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Speaker: Connor McCafferty of Zest



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Thursday 13th March

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Speaker: Raymond Farrell



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Archdeacon Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Helene Steed and Bishop John McDowell.



In Autumn 2014 Kindfund will celebrate 10 years of work and witness in Northern Kenya! As part of that celebration we are bringing some children from our children's homes to reach out to communities in the UK and Ireland. Some will share their life stories, others will participate through drama. And the children will bring the joy, enthusiasm and movement which is characteristic of Kenyan Christian worship.

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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



At the risk of seeming a little repetitive I want to return to three people who most of you will know- the first by reputation and the second two in person.

Although you may have had your fill of the opinions of the McDowell family on C S Lewis as a result of the two short articles which the editor of the Magazine kindly included last month I

would like to add a little postscript specifically about his connections with the Diocese of Clogher.

The first is, I admit, a little tenuous. Lewis was born in 1898 and looking at the census for 1901 for the house in the Strandtown area of Belfast where the family lived before building Little Lea, the household consists of Albert and Flora Lewis (his father and mother) Warren Lewis (his older brother) C S Lewis himself and two servants. One of the servants was called Martha Barber and she was from County Monaghan.

It would have been good to have been able to say that she had a strong influence on the young Lewis (as servants often did especially when they acted as nannies). However Martha left the household sometime shortly after 1901 to marry a Thomas McBratney from Athlone and disappears from the story. However she was replaced by a much more significant person in the life of Lewis: Lizzie Endicott from County Down who was very vividly remembered by him in his autobiographical sketch and it was from Lizzie that Lewis maintained he derived his sense of humour.

Now for the second connection, this time with County Fermanagh. Oddly enough both of C S Lewis's parents had been born in Cork City although it seems that their families did not know each other when they lived there.

Albert Lewis's father was a Scot who worked in the shipbuilding industry and who moved around to where his skills were needed. Eventually he ended up in Belfast working for a large shipbuilding company called McIlwaine, Lewis and McCall. This firm through time merged with two other shipyards called Workman and Clark and Harland and Wolff and kept the latter's name to trade under.

However Lewis's mother Flora came from a long line of clergymen. Her father was a clergyman who had been attached to the Anglican parish of Holy Trinity in Rome and was also a naval chaplain in both the

The Rt Revd John McDowell

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naval base at Cobh and in more far-flung places like the Crimea. He ended his ministry as the first rector of St. Mark's, Dundela in the diocese of Down where C S Lewis was born.

The most distinguished of Flora's ancestors was Hugh Hamilton, who had been bishop of Clonfert in County Galway and then Bishop of Ossory in County Kilkenny. As has been the case often with clergy Hugh Hamilton's sons also became clergymen. One of these was also called Hugh and he became rector of Inishmacsaint in 1824. His son (who became C S Lewis's grandfather) was his father's curate in Inishmacsaint for a few years before moving on to his more exotic ministry in the Royal Navy.

The next person I wanted to talk about and who many of you will know in person is Archdeacon Cecil Pringle who stepped down from that position in the middle of February. As was explained at the time the announcement was made, in the Church of Ireland, Archdeacons are required to step down at the age of seventy. However Archdeacon Pringle will continue to look after the parishes of Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckcross.

When the announcement was made I was also able to say a few words of appreciation about Archdeacon Pringle's tenure over the office in the past and more recently. I want now to say a few more words to the Diocesan family.

In his ordained life Cecil Pringle has seen six bishops of Clogher come and five go. He has served three of these as Archdeacon and there is hardly a Select Vestry in the whole diocese, North or South, that he has not chaired at some time or other. Although Hilary, his wife assures me that he is not (yet) a perfected saint, he has brought very considerable gifts, not least of patience and forbearance to his vocation as Archdeacon.

In keeping with the official roles assigned to the position by the Constitution and in the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer, the Archdeacon acts effectively as the bishop's executive officer. Very often it is the Archdeacon who acts as commissary when the bishop has to be away from the Diocese for an extended period and it is the Archdeacon who deputises for the Bishop on other formal occasions.

Aside from these formal duties it is the archdeacon who the Bishop most frequently turns to for advice, especially when the Bishop is a newcomer to the

diocese and it is the Archdeacon who very often has to handle difficult or sensitive situations in the first instance at the request of the Bishop.

I can honestly say that Archdeacon Pringle has undertaken every matter I have asked him to handle not only with willingness but also with his habitual optimism and cheerfulness. He likes people and he respects them. That is the key to building trust and good relationships without which any hope of a resolution in difficult circumstances is very difficult.

I simply could not have had a more willing and wise colleague during what are inevitably the more challenging early years of my time as Bishop of Clogher.

Many of you, especially from the County Monaghan end of the Diocese will know the new Archdeacon, Helene Steed. Helene brings a very different range of experience to her new role. It is a sign of a shrinking

world but also of her own adaptability and the willingness of the people of the Diocese to welcome variety, that the new Archdeacon was ordained for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden, had part of her ordination training in England, served in Cork and feels very at home in the border counties of Ulster.

We wish Archdeacon Steed her husband Christopher and their daughter Grace much happiness as Helene settles into her new and challenging position.

The service of Installation of the new Archdeacon will take place on Sunday 16th March at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. The preacher will be an old friend of Helene's, the Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch KCVO, recently retired as Bishop of Manchester.

+John

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

Archbishop Justin visits HEAL Africa

Archbishop Justin visited HEAL Africa in Goma with the Archbishop of Congo and the UK's Minister for Africa, Mark Simmonds, to learn more about the devastating impact of sexual violence in the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo and to see how the Anglican Church is working to end it.

HEAL Africa, a hospital which provides medical, psychosocial, spiritual and economic support to survivors of sexual violence, is run in partnership with the Anglican Church of the Congo and Tearfund.

With Archbishop Henri Isingoma and Mr Simmonds, the Archbishop heard about the important role that faith groups are playing in tackling sexual violence, fighting impunity and supporting survivors.

He also saw the work of a groundbreaking UK-funded project called 'Silent No More', which is being implemented by the Anglican Church of Congo and Tearfund.

The project works with churches and other faith communities to reduce the incidence and impact of sexual violence in eastern DRC. The project will train faith leaders to tackle sexual violence and promote gender justice, develop and promote 'Safe Communities', and launch a campaign to mobilise positive male role models who stand against this violence.

Archbishop Justin said: "The terrible suffering of the peoples of eastern DRC is a global tragedy. The most seriously affected are the most vulnerable, women and children. Since my first visit in 2009, I have been seeking to support those locally who tackle the issue of sexual violence. The programme of HEAL Africa is a notable contribution, setting a wonderful example of holistic care, best practice, and deep Christian

compassion in partnership with the Anglican Church. It is a privilege to be here with the Minister for Africa. The Foreign Office programme against sexual violence is of huge significance, and a foundation of reconciliation."

Archbishop Henri said: "I welcome the joint work between the Anglican Church, Tearfund and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to end sexual violence. This is a priority issue for my church and for me personally. Ending the conflict in the region is also crucial, and that is why the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches of Burundi, Rwanda, and the DRC are working together in the pursuit of peace in the Great Lakes region. We encourage these churches to continue their implementation of the programme for peace, which started with the launch of the 'One Year of Peace' campaign on 1st December 2013 in Goma. We hope that other churches and Christian organisations as well as civil society will actively take part in more vibrant and concrete advocacy to end the hostilities that have lasted for so long across the Great Lakes region."



Communion supports South Sudan Church's humanitarian response

According to the most recent UN reports, over 700,000 people are now displaced by the recent conflict within South Sudan, and less than half have been reached with aid. A further 123,400 have sought refuge in neighbouring states.

During his recent visit to Juba and Bor in South Sudan, Archbishop Justin commended the Church's commitment to work for peace and reconciliation and its role in providing humanitarian assistance.

Under the leadership of Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul, Primate of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan (ECSSS), the Church has been focused and effective in responding to the urgent humanitarian needs of people displaced by the conflict. ECSSS' humanitarian arm has been providing food for children settlements, and has already registered 20,000 displaced people in order to bring food, water and health care to vulnerable groups, who have not yet been reached by other agencies.

Archbishop Daniel said, "We must help feed people today, so they and their children survive: then they will want to listen when we come to talk about reconciliation."

Revd Rachel Carnegie, Co-Director of the Anglican Alliance, and Canon Grace Kaiso, General Secretary of the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa and an Alliance Board Member, recently visited Juba to meet with Archbishop Daniel Deng and the provincial team. "It was a profoundly moving and inspiring visit," said Rachel Carnegie. "We witnessed the committed leadership of Archbishop Daniel and his team in mobilising the Church to bring relief and reconciliation. When we visited a group of people displaced by the fighting in Bor, we were also able to see the local church at work, with the priest and Mothers' Union members mobilising the community to help."



Thousands of displaced people have been sheltering in the grounds of St Joseph's cathedral in Malakal, South Sudan, as clashes continue.

Africa Primates Review Church's involvement on the continent



Primates from across Africa met in Nigeria, to discuss the Church's role in promoting stability across the continent.

The meeting was organised by the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) to enable Primates to "positively engage with each other in their various contexts of their calling, to become drivers of dialogue around pertinent issues in their respective countries."

"Africa is a land of great promise but we are still riddled with all kinds of challenges," said CAPA General Secretary, Canon Grace Kaiso. "The Church in my view is indispensable in finding solutions to Africa's problems."

This was the first meeting of CAPA Primates in several years. Another key topic for the meeting was theological education, how theological education can be used as a catalyst in the "building up of God's people and in responding to all the key pastoral issues facing Africa today, issues such as evangelisation in face of secularising forces, Muslim / Christian relations, famine and hunger, ethnic and resource based conflicts and the young people and their future," said Canon Grace. CAPA is a major unifying factor for the Anglican Church on the continent and seeks to effectively co-ordinate and provide a platform for the Church to celebrate life, consult and address challenges on the continent in order to fulfill God's promise for abundant life.

Read Bible favourites to children, parents urged

It might not feature boy wizards, magic wardrobes or Hobbits, but its epic cast list does include a giant, a talking snake and a man who lived for 969 years.

Now parents reading stories with their children are being urged to mix favourites such as Harry Potter or the Narnia books with tales from the Bible as part of a new campaign aimed at a million young people.

The initiative is timed to coincide with the release of a string of blockbuster Hollywood adaptations of stories from both the Old and New Testaments.

Organisers are hoping to introduce a new generation of British children to stories from the Bible with which their grandparents would have been instantly familiar. They fear that ignorance or open hostility towards religion by some parents could lead to a generation of children growing up unaware of many of the stories which have formed a foundation of western art, literature and music.

Beaverton church opens chapel on ice



Anglers heading out onto the ice of Lake Simcoe, Canada will now have a little more than luck on their side.

Joined by Trent Durham Bishop Linda Nicholls and close to 20 parishioners and well-wishers, St. Paul's Anglican Church opened a chapel on the ice at the Beaverton Harbour.

"It's a place where people can pray before they go out and give thanks when they return," said Revd Canon Ted McCollum of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Beaverton.

Revolutionary new glass protects York Minster's Great East Window



York Minster's stunning Great East Window will be preserved for many generations to come thanks to a Revolutionary new glass being utilised to protect it. The medieval masterpiece was designed by artist John Thornton and dates back to the 15th century. It is the size of a tennis court and the largest single expanse of medieval glass in Britain.

The window has been removed from the cathedral and is being painstakingly conserved by York Glaziers Trust.

The trust is harnessing a cutting-edge UV resistant glass as part of the external protective glazing for the 15th century window.

York Minster has the privilege of being the first building in the UK to use the special glass.

Historic Christian site found in China

A recently discovered site may shed new light on historical research into the Nestorian Church, which is believed to be the earliest Christian movement to spread the Gospel in China.

A niche in a stone wall with a cross carved above it has now been verified by experts as a repository for the ashes and bones of Christians. The experts also confirmed that this is the earliest Nestorian burial place discovered so far in China.

The discovery at the Longmen Grottoes, a UNESCO World Heritage site in central Henan province, was made in 2009. Its verification was announced to the public recently.

Precise dating has yet to be carried out, but it would have been created at some time during China's Ming and Tang dynasties of 316-907 AD. It has yet to be established if it is older than the well known Nestorian Stele, an inscribed limestone tablet found in Xi'an, Shaanxi, which dates back to 781 AD and is currently considered the most ancient Nestorian artefact.

Pineapples Project in the Philippines

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) has contributed \$100,000 to the Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) for their disaster response project which is supporting farmers, artisans, and others to rebuild their businesses in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. PWRDF has also announced a total of \$500,000 to rebuild homes and livelihoods through projects in the Philippines.

As the weeks and months go by, PWRDF is continuing to work in the Philippines, but our focus has shifted from providing the immediate essentials of food, water, clothing, and shelter to rebuilding communities and livelihoods.

Typhoon Haiyan's effects are still being felt by farmers in the Philippines. The storm affected the pineapple crop, leading to many fruits not being fully grown and therefore appealing to shoppers at the market. This is where the ECP comes in. They have purchased a truck load of undersized pineapples from farmers in the typhoon-affected region near Leyte to process into pineapple jam. "The size of the fruit does not matter at all. In fact, one of the strengths of the ECP's processing activities is that they make use of agricultural products that do not meet the discerning market's size requirements and thus enable the farmers to earn even from such so-called 'rejects'," the ECP said in a report.

Purchasing products from people in the affected regions is an important way of rebuilding livelihoods with dignity in the long-term response to disasters. Buying something that disaster-affected people produce helps them to rebuild their own confidence in themselves, to put money back into the economy, and to kick-start businesses and farming in the area again.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

January 2014 Standing Committee News



Archdeacon Robin Bantry White

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met in January in Church House, Dublin. The meeting was opened with a scripture reading and prayers, led by Archdeacon Robin Bantry White, and was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and the Archbishop of Dublin. The Archbishop of Armagh noted that this was the last meeting which Archdeacon Robin Bantry White would be attending as an Honorary Secretary as he will be retiring from full-time ministry at the beginning of March. Archbishop Clarke expressed his appreciation for Archdeacon White's twenty years of service to the Standing Committee and six years' service as an Honorary Secretary. The Archbishop said that 'it would be impossible to find a more loyal or reliable friend' and praised Archdeacon White for the 'precision and discernment evident in all his ministry and service' which was 'valued by all'. The Archbishop concluded that the Archdeacon possessed 'one of the most remarkable and well stocked minds in the Church of Ireland'. Mr Sam Harper echoed the Archbishop's appreciation on behalf of the Honorary Secretaries, thanking Archdeacon White for his 'exemplary level of commitment and sense of dedication'. The Archdeacon responded by saying that he had been 'proud to serve the Church of Ireland as one of the earliest synodical Churches in the Anglican Communion' and especially thanked the Synod staff with whom he had worked closely – Mrs Janet Maxwell, Mr Garrett Casey and, previously, Ms Jenny Polden. The Archbishop of Armagh welcomed the Most Revd Pat Storey to her first Standing Committee meeting as Bishop of Meath and Kildare.



Dean John Mann

Honorary Secretaries' Report

The Honorary Secretaries reported that the Very Revd John Mann has been appointed as Chairman of the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief. They also conveyed that they have been advised that the Revd Michael Parker and the Rt Revd Alan Harper have been appointed to the Board of Christian Aid Ireland.

Guide Promise

The Honorary Secretaries reported that they, along with the Bishop of Down and Dromore, Mr Andrew Brannigan and Mrs Hilary McClay, met representatives of Girlguiding Ulster and Girlguiding UK in November to express the concerns of the Standing Committee and the Church of Ireland about the alterations to the Guide promise. The discussions were lengthy and wide ranging. The Honorary Secretaries and Mrs Hilary



McClay also met with representatives of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and are to liaise further with the Churches on the issue and



Bishop Harold Miller

meet jointly with the Girlguides at the next opportunity. The Honorary Secretaries have sent an email to clergy in Northern Ireland updating them on the situation and encouraging clergy as part of their pastoral responsibility to engage in sensitive conversation with their Guide leaders about this matter so that any leaders with concerns can convey these to the leadership of Girlguiding.

Standing Committee Co-option

With the appointment of the Most Revd Pat Storey as Bishop of Meath and Kildare, a vacancy had arisen amongst the co-opted members of the Standing Committee. The Revd Alison Calvin, Rector of Killeshandra, Kilmore Diocese, was elected as a co-opted member during the meeting.



Bishop Alan Abernethy

Bishop of Connor's Report on WCC Assembly

The Bishop of Connor reported on his attendance at the 10th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan, South Korea. He drew attention to Christians experiencing severe challenges to their witness in troubled regions of the world and expressed thankfulness for the blessings and opportunities open to Christians living in Ireland. He reported that he was moved by the powerful strength of Christians meeting and praying together despite their differences. The Archbishop of Armagh thanked Bishop Abernethy for representing the Church of Ireland at the Assembly.



Bishop John McDowell

Northern Ireland Community Relations Working Group

The Rt Revd John McDowell reported on the work of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Working Group which was established by the Standing Committee in September 2013 and tasked with 'responding to consultations and developments on the issue of community relations in Northern Ireland and to act as a liaison and support to the Primate in this area.' Bishop McDowell outlined how the Churches had come together in early January following the Haass talks process in order to issue a statement encouraging political leaders to take the process of engagement in contentious areas forward,

and on efforts by the Church of Ireland bishops of the Northern Province to convey to NI political leaders that the Church has a distinctive role to play and a desire to build up contact with politicians and civic society. Standing Committee approved the submission of a paper by the Working Group on 'Together: Building a United Community' to OFMDFM on behalf of the Church of Ireland, which will be made available in due course. The Standing Committee also appointed the Revd Adrian Dorrian, Chairman of the Church and Society Commission, to the Working Group.

Inter-Anglican Women's Network

Standing Committee approved the attendance of the Revd Doris Clements at the planned regional meeting of the Inter-Anglican Women's Network in London in Autumn 2014.



Bishop Ferran Glenfield

Bishops' Appeal

Following the resignation of Bishop Michael Burrows from the Board of Bishops' Appeal it was resolved that Bishop Ferran Glenfield be elected to the Board. Bishop Patrick Rooke expressed the Board's thanks to Bishop Burrows for his service; Bishop Rooke also relayed that the amount raised by Bishops' Appeal in response to the Typhoon Haiyan disaster was approximately €250,000.

