed to be personal to them and it featured written blogs from each of the candidates, testimonies which had been recorded earlier and they helped to choose the elements of liturgy as well. It was a great blessing to share with them on that special day. We not only wish them God's blessings but we also assure them of our prayers as they begin this wonderful adventure we call being a Christian.



Advent Sunday

Sunday 1st December begins the season of Advent why not come along and join us at one of services as we wait expectantly for the return of the KING!

9.00am Holy Communion
11.30am Morning Worship
7.30pm Advent Carol Service

Loads of events on Saturday 7th December

1.00pm Annual Christmas Dinner
5.00pm Switching on the Christmas lights at the Clock in Dromore
7.00pm Annual Christmas Party for the Sunday School, CLB and GFS

Cake Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th December 2013 from 10am to 4pm in Holy Trinity. Hosted by Peggy Mills and assisted by the Mothers Union all proceeds in aid of "Fields of Life"

Ignite's Christmas Project

As we approach the festive season we can so easily get so caught up in the busyness of life that we lose the true meaning of Christmas. So as God gave us the precious gift of His Son, Ignite feel that we would like

to give others some of our time and a small gift to mark a season which can be a difficult and lonely time of year for a lot of people. Last year Ignite made shoe boxes which were given to the homeless in Belfast and we would like to thank you for the much valued support which was given to this project. This year Ignite would like to focus our attention on the housebound in our community. On Saturday 14th December the members of Ignite are going to visit the homes of these people and bring them a little hamper. To enable us to do this we would like to appeal for your help this year again. There will be a box in the porch until Saturday 7th December where you can donate items. We would greatly appreciate the following: Tins of Soup, Biscuits, Shortbread, Mince Pies, Crackers, Nuts, Fruit, Jam, Marmalade, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Sweets and Chocolate. If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a hamper please let a member of the Ignite leaders know by Sunday 8th December. We thank you in anticipation of your much valued assistance with this task.

Christmas Service Times

22nd December 11.30am Family Service; 7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols.
24th December 11.30pm Midnight Communion.
Christmas Day 10.30am Family Celebration.
29th December 10.30am Morning Prayer.
5th January 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.30am Morning Prayer.

New Things

The New Year always brings new things. It is the same in Holy Trinity although this new thing that I speak of is not new at all. Discipleship is foundational as we seek to grow in our relationship with the Lord. Yet it is sometimes the thing that we in the church do not do very well. In Holy Trinity we want to be a church that is deepening in its walk with God but that means that we as individuals need to be doing the same. It has been on my heart for a while to meet with a group of people who want to do exactly that. This will mean personal sacrifice, willingness to be challenged in certain areas of your life and a desire to get into God's word, praying more expectantly that God would transform you into the person he created you to be. You can be at any stage or age in your journey of faith so if you want to join this adventure of discipleship please speak to James Boyd. Everyone is welcome and anyone can participate – the key is the willingness to become more like Jesus. A date will be fixed in the New Year when we see what suits those who are interested best.

BOB – Band of Brothers

An opportunity for men journeying together through challenge and encouragement; stepping into the authority and responsibility that God has given us; becoming the best version of you that God has destined you to become.

This evening is open to all MEN so put **Monday 20th January at 8.00pm** in your diary this will be a night NOT to be missed.

More info from James jamesthegrey@hotmail.com or 02882898246

Marriage Matters

Men are like clams – they tend to freeze up and keep their thoughts to themselves. On the other hand women are like crowbars – they want to talk it through and prise it out of the man when he goes quiet. Those may be generalisations, but in an age when communication reigns, many of us struggle to communicate successfully with our spouse. For a marriage to succeed, good communication between the husband and wife is paramount. Often as churches we are good at the wedding ceremony, sometimes we are good at preparing couples for marriage, yet often we leave them to fend for themselves after the big day.

We are hosting Bishop Ken Clarke and his wife Helen on Sunday 2nd February at 8.00pm. This evening will give you the tools to enhance (or rebuild) the art of communication with your spouse, which in turn will have a lasting effect on the other aspects of your marriage – intimacy, companionship, and fulfilment. The evening will include some worship, inspirational conversation from Ken and Helen and some food. This event is open to everyone who is married (not simply those in Holy Trinity). Put the date in your diary and book your place by contacting James or Shirley on 8289 8246.

From the Register

Confirmation 17th November

Chloe Davis, Jack Patterson, Jake Vance, Kyle Weir, Melissa Armstrong, Morgan Hewitt, Sophie Smyth and Yasmin Hewitt

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 or sermon yourself then please speak to Gordon 028 8289 8005

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 Muckcross



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'I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord'

In this month of December we look forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. Like the shepherds of old, in heart and mind we also plan to go to Bethlehem, to see and to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Calendar for December

Sunday 8th 11.00 Group Children's Carol Service in Drumkeeran followed by light lunch and presentations in the Hall. Service to include Holy Baptism; 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight in Dernasesk.

Sunday 15th 10.00 Templecarne Carol Service and Holy Communion; 11.30 Drumkeeran Carol Service.

Sunday 22nd 10.00 Muckcross Carol Service; 11.30 Drumkeeran Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism.

Christmas Eve 10.00pm Drumkeeran Holy Communion.

Christmas Day 10.00am Muckcross Holy Communion. There will be a special collection for the Bishops Appeal for World Hunger at both Christmas Communion services.

At this Christmas time I would ask all our parishioners to make a special effort to join in worship and to meet around the Lord's Table, either on Christmas Eve in Drumkeeran or on Christmas morning in Muckcross. If neither of the above are suitable, then try to join with us in Templecarne on the 15th.

Emergency Pastoral Cover from 26th to 28th December will be provided by the Revd Caroline Mansley, 68632751.

Other Services

Sunday 29th December 11.00 Group Service in Templecarne.

Sunday 5th January 10.00 Templecarne MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran HC.

Sunday 12th 10.00 Muckcross HC; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP; 7.00pm Dernasesk. Sunday School resumes on 12th.

Sunday 20th 10.00 Templecarne HC; 11.30 Drumkeeran MP.

Sunday 27th 10.00 Muckcross MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran HC.

Sunday 2nd February 10.00 Templecarne MP; 11.30 Drumkeeran HC.

Dernasesk Harvest

The Harvest service was held in Dernasesk Church Hall on 20th October. The preacher was the Revd James Boyd, rector of Dromore. And he brought with him Dromore Parish Choir. It was great to have the choir to lead in the worship and to sing a number of special pieces, and to have their rector. Thank you to them and thank you to all involved in the service. To see a place packed to capacity is always an uplifting experience.

Templecarne Concert

This annual event is due to be held on 28th November in the local Youth Hall, kindly granted by the Methodist Church, thank you to our Methodist friends. We are looking forward to using their newly refurbished and extended Hall.

Remembrance Sunday

Both in Muckcross and Drumkeeran there was a good attendance at the annual Remembrance Services. In Muckcross wreaths were laid by Stephen Loane and Olive Moffitt. In Drumkeeran wreaths were laid by William Seaney and Bertie Keys. In this border area these services take on a special significance, the remembrance of parishioners who lost their lives during the 'Troubles'. Each year family members who have moved out of the area many years ago return for this remembrance. To them and to the whole parish community it brings back painful memories. My thanks to all who contributed.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

At the end of November all the shoe boxes for this year's appeal will be loaded and dispatched. No doubt there will be a good response. A generous tribute to Irene Boyd, and to her band of willing helpers, for this marvellous annual effort on behalf of less fortunate children.

Sympathy

Mr Roy Mills died in hospital on 4th November and after the funeral service in Templecarne Church was buried in the adjoining cemetery where his wife was laid to rest eighteen years ago. Roy had been in the Millcroft Nursing Home for the past couple of years. Prior to that he had lived in Burnside Park in Enniskillen. We offer our sympathy to the family connection.

Thanks

Thanks to those who helped with the Church Census in November.

Youth Service

We are looking forward to the Rural Deanery Youth Service in the Fountain Centre, Kesh, at the end of November. Hopefully in the next Magazine we will be able to tell of an uplifting and enjoyable experience for the young people and for the 'young at heart'.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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How Bad is Christmas?

On Friday last I was doing my usual spot in Rockcorry School. After I had finished the class had a discussion with their headmistress about recycling. I sat and listened and it made me ashamed of how little I recycle and started my thought process, wondering what is it about Christmas that requires us to consume and waste with such abandon? If we took seriously the traditional message of the season, that a stable is a suitable birthplace for a God, that the powerful will be brought low, that even princes only need three gifts, Christmas might be good for the planet. Instead we eat and drink and spend as if we were celebrating the birth of the free-market economy.

