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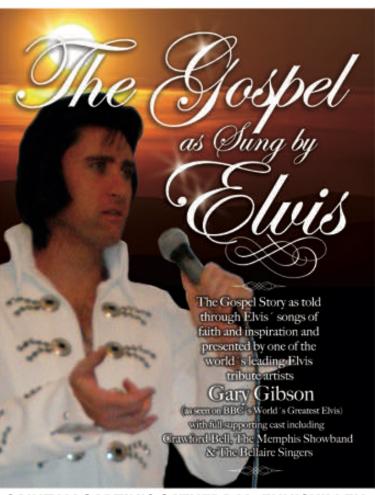
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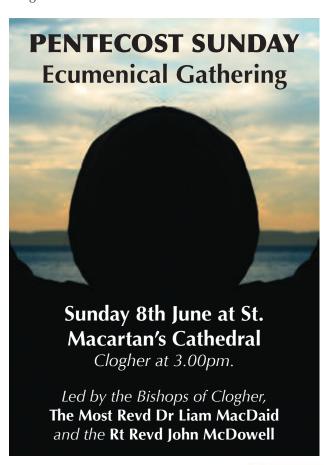
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Left Image - Mr Euan Richmond, The Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Archbishop Richard Clarke, Bishop John McDowell and Mrs Jennifer Johnston, pictured at the Service of Choral Evensong in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, on the eve of St Macartan's Day.

Right Image - Bishop John McDowell and Archdeacon Helene Steed pictured at the Service of Installation for Archdeacon Steed held in St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher.



A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,

As you (hopefully) read this little letter, Lent will be coming to an end and Easter will be just around the corner. The Cross and the Resurrection, in that order, because the one leads to the other. Which brings me back to another one of C S Lewis's very piercing observations. He said the following in one of his less well known books:

"What God does for

you, He will in time do in you".

At first those simple words can seem a bit difficult to make sense of. How can things like the Cross and the Resurrection (things done for us a long time ago) also be done in us in our lives now?

Maybe the obvious answer would seem to be that we can see how we might have to bear a cross now and that someday, perhaps soon but perhaps a long time away, we will also experience the resurrection. And both of those statements are true. But the obvious answer needn't be the whole answer.

Anyone who has ever seriously tried living as a disciple of Jesus, no matter how imperfectly or intermittently will know that there will be a cross to bear. Perhaps many. Not just the ordinary crosses which come from all the difficulties that flesh is heir to, believers and unbelievers alike, but the specific cross of trying to live our lives the way God wants us to; to live the life that God has desired us to live.

However if our experience of Christian discipleship is solely one of crosses then it would seem to be rather different from the experience of the early followers of Jesus who we read about in the New Testament, particularly in the letters of St. Paul. It is clear from them that the Christian life also included many tastes of the Resurrection. Sometimes it seemed to be more of the cross (joy with much tribulation) at other times more of the Resurrection (the whole first chapter of Ephesians!)

One of the occasions when those early Christians expected to have a foretaste of the Resurrection life was in the Holy Communion. That particular service has been and still is celebrated very differently in different Christian traditions, in different countries and at different times. For instance in our time, and for maybe as long as a thousand years before our time, the emphasis in Holy Communion has been on remembering and entering into the events of the Last Supper and the crucifixion.

However one of the very earliest services that we have discovered lays almost all the emphasis on the Holy Communion as an anticipation of the Heavenly

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Banquet which the Church as His Bride will share with Jesus the Bridegroom after the Resurrection.

When you or I receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection, will there be any hint of heaven?

However, that taste of the Resurrection can also be experienced in many other ways. I know that farmers care for animals often feel some of it when new life comes at lambing or indeed at any time of year. Parents can feel it when they look at their children - the overwhelming sense that they are of eternal significance. Most often the sense and experience of resurrection life comes through music which somehow combines both stillness and movement.

Yet the truth is that almost anything can become part of our resurrection experience. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was God's final word on the whole creation. And His final word is "YES". Many things are not yet as they should be but in the resurrection God affirmed that the created order will one day be restored and that in peacemaking and healing and in a hundred other ways His people both carry and experience the resurrection life into the world as it now is.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is just as great and true a reality as the Cross and as God gives us one He will also give us the other.

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Sermon preached by Bishop John McDowell at the Commemoration Service for Senator Billy Fox, in Christ Church, Aughnamullen

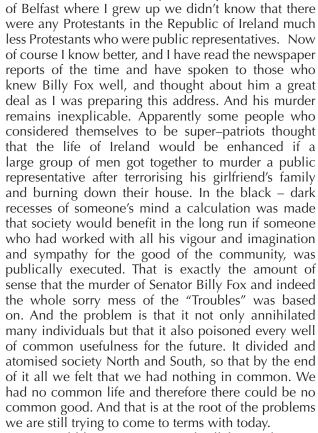
O stony grey soil of Monaghan The laugh from my love you thieved; You took the gay child of my passion And gave me your clod-conceived... You flung a ditch on my vision Of beauty, love and truth. O stony grey soil of Monaghan

You burgled my bank of youth.

I hope that it does not appear inappropriate to begin this sermon at a memorial service for one renowned Monaghan man (Senator Billy Fox) by quoting the words of another (Patrick Kavanagh). Because it was indeed on the stony grey soil of a Monaghan field that the riches of the personality of Billy Fox were burgled. Burgled and stolen by the extraordinary heartlessness of some men who lived in a wilderness of self–righteousness, and who in that wilderness exposed themselves to the greatest temptation of all –

the temptation to extinguish a life which God had created – a life which He loved with an everlasting love.