Association of Church of Ireland Press Ltd

It was resolved that Mr Alan Graham be appointed to the Association of Church of Ireland Press Limited following the resignation of Mr Geoffrey Perrin from the Association.

Covenant Council:

Interchangeability of Ministry

A communication from the Covenant Council relating to the forthcoming Bill on Interchangeability of Ministry at the General Synod was provided to Standing Committee in preparation for an explanatory memorandum to accompany the Bill. Further explanatory information from the Covenant Council prior to General Synod is in development and will be communicated shortly.



Revd Bjork Olafsdottir

Delegates to Annual Meetings of Other Churches and the ICC

It was resolved that: Bishop John McDowell and the Revd Canon Ian Ellis represent the Church of Ireland at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Belfast; Bishop Harold Miller and the Revd Asa Bjork Olafsdottir represent the Church of Ireland at the Conference of the Methodist Church in Dublin; and that Dr Kenneth Milne and Mr Sam Harper represent the Church of Ireland at the

Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Dublin. A number of individuals were appointed to represent the Church of Ireland at the Irish Council of Churches at its AGM in Arklow.

50 Years at Braemor Park



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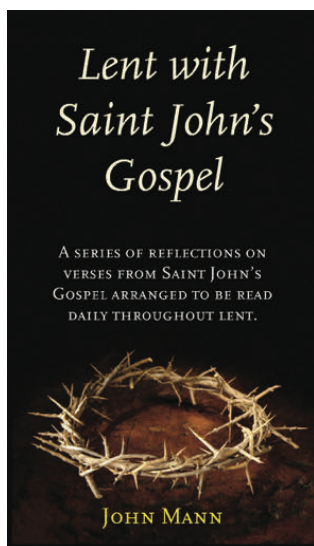
February marked an auspicious month in the calendar of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI) – formerly the Theological College (until 2008) and before that the Church of Ireland Divinity Hostel, founded in 1913, which prepares future clergy for ordination. On 17th February it was fifty years to the day since the official opening and dedication of the premises at Braemor Park, Churchtown (formerly Rathgar) in Dublin.

To mark the occasion, the Representative Church Body Library (which is part of the CITI campus) documented the evolutionary story of this central Church institution. A colourful selection of archival and printed items are included on the online display.

To view the online presentation, see: www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

Lent with St John's Gospel

The Archbishop of Armagh launched a new Lent book written by the Very Revd John Mann, Dean of Belfast, at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast on 17th February. The book is a series of 47 daily reflections (including Sundays and continuing right up to Easter Day) on selected individual verses from St John's Gospel. The publication is the result of a process initiated by the Church of Ireland Literature Committee in 2012 which issued an open call for authors to produce a Lent book with the potential to be both an aid to personal devotion and also a resource for group discussion during the penitential season. Lent with St John's Gospel fulfils this aim with daily reflections also arranged in weekly sections for group discussion in parishes or homes. Dean Mann says, 'Lent is a very special time in the Christian Year. Some may approach it with a sigh and others with joy, but one way or another it is an opportunity to try and restore equilibrium in all of the balances that we try to maintain between, for example: work and rest, activity and inactivity, prayer and action.' He continues, 'Lent may be seen as an encouragement to do more or a chance to re-find a spiritual discipline – but I feel, and it is reflected in the book, that though Lent may allow space for both of these things, it is increasingly



important to see it as a time of gently directed thought, of which the element of reflection in devotion is no small part. St John's Gospel, as my source of daily Biblical texts, I chose for this reason and in order to bring the focus of our Lenten thoughts on a distinct area of the Scriptures. I do hope that those who share the reading of this book with me over the course of Lent 2014 may find something of help.'

Community Water Pump at a Masai Rural Training Centre and a hospital renovation in Kenya. Diversifying Crops and Agricultural training for farmers in Rwanda. Anti-trafficking projects in India and Literacy Projects in Burundi. Water Projects for Dessi Slum Community and Self Help Group Training for rural women in Ethiopia. Soya Farming cooperatives in Togo and Dairy Farming cooperatives in Haiti.

Alongside these allocations were emergency appeals for the crisis in Syria and the disaster in the Philippines. People gave generously to support disaster relief response and as such, many displaced people received life-saving support. The other side of this however, was the reality that many projects earmarked for funding, which didn't make the media but which work with people living in extreme destitution, were left wanting, as funds were directed elsewhere. It is our hope that even as we continue to respond to the needs of those in the Philippines and in Syria, that others waiting for support from the Church will also be served in 2014.

On-Line RB General Unit Trust Valuations



Adrian Clements,
Chief Officer &
Secretary General

Unit prices for both RB General Unit Trust (RoI) and the RB General Unit Trust (NI) have been verified and added for Quarter 4, 2013 to www.ireland.anglican.org/valuations.

In order to use this calculator, you will need to know the number of units you hold in the Trust for the quarter you wish to value. You may then select either the NI or RoI trust, Year and Quarter to determine your holding at that quarter end. Historical valuations are held for each quarter, as far back as 2006.

The RB General Unit Trusts were established on 1 January, 1991 with charitable status in order to provide vehicles for the investment of funds left to the RCB for parishes and dioceses or for the specific/general purpose of the Church of Ireland.

'Church and Culture' Lent Course

The Archbishop of Armagh recently launched a new Lent Bible study resource produced by the Biblical Association for the Church of Ireland (BACI) based on the theme of 'Church and Culture'. The BACI 2014 Lent Bible study resource is a five part series written by the Revd Dr Ron Elsdon and designed to promote thoughtful discussion of Christian attitudes to our surrounding culture. Speaking at the launch, Archbishop Clarke remarked on the significance of Richard Niebuhr's book *Christ and Culture*, defining culture as 'those features which characterize a community and society, transmitted generation to generation as well as to newcomers'. The Archbishop suggested that changing a culture is 'a process, and it is very important to bring Scriptures to bear on this'. In commending the booklet he said 'We should never use the Bible to denounce or castigate others' and concluded that 'we should view all thinking Christians as Bible Christians'.

The resource can be downloaded for free from BACI's website www.bibliahibernica.wordpress.com

Bishops' Appeal



Bishop Patrick Rooke,
Chairman of
Bishops' Appeal

2013 saw the Church of Ireland donating a total of €419,720 and £205,267 to projects across the globe to help alleviate poverty and suffering and to allow people the education and the opportunity to have a better life. Examples of projects funded include:

HIV/AIDS Education and Training Programme in Mozambique. Health and nutrition initiatives for rural communities in India that improve health for members living with HIV and enable the generation of income. Training for communities and fitted wheelchairs for children with Cerebral Palsy in Uganda.



The Very Revd John Mann, Dean of Belfast; the Revd Dr Ron Elsdon (author); The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh; Canon Dr Ginie Kennerley and the Revd Dr William Olhausen (BACI chair).

DIOCESAN NEWS

New Archdeacon appointed



Ven. Cecil Pringle

Having served in the position for the past twenty-five years the Venerable Cecil Pringle is to stand down as Archdeacon of Clogher. The Rt. Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher paid tribute to the outstanding service which the Archdeacon had given to the Diocese and to the Church.

“Cecil Pringle has an unparalleled knowledge of the diocese of Clogher and has brought all of his skills, enthusiasm and dedication to bear during his period of service as Archdeacon. He has also served the central bodies of the Church of Ireland in virtually every capacity possible, most recently as a member of the Executive Committee of the Representative Church Body.

In addition to his many other offices Archdeacon Pringle also served as a member of the Western Education and Library Board for ten years, during which time he chaired the Teaching Appointments Committee.

In the Church of Ireland archdeacons are required to stand down from that office at the age of seventy. However I am delighted to be able to say that Archdeacon Pringle will continue to have the care of the parishes of Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne. It would be impossible for me to adequately express the debt which I personally owe to Archdeacon Pringle for his advice, support and encouragement over the past two and a half years since I came to this Diocese”.

Archdeacon Pringle is to be succeeded as Archdeacon of Clogher by The Revd Canon Helene T. Steed, the rector of the Clones Group of Parishes in Co. Monaghan. Canon Steed came to the diocese of Clogher in February 2008 when she was instituted as rector of Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss. Prior to serving in Clogher, Canon Steed served as Dean’s Vicar in St Fin Barre’s Cathedral, Cork for four years, and before this she held a number of rural ministerial positions in the Church of Sweden.

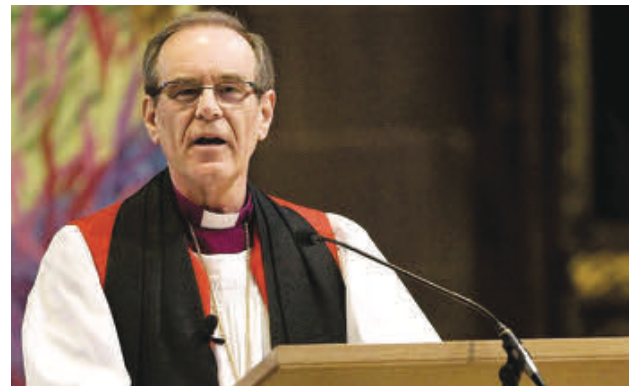


Ven. Helene Steed

A native of Sweden, Canon Steed was ordained priest in 1996 in the Church of Sweden following study at Lincoln Theological College and Uppsala University, where she achieved a Master’s degree in Divinity. Prior to ordination, Canon Steed spent time working in the Church of

England, and has also pursued theological research in South Africa. Since coming to Clogher Diocese, she has served as Bishop’s Chaplain and as Rural Dean of Clones, which includes parishes in North Monaghan and South-East Fermanagh. Since 2011 she has been a member of the Cathedral Chapter holding the position of Prebend of Devenish. In addition to being a member of Diocesan Synod, Canon Steed is a member of Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Glebes Committee,

the Diocesan Sustentation and Finance Committee, and has served on the management committee of the Wells Youth Ministry. She chairs the Board of Management of Monaghan Collegiate School, and she is also the Church of Ireland representative on the Porvoo Communion of Churches contact group.



Bishop Nigel McCulloch

The service of Installation of the new Archdeacon will take place on Sunday 16th March at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. The preacher will be an old friend of Helene’s, the Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch KCVO, recently retired as Bishop of Manchester.

Diocesan Ministry of Healing

The Diocesan Ministry of Healing are holding a support and information evening on the subject of depression. The speaker will be Mr Raymond Farrell. The evening is open to anyone. As the title suggests it is to provide information to a sufferer, anyone who feels they may be suffering from it, or family members, also anyone who wishes to know about the illness. It is hoped that advice on places where help may be given will also be provided.

The event will be held in the Hillard Room, St. Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8pm on Thursday 13th March 2014.

The committee would appreciate support from clergy and parishioners across the Diocese.

Appointment of Diocesan Accountant

Mrs Ashley Brown FCA, CTA, took up the position of Diocesan Accountant in February, and will be based at the Diocesan Office in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Ashley previously worked for Enniskillen accountancy firm Hassard McClements Ltd, who are auditors for the diocese. The Bishop said “we are delighted to have Ashley join the Diocesan team. Her knowledge of the working routine of the office and of our financial arrangements will be a tremendous asset to the Diocese”.

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 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2014

Sunday 2nd March – The Sunday before Lent (white or green)

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday (Violet)



Thursday 6th March – African Children's Choir in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 6.30pm.

Friday 7th March – Women's World Day of Prayer. Theme: 'Streams in the Desert' by the women of Egypt. Taking place in the following parish churches: Cleenish at 8.00pm; Carrickmacross; Clogher Cathedral at 8.00pm; Derryvullen North at 8.45pm speaker Miss Kate Doherty; Dromore at 8.00pm; Enniskillen Cathedral at 8.00pm speaker Revd Ngozi Njoku; Aghavea at 8.00pm speaker Revd Melanie Lacy (Oak Hill College, London).

Friday 7th March – Sallaghy Parish Dance in the Church Hall. Music by 'Sweet Harmony'. Tickets available.

Sunday 9th March – The First Sunday in Lent (Violet)

Tuesday 11th March – Lay Bible Study meeting in Christ Church Parish Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Thursday 13th March – Lunchtime Healing Service in Enniskillen Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

Thursday 13th March – Support Information Evening on Depression in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Providing information to a sufferer, anyone who feels they may be suffering from depression, family members and anyone who wishes to know about the illness. Advice on places where help may be obtained will also be provided. Speaker: Raymond Farrell. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Ministry of Healing.

Friday 14th March – Concert with Monaghan Gospel Choir and Murley Silver Band in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher at 8.00pm. Proceeds to the Cathedral Repair Fund.

Saturday 15th March – Deadline for all submissions to Clogher Diocesan Magazine. Email entries for April issue to: editor@clogher.anglican.org

Sunday 16th March - Service of Installation of Archdeacon Helene Steed at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. The preacher will be the Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch KCVO, recently retired Bishop of Manchester.

Thursday 20th March - Suicide - The Churches Response. 7.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. Speaker: Connor McCafferty of Zest. This is open to everyone who is concerned about this issue which has been so prevalent in recent times. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action.

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

Friday 21st March – Brookeborough Primary School PTSA Fashion Show in Aghavea Parish Hall.

Sunday 23rd March – Dedication and Thanksgiving Service in Garrison Parish Church at 3.00pm to celebrate the re-opening and refurbishment of the Church. Also to dedicate all the gifts that have been given in memory of loved ones by past and present parishioners.

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

Thursday 27th March – Lunchtime Healing Service in Enniskillen Cathedral from 1.05-1.35pm.

April 2014

Tuesday 8th April – Lay Bible Study meeting in Christ Church Parish Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Sunday 13th April – Kesh Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service (featuring the joint choirs) on Palm Sunday in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7.00pm. Hospitality to follow in the parish hall.

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday Procession to the Cathedral meeting at St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 10.30am.

Sunday 13th - Sunday 20th April 2014 – Parish Mission 2014 (Palm Sunday) in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. 'This is our Church' with the students of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and the Bishop of Clogher being the speaker each night.

Sunday 13th April – Praise Service organised by SNATCH in Aghavea Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Thursday 17th April – Messy Church in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 4.00pm.

Friday 18th April – Family Service (Good Friday) in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am.

Friday 18th April – Tenebrae Service (Good Friday) in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm.

Saturday 26th April – Galloon Parish Auction in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler at 12.00noon. We need a supply of sell-able items so please start looking now. Collection and storage can be arranged. Contact William Little on 028 677 38676.

May 2014

Friday 2nd May – MU Area Service in St Maldoid's, Castleblayney at 8.00pm.

Tuesday 6th May – Diocesan Board of Education meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 6th May – Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 6th May – Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Inishmaccsaint Parish Church at 8.00pm. Speaker: Canon Patrick Bamber.

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Thursday 22nd May – MU Spring Council in Enniskillen Cathedral Hall.

June 2014

Tuesday 3rd June – **Adult Confirmation** in Portora Royal School Chapel at 7.30pm. Contact the Dean for details.

Friday 6th June – **MU Indoor Members Afternoon Tea Party** in the See House.

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

Sunday 8th June – **Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering** at St. Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher at 3.00pm. Led by the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Wednesday 18th June – **Deadline for Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal 2014**. All entries for both competitions should be either left in the Diocesan Office or sent to the CDBRE secretary: Joyce Clingan, 37 Meadow Farm, Garvary, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, BT74 4QS. Organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education.

Saturday 21st June – **MU General Meeting** in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast at 10.30am.

July 2014

Tuesday 22nd - Saturday 26th July 2014 – **Annual Massive Second-hand Book Sale** in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler. This is an event not to be missed by anyone who likes books. We would welcome donations of books of all kinds. We can arrange to accept your delivery or we can arrange to collect large amounts. Contact William Little on 028 677 38676 to arrange.

August 2014

Friday 1st - Monday 4th August 2014 – **Centenary Commemoration of the outbreak of the First World War** with displays, events and a special service in Lisbellaw Parish Church.

Sunday 3rd August – **Centenary Commemoration** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.00pm (held on the eve of the anniversary of Britain's declaration of war with Germany).

September 2014

Tuesday 2nd September – **Diocesan Council** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 2nd September – **Diocesan Glebes Committee** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Saturday 13th September – **Diocesan Training Day for MU Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers**.

Sunday 21st September – **Tercentenary Service of Celebration** at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. In 2014 USPG (now called Us) celebrates 300 years of overseas mission. The first president of the society in Ireland was the then Bishop of Clogher.

Thursday 25th September – **Diocesan Synod** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 4.30pm.

October 2014

Wednesday 15th October – **MU Autumn Council** in Colebrooke Parish Hall.

Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd October 2014 – **Clogher Clergy Retreat**

November 2014

Sunday 2nd November – **Ministry of Healing Service** in Clabby Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 4th November – **Diocesan Glebes Committee** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 4th November – **Diocesan Board of Education** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 4th November – **Diocesan Council** meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

MU Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd May Area Service in Muckno Parish Church, Castleblayney at 8.00pm.

Friday 16th May Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church.

Friday 16th May Area Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church. Speaker: Revd Canon Patrick Bamber, Sligo.

Thursday 22nd May Spring Council in Enniskillen Cathedral Hall.

Friday 6th June Indoor Members Afternoon Tea Party in the See House, Fivemiletown.

Saturday 13th September Diocesan Training Day for Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Wednesday 15th October Autumn Council in Colebrooke Parish Hall.

It is hoped to have a Festival Service on **Friday 1st May 2015** in Monaghan Parish Church.

Students visit MU in Castleblayney

We were delighted to have three students with us for our February meeting of the MU held in Castleblayney.

Two of the students (Aurora and Jeremias) are from Germany and Alina is from Switzerland.

Aurora is staying with the Geary family and regularly attends Morning Prayer at Clontibret.

We thoroughly enjoyed their time with us as they chatted about their expectations on coming to Ireland, our climate, the countryside, the people and the food. They said that it was interesting to have the experience of different religious practices. Jeremias played the cello and explained that music is a very important part of his family's life. They are certainly great ambassadors for their respective countries.



Members of the MU with Aurora, Jeremias and Alina.