Mike Berners-Lee, an american recycling expert, considers unwanted presents, wasted food, travel, fairy lights and cards and comes up with the following numbers:

4 kg *CO2e per adult low-carbon scenario

280 kg CO2e per adult UK average

1.5 tonnes CO2e per adult high-carbon scenario

For comparison, a banana is 80g CO2e and a return flight to Hong Kong is 3.4 tonnes CO2e.

If we are an average adult we spend £400 on presents, of which only half will be really wanted. We spend £150 extra on food, wasting a third of it and send 20 cards, with most of the carbon footprint coming from the delivery rather than the paper.

To make you feel thrifty here's what a high-carbon Christmas costs: £1,000 on presents of which only 30% will be really wanted and splendid displays of non-LED lights, 200 cards and 500 miles extra driving in a large car.

Some parts of the way your family spends Christmas you will want to keep, but maybe there are some other bits that you were just looking for an excuse to give up.

Mike Berners-Lee suggests the following:

Buy less food so it doesn't get wasted.

Drop that idea that the cost of your presents has any relationship to the value you place on your friendships – be generous to the planet and give thoughtful presents with the receipt so they can be returned.

LED lights – and less of them.

Video-Skype your distant relatives and make plans to see them properly another time.

Make a pact with your friends to keep all gifts below a strict limit of £10 and donate the savings to charity.

*CO2e is short for carbon dioxide equivalent which is the overall contribution to global warming of carbon dioxide plus all the other global warming gases emitted such as nitrous oxide and methane. Data and inspiration from How Bad are Bananas? – The Carbon Footprint of Everything by Mike Berners-Lee.

Aghabog

Illness

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

Carol Service

This will take place on Sunday 15th December at 8.00pm

Christmas Morning Service

This will be held in Aghabog at 11.00am and will take the form of a Christingle Service with the main focus on the Children.

Aughnamullen

Carol Service

This 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.

Drum

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 Hospital in Dublin.

Carol Service

Friday 6th December at 8.00pm with Churchill Silver Band.

Dartrey/Rockcorry

Congratulations

Our Congratulations go to Mr & Mrs Bertie Moore on their 65th wedding anniversary.

Also Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Eric Fannin on the birth of their daughter Paige on the 8th November

Carol Service

This will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm in Dartrey Church with Ballyreagh Silver Band.

The First Communion of Christmas

This service will be at 10.00pm in Rockcorry Church on the 24th December.

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Services in December

Sunday 1st December: Advent 1 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Advent Carol Service in Clogher Cathedral.

Thursday 5th December - 11.00am Holy Communion.

Sunday 8th December: Advent 2 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer; 3.00pm Service at Breandrum Cemetery (for those bereaved by suicide); 7.00pm Community Carol Service.

Wednesday 11th December - 6.30pm Willowbridge Carol Service (begins in St Michael's ends St Macartin's).

Thursday 12th December - 11.00am Holy Communion; 1.05pm Healing Service; 8.00pm 90th Anniversary Service.

Sunday 15th December: Advent 3 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Nativity Service; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

Thursday 19th December - 11.00am Holy Communion.

Friday 20th December - 2.00pm Portora Royal School Carol Service.

Sunday 22nd December: Advent 4 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Carol Service.

Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve - 11.00pm Holy Communion.

Wednesday 25th December: Christmas Day - 9.00am Holy Communion; 10.30am Holy Communion (Family Service).

Sunday 29th December: Christmas 1 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer.

Services in January

Thursday 2nd January - 11.00am Holy Communion.
Sunday 5th January: Christmas 1 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

Thursday 9th January - 11.00am Holy Communion; 1.05pm Healing Service.

Sunday 12th January: Epiphany 1 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

Thursday 16th January - 11.00am Holy Communion.
Sunday 19th January: Epiphany 2 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion; 7.00pm Evening Prayer.

Thursday 23rd January - 11.00am Holy Communion; 1.05pm Healing Service.

Sunday 26th January: Epiphany 3 - 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer (Family Service); 7.00pm Holy Communion.

Thursday 30th January - 11.00am Holy Communion.

Holy Baptism

3rd November – Tyler Alan Whiteman

16th November – Ava Louise Janette Atkinson

“Go make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19

An Taoiseach

It was a great pleasure to welcome back An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD to St Macartin's Cathedral Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November, accompanied by Mrs Arlene Foster MLA, the Stormont Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment. This year we were also privileged to have our Secretary of State, Theresa Villiers M.P. with us again. Also present were Her Majesty's Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, The Viscount Brookeborough accompanied by The Viscountess Brookeborough.

Cathedral Website

Please go to our Cathedral Website: www.enniskillencathedral.com for photographs. We extend our grateful thanks to Dr Willie Holmes for maintaining our Cathedral Website.

The Season of Advent

Advent is a time of impatient waiting, of holding our breath for what's waiting for us just around the corner. We're making preparations to celebrate Christmas Day, of course, but most importantly, Christians spend this time preparing and waiting for Christ to be born again into the world which so desperately waits for Him. We're not the first people who have longed for a different world – all through history people have waited, just as eagerly, for peace, hope, joy and love.

Mid Week Advent Services

Holy Communion each Thursday at 11.00am. If you are free please join us!

Urgent Advent Appeal

Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms ever recorded, has struck the Philippines, and Bishops' Appeal has already responded on our behalf with instant necessary funds. A Bishops' Appeal Envelope has been included with the Cathedral News and we hope that you can in some way support this appeal during this Advent Season. Spare envelopes are available in the Cathedral Porch. Your Advent giving could also provide the support for many other invaluable and urgent projects (see below) and allow many people to have a way to provide for themselves. Please support Bishops' Appeal.

Bishops' Appeal and Advent Giving

See whatamazing things your Advent giving can do:

- It can fund an Us project in Zambia that is combating Gender based violence in a country where 47% of women have experienced violence against them.
- It can support CMS and Tearfund self-help groups in Uganda, where setting up cooperatives and working together can help bring security to families who are struggling to find food to eat every day.
- It can support Christian Aid projects in Ethiopia, where just €5 or £4 can provide a chicken for a family who are receiving training and education in a self-help group.
- It can fund an inspirational health and food programme in India supported by Friends of Hope, whereby HIV positive people create food gardens and grow nutritional food and herbs to keep healthy and strong.
- It can fund literacy projects, water projects, school projects, crisis response programmes and in doing so it can address the needs of the most vulnerable people now and on into the future.

60+ Parishioners' Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm.

90th Anniversary of Saint Macartin's Cathedral

Saint Anne's Parish Church, Enniskillen was consecrated a cathedral and dedicated to Saint Macartin on 12th December 1923. To mark this occasion a 90th Anniversary Service will be held on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm. Musical contributions by: Murley Silver Band directed by William Hill, Portora Royal School Choir directed by Jeanne Munroe, The Cathedral Choir directed by Jayne Hazlett and Glenn Moore, Cathedral Organist. All are welcome.

Nativity Play

The Sunday School will have their Nativity Play on Sunday 15th December at 11.00am. At this service we ask children (& parents) to bring a new Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility's Christmas appeal. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and gender. Thank you.

Tuesday Club

The Revd Rob Clements opened the October meeting with a scripture reading and prayers. Then, with the aid of slides gave an interesting insight into his life. It was lovely to see views of Seattle. Revd Clements was joined by his wife Julie and children Sophia and Gideon, giving members the opportunity to welcome them to Enniskillen. Afternoon tea brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. Members are invited to the 60+ Christmas Party on Tuesday 3rd December.

Mothers' Union

At the November meeting LAKELAND Home of Creative Home and Kitchenware gave an interesting and entertaining demonstration on a variety of products. A tasting session followed which was much enjoyed. Members are reminded to continue knitting throughout the winter months for the much needed garments for the neo-natal unit of the SWAH. On 9th December is the outing to the Ardhowen Theatre to see the musical 'Anything Goes'. Please meet at the Theatre at 7.30pm.

A very Happy Christmas to all our members. The New Year meeting is a Service of Holy Communion with Dean Hall on Monday 13th January at 8.00pm.

Tree of Light Service

On Sunday 8th December at 3.00pm a short service will be held in Breandrum Cemetery. This is a repeat of the service held last year for the support group "Fermanagh Forget Me Not Bereaved by Suicide Support Group". It was very well attended, supported by the four main churches, and a good way to remember loved ones at Christmas (when some normally find it difficult).