I was eighteen years old when Billy Fox was murdered and living in what would now be descried as a Loyalist housing estate in East Belfast. It was one of the worst years of the Troubles and there were shootings or bombings (often both) literally every day. But the murder of Billy Fox stood out, and I remember the reports of it very well. And it stood out not because it was more tragic than any of the other murders, but because it was even more inexplicable than the other murders. To be honest with you in the part



But it would be very wrong to dwell for too long on the problems caused by the depraved folly of those who murdered Billy Fox. We are not here to remember what was bad about them but to reflect on and give thanks for what was good about him. Ireland in 1974 was a very different place to what it became twenty years later. It was different to look at and different to live in. There was a much greater need for voluntary participation in civic society and a far greater place for what George Orwell called "the little battalions"— the societies and clubs and informal associations which made society work and made community life rich and textured. Perhaps there is a place for them again.

Anyone I have spoken to about Billy Fox, and all that I have read about him, speak of someone who was an enthusiast in the best sense of that word. Not a depressing grumbler or a tiresome busybody – but someone who enhanced whatever he took an interest in and who widened the horizons of those who met him and worked with him. That is not to say that he



Senator Billy Fox 1939 - 1974

was a perfected saint. He could not have been. He was Church of Ireland. Let me explain. In the Church of Ireland we have no procedure by which to make someone an official saint. In the Book of Common Prayer we remember many of the great people of the Bible as saints and also remember heroic figures from the Irish Church, like Patrick and Columba and Brigid. But we have no formal system of investigating someone's life and appointing a candidate's advocate to argue the case for and devil's advocate to argue the case against sainthood.

There is one person at the moment who is being considered in this way in the

Catholic Church – a man called Cardinal Newman. As you may know Newman was an Anglican priest before converting to Catholicism. He was instrumental in establishing the Catholic University in Ireland, which in time became UCD. He was a great scholar and an even greater writer of rare power and grace. However, one of the arguments used as to why he shouldn't be made a saint is that, I'm afraid to say, he was a bit of a wet blanket. Apparently if you spent half an hour with Newman talking about your troubles you came away feeling worse than you did at the beginning. So, maybe Billy Fox was a saint after all. A saint in the sense that when you were with him the landscape changed and your horizons were widened and things that once seemed impossible began to appear to be within your grasp. Is that not what a public representative should be, a saint like that? When I have spoken to people about him they tell me about someone who was interested in people and who respected them. Someone who, if people were open to it, would gladly and freely share the riches of his experience and his knowledge with them. He was truly Christian in this sense, that when he committed himself to something he felt he had no right to stop. Every society needs people like Billy Fox to act as encouragers and examples. To remind us that we are made for great things. Not necessarily great wealth or great comfort, but great joy and great sacrifice and great commitment and great love. People who take us out of ourselves and into the lives of other people. Active ordinary people like Billy Fox who can take the churchiness out of goodness and who are living reminders of all that we heard read in that wonderful passage from Deuteronomy: That God is the God of Ireland now, as surely as he was the God of Israel in the time of Moses, and that obedience to the law of self sacrifice and service, which is the law of God's own personality, is the only way that a person or a community or a nation can become great. That without these things, we will be lost in the wilderness of the world and its temptations; and find ourselves marooned in that great prairie of sterile hate that lies at the centre of so much of Irish history. Perhaps it is only people who have used their lives as a means of service, not counting the cost who can say with the psalmist: In peace I will lie down in sleep: for it is you Lord only who makes me dwell in safety. It is only a pity that Billy Fox who lived his life with such energy was not allowed the opportunity of laying it down with



composure. In the wilderness Jesus Christ was tempted to take a shortcut to goodness. To try to do God's work the world's way. To give the people bread and circuses and by doing so to attain popularity and fame. Bread and circuses are not bad things in themselves but they

are not the foundation of goodness and they were not what He was called to do. He was called to show to the world of His time and of every generation what the life of God is like when it takes a human form, and to give us the power to follow him along that path.

Many of you here will have known Billy Fox well and will have many memories of him; personal memories and memories of an active, live enhancing public representative. And it is only right that this commemoration tries to honour that life by talking about hope and promise and strength and peace. And perhaps with those memories in mind we can dedicate ourselves afresh to work towards the mature self-giving innocence that is one of God's greatest gifts. So, in concluding, we pray to the God who indeed hates nothing that He has made, and ask him to make in us new and contrite hearts. To take away our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh so that in the spirit of Billy Fox we may make a new Ireland.

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ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS



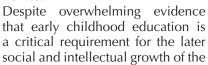
The Anglican Church in Zambia has launched early childhood development (ECD) programme in Eastern "provide Zambia to integrated services that address the child holistically in terms health, nutrition, protection and education."

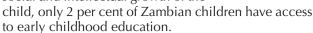
"The Anglican Church does not just end by preaching the good news at the pulpit," Archbishop Chama told more than 1000 people at the launch. "We're here also to touch the people's lives and hence our desire to collaborate with the state and other partners to improve the people's lives." He also expressed his wish for an education that will not only make children excel in academia alone, but also make them responsive members of our communities.

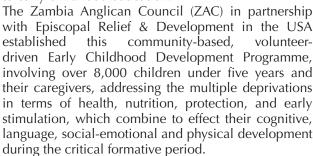
The National Programmes Director for the Zambia Anglican Council. She explained that the main purpose of the programmes was to help the children reach all the developmental milestones as well as to support their parents or caregivers.