Special Birthdays



Mrs Jane Cathcart (centre) celebrating her 103rd birthday with Branch Leader Vivienne Ferguson (seated left), and Diocesan President Dr. Margaret Knox (seated right) along with MU Branch Members Doreen Acheson and Gladys Latimer (standing)



Mrs Madge Wilson on her 90th Birthday

In January three members of the MU celebrated important milestones in their lives. Mrs Madge Wilson of Garvary Branch and Mrs Maude Nawn of Lisbellaw Branch celebrated their 90th birthdays and



Mrs Maud Nawn on her 90th Birthday

Mrs Jane Cathcart of Devenish and Boho Branch celebrated 103 years. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Nawn were founder members of their branches and attend meetings when weather and health permit. Mrs Cathcart resides in Drumclay Nursing Home and is pictured with, the President, Dr Knox and members of the branch who visited on her birthday.

CMSI visit Lisnaskea MU

Lisnaskea MU recently held an event at which Rachel Brittain and Roger Cooke of CMSI were guest speakers, sharing something about the work of CMS Ireland. Florence Creighton had arranged for a cake to be made by Deborah Egerton in honour of the 200th Anniversary of CMSI.



Bishop John McDowell, Revd Brian Harper, Florence Creighton, Rachel Brittain and Revd Alan Capper



Revd Brian Harper, Chairman of the CMSI Regional Support Group, with Florence Creighton cutting the cake



Bishop John McDowell, Revd Brian Harper, Florence Creighton, Roger Cooke and Revd Alan Capper

YOUTH NEWS

CDYC Youth Consultation Evenings



Revd James Boyd, Chairman of Clogher Diocesan Youth Council

Every New Year comes with the opportunities for new beginnings. January 2014 has seen the beginning of a new approach to youth work in the diocese. The newly constituted Clogher Diocesan Youth Council has been holding widely publicised Consultation Evenings in three key venues throughout the diocese. Youth leaders were invited to come along to express the interests and needs of their young people and themselves. The new council were very keen to ensure that whatever planning they committed to in the future development of youth work and programmes was a true reflection of the opinions of the young people and those working directly with them.

The council have been very encouraged by the response to these events with over sixty attending the various evenings. Youth leaders were asked to gauge the opinion of their young people in key areas of interest before attending and then these and their own opinions were assessed at each of the individual events.

The evenings were opened with welcome and a Review of the past good diocesan youth work by the new Chairman, the Revd James Boyd. He spoke about “where we have been” but then asked “where should we go now?” The youth leaders and young people were then asked to take time to answer key questions on an individual basis as they completed a questionnaire covering six areas.

These personal reflections were then recorded and all present divided into small group sessions where the key areas were further discussed so that a group consensus could be formed to go along with the individual responses. These included:

- How can CDYC best support Youth Leaders?
- What training would young people be interested in attending?

- What events or programmes would be most worthwhile?
- How best can we communicate with you?
- What outreach service would young people enjoy supporting?
- What training events or programmes would be most helpful to leaders?

All the individual and group responses have now been collated and the results have pointed the council to specific key areas that require work and input. The training and the resourcing of leaders along with the gathering of youth and their leaders are key areas for development. It is clear our young people and their leaders are committed to not only growing stronger in their faith but also in creating opportunities to share and express their passion and love of God.

The evenings Revealed the extent and quality of the work of our youth leaders. The success of the Wells project was reflected in the numbers of leaders attending from these new youth ministries and they along with the already well established youth organisations and established youth ministries put the diocesan youth work in a very healthy position.

In his closing remarks Revd Boyd spoke about the opportunity to do new things as leaders and young people. That the new council were very grateful for all the faithful work of many in the past and that we looked forward to building on this good foundation in a new and adventurous way.



Some participants at one of the consultation events

CHILDREN'S SECTION COLOUR IN



**Jesus was tempted
in the desert**

READ

Babies grow up! The baby **Jesus** born in Bethlehem grew up to be Jesus the man. The Bible does not tell us very much about Jesus growing up but it does tell us that when he was a man he was baptised by John the Baptist. Then he went into the desert where he was **tempted** by the devil.

Jesus is Tempted (you can read this in the Bible in Matthew, Chapter 4 verses 1 – 11)

Jesus ate nothing for forty days and **forty** nights. The **devil** came to Jesus to tempt him. He tempted Jesus three times. Each time Jesus was tempted, he said, "No."

| | What the devil said | What Jesus said |
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| 1 | Jesus had eaten nothing for 40 days and forty nights. He was very hungry. | "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." |
| 2 | The devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem. He put Jesus on the highest point of the Temple. | "If you are the Son of God, jump off. God will send his angels to save you." |
| 3 | The devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain . He showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and all the wonderful things in them. | "Go away from me. It is written in the scriptures, "You must only worship God." |

Then the devil left Jesus. Some angels came to Jesus and helped him.

WORDSEARCH

Find these words from the story in the wordsearch.

- Jesus
 - tempted
 - forty
 - devil
 - stones
 - bread
 - scripture
 - test
 - mountain
 - worship
- (words might go forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally)

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LENT

GIVE UP? TAKE UP?

We are often tempted to do, say or think things that are wrong, things that do not please God. Just as Jesus said 'no' when he was tempted by the devil, we have to learn to say 'no' when we are tempted to do wrong. The Bible helps us to know what pleases God.

Lent is the 40 days before Easter, starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday (we do not count the Sundays in that period of time). Historically Lent is based on the time Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying and being tempted by the devil. Lent is a special time to think about all that Jesus gave up for us when he died on the cross. It

is a time to think about what we have done wrong and to say sorry to God.

During Lent some people choose to '**give up**' something that is important to them (a favourite food or activity). They use this as a reminder that Jesus gave up everything for us. Some people '**take up**' activities: they read the Bible, they pray, they go to church, they do things to help other people. When they are tempted not to bother, they try to say 'no' and keep on doing these good things.

Lent starts on Wednesday 5th March this year. What could you do this Lent? Could you go to church and Sunday School every Sunday? Could you read your Bible every day? Will you try?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Macular Support Group

Macular degeneration is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK and leads to central vision loss. If you or someone you know is affected by macular degeneration there is a support group which meets on the third Wednesday of each month in Barbour Court, Paget Square, Enniskillen 11am-1pm. You are very welcome to come along to our group and meet others with the same eye condition. For further information contact Doris on 02866341404.

Hearing Aid Clinic

Do you wear NHS hearing aids? Come to our free drop-in clinic for advice on how to use and maintain your aids, information on hearing loss/tinnitus. If you have a concern about your hearing we offer a free hearing check. NHS batteries distributed. Clinic in Maplegroup Practice Health Centre Lisnaskea on 10th March 11.30am-1pm. No need to make an appointment. For further information contact Lisa 02866324400.

Survive & Thrive

The Survive & Thrive II Programme works throughout the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council areas seeking businesses that require support to survive and grow and put appropriate support in place to enable this survival and growth. Business Reviews examining the strengths and weaknesses of the business are completed by the Project Co-ordinator who develops an Action Plan or signposts to an existing provision. The Action Plan sets out recommended mentor support in various business areas and this is then agreed by the Co-ordinator and the client business and appropriate expertise is sought from the Business Mentor List. Contact Noelle McAloon on 078 72424246 or noelle.mcaloon@fermanagh.gov.uk

Grow and Prosper

This innovative Business Growth Programme assists new and existing businesses in the Fermanagh District Council area. It aims to help local businesses to create new jobs, build management capacity and increase sales. The Programme will support new and existing businesses with high growth potential to make the necessary provision for turning aspiration into reality. In addition to mentoring support, the programme also provides businesses with access to a number of capacity building events to enable them to achieve their growth potential. Contact Una Porteous on 07712511779 or una.porteous@fermanagh.gov.uk

Stroke Support Group

A new local Stroke Support Group began recently at Fermanagh House. This local stroke group offers: Information about stroke and local services that

might help; Support for you, your friends and family through a range of social activities; Help in regaining your confidence after a stroke; A warm welcome and a friendly face; The opportunity to talk to someone who understands because they've been through it too. The Enniskillen Stroke Support Group meets on Tuesdays from 11.00am-1.00pm in Fermanagh House. For further information contact 02866320210 or info@fermanaghtrust.org

Become a Volunteer Transport Buddy

The Transport Buddy Service is for individuals aged 14 years and over and people with disabilities who want to learn to travel independently using public and community transport. The service teaches them how to safely and independently access a range of transport. This service would not be possible without the help of Volunteer Transport Buddies who accompany trainees on their journeys until they have the knowledge and confidence to travel independently. Once trainees become independent travellers they have the freedom to get to and from school, work and social activities without having to rely on others. Contact Jill Hunter on 07974610120 or Maeve Donaghy on 07850851824 or buddytransport@volunteernow.co.uk

FarmSafe Awareness

This is an opportunity for farm families and workers to gain a better understanding of how to farm safely and to develop awareness to reduce the risk of accidents. FarmSafe Awareness events offer practical demonstrations covering the everyday hazards faced by farmers and farming families. Topics covered include: working at height, slurry risks, handling livestock and working with machinery. It is open to farmers and farm families aged 17 and over. Attendance is free of charge and events will run within established Focus Farms.

FarmSafe Awareness events can also be delivered directly to farming groups. If you are a farming group or can get a group of 10 or more farmers together we can arrange a group session for you. For further information or to register contact 0845 0267536 or 0845 0267534 or options@countrysiderural.co.uk

Fast Track ICT for Farmers and Farm Families

Free to farm families, save time and money, computer training, complete forms online, delivered locally, reduce paperwork. The initial training will be on a basic introductory level suitable for those with little or no previous computing experience. Participants will get the opportunity to search the internet, explore online services such as APHIS, single farm payment, VAT, farm modernisation, ebay/gumtree, etc! The course will run for 4 weeks, be delivered locally and at a time convenient to your group. Training is free for farmers and members of the farm family aged 17 and over. Contact Anne Marie Bell on 0845 0267534.

Human Trafficking

Did you know that Human Trafficking is a huge industry in N. Ireland? And that you probably walk past trafficked humans, or premises in which they work, far more often than you imagine? And that the level of demand in N. Ireland for one of the industries trafficked humans work in, prostitution, is, per capita, among the highest in Europe?

When the Revd Frances Bach retired from ministry in Connor Diocese a year ago, she wanted to find some small, unlikely cause or charity where she could perhaps make a difference to one person. She chose trafficked women – a cause which sadly turns out to be neither small nor unlikely.

She has been asked by the Revd Terrie Robinson, women's desk officer and networks co-ordinator at the Anglican Communion Office in London, to collect

information about Human Trafficking, and responses to it, in Northern Ireland. She is working her way through organisations such as the PSNI, NGOs and charities, but she also needs to find out what Church of Ireland members are doing, whether as individuals, parishes or dioceses.

If your parish or anyone in it is involved in combating Human Trafficking, she would be very grateful if you could tell her about it. Everything will be treated as confidential. Her phone number is 02820751081, her email is frances.bach@btinternet.com

For anyone wanting to get involved, often the best way is to support a charity that aims to educate and give skills to people in their own countries, so that they can avoid being trafficked. Prevention is better than cure. However, if you think you have seen a victim locally, please tell the police.

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Rural Dean Canon Helene Steed on her recent appointment as Archdeacon of Clogher and wish her God's blessing as she prepares to commence this role. We would also like to congratulate Archdeacon Pringle on his long and dedicated service and wish him well in the future.

Our study group continues at The Rectory on the second, third, fourth and fifth Mondays of March. This year we are looking at Grace with the help of Max Lucado.

A service will be held in Aghadrumsee on Ash Wednesday at 8.00pm.

Aghadrumsee Parish Sale is on Wednesday 19th March at 8.00pm, please come along and purchase some of the goodies on offer.

The next meeting of Clogh Mothers' Union is on Monday 3rd March at 8.00pm, the speaker will be Sarah Downey who was part of the Ulster Project last summer. Our Speaker's night will be held on 3rd April when we will hear from Joanne Dobson on the topic of organ donation.

At the beginning of February Aghadrumsee Parish lost its most senior parishioners. Mrs Eileen Johnston was a member of the Ladies Guild for many years and faithfully assisted her late husband in his role as sexton. We extend our sympathy to her daughters Sylvia and Helen, her son-in-law and her grandchildren. Sympathy is also extended to Mrs Audrey McVitty and family on the death of her Mother Mrs Balfour and to Mr & Mrs Christy Crowe on the death of his brother.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

March 2nd 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

March 5th 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion Colebrooke

March 9th 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

March 12th 8.00pm Wednesday Lent Service Colebrooke

March 16th 11.00am Family Service at Cooneen

March 18th 8.00pm Wednesday Lent Service Colebrooke
March 23rd 11.00am Colebrooke Combined Healing Service
March 26th 8.00pm Wednesday Lent Service Colebrooke
March 30th 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Special Services

April 27th Mullaghfad Holy Communion at 3.30pm
May 4th Colebrooke Friends' Service at 3.30pm
May 18th Colebrooke Family Service with GFS at 11.00am; Mullaghfad Friends' Service at 3.30pm

Mothers' Union

On February 18th at the Valley Fold, Fivemiletown, after supper with the residents, one of our members, Irene, "was" Fanny Crosby and transported us back to the 19th Century, telling her life story. Members sang some of the many hymns she had written and recited some of her poems.

Friday, 7th March Women's World Day of Prayer in Aghavea Parish Church at 8pm
Tuesday, 18th March Branch meeting in Colebrooke Parish Hall at 8pm
 Speaker: Mrs Emily Kells on "Marie Curie Nursing".
 Non-members most welcome.

Holiday Bible Club

We plan to hold a holiday Bible club on the last week of June, Monday 23rd to Friday 27th 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall, ending with a Sunday service on 29th June in Colebrooke Hall. The title of the week will be A Jungle Jamboree, which will be focusing on some of the parables Jesus told, using music, drama, crafts, games and more. The club will be suitable for Primary School age children, with maybe a year or two on either side of that age range. Registration is essential to allow for provision of crafts etc.

SNATCH

(Sunday Night at the Church Hall) Youth Ministry Aghavea & Colebrooke
 Sundays 2nd & 16th March at 7.30pm in Aghavea Parish Hall.
 All young people of secondary school age welcome.
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf
 Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

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

Bowling Club

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

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March 2014

Sunday 2nd

10am Sunday School
 11am Holy Communion
 7.30pm SNATCH - Aghavea

Wednesday 5th

8pm Lent Midweek: 'Nothing Without Love'

Friday 7th

8pm Women's World Day of Prayer, Brookeborough District - speaker: Revd Melanie Lacy

Sunday 9th

10am Sunday School
 11am Morning Prayer
 7pm Evening Prayer - Brooke Hall

Wednesday 12th

8pm Lent Midweek: 'Love is...'

Sunday 16th

10am Sunday School
 11am Church Family Service
 7.30pm SNATCH - Aghavea

Wednesday 19th

8pm Lent Midweek: 'Love is not...'

Sunday 23rd

10am Sunday School
 11am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 26th

8pm Lent Midweek: 'Holy Love'

Sunday 30th

10am Sunday School
 11am Service of the Word for Mothering Sunday

Wednesday 2nd

8pm Lent Midweek: 'Love's Fullness'

Sunday 7th April

10am Sunday School
 11am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 9th

8pm Lent Midweek: 'Eternal Love'

Dear friends,

As we read through the Bible, there can sometimes come the moment where you ask why a particular portion is there, in that way, in that much detail. Take, for example, the book of Exodus. As the name suggests, this book is about the way out, the exodus of the children of Israel from their slavery in Egypt.

Having been saved by the basket in the bulrushes and sent through the burning bush encounter with the LORD, Moses delivers God's message to Pharaoh. The first half of the book is exciting, dramatic, tense, as Pharaoh consistently refuses to 'let my people go'. The plagues come along, leading up to the Passover and the escape from Egypt. Having crossed the Red Sea, the people of Israel encounter God at Mount Sinai, where they receive the Law.

It's then that the action seems to dry up. Almost out of nowhere, comes the instruction to build the sanctuary tabernacle, beginning in chapter 25 and going on for several chapters. I'm not crafty in the slightest, so the details of rings and poles and calyxes and tassels and clasps and all the rest leave me bewildered and confuddled. Why do we suddenly go from dramatic rescue to what appears to be interior design for the tent of God?

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask that our Father's kingdom will come and his will be done 'on earth as it is in heaven.' And this little phrase gives us a clue about what is happening here in Exodus. When Moses is constructing the meeting place between God and his people, he doesn't just make it up as he goes along. He's not given free rein to come up with it himself.

Rather, the LORD tells him in Exodus 25:9 'Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.' We find the same reminder in 25:40, 26:30, 27:8. The tabernacle that Moses is building on earth is to be on earth as it is in heaven. We get a glimpse of what the heavenly reality is like, because as the writer to the Hebrews says of this very verse, the priests 'serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things...' (Heb 8:5).

But now Christ has entered the holy place - not the tabernacle on earth - but in heaven, 'not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood securing an eternal redemption.' (Heb 9:12). In this way, the writer to the Hebrews helps us tie together the dramatic escape from Egypt and the minute details of tabernacle furnishings - as pointing towards the finished salvation work of Christ, our Passover and Great High Priest.

Yours in Christ,
Gary

Lent Midweek Services: A Portrait of Love

You might have had it read at your wedding. You might have heard it at a funeral. It might be one of the best known chapters in the Bible. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul gives us a portrait of love. Join with us as we discover what love is all about. Our Lent Midweek services begin on Ash Wednesday, 5th March and continue at 8pm every Wednesday night through Lent.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues to meet each Sunday morning at 10am in the church hall, helping to lead our Church Family Service on the third Sunday of the month.

Bowls

Bowls meets on Monday nights at 8pm in the church hall. If you'd like to have a go, why not drop in some Monday night? The season will close with our AGM on Monday 31st March.

Mothers' Union

Despite a wintry night, we were able to welcome Joy Graham to our February meeting. Joy told us about the work of the Horizon West Hospice at Killadeas, they already work with 76 families, and have plans to increase as funding and staffing allows.

The March meeting will be on Tuesday 11th March at 8pm, when we will think about Mothers' Union - Beyond the Branch with Diane Whittaker. We will also host the Women's World Day of Prayer service for the Brookeborough District on Friday 7th March, to which all ladies are 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. This term we're meeting in Aghavea church hall, on the 2nd, 16th and 30th March from 7.30pm until 9pm.