Carol Services

Sunday 1st December at 7.00pm – a Diocesan Carol Service will be held in Clogher Cathedral. (Please note there will be no service that evening in Enniskillen).

Sunday 8th December at 7.00pm – a Community Carol Service beginning in St Michael's Church.

Monday 9th December at 10.30am – a Carers' Carol Service will be held in the Lecture Theatre (Level 2), Medical Education Centre at South West Acute Hospital – All Carers are welcome.

Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm – Willowbridge School Carol Service. This begins in St. Michael's

Church, crosses the road and ends in St. Macartin's (a donkey will be in the procession). All are welcome.

Friday 20th December at 2.00pm – Portora Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December at 7.00pm – St Macartin's Cathedral Carol Service will be held on Sunday. A special collection will be made in aid of the Dean of Belfast's 'Black Santa Charities'.

Carol Singing

The Youth Groups will be out Carol Singing on Tuesday 10th December and then back to the Deanery for refreshments.

Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am and 10.30am. Children are asked to bring a toy that Santa brought to the 10.30am service which may be a little bit noisier!

Xplore: A Bedtime Liturgy

In November 20 teenagers from the parish met for an experimental 'bedtime liturgy' loosely based on the ancient order of compline. We met on the ground between the choir stalls just in front of the sanctuary, and used lights and projections to make the cathedral space look truly modern. Our faith is both ancient and modern. It is ancient in that it stands on the wisdom of the past, and modern in that it is always seeking to express itself to new communities. Our gathering involved visual prayers, some live music, interactive bible reflections, and oodles of hot chocolate with lashings of cream. We plan to gather again on the 1st December. Please tell others. If you would like to be involved, drop in or let Revd Rob know.

Messy Church

Messy Church is a fresh expression of church for children and adults of all ages 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. Between 4:00 and 5:00 there are multiple craft activities for parents, grandparents, minders etc. to play with their children. There is a big emphasis on fun and togetherness. At 5:00 there is a short celebration followed by a meal at 5:30. Eating together is a really important part of Messy Church as it tells the story of God's hospitality.



We sang and danced a little to our song of the day, 'celebrate'. After a short grace we moved room again for dinner. A big thanks goes to the Mothers Union for providing the food. On the 19th December we plan to have another Messy Church with lots of Christmas crafts and activities. Please pass the word.



Messy church is an exciting initiative for the Cathedral.

We had our first parish Messy Church on the 14th November. A big thanks goes to all the people who made the event possible, those who helped with crafts and activities, welcome, food (tasty shepherds pie), and tidy up. As the kids entered they instantly got messy as they made paint prints on our makeshift sea. They then made jelly pot boats that were good enough to eat, they raced boats of their own creation, they made marble designs and collage creations.



We also had parachute games and a toddler's corner. After craft time we moved into the minor hall for a celebration based on the story of Jesus walking on water. Everyone was encouraged to think about how important is it to trust Jesus and to hold onto his hand.

Confirmation Classes

These began on Monday 25th November at 6.30pm in the Hilliard Room. Confirmation is a very serious commitment with vows and promises made before Almighty God, and a continuation of the Christian journey of life which began at Baptism. The Clergy will give every encouragement and help to all who want to be prepared for Confirmation, but they do need the full support of the candidate and their family, and their presence at church!

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed and would like to be, please contact the clergy or fill in a questionnaire available from the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

Home Holy Communion for Christmas

During the weeks before Christmas the Clergy will be celebrating Holy Communion with those who are unable to attend the Cathedral. If you, or someone known to you, would like to receive such a visit then please contact the Office. Those who had Holy Communion at home at Easter will automatically be on the list.

Cathedral Hall Fund

The total raised for our appeal has now reached £70,000 (by end of October). We launched our appeal with a target of £200,000 over two years for income through an additional envelope that was issued. Costs continue to rise and we need to achieve this total. Donating on a regular basis is an easier way of contributing and thanks to everyone who continues to donate in this way. We are all in this together with one goal of restoring, renovating and rejuvenating our Halls for everyone's use.

The Parish Breakfast with Baroness May Blood raised £1,325.00 and tickets for the Nathan Carter Concert on 16th December are sold out!

Parishioners' Favourite Recipes

We are grateful to Mrs Ruby Elliott who has compiled a cookery book of Parishioners' Favourite Recipes which is now on sale for a minimum donation of £5.00. Copies are available from the Churchwardens or from the Parish Office.

Church Mouse Lunch

Soroptimist International - Enniskillen & District are holding their annual Church Mouse Lunch in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday 15th December from 12.00noon - 2.00pm. Everyone welcome (all ages). No entry charge but they will gratefully accept donations towards the Developing World charities. Please support this event.

The Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to all who took part and supported the Mothers' Union in the Shoe Box Appeal. Almost 200 shoeboxes have been sent off from our Parish to destitute children in Eastern Europe. These simple items/toys will transform the lives of many and probably be the only Christmas present they will receive.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

The service this year will be held in Enniskillen Methodist Church on Thursday 23rd January at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend. The theme this year – 'Is Christ divided?' Is Christian disunity a scandal before God? Or is it something we have grown accustomed to, as though it were a creaky door that we never seem to get around to fixing? St Paul's words challenge us as we reflect upon this question. To suggest that disunity is something acceptable is declaring that Christ himself is divided - and that really is a scandal! 2013 was the year in which churches from all inhabited continents of the world gathered in Korea for the 10th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches. We gather for no other reason than to declare to the world that our disunity is a scandal and that we will go on praying for and working for that unity which is God's gift to the church and to the world.

The Churches of French Canada have chosen for us a key biblical text of the ecumenical movement and have invited us to think about what our divisions say to the world and to each other about the Christian faith.

Family Service

The Family Service is in an opportunity for the whole family to worship together as our young people remain in church for all of the service. A cup of tea/coffee is provided after this service in the side

chapel. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others. Many parishioners in the Cathedral do not know each other so why not take the opportunity to stay behind for a short period (10/15 minutes) and speak to others? The Family Service usually ends within the hour! The January Family Service will be held on Sunday 26th at 11.00am.

Seasons Greetings

The Cathedral Clergy and Diocesan Pastoral Assistant extend to all parishioners and readers good wishes for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. May the power, and the peace, and the presence of Christ fill your life and your home now and in the year ahead!

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Church Times on Sundays

9.30am Kiltermon

11am St John's

7pm Evening Praise 1st and 3rd Sundays

Days to Remember

Recently my father wanted me to see something his cousin had unearthed, an old photograph and some cine footage. I was expecting to see a musty smelling cine reel, and a sepia tinged old photograph. Instead, transformed by modern technology, there on the screen of his desktop were moving images from my parents wedding day some forty-something years ago. It was one of those moments in which time stands still, even for the briefest of moments. Moving slightly faster than normal, were pictures of my mum and dad, smiling with all of the youthful enthusiasm I remember from my own wedding. But there in the background, almost as part of a supporting cast, were pictures of people I have never seen through adult eyes. My paternal grandparents, and maternal grandmother, who had passed on during my childhood, were smiling back, happy and contented at the wedding celebrations of their respective son and daughter. The

timeless act of a mother fixing her daughter's veil, and the style and tastes of another age. How extraordinary then to catch a glimpse into another world, faces from a time and people who have gone ahead of us.

November has that same effect on many of us, doesn't it? The call to remember those who are no longer with us is very clear, and very deep. The Armistice Day tradition, introduced in 1919 after the end of the war to end all wars, calls for two minutes silence on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. And held on the Sunday nearest, Remembrance Day, along with the wearing of the humblest of flowers picked from the fields, has allowed successive generations to share in the at times painful but necessary remembrance of those who have suffered in war and conflict.

These days, set aside for remembering what and who have gone before, have enormous significance both for the nation and elsewhere, but are also deeply important in the hearts and minds of many individuals. These are not simply lists of names to be read, but are the names of individual men and women who were loved and cherished as sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers or fathers. It is entirely right that we remember those who have paid part of the terrible cost of war, as well as learn the lessons of the cost of conflict both for those in the armed forces as well as for citizens and those caught in events greater than themselves. The remembering of the names of people lies at the heart of these days.

Names of individuals also lie at the heart of a day of remembering now itself not much remembered, but almost completely forgotten and obscured. As October closes with what has become the dark and gaudy observance of All-Hallows-Eve, in contrast, All Saints Day marks the first day of November with a quiet call to remember those who have gone ahead of us. It asks us to remember those who have run ahead in the Christian faith. Those who in generations now gone, took time to pause and recount to others, their faith and hope in the Saviour.