"We're focussing on children who are 0-6 years so that their health is good and minds stimulated to learn. Most African parents have little or no time to play with their children," she said.

A typical early childhood education centre would have a sizeable play park with swings and slides for children and would often offer food supplements to the children who usually come from impoverished and disadvantaged homes.









A read the Bible-in-a-year course that started off in one church in the United States is now in 2,500 churches in over 40 countries with 100,000 Anglicans participating. Almost 80,000 people worldwide visited their website in the first two weeks.

The director of The Bible Challenge said he thinks the secret to the course's success is that The Bible Challenge participants can do it whenever and wherever they like. "They can use a printed Bible or read the Bible on a mobile device or listen to the Bible being read," he noted

"Our goal is to help individuals develop a life-long spiritual discipline of daily Scripture reading that will transform the entire life. This ministry is also having an incredible impact on entire congregations and





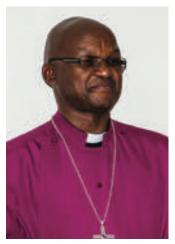
dioceses and transforming them from a low to high level of biblical literacy, and people from occasional churchgoers to people with a daily spiritual practice of engaging the Bible."

"Studies reveal that regular engagement with the Bible is the number one tool for helping Christians grow in their faith, but it is actually one of the great weaknesses for many Anglicans," he noted.

Participants read three chapters of the Old Testament, a psalm and a chapter of the New Testament each day, which helps them to read the entire Bible in a year. There are no readings for Sunday, as participants are encouraged to hear the Scriptures read aloud in church.

To participate in The Bible Challenge visit www. thecenterforbiblical studies.org

"A Church solely dependent on priests won't survive" - Botswana bishop



A bishop from Church of the Province of Central Africa (CPCA) has warned that "a church that is solely dependent on priests and consists of only Sunday church attenders will not survive."

Bishop of the Botswana Diocese the Rt Revd Metlhayotlhe Beleme said to the Diocese of Botswana Synod.

This was Bishop Beleme's first Synod since his election in July last year. "I think it will become increasingly necessary for us to consider how we liberate the laity, how they can be used also in public forms of worship so that the liturgy of the Church becomes the work of the collective people of God," he said.

"I am thankful for the service of the clergy, the band of helpers, and the lay ministers who are serving in the outstations." He added: "Ministry is not for the ordained only everyone of us has a gift and gifts are responsibilities which have to be exercised in the name of God. Our knowledge and love of Him should propel us into proclaiming His name above all others."

New Facebook page to showcase Anglican Communion life & ministry



Social media posts about life and ministry of the Anglican/Episcopal world are being shared on a new Facebook page facebook.com/ TheAnglicanCommunion

While AnglicanNews.org and its Facebook page has been sharing news from around the Anglican Communion for the past few years, other non-news posts have been confined to individual accounts unless intentionally shared.

The new Facebook page aims to gather the best posts from Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and elsewhere into one place and - in conjunction with the Twitter account @acoffice - to give visitors and followers a birds-eye view of Communion activity.

"We have volunteers from Africa, Asia, Oceania, North and Latin Americe, and Europe who will be posting and reposting anything they think will interest Anglicans and Episcopalians around the globe," said Jan Butter, Director for Communication at the Anglican Communion Office.

"There are now so many Anglican Communion members, Churches and initatives sharing on these digital platforms that we thought it would make sense to create one place where at least the highlights could appear."

Mr Butter added that he has encouraged the volunteers to post in their own languages where possible to reflect the global nature of the Communion's faith tradition.

The Anglican Communion Facebook page joins AnglicanNews.org, the @acoffice Twitter account, the Anglican Communion News Service Facebook page and the Anglican Communion website, and the Anglican Communion Office's issuu.com account as yet another digital channel providing news, information and resources to members of the Anglican/Episcopal community worldwide.

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The Book Well

Following the closure of The Good Book Shop in 2014, The Book Well has been independently set up to help resource the Church of Ireland and beyond. The Book Well is based at 7 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast and can be contacted on 07581143596, info@thebookwell.co.uk or www.thebookwell.co.uk

Church of Ireland 2014 Communications Competition



The Central Communication Board's annual Magazine, Website and Social Media Competition is now open and invites entries within each category from Church of Ireland parishes, dioceses and associated organisations as well as individuals whose social media activity clearly relates to Church activity/outreach/witness. Quality of presentation, strength of content and outreach potential are once again to be the standards of excellence against which entries will be judged. **The closing date is Friday 11th April 2014.** Winners will be announced at the General Synod in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin, 8–10 May 2014. Further details are available from Jenny Compston, Church of Ireland Press Office press@ireland.anglican.org or 028 9082 8880.



Standing Committee appoints new Honorary Secretary

The Standing Committee of the Church of Ireland has elected the Revd Gillian Wharton as Clerical Honorary Secretary of General Synod. Ms Wharton, who is Rector of Booterstown and Carysfort with Mount Merrion in Dublin, succeeds the Ven Robin Bantry White who has retired. The election has been welcomed by the

Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson who said: 'It was a great pleasure to me to be in the chair at the Standing Committee and to announce the appointment of the Revd Gillian Wharton as Honorary Secretary of the General Synod. Gillian makes history in undertaking this role. She brings considerable energy, enthusiasm and experience to the central workings of the Church of Ireland.'