Plans are also under way for a special SNATCH Praise Service on Palm Sunday, 13th April at 7.30pm. Everyone will be welcome as SNATCH organise and lead the service.

Fashion Show

Brookeborough Controlled Primary School PTSA are holding a Fashion Show on Friday 21st March in Aghavea Church Hall. All welcome.

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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We are delighted that expressions of interest have been invited by the Diocese for those seeking opportunity for Ministry with us. We trust that there is someone out there who will feel called to our Group of parishes. We appreciate the responsibility that all involved in the appointment process will carry and pray that God will grant them wisdom in their task. We are so thankful for all those who have so faithfully and generously ministered to us during the vacancy and wish them God's Blessing in all that they do.

Here in County Monaghan we look with concern at all those who have been struggling to work through the heavy rainfall and all the difficulties that it has brought over the past few months. We pray that God in his goodness will bring some respite in the weather as he did last year when a very cold and wet spring developed into a pleasant summer which allowed stocks of fodder to be replenished. We remember in our prayers all who are working to relieve those in danger and in hardship.

Baptism

On Sunday 19th January 2014, Joseph Francis Patrick baby son of Joan Montgomery and Barry McArdle was baptized by Revd C. McCollum.

Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Installation

All at St Maeldoid's send warmest greetings to Revd Damien and Mrs Rachel Boyle and girls who was recently installed as Minister of First Castleblayney, Frankford, Corvally and Ervy Presbyterian Churches. Some of our Parishioners attended the full to capacity Church. A beautiful tea was served afterwards.

On the 17th January we said Farewell to Revd Christy and Mrs Roberta and Nathan Irwin at a retirement function held in the Lecture Hall, Castleblayney a small gift was presented to them by Mrs Ethel Coulter on behalf of St Maeldoids Church.

Christmas Tree Festival

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway to host a Christmas Tree Festival in St Maeldoid's Church on the last weekend of November (28th to 30th). More details later.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer (is an international ecumenical Christian Laywomen's initiative), will take place on Friday 7th March at 8pm in St Maeldoid's Church Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Elsie Nesbitt, Ballybay. The Theme for this year's Service is "Streams in the Desert" and it was prepared by Egyptian women. Please feel free to come along and join in the fellowship with us.

Mothers' Union News

A very enjoyable and unplanned Mothers Union and Friends meeting took place on Wednesday 5th February 2014. Thank you to Christine Dickson, Sandra Geary and Jennifer Leathem for arranging this visit. Three students who are on an exchange Programme to Ireland, one from Switzerland and two from Germany, came along to the meeting and told us about themselves and their countries. Jeremias from Germany played the Cello. Thank you to these three most inspiring young people. Aurore, Jeremias and Alina are wished all the best in their future studies.

Mothers' Union Area Service

Mothers' Union Group is also pleased to announce that the Mothers' Union Area Service for the southern part to the Diocese is taking place in St Maeldoid's Church on Friday 2nd May 2014. We are delighted that Mr Walter Pringle will lead the Service and that Revd Anita Kerr has agreed to be the Speaker. The Rural Dean, Canon Ian Berry and the Bishop, The Right Revd John McDowell hope to be in attendance. Please make a special effort to come along. You are most welcome. Finally, to those who have been hospitalized recently, Get well Soon.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Ballybay News

Christmas is now behind us. We hope you all enjoyed the many Carol and Christmas Services bringing us the true meaning of Christmas. We thank Jean our sexton for putting away all our decorations and disposing of all the greenery when everything was over.

We thank Crossduff Parish Committee who donated their Christmas Tree to us and Kenny who delivered it after their Carol Service. You could call it a new type of recycling. We now look forward to a new and interesting New Year with lots of plans.

The combined service of Holy Communion was held this year in 1st Ballybay Presbyterian Church. This Service is held on the first Sunday of each year and has been held now for a number of years in each Church. The Church of Ireland will be due to hold this service next year. It is always a lovely way to start the year in fellowship with our neighbours.

The Bishop will be coming to our parish to administer Confirmation on Sunday evening the 4th of May. If anyone is interested in going forward for confirmation please contact Canon Berry who will be holding classes shortly.

At last our Parish has been advertised for a new minister. The nominators are to meet on the 6th of March. We pray that God will direct them in this important task.

Womens World Day of Prayer is to be held in Chuain Mhuire on Friday the 7th of March at 8pm.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Sunday Services for March

Sunday 2nd March - The Sunday before Lent
Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C.
Magheraclone 12 noon M.P.
Ardragh 1.15pm H.C.

Sunday 9th March - The 1st Sunday in Lent
Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.
Magheraclone 12 noon H.C.

Sunday 16th March - The 2nd Sunday in Lent
Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.
Magheraclone 12 noon M.P.
Ardragh 1.15pm M.P.

Sunday 23rd March - The 3rd Sunday in Lent
Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.
Magheraclone 12 noon M.P.

Sunday 30th March - The 4th Sunday in Lent
Carrickmacross 10.30am Family Service
Magheraclone 12 noon Family Service
Would families please put their choice of hymns for that day in the box provided in church. These hymns can mark an Anniversary or birthday.

As I prepare these notes, my eye through the window has caught the fall of beautiful white fluffy flakes, turning the lawn into what seems like a beautiful white carpet. It is also Valentines weekend. Most peoples mind will be directed towards thoughts of love for that special person. While the commercial aspect is exploited, it is a good opportunity to tell and demonstrate love and appreciation to those who mean most through the giving of gifts and sharing of a special meal.

My thoughts turned to the great love of God for us, John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Christian Burial

The remains of Henry Fredrick Moore were laid to rest in St. Finbar's cemetery Saturday 1st February alongside his predeceased wife Ella. We extend sympathy to his relatives in Carrickmacross and also Dublin where he had resided during his lifetime. Thanks to Revd Canon Roy Byrne who conducted the funeral service in Dublin.

MU and Friends

Unfortunately owing to others commitments I was unable to join with the ladies for their annual Christmas dinner. We are meeting up to finalise their Spring programme.

Sunday School

Owing to teachers and children been ill with winter vomiting and bugs, Sunday school was off, but has resumed again. This takes place during church. The teachers and children are very excited about embarking on their new lessons "Go Teach"

Table Tennis

The young people and leaders meet each Friday evening from 7-9.30pm. Thanks to those leaders who are willing to give of their time in this way; for the benefit of the young folk.

PA System

A new sound system has been installed in St Molua's in Magheraclone. This will be of great benefit both to myself and parishioners.

Illness

We think of those at this time who have been hospitalised but now await test results at home. We remember also those people who reside in even tide homes.

Magazine Subscriptions

Please remember those who receive the Diocesan magazine, the annual subscription is now due to Alan Sweetnam.

World Day of Prayer

This takes place Friday 7th March. The topic is "Streams in the Desert". The service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Egypt.



This service alternates annually in Carrickmacross. This year it is the turn of St. Finbar's to act as host. Preparations at present are ongoing for the service. The speaker expected is Mrs Olive Sturgeon who is a retired nurse and missionary. She is active in Church work in the Diocese of Kilmore. Please note gentlemen that you are also very welcome to this service.

St Patrick's Day

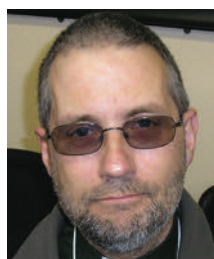
All glory and praise to you, Father, above, who promised us peace in your kingdom of love; and praise to your Son who has freed mankind to walk in true fellowship, oneness of mind. Our hearts ever grateful give thanks for your gospel, and Patrick who told of the joy we can find.



Your word tells us clearly of glory to be:
 'When raised from the earth I will draw all to me.'
 Like Patrick, may we be as mirrors for you,
 and show loving kindness in all that we do;
 all hardship distaining,
 this message proclaiming-
 'God's wonderful love can make everything new!'

Verse 2 based on John 12:32, by Donald A.R. Caird (b. 1925) and Gary Hastings (b. 1956). Versified by Donald Davison (1937-2013).

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for March

Wednesday, 5 March

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 9 March

10:00am H.C. One, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am H.C. One, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday, 12 March

10:00am H.C. & Healing Service, Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

Sunday, 16 March

10:00am M.P. Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 23 March

10:00am H.C. Two, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am H.C. Two, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 30 March. Mothers' Day

10:00am Family Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Family Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday, 6 April

10:00am M.P. Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Select Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 19th March in Cleenish Parish Hall.

Wednesday 26th March. Mullaghduin Parish Hall.

Mothers' Union

Friday 7th March 8pm Womens' World Day of Prayer will be hosted by Cleenish Parish.

Tuesday 18th March 8pm Mullaghduin Parish Hall, the speaker will be Alison Brown.

Cleenish Brownies

Thirteen Brownies are at present involved in Badge work. Girls aged 7 to 11 years will be made welcome on Wednesday evenings in Cleenish Parish Hall.

Morning Classes in Cleenish Parish Hall

The FACT Project is now running classes for the over 60's until the end of March, as follows:-

Boccia a form of Bowling, Wednesdays, 11am to 12.30pm.

Exercise through Dancing, Fridays, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Booking is essential, contact Ruby 6634 9886 or Maureen 6634 8806

Cleenish Supper Dance



A very successful Supper Dance was held in the Unionist Hall in Enniskillen, on Friday evening 7th February. Approximately two hundred patrons attended, and were given a very good buffet meal provided and served by the ladies of the Parish. After the meal a Draw organised by Derrick Graham, and an Auction of gifts presented by Parishioners, was auctioned by Balfour Hoey. The evening concluded with everyone enjoying dancing.

Sincere thanks to Ossie & June, to Balfour & Helen, and all those who put so much work into this very successful event. A total of over £3500 was raised for Parish funds.



Parent and Toddler Group

There is now a full house for Group meetings on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall, where parents/carers have the opportunity to socially interact, and children to avail of a variety of play, craft and music activities.

Congratulations

To Revd Ivan Ruiters who has recently been promoted to Canon in Kilmore Diocese. Revd Ivan from our neighbouring Parish of Florencecourt, was installed in his post by the Bishop in Kilmore Cathedral, on Sunday afternoon 9th February. He is a very good friend and neighbour to Cleenish & Mullaghduin.

Message from our Rector

I wish to sincerely thank the parishioners from Cleenish & Mullaghduin for all their love, kindness & support when my mum died. It was much appreciated by Rosita, the boys & myself.

Illness

A number of parishioners are suffering illness which prevents them from attending Worship. They are regularly remembered in Prayer during our weekly services, and also at our monthly Holy Communion Service in Mullaghduin 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.

We remember the long-term ill, Madeline from Cleenish and Joan from Mullaghduin.

Mullaghduin CD Copier

Mullaghduin Parish now have a CD copier and can supply recordings of the Services to people who would like to receive them. Please speak to the Rector or one of the Churchwardens if you would like a recording of any of our Services.

Flower Festival & Exhibition

Plans are progressing for the Flower Festival "Lord for the Years" which takes place in Cleenish Parish Church, Bellanaleck, on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th, & Sunday 8th June 2014. The Festival Programme begins on Friday afternoon at 2pm, followed by an Opening Service at 8pm, with Bishop John as special preacher. The programme continues on Saturday from 10am to 9pm, and on Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 6pm. The weekend concludes with a Gospel Concert in the Cleenish Centre, Bellanaleck at 7.30pm. This is a unique venture for Cleenish Parish, as it celebrates the history of Christian teaching from the time of St Sinnell, who built the Church on Cleenish Island.

Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea, Lunches available, for further information or to make a booking please contact Florence Willis at 028 66 348327 or Mob 07753 119093.

Cleenish Centre

Since our fundraising Christmas Dinner we have had a number of new volunteers offering to work at the Centre. We are extremely grateful to them as this appears to be the way forward for the Centre. It was a pleasure to welcome our first group for 2014 from Dublin, and the momentum is building with 5-6 solid weekend bookings from late February into April, and enquiries for Spring and Summer are coming in. Work is progressing well both inside and outside the Centre. We have been blessed with the two workers provided by the Fermanagh Rural Community Initiative (FRCI), and the results of their work has been noticed by all who visit. Special thanks to Trevor & Ethel for their continued support, and to Ossie for use of his digger. Bookings are now being received for the summer months. To contact the Centre enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group Meeting

Instead of the usual monthly meeting in January, an Open Night took place in the Hall, which was very well attended. Proceedings began with a very interesting talk by Michael Skuce, Group Chairman, Derrygonnelly, who described how the Group in his area operated within the Village, and its hinterland. Those in attendance were then split into Groups, and returned comments as to what the Village and surrounding area needed in the future. There were a large number of items returned, and will be discussed by the Group in due course.

Discussions are at an advanced stage with reference to the upgrade of the Old Quarry site, and associated car park. However it is not yet over the line, although Owen is in constant contact with the representatives within our local Council, who are very helpful towards this very worthwhile project.

Next Monthly Meeting, Wednesday 26th March.

Sympathy

Is extended to June Clements, Cleenish Parish, whose sister-in-law Mrs Mary Thornton passed away suddenly on Thursday evening 16th January. Mary was a faithful supporter of Kinawley & Swanlinbar Parish.

Sympathy is also extended to Ossie Clements, Cleenish Parish, whose Aunt passed away recently in Belfast.

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



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Sunday 2nd March 10:00 Errigal Portclare HC;
11:30 Clogher Cathedral HC; 10:00 Augher MP;
11:30 Newtownsaville MP.

Ash Wednesday 5th March 8:00pm Clogher Cathedral.

Friday 7th March 8:00pm Clogher Cathedral Womens World Day of Prayer.

Sunday 9th March 9:00 Clogher Cathedral HC;
10:00 Errigal Portclare MP; 11:30 Clogher Cathedral MP; 10:00 Augher HC; 11.30 Newtownsaville HC and Holy Baptism.

Wednesday 12th March 8:00pm Errigal Portclare Lenten Service.

Sunday 16th March 10:00 Errigal Portclare MP;
11:30 Clogher Cathedral HC; 10:00 Augher MP;
11:30 Newtownsaville MP.

7:00pm Installation of Canon Helene Steed as Archdeacon of the Diocese in Clogher Cathedral.

Wednesday 19th March 8:00pm Augher Lenten Service and MU.

Sunday 23rd March 9:00 Clogher Cathedral HC;
10:00 Errigal Portclare MP; 11.30 Clogher Cathedral MP; 10:00 Augher MP; 11.30 Newtownsaville MP.

Wednesday 26th March 8:00pm Newtownsaville Lenten Service.

Sunday 30th March 9:00 Clogher Cathedral HC;
10:30 Clogher Cathedral United Family Service for the Group, followed by refreshments (Please note the time).

Mothers' Union

The installation of Mrs Iris Moffit as Branch Leader was deferred from the 15th until the 24th due to the death of Mrs Rita Abbot, Mohill, Co Leitrim, mother of Mrs Joan Regan. A sincere thank you to the members who very kindly deferred the meeting until the 24th, a thoughtful gesture and very much appreciated. We wish Iris every blessing as she takes on this responsible role in the branch and the group.

Ash Wednesday, An Invitation

A day of friendship and prayer on Lough Derg, Wednesday 5th March. Special Guest Speaker, Revd John Dunlop. Boats run from 10:00am. Admission €25 including boat fare, tea/coffee, services and lunch.

This is the Revd Dunlop's first visit to the island and he succeeds speakers such as Archbishop Michael Jackson, Bishop Ken Clarke and others. This is a pilgrimage worth making and quite different to expectations. A place of friendship and in buildings that are classical in design and inclusive. A worthwhile experience that cuts one off from the business and trappings of modern life.

Archdeacon of Clogher

As we go to press we learn that Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is stepping down as Archdeacon of the Diocese. We thank him most sincerely for his leadership over the years and for chairing the various meetings in the Clogher group particularly whenever there was a vacancy. His wisdom, clarity of thinking and no nonsense approach carried us through many situations. We wish him every blessing for the future as he continues to serve in the Drumkeeran group of parishes.

We welcome his successor Canon Helene Steed and look forward to working with her and also to her service of installation in the Cathedral on Sunday 16th March at 7:00pm.

Sympathy

St Macartan's Cathedral Clogher being the the Diocesan Cathedral and mother church of the diocese has it's origins in the fifth century.

It is pre-reformation which means it has rights and obligations to this very day dating from before the reformation. This was evidenced on Monday 3rd February when the funeral took place in the Cathedral churchyard of Mr Noel Slevin. Noel, "a gentleman" was a member of the choir of St Patrick's R.C. Church and also a great supporter of the Cathedral.

Just before his illness he was part of the combined choir which sung choral evensong in St Macartan's. He was interred in the Cathedral grounds and as is the custom his burial was recorded in the Cathedral records and signed by Father Noel McGahan as the officiant. We extend our sympathy to his brother John and the extended family.

Winter

This winter being so damp and with so much rain has been responsible for so many people young and old suffering from bronchial and respiratory problems. We remember those suffering in this way and from any other illness. We thank God for the many advances in modern medicine which enables people to have a quality of life unheard of in the past.

Lent

As we approach the season of lent may it be a time of reflection and preparation as we celebrate the most important event in our history. The Resurrection. Christ is risen Hallelujah.

Diary Dates

Friday 14th March Concert with Monaghan Gospel Choir and Murley Silver Band at 8:00pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher. Proceeds to the Cathedral Repair Fund.

Horizon West

The rector did his annual Black Santa sit-out which this year was in aid of the Horizon West Children's Hospice, the sum of £1,900 was raised and presented at a recent morning service.



Presentation by Precentor Noel Regan, Church Wardens and Cathedral Treasurer to Horizon West Childrens' Hospice

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services in March

2nd of March: The Sunday next before Lent
10.00am. Clones (Cassandra Hand Centre): Holy Communion

11.30 Newbliss: Morning Prayer

5th of March: Ash Wednesday

8.00pm. Currin (Scotshouse): Evening Service

9th of March: The First Sunday of Lent

10.00 Currin (Scotshouse): Morning Service, the Brownies and Ladybirds will join us as we mark Thinking Day

11.30 Killeevan: Morning Prayer

16th of March: The Second Sunday of Lent
10.00am. Clones (Cassandra Hand Centre): Morning Prayer

11.30 Newbliss: Holy Communion

23rd of March: The Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 Currin (Scotshouse): Holy Communion

11.30 Killeevan: Holy Communion

30th of March: The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

11.00am. Newbliss Group Service

6th of April: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am. Clones (Church): Holy Communion

11.30 Newbliss: Morning Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Collect for Ash Wednesday and Lent)

Lenten Talks

The Lenten talks will take place on Thursdays in Lent, with the exception of the first talk which takes place on Wednesday the 12th of March at 8.00pm. in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones. The theme this year is: **'hold fast to the mystery of faith' – exploring faith through the words of worship.** This year our focus for Lent is on the faith that lies behind some of the most familiar and well-known words we say as part of our worship. These memorable phrases are common to many Churches and denominations and have become part of our identity as Christians. Our speakers this year will explore what these phrases mean, what insights they reveal about God and the consequences for our daily lives as disciples.