In the letter to the Hebrews, we are given a brief glimpse, through the ancient pages of scripture, of individuals who are part of us, and have gone ahead. The great cloud of witnesses included Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the Prophets. We may look on, like the young today, and not be able to put a face to the name, but in the reading of their names, we know instinctively that these men and women are important to us. Their names should be read and their deeds recounted. Some faced jeers and flogging, chains or imprisonment. Some were stoned, others sawed in two, others put to death by the sword. Some were destitute, persecuted or mistreated. As with all remembering, we might recall all that was good and true in the lives of others, but also learn from the great sacrifices that others have made on our behalf. November indeed holds much significance for us.

In the nation, in this earthly city, it is right to pause and to remember.

God's people also are called to remember those who have by faith gone ahead of us, those who made the great sacrifice because they were looking for a better country, a heavenly one. For all who have gone before, our parents and grandparents in the faith, for all who have kept their eyes on Jesus, and for us, who now in days when His name has become obscure, almost hidden in the nation ... 'God is not ashamed to be called our God, for He has prepared for us a heavenly home.'

Hebrews gives us the rarest of glimpses into the lives of those who have gone ahead, in order to encourage us to keep running in the path of salvation. In days like these, time seems to stand still and we know by faith that we are joined with them.

Among the items unearthed by the cousin, there is a photograph of a young man, dressed in a military uniform. And there he stands with colleagues, looking out in the days of the first war. He was soon to marry and in time to become my great grandfather. I had never before seen what he looked like or heard much about him. Some homework had still to be done to identify his regiment and the years of his service. I will be thinking of him this year, and of many like him who gave so much. These are days in which it is right to pause and remember, both those who gave so much for this earthly city, but also those who are encouraging us on to our heavenly home. *Kyle Hanlon*



Welcome to MOPS, a ministry to Young Women who meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month from 9.30am – 11.30am in the Parish Hall in Fivemiletown. Come to a morning filled with fun and opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy a tasty breakfast provided by Emily, Claire, Phyllis and Rita.

You will be looked after by friendly hostesses who will make you feel at home.

If you have a pre-school child/children we provide a crèche with a wonderful team of volunteers who will look after your little ones while you enjoy 'Time Out' in a lovely warm friendly atmosphere.

You can participate in learning new skills, join in all sorts of activities like making a nice piece of jewellery, basic first aid and fire safety in the home, all free of charge.

So, if you're free on the 2nd or 4th Monday come along and join us, we look forward to meeting you.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

The service times for the group have been amended and now are:

09:00 Drummully

10:30 Sallaghy

12:00 Galloon

Sunday School Times: The updated times for the group are:

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am, in Drummully Church Hall.

Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am, in Sallaghy Church Hall

Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Church Hall

Monthly Cycle of Services

Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month, celebrated in all three Churches.

A Family Service on the third Sunday in the month, in all three Churches.

Service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays in the month.

A United Group Service on the fifth Sundays in the year (with a cup of tea afterwards, rotating between the three Parishes).

The Season of Advent Services

1st December (1st Sunday in Advent): Service of Holy Communion

8th December (2nd Sunday in Advent): Service of Morning Prayer

15th December (3rd Sunday in Advent): Combined Carol Service and Family Service in Sallaghy and Galloon Parish Churches. 10:30 and 12:00 Family Service in Drummully Parish Church at 3.00pm followed by a visit from Santa!

22nd December (4th Sunday of Advent): Service of Morning Prayer in Sallaghy at 10:30 and Galloon at 12:00

Christmas Services in the Galloon Group of Parishes

Sunday 22nd December: Drummully Parish Church Candlelit Carol Service at 7.00pm with Celebration of

Holy Communion. After the service everyone is invited to stay for mulled wine and mince pies.

Tuesday 24th December, Christmas Eve: Galloon Parish Church Service of Holy Communion at 9.00pm
Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day: Sallaghy Parish Church Family with Service with Holy Communion at 10:30am

Sunday 29th December (First Sunday of Christmas): United Group Service in Drummully Parish Church at 11:00. All welcome for a cup of tea after the service.

Christmas Communion

Rev Anita will be providing Communion for the elderly and house bound. Please let her know if you or a member of your house hold require home Holy Communion

Christmas

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas services. A full list is printed above. We wish all parishioners and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year.

Galloon Parish

Remembrance Service

There was a large congregation for our service of Morning Prayer and Act of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November. We were delighted to welcome members of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations, the youth organizations and their leaders, representatives of The UDR Regimental Association and PSNI, The Mothers' Union, visitors and family members of those whose names appear on our memorials.

The service was conducted by Rev Anita Kerr, assisted by Mr Ian Graham who read the Roll of Honour and led the prayers. Simon Wiggins laid the wreath at The War Memorial Tablet on behalf of The Parish and representatives of the UDR and PSNI laid their respective wreaths at the memorial window. They also read lessons and lifted the offering for The Poppy Appeal along with two Brownies.

After a very appropriate sermon, a group of young people sang amazing Grace accompanied by Mrs Marina Elliott. They sang beautifully and we thank them and Marina for enhancing the service. We also thank Maisie for the beautiful displays of poppies, the standard bearers, the Churchwardens and all who contributed in any way to a very dignified service.

Illness

We are sorry to hear that Mary McAlister is laid up at present. We wish her a full and speedy recovery. We are glad that both Maisie and Gladys are progressing after their spells in hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hetherington family circle as they cope with illness in the family. We thank Rev Anita for her diligent pastoral care and remind you to let her know of anyone who is in need of a visit.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 7th December at 4.00pm: Switching on of Christmas tree lights and visit of Santa to Community Centre organised by Newtownbutler Development Association, followed by Carol Singing around the tree at 7.00pm. This will be led by Ballyreagh and St Mary's Tempo Silver Bands. This was arranged by Galloon Church Hall Management Committee with assistance through the European Union's Peace 3 Programme through the SW peace Partnership and Fermanagh District Council. Everyone welcome.

Friday 13th December: Badminton Club Old Tyme Christmas Dance in The Church Hall, High Street. Music is by JJ Carty, dancing 10.00pm to 2.00am, supper served, admission £6.

Saturday 14th December - 2.00pm to 5.00pm: SECONDHAND TOY SALE in Church Hall High Street. Donations of saleable toys welcome or book a table for £10, and sell your own toys. Tables must be booked in advance. Call or text Dave on 07518565580 or email nagromd@hotmail.com.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

A branch meeting is being held on Monday 9th December at 8pm in the Trinity Hall. We look forward to welcoming our speaker for the evening, Mrs Natasha Farrell, a parishioner. She will be speaking on 'weight loss through diet'.

The January meeting takes place on Monday 27th January 2014, again, at 8pm in the Trinity Hall. Mr William Little, the Church secretary, is our speaker, and he will be speaking on 'The Church Silver'.

Both meetings promise to be very interesting and a warm welcome is extended to you all to come along.

Just a Thought

How can some people, having made such a fuss about Christ at Christmas, forget about Him for the next twelve months.

Sallaghy Parish**Parish Dance**

Thanks are expressed to all those who helped organise and run the successful parish Dance in the Church Hall last Friday evening. Thanks to all those who supported the dance and in particular, thanks to Wray Whittendale for all his work for this event.

Mothers' Union

On Thursday 12th December, the Mothers' Union will be holding a Christmas Celebration of Readings and Carols followed by supper. There will also be a Bring and Buy Sale.

On Thursday 9th January 2014 at 8.00pm in the Church Hall, James Irwin is coming to speak on his recent visits to Africa to help with their building programme.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards with some internal pictures of the church are available for purchase. Hopefully you will be able to buy some of these with the proceeds going to church funds.

Drummully Parish**Parish Dance**

At the time of going to press our parish dance will be in full swing and we hope it will be a great success.

Family Service

The Family service on Sunday 15th December will be at 3.00pm and will be followed by visit from Santa!

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher

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

Sunday 15th December: Slavin 11am Group Family Nativity Service.

Sunday 22nd December: Kiltyclogher 7pm Group Service Carols by Candlelight.

Christmas Eve 24th December: Belleek 7pm Group Service of HC.

Christmas Day 25th December: Garrison 10am Group Family Service & HC.

Sunday 29th December: Kiltyclogher 11am Group service.

Sunday 5th January: Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC.

Sunday 12th January: Kiltyclogher 10am MP; Belleek 11.30am MP.

Sunday 19th January: Garrison 10am MP & FS; Slavin 11.30am MP & FS.

Sunday 26th January: Kiltyclogher 10am HC; Belleek 11.30am HC.