Fit for the purpose weekend



A total of 42 students attended the Church of Ireland Theological Institute over the weekend for the commencement of two further training courses. Twenty—three men and women from nine dioceses embarked on the one year Foundation Course programme, while 19 started the second cycle of reader training which lasts for two years. The weekend, entitled 'Fit for the Purpose', takes as its theme a biblical and personal exploration of various matters to do with vocation. The main facilitators were Dr Christina Baxter, former Principal of St John's College, Nottingham; the Revd Dr Andy Angel, Vice Principal of St John's and Director of Extension Studies; and the Revd Dr Maurice Elliott, Director of CITL.

Stormont launch of Flourish!



Pictured at the launch of 'Flourish!', a churches' initiative on suicide, at Stormont on Monday 3 March 2014 are the Health Minister Edwin Poots, North Belfast DUP MLAs Nelson McCausland,

William Humphrey and Paula Bradley, who hosted the event, Jo Murphy, Coordinator of Lighthouse, Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, left, Revd Mervyn Ewing, Jennymount Methodist, and Revd John McClure, Church of Ireland.

'Flourish!' is a partnership between the Lighthouse Ireland, the Churches' Community Work Alliance NI and clergy from across the Christian churches in Northern Ireland. The initiative has the support of the four main church leaders in Ireland. It provides a training pathway for churches on suicide prevention, supporting people bereaved by suicide and promoting positive mental health. For information: www.wewillflourish.com.

CITI celebrates 50 years at Braemor Park



The director of the institute, the Revd Dr Maurice Elliott; the Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Rt Revd Harold Miller; the Revd Canon Dr David Hewlett, principal of the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham (preacher); the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke; and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson.

The Church of Ireland Theological Institute recently marked 50 years at Braemor Park in Churchtown, Dublin. The Divinity Hostel was officially opened on 17 February 1964 having moved from its previous home at 25 Mountjoy Square to its new surroundings in south Dublin. The celebrations got underway with a service in the chapel which was attended by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, and the Rt Revd Harold Miller, Bishop of Down & Dromore. The large congregation was welcomed by CITI's director, the Revd Dr Maurice Elliott who said he, the staff and the students were delighted that so many people had joined them for the notable occasion. The preacher was the Revd Canon Dr David Hewlett, principal of the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham and former lecturer at CITI. He described the five years he spent lecturing at CITI as a formative experience - it having been his first teaching post and his first time in Ireland. He took the text of the reading from Romans 12: 1-8 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,' for his sermon, which he said was a key part of theological education. Dr Hewlett said that conforming to the world was to diminish a person but transformation represented an opening out, freeing and enlarging of the self and the spirit. He suggested that the renewal of minds could be brought about by encounters with difference, reading theology and through standing with those whose wounds are felt deeply. He also spoke about the vocation of a theological college, the most important of which was to help the students grow in their Christian character.

New Children's Ministry Website Goes Live



The Sunday School Society and Children's Ministry Network (CMN) have come together to launch an exciting new website for children's ministry. The Church of Ireland Children's Ministry website is full of useful information for anyone involved in children's ministry. The website, which can be found at www. cm.ireland.anglican.org, has information about the Sunday School Society and the Children's Ministry Network and news of events being run by both organisations, locally and nationally. However, information additional on resources supplementary materials is also available. There are sections on Sunday School books and curriculum, crafts, creative prayer, music and action stories and Lectionary resources among others. Those working in the area of children's ministry are also encouraged to contribute their own teaching and learning ideas through the children's ministry Facebook page. The Sunday School Society's children's ministry development officer, Lydia Monds, explained that the new website represented a coming together of the sites of the Sunday School Society and the Children's Ministry Network. "The site is a work in progress but we wanted it to be ready for Lent so that people could go to it for ideas for Lent and Easter," she stated. "We also hope that people share their ideas and resources on our Facebook page so that you can be proactive in passing on information."

Eco Congregation Ireland: Action on Climate Change

The Revd Andrew Orr, Chairman of Eco–Congregation Ireland (ECI), calls on churches in Ireland take action on climate change:

'Eco-Congregation Ireland is delighted that the Church of England General Synod has overwhelmingly passed a motion calling on the Church to take action on climate change. This includes the setting up of a special environmental panel to oversee the Church's response in areas such as administration, parish life and investments.

'We would ask that all the churches in Ireland would follow the lead of the Church of England and begin a similar process that would see every faith community engage constructively with their call to care for God's Creation, especially around the damage to the planet caused by climate change.'

Report of Council for Mission Conference 2014



Bishop Harold Miller, Dean Katharine Poulton and Mr Andrew McNeile

'Mission is what we are sent by God to do', were the opening words of Bishop Harold Miller as he welcomed delegates from across the Church of Ireland to the Council for Mission's conference held at Dromantine Conference Centre. Bishop Miller continued, 'It is critical that we become alive to what the Holy Spirit wants us to do in the world of today and to engage in the mission of Jesus Christ.'

The conference was organised to examine how to articulate mission in the range of contexts that exist across Ireland so that all church traditions can embrace, support and enact and bring it to life. Furthermore, the conference asked how more traditional and newer forms of church can enhance and strengthen the life of the Church.

There were presentations from a number of parishes across the island and small–group discussions, facilitated by Dean Katharine Poulton and Mr Andrew McNeile

To help the Church in its thinking, the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd Dr Richard Chartres, and the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Revd Dr Heather Morris, were invited to share some of their views;. The Bishop of London spoke of how after the 1960s and 70s the Church of England had become 'bewildered, confused and fragmented', resulting in churches being abandoned and a prevailing sense that decline was the Church's destiny, with the Diocese of London by the 1990s appearing as an exaggerated image of the Church at large. However, he believed passionately in churches being 'communities in the desert' and had initiated a process of missional engagement which has now brought about radical positive change in London. At the core of change, Bishop Chartres explained, is the vital prioritising of a fresh engagement with 'the symphony of Holy Scripture' - saying, 'there can be no renewal without that'-and developing a 'deep and profound life of prayer'. Engagement and action planning locally are also essential – effective leadership in mission must be relational. Rather than produce big complex programmes, he said, 'simplicity releases energy'; leaders must point people on a clear direction of travel while at the same time be 'opportunistic ... open to what God might be putting in front of us'.