Programme:

Wednesday the 12th of March

at 8.15pm. in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones

Please note this talk takes place on a Wednesday, all other talks on Thursdays.

'O Lord, open our lips and our mouth will proclaim your praise.'

This evening we will explore the Prayer Book, its background and use, the individuals behind some of those prayers we love, as well as contemplate the Book of Common Prayer's strength and weakness for us as Church and individuals.

Speaker: The Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns

Thursday the 20th of March

'Christ claims you for his own'

The evening will focus our thoughts around baptism and what it means to be a baptised member of Christ's body.

Speaker: The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher

Thursday the 27th of March

‘Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient to them’

Sometimes we end Morning and Evening Prayer of St Chrysostom, asking God to fulfil our prayers in such a way as is best for us. This evening we will focus on prayer, how we pray and our expectations of God’s answer.

Speaker: Canon Bryan Kerr, Rector of Lisbellaw.

Thursday the 3rd of April

‘Happy are those who are called to his supper’

Tonight the focus for our discussion is the meaning of Holy Communion. Jesus said: Do this in remembrance of me, and so we do.

Speaker: The Very Revd Kenny Hall, Dean of Clogher and Rector of Enniskillen

Thursday the 10th of April

‘Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord’

At the end of the Eucharist we are sent out with the words to love and serve the Lord. How do we do that? This evening we deliberate on how to live a Christian life.

Speaker: Revd Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute

All talks take place at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones

We much look forward to welcome parishioners as well as friends from the wider Diocesan family. Light refreshments served. Please contact the rector for a programme.

Beetle Drive

The Youth and Children’s groups, Blaze and Shine invite all enthusiastic players to a Beetle Drive on Saturday the 1st of March at 8.00pm. in Aghabog Parish Hall. Young and old are most welcome. Please come and support the work of the children’s and youth ministry in the area. Refreshments served.

In March, the children and youth groups will meet on Thursday the 6th and 20th at 7.30pm.

Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale

On Saturday the 5th of April at 10.30am. you are all warmly welcome to the Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale. As usual, there will be many different stalls, something for the children, and refreshments will be served. New this year is that Miss Rebecca Keating will run a bookstall. Please contact the rector if you have any books to donate. Thank you.

We look forward to meeting you there!

General Easter Vestry Meetings

In April, General Easter Vestries will be held in each of the four parishes. These meetings can be described as the annual general meeting for each parish and they are open for all parishioners, not only for Select Vestry members. Triennial elections take place this year. Please contact the rector for more information. Times and dates as below:

Currin: Wednesday the 2nd of April at 8.30pm. in the Killyfargue Hall.

Newbliss: Tuesday the 8th of April at 8.00pm. in the Market House.

Clones: Wednesday the 9th of April at 8.00pm. in the Protestant Hall.

Killeevan: Friday the 11th of April at 8.00pm. in the Hall.

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 Mrs Margaret Crawford and her family on the death of her brother Mr David McCoy, and Mrs Rubena Crowe and her family on the death of her brother Mr Sam Gilliland.

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March

- 2nd Holy Communion 11.30am
- 5th Evening Prayer, Ash Wednesday, 8.00pm
- 9th Family service 11.30am
- 16th Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 23rd Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 30th Morning Prayer 11.30am

April

- 6th Holy Communion 11.30am
- 13th Morning Prayer, Palm Sunday 11.30am
- 17th Maundy Thursday, 8.00pm
- 18th Good Friday service, 8.00pm
- 20th Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, 11.30am
- 27th Morning Prayer, 11.30am

Farm Safe Awareness evening

It was pleasing to see just over fifty at the Farm Safe Awareness evening held at the end of January. It was well received by all in attendance, being both an informative and constructive night that got people of all ages thinking about safety on their farms. We extend our thanks to everyone who attended, the organisers, and to those who provided the refreshments at the end of the evening.

Sunday School/CE/Youth Fellowship

It is encouraging to see the continual enthusiasm of all who seek to nurture the children and young people in our parish. To our leaders for the time they commit on a weekly basis, to the parents for the support they give, and for the children who make it an added blessing.

Young@Heart

The group continues to meet on a monthly basis (third Wednesday 10.30am) with various other activities added in throughout the week for the more adventurous. Chair aerobics, computer classes are but few of the things that have taken place recently, together with the various speakers at monthly meetings. A number of the men are currently attending the Men's Shed each week in Enniskillen. The club are looking forward to welcoming the Still Active club from Ballymena at the next meeting.

Colaghty Bowling Club

The club continues to meet on a Thursday night with new members coming on board almost weekly. The club is currently playing in the league matches with some success, and we congratulate them for their endeavours on behalf of the club. Thanks to everyone who comes along each week and for those who provide the refreshments at home matches and for our regular connoisseur of tea who ensures we get our nightly refreshments, our thanks.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets on the second Monday of each month at 8.00pm. There are a wide variety of topics being addressed each night by different speakers followed by light refreshments. Thanks to the committee who organise the various speakers each evening. The next meeting, which is also our visitors night, is on 10th March when Raymond Dowdalls will be the speaker, and will conclude with a 'Bring and Buy' sale.

Dates for the diary

Sunday 13th April - Kesh Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service (featuring the joint choirs) on Palm Sunday in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7.00pm. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

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

(All Sunday Services at 10.15am (Castle Archdale) and 11.30am (Derryvullen North) except 2nd Sunday of each month – 10.30am (Derryvullen North) and 11.45am (Castle Archdale).

March 2014

Sun 2nd Holy Communion – Anglican Church of Kenya & 60th Anniversary of Derryvullen North Mothers' Union. Enrolment during this service. Choir Practice for Women's World Day of Prayer 2.30pm

Wed 5th Ash Wednesday Service 1 - Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Fri 7th Women's World Day of Prayer - Derryvullen North 8.45pm. Speaker: Kate Doherty

Sun 9th Service of the Word 2 & Junior Church

Wed 12th Lenten Service 2 – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Sun 16th Morning Prayer

Tues 18th Quiet Holy Communion Derryvullen North 11.30am

Wed 19th Lenten Service 3 Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Sun 23rd Morning Prayer

Wed 26th Lenten Service 4 Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Sun 30th Morning Prayer (Mothering Sunday)

April 2014

Wed 2nd Lenten Service 5 – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Holy Baptism

25th January 2014 Cecilia Elaina Maureen daughter of Alister & Tanya Miller

Christian Burial

15th February 2014 Derryvullen North - Robert Clarke, Ferney, Dromore.

Diary Dates

Tues 11th March Tuesday Club at 2.30pm

Tues 18th March Faith & Friendship in Mahon's Hotel at 8pm

Wed 19th March Women's Group – Beetle Drive and Games Night

Sat 22nd March Annual Boys Brigade Display at 7.30pm

Wed 26th March Mothers' Union – speaker from Women's Aid

Alternate Fridays Youth Fellowship at 7.30pm

Senior Citizens Dinner

The dinner was again held in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge. There was a good attendance from both parishes, in a very relaxed atmosphere. Richard & Gerry provided some musical entertainment. The evening ended with the singing of favourite hymns. Thanks was expressed to Eva and her staff for the delicious food and excellent service. We also extend our thanks to the lady visitors and all who provided transport.

Mothers' Union

The Branch celebrates their 60th Anniversary this year; to mark this, we will join together in the Holy Communion service on Sunday 2nd March. There will be an act of enrolment during the service. Long Service certificates will be given out at a later date.

South Sudan Emergency Appeal

The Select Vestry of Derryvullen North has agreed to send a donation of £100 and a retiring offering is being arranged for 16th February.

Youth Praise Service

Sunday morning, 26th January saw a new development in our children's ministry. While our Parish Reader, Dr Margaret Knox read the first part of Morning Prayer in the church, the Rector led a Youth Praise Service assisted by Ethel and the Sunday school teachers in the parish hall for the children. 'R and R', Richard McGonigle and Rachel Giles led the music in what was an enjoyable and significant step in the children's ministry programme.

Parish Announcements

We thank Violet Duncan who has taken responsibility for producing a weekly Sunday announcements sheet. Details of announcements need to be with Violet by Thursday and copies are available in both porches and in the main balcony of Derryvullen North.

Prayers

We remember all those who are going through difficult times whether through sickness, bereavement or anxiety. We pray that God's presence and peace may be very real to them.

ME, MYSELF, I

The Rector Writes

Me, Myself, I by Joan Armatrading is one of my favourite songs which expresses a sentiment which has relevance in today's world. Humans have of course been enamored with themselves since the Garden of Eden but today's generation is perhaps more concerned or obsessed with the love of self (self-love). Whether personally or in the life of the Church, this almost compulsive need to satisfy every personal wish and desire, reflects an inward-looking mindset which places self-interest above the Glory of God and the needs of others.

As Christ struggled up and later bled on Calvary's Hill, His aim was to eradicate self-love and implant the love of God in the hearts of men. The great preacher Charles Spurgeon once said, the more holy we are, the more we recognize our weaknesses and the humbler our opinion of ourselves. One can only increase, as the other decreases.

Following Jesus means being radically generous both in terms of possessions and attitudes. It involves both giving and receiving at the materialistic level and in the

important contexts of friendship and hospitality. It is also a matter of humility in recognizing the gifts that others can offer us and being freed from the assumption that we are superior or better.

Paradoxically however, we also need to establish boundaries in order to be able to give and share wholeheartedly and in the best way conscientious people can easily become burnt out and so it isn't selfish to also pay attention to our own well-being and basic concerns, such as decent food, a comfortable, warm home, our children's education and the need for enough space and time in which to rest and be renewed in body, mind and spirit. That too is an important aspect in seeking to be more Christlike.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray that this day
I may live in your presence and please you more and more.
Lord Jesus Christ, I pray that this day
I may take up my cross and follow you.
Holy Spirit, I pray that this day your fruit may ripen my life
Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God
Have mercy upon me.amen

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Calendar

- 9th March** 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary
- 16th March** 10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South
- 23rd March** 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary
- 30th March** 10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
12.00 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
- 6th April** 10.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South
12.00 Holy Communion Garvary

Christian Burial

On Monday 3rd February 2014 the funeral service for Nellie Simpson, Ballydoolagh, aged 84, was held in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary. The interment took place in the adjoining churchyard. Nellie was an interesting and discerning person. She loved her television and was well informed about current affairs. Her trip by taxi into Enniskillen each Thursday for a

meal and some shopping was a weekly pleasure. She loved her cottage at Ballydoolagh but sadly ill health reached a stage where she needed nursing care which she received at Millcroft Nursing Home. In the rector's absence the service was conducted by the Very Reverend Raymond Thompson. We extend sympathy to her sisters, Doris and Mable, nephews, Kenneth and Derek, and the wider family circle.

On Tuesday 11th February 2014 the funeral service for Ian Richard Quinton, Belfast, aged 60, took place in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary. Ian grew up in the family home at Killyvilly. Tragically the family were devastated when their mother Alberta Quinton was killed in the Enniskillen bomb in 1987. When the rector first came to the parish in 1990 Ian was living on the Irvinestown Road, Enniskillen. In 1991 Ian, a talented artist, drew a sketch of the church. Copies were made, framed and sold to parishioners for parish funds. One of these hangs in the vestry. Ian moved to Belfast and in recent times he was involved in further academic studies in Art. On 7th February, he died suddenly of a heart attack, bringing further tragic news to the family. We extend to his brothers, Derek and Christopher, and his sister Aileen, our sincere sympathy.

Bereavements

We express our sympathy to all who have been bereaved recently including Dorothy Wilson, Garvary, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Shields, Slavin; Lynne Black on the death of her aunt Evelyn Balfour, Teemore; and Mary Belmore, Castle Coole, on the death of her mother. Her mother was Lady Catherine, Countess of Clanwilliam and widow of the sixth Earl of Clanwilliam. Originally from Oxfordshire she moved to Ballynahinch. On occasions we were pleased to welcome her to Derryvullen. She returned to Wiltshire where she passed away peacefully, aged 90.

Mothers' Union

At the January meeting the members, in her absence due to illness, congratulated one of the founder members of the Garvary branch, Madge Wilson, Ballydoolagh, on reaching her 90th birthday. Flowers and a cake were sent to her at home.

On St Patrick's night, Monday 17th March at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South parish hall, we are planning a Percy French evening for our two branches and look forward to enjoying some Irish Stew.

Lenten Services

On Ash Wednesday 5th March at 8.00pm the Penitential Service will be held this year in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, and our midweek services will continue at 8.00pm.

Thank You

The rector would like to thank Canon D Skuce, the Very Revd R Thompson, Canon B Kerr, Mr J J

Irvine, and Mr Abraham Storey for their assistance during his absence. As well as Sunday duty Dean Thompson had responsibility for pastoral care and he wishes it to be noted that he was very impressed with the churchwardens and parishioners in both parishes in the way in which he was welcomed and the assistance he was given.

Organist Required

Derryvullen South Parish Church require an organist. for further information please contact Canon Stewart.

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service in Devenish Parish Church on Wednesday 5th March at 8.00pm. During Lent Services will alternate between Devenish and Boho Churches every Wednesday evening.

Holiday

We are delighted to welcome Revd Sampson, Ugonna and family back from Nigeria. We are delighted that they had the opportunity to visit their families and have come back to the Parish, both physically and spiritually refreshed. We wish to thank Mrs Ellen Stevenson and Mr Abraham Storey for taking the services while the Revd Sampson was away and also wish to thank Canon David Skuce for being available for pastoral calls. Thank you to the glebe wardens, William Harpur and Eric Whittaker for looking after the heating and carrying out other duties in the Rectory during the Rectory family's absence.

Confirmation Service

The Bishop will be coming to the parish on Sunday 15th June to administer the rite of Confirmation. Revd Sampson will be commencing Confirmation classes at a date to be announced.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stuart Brooker on his election to office of County Grand Master of Fermanagh. It is a great achievement for our parish to have both the chairman of Fermanagh District Council and the County Grand Master among our parishioners. Keep up the good work Alex and Stuart.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Church Services for March 2014

Sunday 2nd March, 2014 The Sunday before Lent
Donagh 10.30am Holy Communion
Tyholland 12.00 noon Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th March, 2014 Ash Wednesday
Penitential Service at 8.00pm in Donagh

Sunday 9th March, 2014 The First Sunday in Lent
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Errigle Truagh 12.00 noon Holy Communion

Sunday 16th March, 2014 The Second Sunday in Lent
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00 noon Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd March, 2014 The Third Sunday in Lent
Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Errigle Truagh 12.00 noon Morning Prayer

Sunday 30th March, 2014 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Combined service in Donagh at 10.30am

This is a very special service as it is mothering Sunday and also thanksgiving will be offered for a special couple who will be celebrating their golden wedding.

Sunday 6th April, 2014 The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Donagh 10.30am Holy Communion
Tyholland at 12.00 noon Holy Communion

Mothers Union

On Saturday the 25th January the members of the Mothers Union met for lunch in Ambledown Cottage. This was a most enjoyable and relaxed occasion. Many thanks to Dorothy and Eileen for arranging this and to Eleanor Stewart for organising the quiz.

Dates For Your Diary

The Choir practice takes place on Monday evening each week at 8.00pm in Donagh church.

The Girls Brigade meet on Tuesday evening each week in the Parish Hall.

Women's World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday 7th March, at 8.00pm in St. Mary's Glennan. The theme this year is "Streams in the Desert" by the women of Egypt.

On Wednesday the 12th March, 2014 the **Mothers Union** members will meet at 8.00pm in Donagh Parish Hall. The speaker will be Neville Garland on the topic "**Sponsor a child in Haiti**".

Girls Brigade are holding their annual display in Middletown Community Centre at 7.30pm on the 4th April, 2014. Also on that night a cake sale will be held to boost funds. Everyone is invited.

CONGRATULATIONS to David and Arlene Stewart on the birth of their Baby son.

Please remember in your prayers those parishioners who are in Residential Homes and Nursing Homes also the lonely and housebound. We offer our prayerful good wishes to those parishioners who have been in hospital recently and are recovering at home.

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Every Sunday 11.30am (First Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion)

Over the last number of weeks we have watched the unprecedented floods that have devastated many parts of England and Wales. Some people would say these floods are of biblical proportions. At the same time as our TV's, radio and Internet streams brought this awful news, we in the community of Holy Trinity have been looking at the character of Noah. It has to be said we started this series before the floods reached their epic proportions. We have been reminded of several things during this study not least the rainbow of the covenant.

Genesis 9:12 And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: 13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, 15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. 16 Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

One of the overriding factors in the amazing story of Noah is the depth of his faith and trust in Almighty God.

I think John MacArthur puts it well when he describes Noah's faith - 'He trusted absolutely as he pursued a task that seemed utterly foolish and useless from a human perspective. Imagine instantly surrendering all your time and effort to devote 120 years to building something that you'd never seen (a large vessel) to protect you from something that you'd never experienced (rain and floods). Yet Noah did it without question. Noah's faith is unique in the sheer magnitude and time span of its assignment.'
When God speaks how well do we listen?

Every Blessing
James

Marriage Matters

On Sunday 2 February we hosted a Marriage Matters evening. The hall was full to capacity as Bishop Ken and Helen Clarke gave us some of their wisdom, humour and insight into how to make marriage work. This evening was a great success and there is an appetite for similar events running on a more regular basis – watch this space.

CAP

Christians Against Poverty is a national debt counselling charity with a network of 205 centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution to people in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

Partnering with local churches this charity sees hundreds of people freed from the crippling and stressful effects of debt each year. It is a simple approach with massive potential. The national charity does the debt counselling and the local church share the love and support to the families as they journey to become debt free.