Sunday 2nd February: Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting was held in Slavin Church where the guest speaker was Mrs Myrtle Irvine from Enniskillen who gave a talk on the Smiles Foundation. Myrtle gave a very moving and interesting talk about the children and families from Romania. Smiles Foundation have given so much practical help in the form of clothes, food banks, building work etc. Myrtle showed us a slideshow of the children & families and it made us feel very privileged for all that we have.

We were honoured that one of our members Mrs Sally Carson was able to present Myrtle with a large bag of her own hand knitted teddies to give to the deprived children. Thank you so much Sally.

The December meeting is a cookery demonstration by Joy Graham on Wednesday 4th December in Garrison Church Hall and is open to all parishioners in the group.

The January meeting takes the form of an opening service in the MU Calendar in Belleek Parish Church on Wednesday 15th January @ 8pm

Illness

We think of those in our group of Parishes who have been ill. We pray for continued improvement in all those in our Group of Parishes who have been unwell, whether in hospital or at home.

Over Christmas time we remember some of our senior parishioners who are in Nursing Homes: Mrs Dorothy Shields, Mrs Rita Ross, Mrs Lexi Carson and Mr Eddie Earls who has entered Shannagh Nursing Home for the winter period.

We also think of other parishioners in our midst who are still able to live in their own homes but are not as mobile as they once were. Please take time to visit all these people over the festive season as they are no longer able to be out and about and would really appreciate your visit!

Thanksgiving

Praise God for another birthday, as our most senior parishioner Mrs Lexi Carson, Kiltyclogher Parish, has reached another milestone of 102 years! We wish her continued good health and God's richest blessing upon her.

Friday Club

Joy Graham has retired from teaching Friday Club after 10 years of commitment. Revd Ngozi would like a volunteer to help Lorraine Kettyles to speak to her as soon as possible. At the family service in October Lorraine Kettyles presented Joy with a beautiful flower arrangement in recognition of her service.

Bowls

The bowling club continues for the winter season every Tuesday night @ 8pm in Melvin View Orange Hall. New members always welcome.

Fundraising Dance

Garrison Parish held a dance in the Gilaroo Centre on Friday 8th November. Music was provided by Anthony McBrien. A wonderful night of entertainment and enjoyment was had by all. Thanks to everyone who contributed generously to the supper and the giving of raffle prizes.

A special thanks to Christina Breen & Lorraine Kettyles for selling a large number of tickets for this event.

After all expenses were paid a sum of £2,490 was raised. Donations can be still be given to the Treasurer.

Remembrance Service

A Service of Remembrance took place in Garrison Parish Church on Sunday 10th November at 5pm. A wreath in memory of all who lost their lives for their country was laid by Lieutenant Colonel John Graham who was accompanied by other members of the Regimental Association. Mr Paul Barton read the lesson and the Rector gave a very fitting address for the occasion and also relayed some of the difficulties during the civil war in Nigeria when she was growing up. Tea was served in the Church Hall following the service.

Garrison Church

The building renovations are now completed to Garrison Church. Services have resumed in the Church again.

The Rector & Select Vestry are very grateful to the men from the Parish who removed the large tree at the entrance to the graveyard. Although the tree was beautiful to look at and provided great shelter, unfortunately it had grown so large that it was in a dangerous state and the roots were obstructing grave foundations. Permission to remove it was obtained from the RCB.

Would you like to give a gift to Garrison Parish Church in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving? Before the church is re-dedicated there are some items needed to update the church. Please discuss with Revd Ngozi or the Churchwardens, Keith Kettyles and Adrian Elliott for more information. Already some parishioners have indicated a number of items they wish to give and the Rector & Select Vestry wish to record their thanks for their generosity. All items donated will be dedicated by the Bishop at a special service on Sunday 23rd March 2014 to celebrate the refurbishment of the Church.

Sunday School Party

The annual party will be held in the Wark Hall on Friday 20th December @ 7pm. Please come along with your children.

Christmas Services

We hope that everyone will attend all the various special group services in each of the churches to help celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Holy Baptism

Congratulations to the proud parents Robert & Marcella on the Baptism of their baby daughter, Leah Valerie Irwin on 17th November 2013 in Kiltyclogher Church by the Rector, Revd Ngozi Njoku.

Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on 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

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Holy Baptism

Aimee Clara Armstrong, daughter of David and Claire, and Sarah Louise Bell, daughter of Raymond and Aileen, Kilskeery, on Sunday October 27th.

*God our Creator, thank you for the waiting and the joy,
Thank you for new life and for parenthood.*

Thank you for the gifts of Aimee and Sarah entrusted to our care.

May we be patient and understanding ready to guide and forgive that in our love Aimee and Sarah may know your love.

May they learn to love your word and the whole family of your children;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



'Church House' Trillick:

'Church House' Trillick: work has begun on a complete refurbishment and we look forward to a virtually 'new' house and to the many additional things this will enable us to do at our 'wee house.'

Trillick 2020

Trillick Community Group are planning an outdoor Christmas Mini Market on Sat. Dec. 7th (same day as switching on of Christmas lights). Anyone interested in a stall please contact Maria 07877775530/ or Bernie on 07968164678.

'Alpha'

Weekly Study in conjunction with Trillick Methodist Church continues on December 4th and 11th incorporating Advent Preparation (stand-alone sessions, so even if not regularly attending, do please come along!).

All-Age Halloween Event



All-Age Halloween Event on November 1st was really Spectacular, as evidenced by our 'pics' and a big thank you to all – Omagh District Council especially for their help with funding!

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club: hosted another very successful, very well attended Annual Tea Dance on November 12th and we congratulate and thank all concerned, Emily (Given) and George (Lawder) especially, our much valued Treasurer and Secretary respectively!

We are looking forward to a 'Christmas Dinner' at our hall on December 10th at 1.00pm and we again thank Omagh District Council for their help with funding here, not to mention our 'in-house' catering team, ably led by Gwen (Crozier), without whom it would be off to the local chippy!!

A New Venture

Following our recent meeting, at which help was sought from those interested in getting a new bible-based venture aimed at our primary school children off the ground, it was agreed to have at least one session, with a Christmas theme, before Christmas. Members of our Mothers' Union were introduced to the concept of 'Messy Church' earlier this year and this new venture could be 'part and parcel' of! (See pew sheet for further details!!).

Boys' Brigade

Enrolment Service took place during our Remembrance Day Service at Kilskeery Parish Church and was truly memorable - we thank our boys and their leaders!

Girls' Brigade

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)

Girls are holding a Coffee Evening and Sale in Trillick Hall on December 11th with proceeds in aid of Bright Eyes Animal Sanctuary, Ballinamallard and GB funds. Art and I will join with Girls' Brigade on Friday, December 20th as they go Carol Singing in the villages and a warm invitation extends to anyone who might wish to join us!

Mothers' Union

Our Christmas event 'At the movies' is planned for December 16th at Kilskeery Hall at 8.00pm. (see pew sheet for more details).
Annual Dinner: January, date and venue to be agreed.

Dates for the Diary

December

Sun. 1st Advent Carol Service (Joint), Trillick Parish Church at 11.0am

Wed. 4th Alpha/Advent Preparation Service, Trillick Methodist Church at 8.15pm

Fri. 6th Hall Decoration, Kilskeery from 7.30pm

Sat. 7th Switching on of Christmas Lights/Mini Market, Trillick

Mon. 9th Farm Safety Awareness, Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.00pm

Tues. 10th Senior Citizens' Dinner, Kilskeery Parish Hall at 1.00pm

Wed. 11th Alpha/Advent Preparation Service, Trillick Methodist Church at 8.15pm

Sat. 14th Sunday School Party with switching on of Christmas lights, Kilskeery Parish Hall

Sun. 15th Carol Service (Joint), Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.00am

Mon. 16th Mothers' Union 'At the movies', Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.00pm

Thurs. 19th QEII Carol Service, Kilskeery Parish Church

Fri. 20th Girls' Brigade Carol Singing

Sun. 22nd Carol Service (Joint), Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am

Tues. 24th (Christmas Eve) Holy Communion in Trillick Parish Church at 10.00pm

Tues. 24th (Christmas Eve) Holy Communion in Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.30pm

Wed. 25th (Christmas Day) Holy Communion in Trillick Parish Church at 9.00am

Wed. 25th (Christmas Day) Holy Communion in Kilskeery Parish Church at 10.30am

Sun. 29th Morning Prayer (reflecting on the new year), Trillick Parish Church at 10.30am

Morning Prayer (reflecting on the new year), Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.45am

Missionary Boxes

You are asked to return to Hazel (Hutchinson) as soon as possible – thank you! and Hazel also for the excellent work she does here!!