The Bishop articulated the importance of being 'utterly serious about our foundation' – a 'diversity of styles can be tolerated' ('generous orthodoxy') but 'whatever happens it is based on our fundamental identity ... the Church as part of the holy Catholic Church worshipping the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, proclaiming afresh'. In short, the task was 'to reduce clutter and create an educational framework for common action where all can work together'. Starkly, today's task of mission is huge, and the bishop spoke of 'the need to face up honestly to what's happening otherwise reality overtakes us'.



Bishop Richard Chartres

Dr Heather Morris responded to the question 'What is God doing in Ireland today and how can we join in?' by a cknowledging that she suspected God's people 'are a little scared of

this new world' and that 'in the context of decline it's difficult to ask the missional questions'. However, she said, 'If we are going to be faithful we have to get past those fears and trust God'. Echoing Bishop Chartres' theme, she drew on 2 Kings 6:15–17 ('Lord would you open our eyes that we might see') and stressed the essential first–step 'discipline' of 'standing back in order to put aside our many ideas and our many frustrations and dare to ask for eyes to see what God is doing.' She concluded that, in Ireland today, 'God is going ahead of us'.



Revd Dr Heather Morris

Dr Morris said, 'As well as preparing to be astounded by what this God is doing, let's recognise that we will never be able to encapsulate it in an easy list. There will always be an element of mystery, let's rejoice in that. There is going to be variety. God is going to be up to different things in different places and different things in different people in the same

place; there is no competition in that.'

As to 'how do we join in?', Dr Morris said, 'It means that we live in expectation of grace; to wake up in the morning expecting to see God at work today and that our core task is to discern what God is doing.'

Practically, she concluded, 'Christians need to be willing to share life, open homes, be ready for questions. We need to be disciples and as a Church pay attention to discipleship.'

Joint Lenten Reflection Series by Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland and Bishops' Appeal

A Lenten Reflection Series focusing on the theme of Compassion is being explored jointly by Bishops' Appeal and the Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland. The series will reflect upon theological and practical aspects of compassion and will root its exploration in both the local and the global context. The opening reflection is provided by Jessica Stone who is the Ministry Coordinator for the Church's Ministry of

Healing. It is a powerful extract from a reflection Jessica delivered at the Bishops' Appeal Conference in February where energetic calls to respond to poverty and injustice were balanced by this reminder that in order to love others and respond compassionately to their needs in a way that is not determined by our energy levels, circumstances and emotional reserves, we need to constantly return to the Infinite Source of compassion. Only when we are filled can we then turn and bless others. The reflection can be found at: http://ministryofhealing.ie/thoughts/tapping-into-gods-compassion-this-lent/ and http://bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/prayer-and-reflection

DIOCESAN NEWS

Archdeacon Steed Installed

The Venerable Helene Steed, Rector of the Clones group of parishes, was installed as Archdeacon of Clogher by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall in the Cathedral Church of St Macartan, Clogher on the Second Sunday in Lent, 16th March 2014. The preacher at the service was the Rt Revd Nigel McCulloch, K.C.V.O., Lord Bishop Emeritus of Manchester.



Bishop's Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka, the Verger was Mr John Hull, the Churchwardens were Mr Oscar Clingen and Mrs Audrey Johnston, Crucifer Miss Janice Clingen and the Bell Ringers were Mrs Heather McKeown and Miss Heather Fannin.

Bishop Nigel McCulloch, K.C.V.O. The singing was led members from the choirs of Augher Parish, Clogher Cathedral, Clones Parish, Donagh Parish, Enniskillen Cathedral and Newtownsaville Parish, and the Organist was Mr Glenn Moore.

The Processional Hymn, *We are marching in the light of God*, was introduced on the Conga Drums which were played by Mr David Daniel, and set the tone for what was an uplifting service, with vibrant singing from the choirs and 400 strong congregation.

The Mandate was read by the Diocesan Registrar, the Revd Canon John Stewart, and before being installed, a number of young people gathered around Archdeacon Steed as the Dean led the congregation in prayer before installing the new Archdeacon.

Members of the Cathedral Chapter, which included the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, the Venerable Helene Steed, the Revd Precentor Noel Regan, the Revd Canon David Skuce, the Revd Canon Ian Berry, the Revd Canon



Bishop Nigel McCulloch, Bishop John McDowell, Archdeacon Helene Steed and Dean Kenneth Hall

Maurice Armstrong, the Revd Canon John Stewart and the Revd Canon Bryan Kerr, led the Penitence.

The Dean, who deputised for Deputy Heather Humphreys TD, read the Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy chapter 31.

The Venerable Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Emeritus of Clogher, led Psalm 121 and Cllr. Rosemary Barton, a Lay Honorary Secretary of Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Council read the Epistle from 1 Thessalonians chapter 5. The Gradual hymn was *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,* and the Gospel reading from St John chapter 14 was read by the Revd Fr Cathal Deery, CC, Parish of Clones.