Conversations have been taking place for a number of months with the conclusion that Enniskillen Presbyterian has become the partner church for CAP in the West. Along with other local churches Holy Trinity Dromore is working in partnership with Enniskillen Presbyterian to see the vision of a CAP centre become a reality in the West.

If you would like to know more about CAP please visit www.capuk.org or speak to James.

Annual Guest Tea

Tuesday 5th March at 8.00pm in Dromore Orange Hall – come along for a night filled with an interesting and varied line up of artists.

Ash Wednesday Service

We are holding a service on Wednesday 5th March at 8.00pm as we begin to reflect our standing before God during this season of Lent. This series will be continued each Wednesday evening during Lent.

Women's World Day of Prayer

We are hosting this event on Friday 7th March. The theme this year is 'Streams in the Desert'. The evening begins at 8.00pm and everyone is welcome.

Irish Stew Evening

This now annual event is happening on Friday 14th March at 8.00pm. Hosted by the Mothers Union this year's event is a social with Matthew Keys. Everyone Welcome.

From the Register

Burial

17th January – Jack Griffin

18th January – Ernest Clyde

Regular Organisations and Events

We have many organizations and events that run on a regular basis to suit a wide range of ages and interests. Some of these happen on a weekly basis and others on a monthly cycle – CLB, GFS, Junior Sunday School, Ignite, Mothers Union, Bowling Club, Prayer meetings/events, Study groups as well as many more which will be detailed below. We would appreciate your prayers and if you feel that you might like to join in then please do find out more details about them.

Social Networking

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

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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Calendar for March/April

Sunday 2nd March 10.00am Templecarne, Morning Prayer
11.30am Drumkeeran, Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th March 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer in Drumkeeran.

Sunday 9th March 10.00am Muckross, Holy Communion.

11.30am Drumkeeran, Morning Prayer.

7.00pm Dernasesk. Speaker, Mrs Sandra Ross.

Sunday 16th March 10.00am Templecarne, Holy Communion.

11.30am Drumkeeran, Morning Prayer.

Sunday 23rd March 10.00am Muckross, Morning Prayer.

11.30am Drumkeeran, Holy Communion.

Sunday 30th March 10.00am Templecarne, Holy Communion

11.30am Drumkeeran, Morning Prayer

At the services on 30th March, Mothering Sunday, there will be a distribution of daffodils and a special collection for the Ulster Cancer Appeal.

Sunday 6th April 10.00am Templecarne, Morning Prayer

11.30am Drumkeeran, Holy Communion

Lent

To mark the beginning of Lent there will be a service in Drumkeeran at 8.00pm on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. I hope it will be well supported.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, 13th April, Children's Service in Drumkeeran 11.30am.

Templecarne graveyard

The surrounding wall has been in need of repair and rebuild for some time. Work commenced on this project earlier in the year, restoring it to its original condition. It is a stone built wall and what has been completed thus far certainly enhances the property. Rebuilding a stone built wall is a costly project. An Appeal is being made to parishioners and to others who have links with the graveyard. We hope that there will be a generous response.

Vaughan Trust

Discussions have been ongoing for some time with the trustees of the Vaughan Trust about the possibility of erecting a memorial plaque in Drumkeeran Church to the memory of George Vaughan by whose generosity the Vaughan Trust was established. George Vaughan, originally from Co Donegal, provided for the purchase of land and the erection of a school at Tubrid. The school was opened in 1787 and closed in 1934. The sale of the lands and buildings enabled the establishment of the present Vaughan Trust which grant aids young people in the study of agriculture. The present Drumkeeran Church was built as a chapel to serve the school. The consents of the Select Vestry, the Diocesan Council, the Bishop and the Representative Church Body have been obtained. We look forward to the erection and dedication of the plaque, hopefully in the early summer.

Lough Derg

The annual Day of Friendship and Prayer on Lough Derg will be held this year again on Ash Wednesday, 5th March. Boats run from 10.00am. Admission €25, includes boat fare and lunch. Booking essential - 68632391.

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March Services

Sunday 2nd March – The Sunday before Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Ash Wednesday (5th March)

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Penitential Service with Holy Communion

Thursday 6th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Friday 7th March

8.00pm – Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Sunday 9th March – The First Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12th March

7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 13th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th March – The Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Holy Communion
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th March

7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 20th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd March – The Third Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Morning Prayer (CMSI Speaker)
7.00pm – Choral Evensong on the eve of Saint Macartin's Day – Preacher The Most Revd Dr. Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan

Wednesday 26th March

7.30pm – Compline

Thursday 27th March

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 30th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Mothering Sunday)
9.00am – Holy Communion
11.00am – Family Service & Mothers Union Enrolment
7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Baptism

16th February – Connor Egerton

23rd February – Jessica Evelyn Irvine

“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

Christian Marriage

8th February – Emma McClean and Andrew Jason Mackarel

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build in vain” Psalm 127:1

Archdeacons

It is with both sadness and joy that I write this article. Firstly sadness that The Venerable Cecil Pringle has

stepped down as Archdeacon of Clogher Diocese after twenty-five years of dedicated service. On behalf of all in Saint Macartin's, Enniskillen we say a sincere thank you Archdeacon Pringle for his commitment and faithful service to the Church of Ireland and wish him every Blessing in the years ahead. We are delighted he is staying on in full time ministry. Secondly it is with tremendous joy that we congratulate Canon Helene Steed who is to become the new Archdeacon of Clogher and wish her too every Blessing in the years ahead. The Dean will install Canon Helene as Archdeacon on Sunday 16th March at 7.00pm in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.

St Macartin's Mission projects Lent 2014

Please support those in need this Lenten Season!



Us (formerly USPG and the oldest Anglican Missionary Society) is a church-based charity working in direct partnership with people and communities around the world. For

over 300 years they have been sharing God's love through action, and seeing lives transformed. Their goal is to help more and more people 'take hold of the life that is truly life' (1 Timothy 6:19).

How they work looks different according to the culture and context of their church partners.

In Zimbabwe, they initiated a national programme to tackle HIV stigma so more people will come forward to receive counselling and treatment.

In Myanmar, they are supporting a programme to take healthcare into isolated rural communities.

In South Africa, they have developed a programme to provide church leaders with practical development skills.

Us Lenten Boxes available in the Cathedral Porch.

God's Big Family



GMS Ireland Annual Project 2014

CMS Ireland's Annual Project normally focuses on one country and highlights the work of just one of their Global Partners. However, in recognition of their 200th Anniversary,

this year's Annual Project celebrates the work of all their partners as they worship and work in different ways in nine different countries. The project will help children and young people consider what it means to be part of the global church – God's Big Family.

CMSI Lenten Boxes will be issued to each family at Sunday School and need only return one box per family.

Holy Week Cathedral Mission

The students of the Theological Institute will be joining St Macartin's for a mission during Holy Week with the title, 'This is our Church'. This is an exciting opportunity for us to live out our parish vision to "reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion". There will be a service every night of Holy Week and the preacher will be our Bishop, the Right Revd John McDowell. The students from CITI will be present to enrich our worship during the week. On top of this, the students will be drawing alongside the parish in a number of key areas.

Reaching out to children and families

There will be a special Holy Week Messy Church on Maundy Thursday from 4:00pm- 6:00pm, as well as a Messy Church on the Diamond in the Main Street on Wednesday the 16th from 12:00 noon - 4:00pm. This will build up to a Messy service in the Cathedral on the morning of Good Friday at 11am. Keep your eyes peeled for other Messy Church activities in the community during the week.

Reaching out to young people

There will be a confirmation café in a coffee shop in town for our young people currently preparing for confirmation, to encourage them to ask some of the tough questions of life and faith. We also plan a special youth event on the Saturday evening.

Reaching out to our elder folk

As well as increased pastoral visiting during Holy Week, there will be a special event on Tuesday afternoon for those aged 60 and above.

There are a few other ideas we are still planning. There may be an event planned for the 20s and 30s in the parish, possibly also something specific for men. A number of the students joining us from the college have great experience in community outreach so we hope they will bring a wealth of innovation. Full details of the event will be included in the April edition.

'This is our church'

'This is our church', clergy and parishioners together, so let us all make that claim this coming Holy Week as we come together to worship. In the meantime let us all use the season of Lent as a time of prayer and preparation. A time when we acknowledge before Almighty God our sinful nature, receive forgiveness and then refreshment. It is important that we realise everyone needs to make sure our experience with God is fresh and renewed. There are none of us that are so spiritual that we do not need to experience personal Revival from time to time. None of us are so spiritual that we do not need to attend church. None of us are so spiritual that we do not need to spend time in prayer or to spend time reading the Bible. We all need times of refreshing and if we do not care, we will find ourselves

growing cold and indifferent in our relationship with God and to others. May you all experience the joy of worshipping God in a new and refreshed way this Lenten Season!

Pilgrim Café

Pilgrim Café is a discipleship programme which we will be starting on Tuesday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Upper Room of Jenny's café. We will gather around tables for cake and good quality coffee and look at the Pilgrim course together.

Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey is a six session course for the twenty-first century just recently published by the Church of England, with an emphasis on 'participation, not persuasion'. It is an open course for the Christian journey. It deals with the basics of the Christian faith with a strong emphasis on discipleship with deep roots in a long tradition of catechesis and nurture. Pilgrim encourages you to think and pray; and to dip your toe into the experience at whatever level works for you. It's also a great chance to have some table fellowship and get to know others a bit better.

Jenny's can cater for about 25 people and we hope to have it filled! The six sessions will be on March 11th, March 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, May 6th, and May 20th. More information from Revd Rob Clements on 028 6632 2421 or at rob4t@hotmail.com

Saturday Night Live

Saturday Night Live is an exciting new initiative of St Macartins for young people aged 11 and above. It emerges out of a Youth Club which closed at the end of 2013. The Youth Club had faithfully served the community for many years through a 'drop-in' format, but it was felt that a new direction was necessary. The youth club leaders have put together a vision for a new weekly programme which offers variety and support for young people.

Saturday Night Live launched on 22nd February. A more structured approach includes a busy schedule of movie nights, competition nights, girl's nights and much much more. Young people will be given a membership card and a code of conduct which emphasises respect, self-respect, and participation. Following on after Saturday Night Live from 9.00pm to 10.30pm Youth Fellowship continues to spend some time in fellowship, Bible study and games. We welcome members from school year 10 and above. For more information on how to be involved, contact Ronnie Carson on 07872900852 or at ronniecarson@hotmail.com

Xplore

Xplore is a monthly opportunity for young people confirmation age and above to worship and explore their faith in a language they can relate to. The liturgy which is loosely based around Compline is a mix of multi-media, interactive activity, plus music from Holly and the rest of our resident musicians.

There is also a warm cup of hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows for afters. Xplore meets again on the 16th March at 8.30pm in the Cathedral. Hope you can join us.

Messy Church

Messy church is going from strength to strength, featuring in this month's edition of Lakeland life. We even got a brief mention in the National Messy Church website under the title Messy Cathedrals (by Lucy Moore the founder of Messy Church). Messy Church continues to grow into an important part of our church life and community witness. We are now regularly having 100 plus join us for craft, celebration and food (courtesy of a fantastic Mother's Union – we are truly blessed). Many of those are new to the life of the Cathedral. The next Messy Church is on the 20th March from 4.00-6.00pm. Also watch out for some additional Messy Church activity during our mission.

To be keep up-to-date with any Messy developments, 'like' us on our Messy Church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch?>



Faith and Friendship

Faith and Friendship, the inter-denominational Bible study, prayer and fellowship gathering meet on Wednesday 19th March in the Hilliard Room from 12.30-2.00pm. All are welcome to share in Revd Ruth Patterson's reflections on portions of the Bible. Tea or coffee will be available, but you are asked to bring your own sandwiches.

Tuesday Club

The Dean welcomed members to the January meeting. After a scripture reading and prayers, all members got the opportunity to vote for their favourite hymn, the top ten were sung at evening service on 16th February. Margaret Owens was the guest speaker and kept everyone enthralled with her latest travel escapades. A delicious tea was served and a birthday cake cut by two birthday girls, Mrs Vera Hanna and Mrs Iris Thompson. Violet Vennard and Pat Morrison are the guests on 25th March and will speak about the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion. You will be very welcome. Meeting as usual at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room.

Mothers' Union

The guest speakers at the February meeting were Karen Caswell and Anne McClean from 'Home-Start', a volunteer organisation offering support and friendship to families with young children, who perhaps may feel isolated in the home or just find parenting a struggle. Home-Start is a national charity with schemes in hundreds of local communities.

The Womens' World day of Prayer is on Friday 7th March at 8.00pm in St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen. The speaker is the Revd Ngozi Njoku. Everybody welcome. 'Visitors' Night' is on Monday 10th March at 8.00pm in the Minor Hall, Noel Johnston has been invited to speak on "Life at Crom Castle". All welcome.

Holy Baptism

If there are any children who are not baptised, the parents should contact the clergy to arrange a suitable time. All Baptisms are held in the context of a Sunday Service and can be at either the morning or the evening service. For older children who may feel self-conscious about being baptised in front of their friends, it is possible to baptise them after a Sunday Evening service.

Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact the clergy or ring the Parish Office and a member of the Clergy will contact you. A service to confirm adults will take place in Portora Royal School Chapel on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.30pm.

Favourite Hymns

Over three weeks the parishioners of Saint Macartin's Cathedral have had an opportunity to vote for their favourite hymn. A wide range of votes were cast and when nearly 700 ballots were counted, despite the addition of many new Hymns in recent years, the familiar and more traditional Hymns that have stood the test of time, and remained stalwarts through various changes in tastes and genres over the years, seem to have topped the poll. The count down from number 10 to the top slot at number 1 was Revealed on Sunday night 16th February at a special evening service. Below are the top 10:

- 1 Be Thou My Vision
- 2 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
- 3 O Lord My God
- 4 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky
- 5 With Me
- 6 My God to Thee
- 7 Amazing Grace
- 8 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
- 9 How Deep the Fathers Love
- 10 Praise my Soul the King of Heaven

Mission Prayers

Almighty God,
you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen.
May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in evangelism and social compassion.
Make this Cathedral Parish like a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hidden, so that men and women may find Christ as the light of the world, and his Church as

the family of the redeemed, and eternal life as the gift of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.amen

O Lord God, whose glory the heavens are telling in joyous and ceaseless praise:
bless the worship and work of our cathedral church; dedicated to your servant Macartin,
that through the ministry of those who serve and worship here, that same glory might be seen at the centre of our diocesan life, to the praise and honour of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.amen

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Church Times on Sundays

9.30am Kiltermon

11am St John's

7pm Evening Praise 1st and 3rd Sundays

New Labourers For God's Harvest

Today I had the opportunity to look at the arms of the diocese of Peru! Not arms of war or arms with hands, but a simple coat of arms with a simple message: an open Bible, a dove and a lama, along with the peaks of the Andes.

The diocese of Peru is a missionary diocese with a commitment to God's word, the work of His Holy Spirit and bringing the message of Jesus to the peoples of Peru. The coat of arms are printed along with these words, and you will be able to see its simplicity.

The diocesan blurb is also encouraging in one of its postings, 'Anglican Church in Peru See New Labourers for God's Harvest.'

The closest I came to Peru was 23 years ago, sailing on Lake Titicaca in Bolivia, and being able to see Peru's mountain range in the distance. I have always wanted



to visit, having heard of something of the work there from one of the local missionaries.

How extraordinary then, to see such an opportunity unfold for one of the men from the parish. Last year Chris Bloomfield spent some time in Lima, with Bishop Ken Clarke, as part of a visit by SAMS UK and Ireland. As a parish we have been delighted to see the number of people from the church given the opportunity to visit the church overseas.

Most recently, Adele Kidney's visit to Paraguay and Chris' visit to Peru were profiled at SAMS' annual conference held in February. It was one of those genuinely proud moments, being able to see the fruit of God's work in other people's lives. Chris spoke really well about the visit, and I am certain that as a parish we need to keep a listening ear in order to discern how God intends our relationship with the overseas Church to develop and grow.

The apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 6, reminds Christians, that we are in relationship with other churches so that there might be 'equality.' It sits in Paul's letter as an oddly modern word. In this letter, Paul is encouraging the church to continue what it has begun, and in doing so, we give and receive support.

That is my hope for us as a church, that we might build lasting relationships with other brothers and sisters in the Lord. We have much to give and much to receive in return. The interesting part will be seeing what unfolds for us in the days and months which may lie ahead.
Kyle Hanlon

Alastair Donaldson



Alastair Donaldson has been appointed to serve as a deacon-intern in Fivemiletown parish from 1 September 2014. Here is a profile he has written

My name is Alastair Donaldson and I am 31 years of age. I come from a village in County Armagh called Crossmaglen and have been a member of the Church

of Ireland my whole life. I am a Construction Engineer by profession and spent the first 6 years of my post-graduate life working for construction and civil engineering companies in the UK. I am currently unmarried although I have total faith that when the time is right, God will provide me a wife.

My immediate family consists of my mother and father, 2 older brothers and a younger sister. Within the family home my father's disabled sister has always lived with us as well and I would be extremely close with her. We are all fairly scattered at the moment in terms of location with only Janice still living at home. My two brothers are both married and the older one has two children, Holly and Zach. Interestingly they are both married to Fermanagh women.

I attended a small primary school in the neighbouring town of Newtownhamilton before moving onto the Royal Grammar School in Armagh where I stayed until I completed my GCSE's and then progressed onto Armagh College of Further Education to study an Advanced GNVQ in Construction. Following this I moved away from home to

England and studied for an honours degree in Construction Management at Sheffield Hallam University. Within this 4 year 'sandwich' degree I lived in Edinburgh for a period of 18 months on placement with a Construction Company. Collectively this was a period of much growing up for me and experiences which were shaping my faith and future direction.

When I graduated from University I came back home and for the next 6 years I worked for a couple of construction companies in Northern Ireland on a number of big projects which were very rewarding in many ways although I must admit that the industry at large was very challenging and sometimes it involved a lot of pressure. In September 2009 I took up a temporary full-time post within the Southern Regional College as a Construction Lecturer and I remained within this position until June 2010. Over the summer of 2010 I spent 3 months working and visiting within the country of Burundi in Central Africa and this was an amazing experience in many ways and has had a major impact upon my faith.