We continue to remember in our prayers all those known to us who are ill at this time and those families who have recently suffered a bereavement thinking

especially of Marlene, George (Lawder) and family on the death of Marlene's brother, Cyril.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (Rev. 21:4)

How Warm is your Welcome?

All sorts of people go to church at Christmas. They may turn up at the nearest one, or go to the one with the best music or the most historical building. For most, 'church' is the building not the people and those who attend it often do so out of a sense of duty. But Jesus Christ didn't leave his people with an obligation to receive a weekly sacrament. He left the beginnings of a community that was to be his body on earth, to do together the things that he did - and show the world what God is like by the way they live.

God longs to meet with people personally - and faith itself has to be personal to be real - but all through history he has been calling and leading whole communities, not just individuals.

When a church really is a community of people genuinely loving and caring for each other, not only do its members enjoy being part of it, but it is attractive to people outside it. It draws people in, welcoming and accepting them, always pleased to see them.

The Bible is full of pictures of God's welcoming love: Jesus holding out his arms to the little children; the man who gave a banquet and invited the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame; Jesus spending time with 'sinners and prostitutes'. God's love extends to everyone and it must characterise his church transcending, among other things, the bounds of our limited nuclear families that leave so many people lonely and rejected.

When the church first began, people were drawn by the way its members lived: they were devoted to prayer and learning about God, they shared their possessions and gave freely to anyone in need. They met every day and ate together in each other's homes. People said, "See how these Christians love each other!" What about Christians today? Welcoming each other for years on end, the same people can slip into a church at the beginning of a service and slip out at the end without communicating with anyone. It may be a meaningful spiritual experience for them, but it misses God's purpose for his church: we are called to be a community. You can't be one if you don't know each other.

Art and I again thank you for your support and appreciation of all that we do and wish you peace in your homes during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)



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Christian Burial

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord"

21st October 2013

Cecil David Storey,
Main Street, Lisbellaw

30th October 2013

Funeral Service in St Mark's, Aghadrumsee
Sarah (Sally) Creighton,
Leambreslen

Remembrance

Many thanks to those who participated in our Service of Remembrance, in providing music and to those who laid wreaths and bore flags.

Christmas services

Sunday 22nd December

11.00am. Family Service
7.00pm. Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve

5.30pm. Children's Crib Service, Coolbuck
11.00pm. First Communion of Christmas, Coolbuck

Christmas Day

9.30am. Holy Communion

Sunday 29th December

10.00am. Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism
Please note earlier time. Refreshments in the Parish
Centre after the service

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Services For December

Sunday 1st 11.30am Morning Prayer - Mr Charles
Crawford.

Sunday 8th 11.30am Morning Prayer (Collection of
non-perishable food items for "The Pantry").

Sunday 15th 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday 22nd 11.30am Family Service of Lessons &
Carols.

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Holy Communion.

Christmas Day 10.00am Holy Communion.

Sunday 29th 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Services for January

Sunday 5th 11.30am Holy Communion.

Thursday 9th Trinity Hall 8.00pm Mother's Union
Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday 19th 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Sunday 26th 11.30am Morning Prayer.

Saturday 7th December

Archdale Centre 2.00pm-4.30pm. Chamber of
Commerce switching on the town's Christmas lights
with entertainment for the children.

Saturday 14th December

Archdale Centre 3.00pm - 5.00pm Sunday School
Party.

Sunday 15th December

Archdale Centre 7.30pm "TAG" Christmas party.

Burial:

Thursday 31st October - Julia Edna Mayne, Killynamph,
Lisnaskea.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers are with the Mayne
family circle and all who have been bereaved recently.
We also remember everyone who is ill in hospital, at
home or in nursing homes, and all awaiting surgery or
those who are recovering from an operation.

Holy Baptism:

Sunday 17th November - Evan Brian Kelly, 5 Hollybank,
Lisnaskea. Son to Alan & Sharon. Congratulations to
you both.

Mothers' Union

On Thursday 7th November we were delighted to
welcome Canon David Skuce to our monthly meeting
when he enthralled us with stories about the three
months which he spent on a sabbatical in South Africa.
We were overwhelmed by the standard of workmanship
on the wide variety of souvenirs which he had brought
along to show us. He will return in January to show
us a powerpoint of his trip. Our thoughts and prayers
are with our secretary Mary Forster who is in hospital
suffering from a shattered ankle and we wish her a
speedy recovery. The branch leader and some members
visited one of our oldest members, Iris Kenny when

she celebrated her 90th birthday on 6th November in Gortacharn Nursing Home. Several of our members enjoyed the visitor's nights in Aghavea, Derrybrusk and Lisbellaw, while twelve ladies have booked to go to our annual outing in December to the Ardhoven Theatre to see "Anything Goes".

Service of Remembrance

This annual parade and service took place on Sunday 10th November when there was a good representation of all the uniformed organisations present in church, as well as a large congregation. Lisnaskea Silver band and Lisnaskea Accordion Band led the parade. Thanks to our readers Mrs Katrina Armstrong, Scout County Commissioner and Mrs Rosalind Graham, and to everyone who took part in the service.

Food Collection

We would encourage everyone to bring along items of food (non-perishable) large or small, to the service on December 8th. All of this will be passed on to Val Irvine in the Oasis Book shop from where "The Pantry" operates. Val oversees the distribution of the food and will be delighted to accept all donations.

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Community News

The Christmas lights will be turned on in Ballinamallard on Friday 6th by the special guest. This will be followed by the Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall and later by the Christmas Youth Club in the Methodist Hall.

BUFC Home Games

Saturday 7th Ballinamallard v Ards (followed by Carol Service)

Thursday 26th Ballinamallard v Dungannon

January 1st Ballinamallard v Warrenpoint

January 18th Ballinamallard v Glenavon

There will be a Carol Service at Ferney Park shortly after the home game on December 7th. This will be in the home stand (the seated one) or in the clubhouse if the weather is

really bad so dress appropriately. Even if you're not at the match, you're welcome to slip in at the end. It should last about 30-40 minutes and hopefully there might be a few mince pies.

Mothers Union

The Mothers Union Christmas Dinner will be held in Mahon's Hotel on Thursday 12th December. Please contact Margaret Kerr to book. Guests are welcome for good food, fellowship and a visit from the VIP who bears gifts...

"Tweets, Facebook and all that Jazz" is the theme of the January meeting when Brian will talk about how technology can be used in ministry and also discuss some of the dangers and pitfalls. Guys are welcome too. If you have a laptop or smartphone with wifi, bring it with you. The February meeting is on Thursday 6th when Margaret McCauley will be helping everyone to make jewellery and a small cost of £5 for materials will apply.

The Sit-Out

Following the success (both in money and fun) of last year's sit-out, Brian is doing it again. From 8am-8pm, he'll be sitting with his butter churn at the church gate. This year, the chosen causes will include Aware-Defeat Depression NI, and Bishops' Appeal (Philippines Aid).

Worship at Christmas

Sunday 15th 11am Sunday School Nativity (and receiving gifts for Salvation Army).

Sunday 22nd 10:30am Carol Service with Ballinamallard Silver Band (also at 7pm in the Methodist Church).

Christmas Eve 11:15pm Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day Communion Services at 8:30am and 10am.

Watch Night Service

New Year's Eve in the Methodist Church.

Mary and Joseph and the Little Donkey start their journey

In preparation for Christmas, these beautiful knitted models (by Pearl Knox) will be travelling around the parish from home to home. It is possible that they might make the occasional detour into another parish around the diocese if they have time. They will complete their journey and return to the church on Christmas Eve in time for the midnight service.



Recycling

A reminder to all who use the Archdale Hall that we have started recycling as directed by Fermanagh District Council. We now have a blue bin in the kitchen to accept papers, metals and plastics. Your cooperation in this matter would be most appreciated

101st Birthday



Olive Johnston celebrated her 101st birthday in church, pictured with Olive Nixon and Revd Brian Harper.

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As I begin to write these notes I am just starting to come to terms with the change in temperature having returned from a missions trip to South Africa and going from 30 degrees centigrade to 30 degrees Fahrenheit. It was a wonderful 30C degrees in South Africa to a low 4C degrees in Dublin. Our trip was to a charity called Footprints where 25 kids are looked after who would otherwise have died in the shanty towns and illegal settlements of South Africa. Before I went I would have called it an orphanage but having lived there for two weeks I would call it a family. We went there to visit Colin and Kate Osborne, two parishioners of Ardess parish who have moved there to be house parents on the base.