Young people leading the prayers

The inspiring sermon delivered by Bishop McCulloch was followed by *Toner från en källa (Tunes from a waterspring)*, which is a Swedish setting of the Communion service, and was performed by the soloist, Ms Jayne Haslett.

The prayers were led by a number of young people from the Clones group of parishes, including Miss Averil Crowe, Master Matthew Keating, Miss Grace Steed, Miss Rebecca Keating and Mr Andrew Hall. The Offertory hymn was *Amazing grace*, and the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, celebrated Holy Communion. During communion the soloist sang *Ave verum corpus* by Mozart.

The penultimate hymn was Dear Lord and Father of mankind, and the final hymn was And can it be that I should gain.

Adult Confirmation



Adult Confirmation will take place in Portora Royal School Chapel at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd June. Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact your rector, or St Macartin's Cathedral office on 028 66 322917 and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

From the 26th February to the 4th March 2015 the Bishop will lead a Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For further details contact Canon David Skuce at 028677 21250 or davidskuce@btinternet.com

RTE Broadcast by Rossorry Parish

The Sunday Service on RTE 1 television was broadcast on 9th March by Rossorry Parish, and is well worth watching! For those who missed it, it can be viewed online at www.rte.ie/player/nl/show/10260807/

Clogher Diocesan Girls Friendly Society

Clogher Diocesan Girls Friendly Society are having a Missionary Evening on the 4th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall. The evening is about Kiwoko Hospital which GFS support. The speaker is Mrs Pauline Marshall.

The Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade Ulster Regiment



The Brigade's Annual Parade and Service will be held at St John's Parish Church, Fivemiletown on Sunday 6th April. Companies will assemble at 2.45pm for a Parade round the town prior to the Service at 3.30pm. Family and friends of the Brigade will be most welcome.

St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40!

Following the successful evening on 16th February when the results of the top ten hymns were announced and sung by the cathedral choir and large congregation of enthusiastic singers, the next 40 hymns will be revealed and sung at four special evening services on Sunday 4th May, 1st June, 16th November and 18th January, at 7.00pm in Enniskillen Cathedral.

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2014

Thursday 3rd April – 'Happy are those who are called to his supper' at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones. 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 St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Friday 4th April – Missionary Evening on Kiwoko Hospital in Luwero Diocese, Uganda in Colebrooke Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Guest speaker: Mrs Pauline Marshall. Hosted by Clogher Diocesan Girls Friendly Society. Friday 4th April – **Tyholland Senior Citizens Party** at 8.30pm in Tyholland Community Centre.

Saturday 5th April – Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale at 10.30am. Various stalls for all ages and this year Miss Rebecca Keating will run a bookstall. Please contact Archdeacon Steed if you have any books to donate. Refreshments served.

Saturday 5th April – Ladies Breakfast in Drumkeeran Hall at 9.00am Speaker: Nia, a world travelled celebrity who addressed a similar event back in 1999.

Sunday 6th April – The Fifth Sunday in Lent (violet)

Sunday 6th April – African Children's Choir in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from the Model School on 0286632 4865 costing £5 for adults and £3 for children.

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

Thursday 10th April – 'Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord' at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones. 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.

Saturday 12th April – Clabby 5K Fun Run meeting at Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am.

Saturday 12th April – Coffee Morning, Cake & Craft Sale from 10am - 12pm. Hosted by Aghavea GFS. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Saturday 12th April – Coffee Morning in the Reade Hall, Monea organised by Girl Guides

Saturday 12th April – Annual Bring & Buy Sale in Drum Village Hall at 8.00pm. Usual stalls and Easter Draw.

Sunday 13th April – The Sixth Sunday in Lent – Palm Sunday (red or violet)

Sunday 13th April – Kesh Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service (featuring the joint choirs) 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, the speaker each night.

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

Sunday 13th April – An Evening of Gospel Music with Judith Anderson, Andrew Irwin and others at 7.00pm in St John's Church, Fivemiletown. Donations in aid of Operation Rescue, Ethiopia.

Monday 14th April – Monday in Holy Week (red or violet)

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

Tuesday 15th April – Tuesday in Holy Week (red or violet)

Wednesday 16th April - Wednesday in Holy Week (red or violet)

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday (red or violet)

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

Thursday 17th April – Clogher Clerical Association Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at 12 noon in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. Celebrant: Bishop John McDowell. Followed by soup lunch.

Friday 18th April - Good Friday

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

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

Saturday 19th April - Easter Eve

Saturday 19th April – Easter Fountain fun at the Fountain Centre, Kesh from 2-4pm. Face painting, carnival type games, Easter crafts for kids, bouncy castle, BBQ, and much more. There is no charge for the afternoon, small charge on burgers at £2, but donations are welcome.

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter (white or gold)

Sunday 20th April – **Dawn Service** on the shore of Lough Erne behind Killadeas Priory Church at 6.30am. This will be followed by Eggs and Toast in the Parish Hall. It's worth the early start to greet each other with the words "Christ is Risen!" "The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Friday 25th April – Smile's Jazz Night with the Ernesiders in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. The Smiles Foundation are at present raising funds to build a Day Centre for Disabled Children in Romania. Their plan is to have it up and running by September 2014. Tickets (£10.00) are available from the Cathedral Office Monday – Friday from 9.00am-12 noon or from Liz Robertson tel 66320871 or Myrtle Irvine tel 66324583. There will also be a Mr & Mrs Competition and light refreshments will be served. Proceeds will be divided between the Cathedral Hall Repair Fund and Smiles Foundation.

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.

Saturday 26th April – Coffee Morning in the Reade Hall, Monea. Proceeds to Marie Curie.