In April of 2010 I commenced the foundation course in ministry through the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin as a potential first step towards full-time ministry and this on the whole was very enjoyable and also gave me the opportunity to further discern the will and call of God upon my life. Whilst undertaking this I was offered the chance of a 2-year ministry apprenticeship in Kilhome Parish Church, Annalong under the direction of Revd Bill Press which I accepted and this proved to be a wonderful time within which I learnt many things, made many friends and was able to discern my calling even further. I stayed in Annalong until September 2012 whereupon I commenced full-time training at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

I would consider myself an Anglican with strong evangelical convictions and believe that we as the Church need to go out and gather up the lost. I believe in a Church which is mission focussed both in terms of its immediate surroundings but also with its worldview. I have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and try to keep this as fresh as possible through prayer and reading of his word. That said I need to make improvements every day and with His help I can. I strongly believe in testifying to the truth of the Gospel by word and deed. I sincerely and enthusiastically look forward to the internship opportunity at St. John's and hope it is a time of much learning, maturing and contributing to the mission of the church within Fivemiletown.

In Christ,
Alastair Donaldson.



Palm Sunday 7pm 13th April
An Evening of Gospel Music
with Judith Anderson,
Andrew Irwin and others
St John's Church, Fivemiletown
Donations in aid of Operation
Rescue, Ethiopia



Parish Course

The Parish Course finishes on Tuesday 4 March 2014.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in this series of evenings.



Lent 2014 The Cross
Join us for these 6 evenings of bible teaching, praise and prayer
St John's Church, Fivemiletown

*Ash Wednesday 5th March 7pm
Holy Communion & 7.30pm Restored*

7.30pm Wednesday 12th March Saved
7.30pm Wednesday 19th March Carried
7.30pm Wednesday 26th March Freed
7.30pm Wednesday 2nd April Humbled
7.30pm Wednesday 9th April Gathered

Diary for March

MOPS

Time out for on Monday for young women with breakfast and supervised Crèche held on the second and fourth Monday of every month.

Girls Friendly Society

On Saturday morning – 8th March - We are hosting a COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE in St John's Parish Church Hall. Time 10.00am – 12.30pm

We are also having a few other stalls for the girls and boys – A Bottle Stall, Lucky Dip, etc., The proceeds of the Coffee Morning & Cake Sale are to raise some funds for our branch, to help us to continue to support our GFS Mission Partners, Paul & Tania Baker in Uganda & St Columba's Hospital, North East India, and to help us to continue to sponsor Nafissata Teonsa. Please come along and have a cuppa and support us.

We have sponsored Nafissata now for 6 years; she is doing well at school and is a healthy 11 year old now. We received news about her from her social worker at least twice a year.

At present the girls are very busy completing their Bible Study, Handcraft and badge work, this year they are working for their GFS Knowledge Badge.

On Saturday, 5th April we have booked tickets for the Tom Sweeney's Children's Sing-Along at the Ardhowen Theatre. Tom has become Ireland's number one children's singer and his songs, stories and movement are widely known and loved by children everywhere.

Senior Members

The senior adults and friends in the parish are planning to meet on Wednesday 19th March at 12 noon with Holy Communion in the Main Hall, followed by a

dinner cooked by the Edfield Restaurant. Thank you to all the parishioners who are willing to provide the choice of desserts and tray bakes. Finishing with a topical musical item.

Mothers' Union

The opening service with Holy Communion conducted by Revd Hanlon was held on 8th January. Using the 2014 theme "Sowing the Future together" and Jeremiah 29:4-14 he spoke on how we should by example and prayer support others.

Mrs Elvina Funston, Mrs Emily Kells and Mrs Sheila Burke were commissioned as Branch Leader, Secretary and Treasurer. A short business meeting followed the service. Twelve members booked to attend the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 15th February in the Killyhevlin Hotel when the speaker was the Revd Canon Kathy Trimby.

The meeting closed with prayer led by the Branch Leader. The speaker on 12th February was Mr Peter Hilton from Leprosy Mission.

Connect Reformed

Meet alternative Sundays, 7 - 8.30pm.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

9:00 Drummully
10:30 Sallaghy
12:00 Galloon

Sunday School Times

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).

TAG (Teens and God)

The TAG Group will meet in Sallaghy Church Hall on Sunday 9th March, 23rd March and 6th April from 7:30 – 9.00pm. Membership £6 per child and if you are a new member please bring a parent on the first night to fill out a form. Everyone of Secondary school age from Drummully, Newtownbutler and Sallaghy are welcome to TAG on all dates.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Women's World Day of Prayer Service will be held in Newtownbutler Methodist Church on Friday 7th March 2014 at 8.00pm. The Speaker will be Revd Anita Kerr and the theme is "Streams in the Desert". This service is open to all.

Galloon Parish

Auction

The next auction is scheduled for Saturday 26th April 2014. There are very few items in storage at the moment so we are appealing to you all to start now to search out items for sale. Any items you cannot store can be collected and kept until April. Please contact William Little, Richard Bell or any Vestry member.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The Branch is holding their Visitor's Night on Monday 24th March at 8pm in the Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. Mrs Lynn Winslow will be demonstrating "Cake icing". Mrs Winslow is the Action and Outreach Coordinator for our Diocese and she will also be giving a short talk on this important role within The Mothers' Union here in Clogher Diocese. This meeting is open to everyone and you will be made most welcome.

Sallaghy Parish

Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March at 8.00pm in the Church Hall when Dr Knox (Diocesan President) will be speaking on this year's Mothers' Union Theme "Sowing the Future Together".

Parish Dance

A parish dance in the Church Hall has been arranged for Friday 7th March 2014. Music will be by "Sweet Harmony". Tickets are on sale. Please keep this date free and invite your friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated.

Irish Stew Night

An Irish Stew Night is planned for Saturday 15th March in the Church Hall at 7.30pm when it is hoped the food will be followed by a short table quiz and some traditional music.

Burial

Irene Isabella McWilliams, Hollybrook, Lisnaskea, on Tuesday 4th February 2014 aged 81 years. Jesus said: "I am the Resurrection of the Life."

Drummully Parish

Burial

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the late Cecil Burke who was laid to rest in Drummully graveyard recently.

St. Patrick's Day

We are planning an event on Monday 17th March in Drummully Church Hall at 8.00pm. Reverend Anita Kerr will speak on the Saints and there will be a quiz afterwards with a bowl of stew. Then we will have some traditional music and possibly even a bit of dancing to complete the evening.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Sunday 2nd March Garrison 10am MP; Slavin 11.30am MP

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday – Service of Reflection in Garrison Parish Church @ 8pm

Sunday 9th March Kiltyclogher 10am MP; Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 16th March Garrison 10am MP & FS ; Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 23rd March Belleek 11.30am HC; Garrison 3pm Dedication Service

Sunday 30th March Belleek Group Service 11am MP
Sunday 6th April Garrison 10am HC; Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers' Union

The January meeting was the opening service for the MU year held in Belleek Parish Church. The Rector conducted a service of Holy Communion and afterwards at the meeting the members discussed their Outing; details of this next month.

The ladies attended the Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February for their February meeting and enjoyed the fellowship there and the address given by Revd Canon Kathy Trimby.

The March meeting is on Wednesday 19th March @ 8pm in Slavin Parish Church when the speaker will be Mrs Clarke who will speak on MU for young families and we especially invite young mums or indeed single ladies to come along to this meeting.

Bereavement

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of the late Mrs Dorothy Shields who passed away in the South West Acute Hospital on 29th January. A service of

thanksgiving for her life was held in Slavin Parish Church on Friday 31st January conducted by the Rector, Revd Ngozi. The address was given by a family friend Pastor Harry Dowds. The Interment was in the adjoining churchyard.

Mrs Shields or Dot as she was fondly known will be greatly missed by her MU friends and Slavin Parishioners. She will be always remembered for her wonderful baking skills and her generous contributions of home baking to MU meetings and church sales.

In our prayers we remember especially her sons Basil and Brian and her daughters Noleen, Elaine and Dorothy.

Lent

The Rector is holding Bible Studies for Lent 2014 from the Biblical Association for the Church of Ireland (BACI) beginning Wednesday 12th March @ 8pm in the Rectory

Dedication Service

Sunday 23rd March @ 3pm will be the service of Dedication & Thanksgiving for the renovations and improvements to Garrison Parish Church and also to dedicate the many gifts that have been generously given in memory of loved ones.

Thanks

We extend our thanks to two gifted parishioners for their generosity.

Mrs Hilary Carson from Garrison Parish who produced beautiful calendars and cards and donated the proceeds to Garrison Church Funds.

Also Mr Raymond Gregg from Slavin Parish who produced and sold DVDs of the Rector's Institution and donated the proceeds to the Rectory Fabric Fund.

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 and articles to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at doreenearls@yahoo.co.uk

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It may seem some time ago now but a big thank you to all who helped in the parish when I was off work. A special thanks to those lay readers and retired clergy for conducting Sunday services. Also to Sampson Ajuka for his help during the week in providing pastoral care.

The parishioners in the parish have been so helpful and supportive during that time. Their love and care as well as their prayers have meant so much to me. As your rector I continue to need your prayers for me as I pray for you and minister among you in the cause of the gospel.

At present we are experiencing cold and wet wintry days but already we are seeing signs of spring as bulbs in the garden are coming up. My longing and prayer is that this could be a kind of parable of new spiritual life beginning to appear when God is at work. May this be true as we focus in the weeks ahead on the amazing story of Easter and Jesus who died to take away our sin and rose again to give us new life.

Mothers Union

The next meeting on 24th March will be for Fellowship and Supper at the Rectory. We also look forward to having Heather Mills from the Faith Mission as our speaker.

Womens World Day of Prayer

On the first Friday of March each year women all around the world unite together in prayer. There will be a service at 8pm in Church Hill Methodist Church on 7th March.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

We acknowledge a very generous grant from 'Cathedral Sitout' (The Very Revd John Mann - the Dean of Belfast) and thank the Dean and those who so generously contributed!

Members thoroughly enjoyed the visit by 'Lakeland' and thank them for the 'goodies' supplied and look forward to March 11th, when ODC rep will advise on 'falls prevention' (arranging home visits if required) and to their first outing of the year - a trip to Dobbies Garden Centre, Lisburn on May 20th, followed by dinner at the Bridge Inn, Trillick.

The Club will hold their AGM on Tuesday, April 29th at 2.00pm.

The Hall continues to open on every Tuesday from 2 - 4.00pm for Boccia/New Age Curling.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union enjoyed their Annual Dinner at the Bridge Inn, Trillick, sincere thanks again to Daphne and

her staff and to May Kee, Gwen Crozier and Pauline Farrell (Leader, Secretary and Treasurer respectively). Raymond Farrell, Mental Health and Wellbeing, was our February speaker and members plan to attend the Women's World Day of Prayer Service in Holy Trinity, Dromore on March 7th.

Guitar Club: Each Tuesday

Juniors (under13) 7.00 - 7.30pm
Others 7.30 - 8.30pm



Choir: Each Tuesday

8.30 - 9.30pm

Messy Kids Club



Our second session (Creation) saw numbers grow to 21 – well done again Clare, Jemma and Alison (Leaders) together with 'new helpers', Leona and Aideen! We have been looking forward to our third gathering – which was scheduled for February 15th, 'Love'. For all children aged 4 – 10 years.

Youth Club

Our Youth Club continues to meet on Friday evenings from 7.30pm.

Young Farmers

During february the Young Farmers were putting the finishing touches to a weekend (21st - 23rd February) in celebration of their 50th Anniversary, beginning with a Quiz and Photographic Exhibition on the Friday, the Exhibition continuing on the Saturday and ending with a Special Service on the Sunday evening.

Lenten Programme

Keep Fit! Saunas, sunbeds and health clubs are common sights in our cities today. Magazines and advertisements urge us to 'keep young and beautiful' by taking up jogging, lying under the sunlamp, or even sweating it out in the gym.

And it is true that when we feel fit and well we become more aware and alive to the gift of life around us. But in our efforts to attain physical wholeness, we should never forget that Jesus calls us all to spiritual well-being as well. He asks his followers to attend first to the inner person, for it is there in our hearts that we find many spiritual aches and pains. If we honestly search our hearts we come to the realisation that there are many areas of our friendship with God and our neighbour that need improvement, for it is from our hearts that all our bad intentions emerge.

Bible Study

Our mid-week Bible Study (in conjunction with Trillick Methodist Church) gives way to our Lenten Programme, beginning on Ash Wednesday, with a Healing Service in Kilskeery Parish Church.

The 'Healing Theme' continues throughout Lent. Sessions are at 8.15pm, & begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th in Kilskeery Parish Church, continuing on March 12th in Trillick Parish Church, March 19th in Trillick Methodist Church, March 26th in Kilskeery Parish Church, April 2nd in Trillick Parish Church, April 9th in Trillick Methodist Church. In Holy Week, Services will be held at 8.00pm. On Wednesday April 16th at Trillick Methodist Church, On Holy Thursday in Trillick Parish Church, On Good Friday in Kilskeery Parish Church. Services on Easter Sunday will be as announced.

Mother's Day

It's Mother's Day – March 30th: Again on this day children and young people will distribute daffodils to members of the congregation while accepting donations to help Marie Curie in their work with cancer patients and their families. We are very grateful for your support.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Easter General Vestry Meetings will be held this year on Monday, April 7th (Kilskeery) and on Wednesday, April 9th (Trillick).

This is the yearly meeting where the Select Vestry, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and other office bearers are elected.

Anyone over 18 years of age and whose name appears on the list of Registered Vestry persons is entitled to attend this meeting and vote. Because you attend the meeting, doesn't mean that you will be voted into office against your will - your consent is needed. If you don't want to serve on the Select Vestry, why not come along and give your support to those who are willing to serve!

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Holy Baptism

Sunday 26th January Charlotte Ruby Johnston, daughter of Rodney and Zelda, Tattymacall Road, Lisbellaw

Christian Burial

22nd January 2014 Henry Edmund (Harry) Savage
Main Street, Lisbellaw

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

Every Wednesday from 5th March at 7.30pm

Police Male Voice Choir

Police Male Voice Choir in Concert Friday 28th March, 7.45pm Lisbellaw Parish Centre. Tickets £5.00
Proceeds to Parish Funds.

World War 1 Commemoration Weekend



1st-4th August. Please make a note of these dates. We hope to have displays and exhibits relating to military and local history, as well as special services and events. We would like to hear from anyone who has any photographs, memorabilia or items of interest about the War, or life in Lisbellaw 100 years ago.

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Services For March

Sunday 2nd 11.30am – Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday 5th 8.00pm - Evening Prayer
Sunday 9th 11.30am – Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism
Sunday 16th 11.30am – Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd 11.30am - Morning Prayer (Retiring collection for Christian Children's Charities)
Sunday 30th March 11.30am - Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

Sunday 19th January Ella Sharon Ann McGuckin, 3C Old Mill Court, Lisbellaw. Daughter to Hayley & Glen.

Sunday 16th February Rachel Evelyn Johnston, Drumbadbeg, Lisnaskea. Daughter to Steven & Gail.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

We had a large attendance of 70 people at our visitor's night in February. Revd Capper opened the meeting with prayers and Roger & Rachel from CMSI gave us a presentation of their ongoing work throughout the world. As it was the 200th anniversary of CMS in Ireland a special cake made by Deborah Egerton bearing their green logo was enjoyed by all.

"The Market Place" stall had a wide variety of crafts on display and £252 was raised from sales. Also sales of quiz sheets on "Women of the Bible" compiled by the Branch Leader and patterns for the MU logo (a sample knit by Violet Armstrong was on display) raised £92.20 for the overseas fund. The MU Chaplain The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher did the reading for the day and during his address encouraged us to support CMSI. Chairman of the Regional Support Group, Revd Brian Harper said grace and everyone enjoyed a delicious supper served by "Saddlers" staff.

Our annual dinner will take place in the "Donn Carragh" hotel, Lisnaskea on Thursday 6th March. Three courses plus tea/coffee for £15. Choice of menu on arrival and payment at the end of the night.

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Services for March 2014

2nd March 9:30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Holy Communion
7.00pm Service of Praise with Youth Fellowship
5th March 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Service
9th March 9:30am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Guest Night in Methodist Church
12th March 8.00pm Lent Service
16th March 9:30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Holy Communion
19th March 8.00pm Lent Service
23rd March 9:30am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer
7.00pm Evening Service in Methodist Church
26th March 8.00pm Lent Service
30th March 9:30am Morning Prayer
11.00am Mothering Sunday
7.00pm Evening Service

Congratulations

Congratulations to Henry Robinson who has been appointed as the Sheriff for County Fermanagh 2014.

Archdeacon

The parish is grateful to Archdeacon Cecil Pringle for his 25 years of service to the Diocese and our parish. We wish him well in his continuing ministry and welcome Canon Helene Steed as our new Archdeacon.

Worship through Lent

There is an opportunity for worship throughout Lent each Wednesday at 8.00pm. These are informal events which will include prayer, reflection and address. They should last approximately 45 minutes and are a useful addition to our worship in Lent.

Evening of Worship with the YF

On Sunday 2 March, Youth Fellowship and church will be coming together for a night of praise and teaching in the Magheracross Parish Room. We'll aim to combine the informality and energy of YF with the more traditional elements of church, and allow parents to experience the form of worship that their young people helped develop through 'Build-a-Church' in November. It would be great to see this service well supported by both young and old.

YF Programme

As for Youth Fellowship itself, we'll be delving deeper into bigger questions and stories from the Bible as we start our 'God Is ...' Programme. Each week, our leaders will present a different aspect of God's character ('God is Powerful', for example) and then invite our young people to get stuck in to some group discussion and creative interaction – we hope to prompt a bit of fresh thinking about who our wonderful God is.

Visitors from Saintfield

The Youth Fellowship from Saintfield Parish Church stayed in the Archdale Hall over a weekend in January and our own YF had the opportunity to spend time with them on the Saturday. In particular we shared in a "photo challenge" in which we prowled Ballinamallard looking for opportunities to take pictures with a particular theme eg "a scene from a movie" or "performing an act of kindness".