This was my first ever time to go to a place in the world where the difference between rich and poor is so marked where people have everything and beside them are people with nothing. What was probably most interesting is the attitude of the mainstream churches with well to do white people who think of mission as an overseas exercise and they don't see the need for mission just a few miles down the road.

It made me think of the church in Ireland and do we see the mission field that surrounds each of our churches or homes. If I was asked the question "Do you think it is better to send money to Africa rather than just going for a few weeks?" I would have answered that it was better to send the money plus the extra that you would have used to go, because the money will do more to help than you can in two weeks.

Today my answer to that question would be different, because in the two short weeks that I was there God has opened my heart up to an awareness of a need that people have for the gospel and I am part of the answer. In truth me going to South Africa made very little impact on the lives of the people there, God could have easily used Colin and Kate to do what I did, but God could not have changed me if I had continued to sit in sunny Kesh. The people in the tent churches (if they are lucky enough to have a tent to meet in) are so open to God that it really brings refreshing. They don't hide behind a veil of tradition but they really welcome and open up to the things of God.

Christmas Celebrations

Christmas is a time when we are all drawn to the wonderful story of the nativity and how a baby was born in a little town called Bethlehem and how he would influence the world so dramatically 2000 years later. We all like to be part of the celebrations of Christmas, and this year I want to invite you all to come along and be part of all the Christmas festivities in the church.

Mullaghfarne Carol Service

On Sunday 15th December we begin to warm up to the atmosphere of Christmas with the first of our carol services held in Mullaghfarne hall at 3pm. Everyone welcome.

Mens Christmas Party

A night for all the men on Wednesday 18th December we are hosting a party night for just the men. This night will only be a success if all the men in the parish come along for food (Chinese at its best!) for fun and fellowship.

Children's Church Christmas Party

Saturday 21 December starting at 2pm.

Carols by Candlelight

There is something special about a service where we turn out the lights and worship God simply to the light of a few candles. For me it is one of those services that really makes me aware that Christmas is coming. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us on Sunday 22nd December at 7pm for this very special service when John's introduction to the gospel of Jesus being the light of the world becomes a reality.

Family Carol Service

The 22nd December at 11am is our children's carol service and they get to share the Christmas story with friends and family. The children have already started work on pulling the service together as I write these notes and it promises to be a great time. At harvest Sunday a puppet called Grandpa appeared and he promised to bring his family along at Christmas, so we welcome everyone to come and join us at 11am.

Kesh Primary School Carol Service

This year the school are coming to join us for their carol service on Thursday 19th December at 7pm. This is always a wonderful evening and I would encourage you to come along so that we have a full church to encourage the school children.

Christmas Eve Communion

Come and join us to celebrate the first communion of Christmas at 11.30pm on the 24th December.

Christmas Day

This is a great morning for me as I get to see all the wonderful presents you have received. This Christmas morning why don't you come to church at 10.00am and bring your present with you to show to everyone else during the service.

Sunday 29th December

Everything is as normal 9.30 Morning Prayer and 11.00 Family Worship.

Diary

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 - Wednesdays from 9.30-11am.

Children's Church - During the 11am service for children 3-14 years.

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

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

Ardess Historical Society - Monday 6th January 2014 Eoin Parkinson - A study of Ardess Medieval Graveyard.

Friends in the Afternoon - Tuesday 10th December - 2pm Holy Communion.

Life groups

The 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.

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.

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.

Alpha

Every year the church runs an Alpha course starting in January and finished by Easter. The Alpha course is a 10 week course that aims to introduce the Christian faith in a very clear and simple way. This year the course starts on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Mayfly Inn, Kesh. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith and what it is all about then the Alpha course is the answer for you. Please do come along and join us, if you are thinking of coming then please contact Sandra on 07742529463 if you would like to come along to give an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Parish Register

Derrybrusk Baptism

3rd November, 2013. Tom Arthur Brady, 98 Gola Road, Cappy, Lisbellaw

Wedding

25th October, 2013. Malcolm David Mervyn Robert Conn 57 Killyliss Road, Clabby, Fivemiletown and Sharon Louise Beacom, 56 Aghagrane Road, Greenhill, Enniskillen

Christ Church, Maguiresbridge Funeral

12th November, 2013, John Jack Gordon, 7 Harryville, Maguiresbridge.

We are delighted to welcome Tom Arthur Brady into the fellowship of Christ's church. We would like to wish Malcolm and Sharon every happiness in their future

life together and to express our deepest sympathy to the Gordon family on the death of Jack. Jack was one of life's gentlemen and he will be sadly missed. We appreciated very much the work he did for us, opening the church and the hall. For many years he also rang the church bell. We thank God for all that Jack did.

As these notes are being written we are a while off before Christmas. We will have the four Sundays of Advent in the period up to Christmas. On the Sunday before Advent, which is sometimes called 'Stir up Sunday', we have the collect 'Stir up we beseech thee, the wills of thy faithful people'. I remember calling with some people at this time of year. They had all the ingredients present in a mixing bowl for either the Christmas cake or plum pudding. I was asked to give the mixture a stir and in doing so, I was supposed to make a wish. As I was doing this, it reminded me of the preparations being made for the Christmas festivities. amidst all the hustle and bustle of this time of year, - we should leave aside some time in preparation for the birth of our Lord and Saviour. Often we forget the true meaning of Christmas. That Jesus came into this world as a little child and faced all the dangers and temptations, which we all face.

Many people find Christmas as a time of festivities and simply for eating and drinking. It is a time of giving and receiving - but what many people really want and need, is quality time together. To feel wanted and loved. Many of us like to get gifts and presents - but what is far more important, is person is made to feel important.

Below you will find all the services for the Christmas period and the New Year. We will have a service for the elderly and housebound in the church hall on Tuesday 17th December at 2.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet up and join together in holy communion, have something to eat and to meet up with old friends. We hope as many people as possible come along. If anyone needs to have holy communion at home - please do not hesitate to contact me.

Services for Christmas and New Year

Sunday 15th December at 10.30am parish carol service, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Sunday 22nd December at 10.30am children's nativity play, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Sunday 22nd December, morning prayer at noon and 7.30pm Christmas carol service at 7.30pm, St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk.

Christmas Eve - 11.30pm service of Holy Communion, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Christmas Day - 9.00am service of Holy Communion, St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk
10.30am service of Holy Communion, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Sunday 29th December, services as usual
Wednesday 1st January at 10.30am, New Year's Day, The Naming of Christ - service of Holy Communion, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

Sunday 5th January at 4.00pm - Christingle Service, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

I would like to finish by wishing you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Derrybrusk Mother's Union

All members are invited to the senior citizens party in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30pm. Members are invited to a craft fair in Maguiresbridge Primary School on Thursday 5th December in the evening time. There will be no branch meeting in December and the next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January.

We would like to thank all those who helped out with the shoebox appeal. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Annie Carson and her family for all the shoeboxes they provided and for Annie being the driving force behind it.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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8th December The Second Sunday of Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word; Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer.

15th December The Third Sunday of Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer; Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion.

22nd December The Fourth Sunday of Advent: St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship; Ballinode 7pm Group Carol Service.

25th December Christmas Day St Patrick's 9.30am Group Traditional Holy Communion Service and 10.30am Group All Age Holy Communion.

29th December Christmas 1 St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word.

5th January Christmas 2 St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion; Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion.

13th January The Baptism of Christ St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word; Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer.

20th January Epiphany 2 St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer; Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer.

27th January Epiphany 3 St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship; Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion.

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group met in Hall on Tuesday 15th October and those present enjoyed a glass painting workshop with Ms Alison Greer followed by supper. The arrangements for December are as follows: Wednesday 11th December Christmas Dinner; Tuesday 17th December Interdenominational Carol Service in St Patrick's Church with refreshments in the Hall.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting on the 7th was held in the church. There was good attendance. The Guest speaker was the Revd Danny Reyes-Martin, Minister of Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church. The evening concluded with business meeting and refreshments.

Parish Sale

The Parish Sale on the 18th October was very successful and the amount raised to date is €2,700.00 approximately. We are extremely grateful to all those who contributed saleable items, gave donations or hampers, those who helped on the day and the sub-committee for the organisation of the event. We are as ever indebted to the wider community for their support.

Monaghan Collegiate

Monaghan Collegiate Prize Giving was held in St Patrick's Church on Friday 25th October, the guest speaker was Brigadier General Paul Fry, General Officer Commanding Irish Air Corps. We congratulate all the students from our Group of Parishes in the list of Prize winners.

Illness

Please continue to remember in Prayer those who are ill either at home or in Hospital, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Christmas Service Arrangements

Sunday 22nd November Group Carol Service in Ballinode at 7pm.