Sunday 27th April – The Second Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 27th April – Clabby Annual Friends Service with Re-dedication of the Church at 3.00pm. Preacher Rt. Revd J McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

Monday 28th April – Saint Mark the Evangelist (red)

Monday 28th April – Deadline for grant applications to Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission. Parishioners or groups planning to go on missionary work this year could be eligible for a grant. Please contact your rector or priest in charge for more details.

May 2014

Thursday 1st May – Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles (red)

Thursday 1st May – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion at 10.15am in the Cathedral. Speaker: Mr Christopher Steed on African Christianity.

Friday 2nd May – MU Area Service in St Maeldoid's, Castleblayney (Ballybay Group) at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Anita Kerr.

Friday 2nd May – **Trory Parish BBQ** in Ballinamallard Football Club.

Friday 2nd May – **Easter Social** will be held at Colebrooke Parish Hall at 9.00pm.

Saturday 3rd May – Installation of Canon Arthur Barrett as Dean of Raphoe in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe at 4.00pm.

Sunday 4th May – The Third Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 4th May – Colebrooke Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Sunday 4th May – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40! at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.

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.

Wednesday 7th May - 'The Gospel as sung by Elvis' concert in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen with Gary Gibson and full supporting cast including Crawford Bell, The Memphis Showband and The Bellaire Singers. Doors open at 7.00pm. Subscription £15. Tickets available from the Cathedral Office.

Sunday 11th May – The Fourth Sunday of Easter (white)

Wednesday 14th May – Saint Matthias (red)

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Melanie Lacy (Oak Hill College, London).

Friday 16th May – MU Area Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Canon Patrick Bamber, Rector of Calry Parish, Sligo.

Sunday 18th May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 18th May – Mullaghfad Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 21st May – Drummully Gardening Evening: in the Church Hall at 8pm. Kim Rickey will be back by popular demand to do a demonstration and will have a variety of plants for sale on the night. As usual supper will be served and everyone is warmly invited. Proceeds this year will be going towards the Irish Cancer Society.

Thursday 22nd May – MU Spring Council in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Sunday 25th May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Day (white)

Friday 30th May – Clogher Clerical Association BBQ at The See House at 7.00pm.

June 2014

Sunday 1st June – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 30! at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.

Tuesday 3rd June – Adult Confirmation in Portora Royal School Chapel at 7.30pm. Any adults, who are not already confirmed, and would like to be confirmed please contact St Macartin's Cathedral office on 028 66 322917 and a member of the Clergy will contact you.

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th June 2014 - Cleenish Flower Festival commences on Friday afternoon at 2.00pm, followed by an Opening Service at 8.00pm with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. Saturday from 10.00am to

9.00pm, and on Sunday afternoon from 2.00pm to 6.00pm. 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 07753 119093.

Friday 6th June – MU Indoor Members Afternoon Tea Party at The See House, Fivemiletown.

Sunday 8th June – Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering at St. Macartan'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.

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th June 2014 – Colebrooke Holiday Bible Club 'A Jungle Jamboree' from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall concluding with a Sunday Service on 29th June. Focus on some of the parables Jesus told, using music, drama, crafts, games and more. Suitable for Primary School age children. Registration essential.

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 any one 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).

Monday 4th - Friday 8th August 2014 - Colaghty Parish Holiday Bible Club

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 – MU Diocesan Training Day for Branch Leaders, Secretaries and Treasurers in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

Sunday 14th September – **Diocesan Missionary Service** at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

Wednesday 17th September – Clogher Clerical Association meeting in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am commencing with a Service of Holy Communion at 10.15am in the Cathedral. Speaker: Caroline Bradley, Care for the Family.

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

Saturday 11th October – Ballyclare Male Voice Choir in Cleenish Parish Hall.

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.

Sunday 16th November – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 20! at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th November 2014 - Christmas Tree Festival in St Maeldoid's Parish, Castleblayney.

December 2014

Thursday 4th December – Clogher Clerical Association Holy Communion at 11.00am in Killadeas Parish. Celebrant: The Most Revd Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh. Followed by lunch.

January 2015

Sunday 18th January – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 10! at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.

February 2015

Thursday 26th February – **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** from 26th
February to 4th March led by the Rt.
Revd John McDowell. For further details
contact Canon David Skuce on 028 677
21250 or davidskuce@btinternet.com.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Mothers' Union All-Ireland Leadership Conference



On Friday 7 March seven members from the Trustee Body of Clogher diocese set off to An Grianan, Termonfeckin, Co Louth to the All-Ireland Triennial Conference. Following a meal the All-Ireland President, Phyllis Grothier welcomed everyone and especially the Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey and the All-Ireland Chaplain, Dean Raymond Ferguson. The conference was for Diocesan Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, the four unit coordinators and the Young Members representative. From Clogher, Diane Whittaker, Anne Armstrong, Ivy Edwards, Myrtle Allen, Lynn Winslow and Barbara Clarke attended. Susan Cathcart (Trory branch) was also welcomed as she takes over her new role as All-Ireland Treasurer. Margaret Crawford attended as All-Ireland Indoor Members representative and also as temporary Faith and Policy co-ordinator in the diocese. The focus of the Conference was to 'Encourage, Enthuse, Equip and Empower' members. In her address Lynne Tembey said how pleased she was to be invited to the Conference and continued to say how it was very pleasant to be the head of such a wonderful organisation. She looked upon her membership as a gift and said she thanked God for opening the door 35 years ago to becoming a member and her journey since has been one of fellowship and fun. In her travels in the last 15 months she has met some amazing people at work for the Mothers' Union. Lynne told us to not think of ourselves as a 'has been' and to feel proud to be in this organisation. She referred to the bravery of the Founder, Mary Sumner who saw a need adding that the need is necessary more than ever today. The evening concluded with the 'Women's World Day of Prayer' service.