Scouting

During January, the Scouts began their season with an examination of the issues around internet use. The parents were given a preview of the material provided by CEOPS (a section of the PSNI) which highlighted the importance of internet security, privacy and supervision. Also this term, the scouts will be participating in a wall-climbing competition and an archery competition. Hopefully, there will be photographs of them with their trophies in the next edition.



Ballinamallard Scouts relax after their participation in the wall-climbing competition.

GFS

One of the primary focus points of this term's GFS programme will be the completion of their Scripture

work and the competition which accompanies this. In particular, they will be looking at the "lost and found" stories about the sheep, the coin and the son. Alongside this work, they will be preparing for the diocesan craft competition. As with the scouts, we look forward to seeing their photos with their trophies!

And as always, please prayerfully remember our young people and the programmes they'll be taking part in, because nothing we do will succeed without God at the helm.

Mothers' Union



A very enjoyable evening was held on 6th February when Margaret McCauley helped the members make jewellery. It was great to hear the members laughter as they created stunning necklaces, some of which would have been worthy of being on sale on the high street. We wish to thank Margaret for being so patient and for making the evening so enjoyable.

General Meeting in the Waterfront Hall Belfast on Saturday 21st June 2014 from 10.30a.m. – 3.30p.m. Tickets went on sale at 9.00am. on 17 February 2014, priced at £8.50. Tickets can be booked in person at the Waterfront Hall or Ulster Hall box offices, by phone on 028 9033 4455 (Monday- Saturday 9.00am -5pm) and online at www.waterfront.co.uk Handling and booking charges apply online and by phone.

Woman's World Day of Prayer

7 March at 8.00pm in Dromore Parish Church. This service is open to all ladies in the congregation.

MU Dates for the Diary

Thursday 6 March at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall
The speaker will be Revd Jean Mackeral and she will speak on "Life, Ministry and Motherhood." She is a Presbyterian Minister from Co Monaghan and alongside her Church work she hosts a programme on the radio, Northern Sound on Sunday nights and is a popular compere at local concerts. This promises to be an entertaining night and an open invitation is extended to all to come along.

Thursday 3 April at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall
The speaker will be John Ennis and his subject is "Sowing and Growing Daffodils". John is well known for his prize winning

displays of daffodils at local shows. So if you want to improve your gardening skills this is a night not to be missed.

Thursday 1 May at 8.00pm in the Archdale Hall
The speaker will be James Myles from "Christian against Poverty." An open invitation is extended to everyone to come along.

Select Vestry

The Select Vestry will meet on Monday 10 March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry will take place on Monday 28 April 2014 at 7.30pm in the Archdale Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

From the Parish Register

Burials

3rd December Mr Bob Corrigan, Ballinamallard

8th February Mr George Whiteside, County Home

9th February Miss Samantha (Sammy) McKenzie, Enniskillen

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Someone said to me just this week, "Christmas seems like yesterday and already we are starting to think of Easter, life is moving too fast". There is the question - is time going faster or why do we feel like the years are racing by. Some would say that as you get older it is all to do with the percentage of your life covered by a year. The older you are the smaller % a year represents. So this raises the question for me, how do we cope and is this hectic pace of life what God had in mind?

The challenge for us is to take to heart the words of the psalmist when he said 'be still and know that lam God'(Ps 46v10). How do we take time in the busyness of everything? In a world where we want an instant answer to everything, where email expects an answer immediately and we can chat to our friends across Facebook without having to wait for a letter to come bringing the latest news from the other side of the world, God calls us to take time for Him.

God may want us to take time but how do we do it? Well it is simply a matter of priorities, what is important to you receives your attention. If church and fellowship is important to you then you will make the time to go to church each week. If the mission of the church to reach out to others is important to you, then you will make the time to serve and help within the church. The ultimate measure of how you see God is how you give of what you hold most dear, which in today's society is either your time or your finances.

Martin Luther 500 years ago saw our commitment to God in three stages, first the conversion of the mind, then the conversion of the heart, and finally the conversion of the wallet. Today in 21st century Ireland it still applies.

Thinking you believe in God allows the race of life to go on but when the heart is involved it forces us to take time to meditate on the word of God and allow God a part in our daily lives. Initially God only asks for a few moments each day, just 5 minutes to pause and ask God to speak to you through a verse of scripture, and allow your mind a moment to ponder that verse. The ultimate place that Luther spoke of is being totally surrendered to God when nothing is placed as an idol. Where an idol is simply anything that takes our attention off God. It can be your wife, job, family or wallet, all things God wants you to have and enjoy in their right place.

Diary

Christian Aid Conference - Belfast South Methodist Church Saturday 1st March.

CVM - March 10th Cracking the code in Togherdoo Methodist Hall @ 8pm.

Healing Prayer every Friday evening 7.30 - 8.30pm
Prayer for the Youth every Tuesday evening 7 - 8pm, Fountain Centre

Revival Prayer every Monday, 8pm

Provision Prayer Tuesday mornings at 9am praying into the process of envisioning the parish.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 9.30 - 11am

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

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

Christian Book Exchange - in Parish Centre after 11am service every 1st Sunday.

Pick up a book or books free of charge.

Ardess Historical Society - Monday 17th March @ 8pm David Keys County Fermanagh Division 1 District A Kesh UVF 1913/1914

Friends in the Afternoon - 11th March Recycling FDC. 25th March Easter flowers-Bernie Lovett.

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

Mothers Union Thurs March 20th - Irish Fun night.

Alpha Course Thursday's in the Mayfly Inn, Main street Kesh.

Fountain Centre

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

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

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 Fountain Centre.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a service at 8pm in the church on Wednesday 5th March to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Mothering Sunday 30th March

Please do come along and join us on this special Sunday when our young people will be taking part and Mrs Geraldine Beattie will be joining us to share some insights and encouragement into being a mother in a very busy modern world.

Easter Praise

This year the Kesh rural deanery are going to come together for a special service of readings and songs for Easter on Palm Sunday evening the 13th April @ 7pm in Irvinestown parish church. It will be a mix of traditional and contemporary music and will involve all the choirs in the rural deanery taking part. Please do put this date in your diary and plan to be there.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Services for Lent during March

Each Wednesday morning at 10.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion and in the evening at 8.00pm there will be 'A Late Evening Office'.

Ash Wednesday, 5th March, 10.30am Christ Church, Maguiresbridge and 8.00pm St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk

12th March, 10.30am St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk and 8.00pm Christ Church, Maguiresbridge

19th March, 10.30am Christ Church, Maguiresbridge and 8.00pm St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk
26th March, 10.30am St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk and 8.00pm Christ Church, Maguiresbridge
1st April, 10.30am Christ Church, Maguiresbridge and 8.00pm St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk
8th April, 10.30am St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk and 8.00pm Christ Church, Maguiresbridge
 On St. Patrick's Day, 17th March, at 10.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

On Monday, 10 February 2014, 15 members and friends travelled to The Valley Hotel, Fivemiletown, for their annual Dinner. The food was excellent and everyone enjoyed it and the fellowship afterwards. 8 Members went to the Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday, 15 February 2014. Everyone enjoyed a lovely breakfast first. Doctor Margaret Knox (President) welcomed everyone and Mrs Margaret Crawford then introduced the speaker, Revd Canon Kathy Trimby, Tuam Diocese, Faith and Policy Co-ordinator, who gave a very inspiring and thought provoking address on the Theme for 2014 "Sowing the future together". The meeting closed with a hymn and epilogue by Doctor Knox. This was very well attended with 30 Branches represented. The next meeting is on 10 March 2014 when the speaker will be Valerie Thom from the Church Army. Everyone welcome.

Derrybrusk Mothers' Union

Before Christmas we held a fireside competition and the winners of the quiz were:-

1st Prize - Alice Gould (Kinawley) £20

2nd Prize - Nathan Carson (Maguiresbridge) £10

3rd Prize - Joshua Downey (Lisbellaw) £5

The quiz and answers are set out below:-

1. What saint's day is celebrated on Boxing Day? **St Stephen's**
2. Name the main town on the Isle of Man? **Douglas**
3. What do the initials GMT stand for? **Greenwich Mean Time**
4. In which sea is the Island of Cuba? **Caribbean**
5. Who was the biblical father of Shem, Ham and Japheth? **Noah**
6. Name the largest county in Northern Ireland? **Tyrone**
7. What date is St George's day? **23rd April**
8. What year was Prince William born? **1982**
9. What is a twite? **A bird**
10. Who is Sindy's boyfriend? **Paul**
11. Name the largest river in Ireland? **Shannon**
12. What is a scallion? **Onion**
13. What are the Roman letters for 65? **LXV**
14. In which city is 'The Wailing Wall'? **Jerusalem**
15. Who cut off Samson's hair? **Delilah ordered a servant**
16. Who became Prime Minister in 1990? **John Major**
17. What is the fastest bird on legs? **Ostrich**

18. Which Saint's day is celebrated on July 15th? **St Swithin's Day**
 19. What is another name for a Rowan tree? **Mountain Ash**
 20. What name is given to a young hare? **Leveret**
- We would like to thank all those who took part in the competition.

We would like to thank Raymond Farrell for coming and giving us advice on how to manage depression and mental health issues. It was very interesting and informative. We were delighted to have the visitors who came along and hear Raymond. It was lovely to have them. We were delighted to have Frances Boyd along on Tues 21st Jan to talk on her work with Photography.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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9th March First Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

16th March Second Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

23rd March Third Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

30th March Fourth Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

6th April Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 4th February in the church when the guest speaker Mr Raymond Wilkinson gave a talk on Rotary projects in Bulgaria and his dealing with the authorities in that country. The meeting concluded with a business meeting, supper and fellowship.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March in church when the theme will be from "Glasgow to Gate House" by Ellen Archer.

The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 24th January for a business meeting and fellowship. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th March and is a Beauty night by Ronaghan's chemist.

Condolences

It was with sadness we learned of the death of Mr John Honner on Saturday 8th February. He was a very active member of our congregation for more than 20 years and had served on the Select Vestry as both people's & rector's Warden. He had also been a member of both Diocesan Council and Synod. We offer prayerful sympathy to his wife Jessie, sons David, Johnny, Mervyn and their families on their sad loss. Please remember them & all those who have been recently bereaved in prayer.

Illness

We request prayer for those who are ill either at home or in hospital and those recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Vortex Youth Group

Vortex Youth Group continues to meet in the hall twice a month with a varied programme for each meeting.

Girls' Brigade Enrolment

We were joined by officers and members of our joint Girls' Brigade company for their enrolment service on 23rd January. It was good to have the girls help lead us in singing and prayer. We are very thankful for all the work that their leaders put in each week and continue to remember them in our prayers.

Lent

During Lent we are focusing on prayer both for our Sunday services and also in working our way through "The Prayer Course" each Wednesday night in Lent looking at aspects of prayer through the Lord's prayer. There will also be a weekly communion service on Thursday mornings.

The Postal Bible School

The Postal Bible School held their annual prize giving in the hall on 11th February with children from local national schools coming to sing, pray, learn and collect their prizes for their work over the past year.

Congratulations

We offer our congratulations to our neighbour Canon Helene Steed on her appointment as Archdeacon.

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Rossorry Rector appointed Dean of Raphoe Cathedral

On Sunday 16th February Canon Barrett announced to a shocked congregation in Rossorry that he had been asked to become the Dean of Raphoe Cathedral in the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe. After much prayerful consideration, he had agreed to accept the post and that he would shortly be resigning as Rector of Rossorry. He felt that he must follow the call that God was making on him to follow a new path using the Old Testament Reading of the day from Deuteronomy to illustrate the point: "For I command you today to love The Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him and to keep his commands....."

The congregation in Rossorry will be very sorry to see the Rector and his family leaving but we too must accept that God has plans for us all which we may not understand right away, and we too must "... walk in obedience and keep his commands..."

Big Sing Sunday

On Sunday 9th February 2014 at the 11.00am service we had a "Big Sing" – a service dedicated to the joy and worship of God through singing hymns. There were a mix of classics, favourites and a couple of contemporary hymns, during which we were 'encouraged' to sing up and sing out. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord"! It turned out to be a wonderful service and a bit of fun!

Founders Day Service

On Sunday 23rd February 2014 we held our Founder's Day Service welcoming the Uniformed Organisations to the 11.00am service, at which we traditionally remember and give thanks for the life and service of the founders of the Scout and Guide movements. There was tea and coffee served in the Hall after this service by the Guides.

Parish Registers

Bereavements

On Thursday 13th February, the funeral took place at Rossorry of Mrs Florence (Flo) Scollan, late of 5, Coleshill Road, Enniskillen with interment in the family plot in Rossorry Churchyard.

Marriages

On Friday 7th February at Rossorry Parish Church Elaine McElhatton and Geoffrey Kennedy.

Baptisms

Sunday 16th February

Lottie Rose Reilly, daughter of Eddie and Andrea Reilly.
Matthew Richard Davidson, son of Andrew and Roisin Davidson.

Tempo and Clabby



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Clabby Church Restoration

As you read these notes the restoration work on St. Margaret's Parish Church is now completed we moved back into the Church on 23rd February after 21 months, and had an open day on 22nd February. We extend our thanks to the main contractors, D. Stubbs & Son (external work), T. Chambers and Son (internal work) along with all the Sub-contractors. We now have a 19th Century Church building with some modifications inside fit for purpose for 21st Century worship and fellowship.

The work of fundraising to meet the costs continues with a Modern Day Tractor Run on Saturday 22nd March from Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am for booking and details contact Mrs. Wendy Gardiner 82841331.

5K Fun Run

A 5K Fun Run from Clabby Church Hall on Saturday 12th April at 11.00am for further details contact Mr. Colin Stronge 89521830.

Gifts

The Select Vestry appreciate generous financial gifts given recently by Parishioners towards items required to add new furniture to the Church. Also to the family and friends of the Late Mr. David Stronge for £710.00 received in lieu of flowers.

Diary Dates – March

- 5th March** Ash Wednesday 8pm Tempo
- 8th March** 1-30pm. Tempo Parish Auction
- 13th March** Cathedral Hall Enniskillen Diocesan Ministry of Healing 8pm. A Support and information evening on Depression with Raymond Farrell. Everyone Welcome.
- 22nd Saturday** 11.00am Clabby Modern Day Tractor Run.
- 12th & 26th** Lent Service 8pm – Clabby Parish Church
- 19th** Lent service 8pm - Tempo Parish Church.
- 12th April** Clabby 5K Fun Run meeting at Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am.
- 27th April** Clabby Annual Friends Service with Re-dedication of the Church 3pm. Friends and former Parishioners welcome Preacher Rt. Revd. J. McDowell.

“COME”

The word suggests invitation. There are many references to the word in scripture.

Isaiah 55 God issues an invitation to Israel and also to us. “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters, and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost.”

The invitation is to all who are spiritually thirsty and who need refreshment. We can come just as we are there is nothing we need to pay for salvation.

Jesus' call to his disciples “Come and follow me” our call to discipleship is costly. It means denying ourselves, our desires and ambitions and living daily for God's honour and glory.

“Come unto me all who are weak and weary and I will give you rest”. When we are burdened down with life's stresses, pressures and concerns, Jesus offers us help. He can give us strength for the burden and his peace in our troubled situations.

“He who comes to me I will in no wise cast out” Jesus' offer and invitation for Salvation is open to all to come just as they are. In Christ we find forgiveness, peace, strength, refreshment and a hope that is certain.

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,
Wednesday 5th March marks the beginning of Lent and a period of preparation for Easter. Grouped together as Shrovtide when I grew up the Sundays before lent had peculiar names in the Lectionary and these strange names gave warning that the time to prepare in earnest for Easter was coming.

Septuagesima meaning seventieth, the third Sunday before Lent has readings from Genesis about Eden and the fall and the Gospel is Matthew ch.20 vs 1-16 The workers in the Vineyard. The first workers receiving the same reward as the last hired. In liturgy in some traditions the word Alleluia is removed from responses at Holy Communion and the Sunday is called the Burial of the Alleluias.

Sexagesima meaning sixtieth, the second Sunday before Lent has as its Old Testament reading the life of Noah and the Gospel reading is Luke ch 8 vs 4 – 15 The parable of the sower and the fate of the sown seed in different soil.

Quinquagesima meaning fiftieth, the Sunday before Lent in its Old Testament reading recalls the life of Abraham. In the Gospel for this Sunday the reading is Luke ch18

vs 31 – 43. This tells of Jesus predicting his death and the faith of the blind begger. As we remember his faith we recall the preparation for his ministry of Christ in the wilderness and the wilderness of our blindness before we were saved.

This group of Sundays sometimes called "Little Lent" indicate the approximate number of days before Easter. Quinquagesima or the Sunday before Lent is followed on the Tuesday by Shrove Tuesday also called Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday or Carnivale.

Carnivale means good bye to meat. Even today we sometimes give up things we enjoy for penance during Lent. The giving up of meat became a point of debate during the reformation when a decree that sausages should not be eaten during Lent caused a controversy in 1522 in Zurich, which resulted in most of modern Switzerland declaring for the reformation. Ulrich Zwingli a reformer argued that the Bible does not prohibit eating meat during Lent.

It is perhaps sad that we have consigned a rich source of Bible teaching and church tradition to history being replaced by the rather bland liturgical names of the third, second and Sundays before Lent.

Lenten Observances

Beginning on Ash Wednesday at 8.00pm in The Priory, Killadeas and each Wednesday during the Lenten season the order for Compline will be said. The theme for Lent this year is the Five Solas of The Reformation. The talks each week will reflect one aspect of our understanding of true faith. That is Sola scriptura (Scripture alone) Sola fide (Faith alone) Sola gratia (Grace alone) Solus Christus (Christ alone) Soli Deo gloria (Glory to God alone).

In this we will try and reflect on the simple calling to faith we Christians believe.

Troty School House

Bad weather has delayed the start of works on the improvements to the facilities at the church. I hope by the time these notes are printed that the works will be completed.

Troty Parish Barbeque

The provisional date for this event is the 2nd of May. Further details later.

Killadeas World War 1 Exhibition

During the weekend of 22nd and 23rd March in Killadeas Parish hall the parish are availing of information panels outlining the national and local history of World War 1. Further details of times will be announced in Church.

Killadeas Concert

Killadeas Orange Hall will be the venue for a variety concert on Friday 14th March at 7.30pm. The event is run by the hall management committee and your support will be appreciated.

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