Christmas Day 9.30am Group Traditional Holy Communion Service and 10.30am Group All Age worship Holy Communion, both in St Patrick's.

DSP Community Employment Scheme

The close of another year beckons and we would want to record our thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Murphy and the participants for their valued work at various locations throughout the year.

The Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service This event will be on Tuesday 17th December at 8pm in St Patrick's Church. There will be light refreshments served in the hall after the service kindly provided by the Ladies group and all are welcome. The Collection at the Service will be donated to charity both local and national.

Condolences

We express our prayerful condolences to Mrs Ann Wedlock & family on the death of her mother

We wish all members of our congregation and their families and the wider community a blessed and peaceful Christmas & New Year.

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Services in December 2013

Sunday 1st December 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Holy Communion.

Sunday 8th December 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer.

Sunday 15th December 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Morning Prayer; 3.00pm Holy Communion for the Elderly in Parochial Hall; 7.00pm "A Quiet Christmas".

Sunday 22nd December 9.00am Holy Communion; 11.00am Childrens' Carol Service; 7.00pm Service of Lessons and Carols.

Tuesday 24th December 10.00pm Holy Communion.

Wednesday 25th December 10.00am Family Eucharist.

Sunday 29th December 11.00am Holy Communion.

Wednesday Club

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 month's events include 4th December Christmas dinner at the Killyhevlin.

The Club is then closed for the holidays and meets again on Wednesday 15th January.

All over 50s welcome to come.

Carol Services

At 3.00pm on Sunday 15th December there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 3.00pm in the parochial hall for the elderly and housebound.

On Sunday 22nd December at 11.00am the Children's Carol Service will take place in the church, and will include participation by the children of the Sunday School.

At 7.00pm on 22nd December there will be a traditional service of Lessons and Carols with musical pieces by the choir and the Praise Band.

A Quiet Christmas

For many people, Christmas can be a difficult time - perhaps because of recent bereavement, or loneliness, or illness, or sad memories. For these, and many other reasons, some people find it difficult to take part in the usual Christmas festivities or Christmas services. On Sunday 15th December at 7.00pm there will be 'A Quiet Christmas' service in the church. This will be an opportunity to celebrate Christmas in a quieter and more reflective way. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Services

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December, there will be a Service of Holy Communion at 10.00pm.

On Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December, there will be a Family Eucharist at 10.00am

Parish Registers

Baptisms

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

17th November 2013 - Ben Roy Turner, son of Richard and Lucia Turner.

Tempo and Clabby



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Restoration Fund

Thank you to James Armstrong on behalf of the Youth Club for running and devising the quiz rounds for the table quiz for the Restoration Fund which raised £140. Thank you those who supported it, and to Don Williamson who was the quiz master.

Tempo Concert

Thank you to those who organised the concert, sold tickets and attended it. Also to the artists Curtis Magee and Boxcar Brian. The amount raised was £733 for Church Funds.

Clabby Auction

Thank you to all who supported this annual fund raising event for our Church Funds. The auction was well attended with a large number of items for the auction. Thank you to all who helped on the day, provided the refreshments, looked after the cake, fruit and vegetable stalls and also our auctioneer Mr David Wilson. The amount raised was £2,260.

Congratulations

Our good wishes and congratulations to Lady Kath Turner on her 50 years service award for her work with St. Johns Ambulance Brigade. A well deserved honour.

Funeral

27th October 2013 Mervyn Edward Curry, Hillhead Road, Clabby.

December Events

10th Mother Union, Clabby Church Hall, 8pm. Festive Fayre.

15th Young people's Carol Services (with gifts for Salvation Army Appeal).

22nd Parish Carol Service.

24th Holy Communion 10:30pm Tempo.

25th Family Service, Holy Communion 10:30am Clabby.

January Events

14th Mother's Union Holy Communion 8pm Tempo Church Hall.

February Events

Advance notice - Table Quiz Tempo Church Hall 8pm Thursday 13th February. Everyone Welcome.

Annual General Vestry Register

During January the register is open for new members to sign on. The person must be over 18 years of age and have paid at least £50 in the past year. Anyone on the register who has failed to pay the Diocesan regulation of £50 in the previous year will not be eligible for general or select vestry membership and according to Diocesan rules will have their name removed from the register at the revision after it closes at the end of January.

Church Finances

It would be appreciated that all contributions to the Church Funds be forwarded to the Church Treasurers by 31st December 2013 in order to be included in the financial report for 2013.

Waiting

The season of advent is one of waiting, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our one and only Saviour.

For hundred's of years the Jews had been waiting for the coming of their Messiah. His coming and birth were not as they thought, he was born in poverty and squalor. The sad reality was that John's words were true "he came to that which was his own but his own did not receive him." (1:11) This was proved when they crucified Jesus.

Today Christians all over the world await the second coming of Jesus as he promised would happen suddenly one day. As we await Jesus' return as judge and King we must be ready. John 1:12 gives a great promise and lesson on how to be ready. "To all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

This advent as we prepare once again to celebrate the birth of Christ, may we also prepare ourselves to meet Christ on his second coming. "What can I give him, poor as I am? Yet what can I give him, give him my heart."

Jean, Deborah, Sarah, James and I wish all our Parishioners God's blessing for a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is liturgically marked by the change of the colours on the Holy Table, the falls on the pulpit and the ribbons on the lectern changing from purple to white. Advent and its purple, as like Lent, a season of preparation to the festal white of joy and triumph. Peculiarly at Christmas we have no time without colour as we do on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. In the birth of Jesus we have the beginning of Easter and all his life leads to that event.

Please God, we do not lose the true sense of Christmas in the events and pressures around Christmas. As you will read below we have a busy program of events but we also have time to prepare and our devotions should not be neglected.

May this Christ child find room in your heart this Christmas and may his love flow to all our neighbours.
Revd Mark

Advent Carol Service

On Advent Sunday, 1st December, at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. At this service Mrs. Joan Nelson of Killadeas parish is to be commissioned as a Diocesan Pastoral Assistant by the Bishop for service in the Diocese. The Priory Choir are singing at the service together with other church choirs.

Trory & Killadeas Mothers' Union

The MU warmly invite our senior citizens to a buffet supper in Trory Parish Hall, Ballycassidy, on Monday, 2nd December 2013 7.00pm for 7.30pm. They are not sending out written invitations this year and anyone wishing to attend should sign their name on the lists which can be found at the back of both Churches or in any of the Parish Halls before Sunday, 1st December.

Trory Orange Lodge

Trory Orange Lodge no. 647 Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in aid of the Macular Society on Sunday December 8th at 8.00pm.

Parishioners are invited to come to a service of nine lessons and carols organised by Trory Lodge on behalf of Enniskillen District for this charity that aid partially sighted and low vision members of the community. It is hoped to have visiting bands and special music at this service followed by tea and mince pies.

Trory and Killadeas Tuesday Club

Christmas Holy Communion on Tuesday 10th December at 2.30pm in Trory Church.

Christmas Giving 2013

Killadeas - In light of recent events the Select Vestry of Killadeas has allocated £400.00 to Bishops' Appeal for disaster relief in the Philippines. In December all cash gifts in the parish Sunday collections will be for the Philippines.

Trory - The collection at the Carol Service for the parish on December 15th at 11.30am and on Christmas morning will be for the benefit of the Fermanagh Protestant Orphans Society. As the Select Vestry held it's meeting prior to the Philippines disaster it is hoped to make arrangements for a gift at our next meeting.

Wreath Making at Trory

In recent years parishioners have come together for an evening of wreath making and fun as part of Trory Christmas sale. Supply of these wreaths is always below demand. So this year an open invitation is offered to parishioners to support two nights wreath making. On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm. Come along and you will be taught what to do. I try and make and buy two wreaths every year for family graves. It is nice to make a very personal tribute for loved ones and in doing so aid the parish.

Trory Christmas Coffee Morning, Cake and Wreath Sale

Saturday 14th December from 10.00am – 12.30pm
Proceeds in aid of Trory Parish funds.

Parish Nine lessons and Carols Services

Killadeas: Sunday 15th December at 10.00am

Trory: Sunday 15th December at 11.30am
If any parishioner, especially younger parishioners, would like to read a lesson please contact the rector by Sunday 8th December in person or tel. 66388477.

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion at 11.30pm in The Priory Church, Killadeas.

Christmas Day

Holy Communion at 10.00am in Trory Parish Church.

All other services in the Parish are at their usual times.

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Wednesday 18 December 2013
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