Saturday morning started off at 8.00am with a Prayer Walk followed by meetings and workshops concluding in the evening with an Epilogue and a time of 'great craic'. This certainly was the case when the 4 All-Ireland Vice Presidents did a sketch where a couple thought they had arrived at 'Family Planning' when it fact it was the 'Planning Office'!!! Each diocese participated providing entertainment. Clogher's contribution was the singing of 'I give my hands to do your work' and a few entertaining poems.

Sunday morning commenced at 8.00am with worship, breakfast, feedback session and Holy Communion Service. After lunch everyone headed home feeling they had a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, excellent home cooking, very comfortable accommodation and above all feeling enthused to continue the work of Mothers' Union. Lynne Tembey who encouraged us throughout the weekend was the 'icing on the cake' with her warm and endearing personality. She said she looked forward to returning to Ireland, to the General Meeting in the Waterfront Hall, Belfast in June.

Diocesan Trustee Body

On Sunday 23rd February, the Commissioning of new members to the Diocesan Trustee Body took place. The Service was held in Garvary Parish Church, the Rector, the Revd Canon John Stewart conducted the Service assisted by Mr J J Irvine, Diocesan Reader, Dr Margaret Knox read the occasional prayers and the Rt Rev John McDowell, carried out the commissioning and preached the sermon.



Newly commissioned Trustee Body. Also included, Valerie Stewart, Vice-President of Faith and Policy and PR for Clogher, Diane Whittaker, MU Diocesan Secretary, Mr John Irvine, The Rt Revd John McDowell and the Rector of Derryvullen South and Garvary, the Revd Canon John Stewart.

The following were commissioned:

Muriel Treacy, Vice-President of Finance and Central Services

Ivy Edwards, Co-Ordinator of Finance and Central Services Anne Armstrong, Diocesan Treasurer

Jennifer Leathem, Social Policy representative for the Southern part of the Diocese

Myrtle Allen, Co-Ordinator of Fund Raising and Communications

Heather Harper, Enterprises Representative Barbara Clarke, Young Members Contact Geraldine Beattie, Indoor Members Representative

Prayer Breakfast

A Prayer Breakfast, organised by the Faith and Policy Unit, was held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February. 134 members and friends enjoyed a cooked breakfast before listening to an interesting and thought provoking talk by Revd Canon Kathy Trimby, Co-Ordinator for the All-Ireland Faith and Policy Unit. Kathy is Rector of Tubbercurry, in the Diocese of Killala and Achonry.

We are sorry to hear that Kathy and her Husband are returning to Wales and we wish them God's blessing in the years ahead.



Mrs Margaret Crawford, Canon Kathy Trimby, Revd George Trimby (husband of Kathy), Dr Margaret Knox, Mrs Valerie Stewart (vice-president of the Faith and Policy Unit) and Mrs Diane Whittaker, MU Diocesan Secretary.

YOUTH NEWS

Happy Birthday Youth Link!



Youth Link special award presented to Jonny Phenix for youth work and ministry

On the 14th March Youth Link marked 21st birthday with a celebration at its Belfast headquarters attended by leading politicians and representatives of the four main churches. Established as a cross church youth work and training organisation Youth Link has proved to have matured not

only in age but also in the extent and quality of its work. A recent Education and Training Inspectorate report had this to say of the organisation; "The quality of the training provided by Youth Link is excellent.

The organisation is attaining its core aims fully. The educational and pastoral needs of the learners are being very well met. The funders and the churches can have confidence in the organisation's capacity for sustained self-improvement."

We as a diocese have enjoyed considerable training support and resourcing from the organisation over the past three years. Their willingness to train growing numbers of youth ministry leaders as accredited youth workers and to asssit with providing them with resourcing has been a tremendous help. We are indebted to the two training and development officers who have facilitated much of this work. They have been working closely with Jonny Phenix our Diocesan Youth Officer to deliver these programmes in conjunction with Matthew McFadden of Clogher Youth.

The work in Clogher has been so worthwhile that Jonny and Matthew were invited to speak on the work accomplished in their diocese at this recent 21st Celebration event. Jonny spoke of the great importance of training for youth workers and how his work had been greatly empowered by the significant commitment of the organisation. The fact that churches from across all divides had been able to join to receive this resourcing and training had meant that relationships had been forged for working together in the future. He went on to thank

Paddy White, Director for his constant support and Jim McDowell and Joe McKeown, training officers for their work and efforts with him in the diocese.

As part of this cooperation with youth work in the diocese Youth Link were invited to host a youth leaders conference in Enniskillen last year. This was so successful that they are planning to repeat a similar event in conjunction with the Clogher Diocesan Youth Council in September this year.



Paddy White, Jim McDowell, Jonny Phenix Matthew McFadden & Joe McKeown

Dromore "Ignite" Youth Ministry



Ignite was started as part of the diocesan Wells Project in October 2012 with 17 young people on the roll. It is currently made up of 3 cells each unique to the purpose created but ultimately part of one large mission. There is the Thursday group aged between 14-18yrs who meet at 4.30pm for an hour every week. This is a peer led bible study group, which gives the opportunity to explore issues that affect this age group and what the Bible's teaching is on these issues.

Then there is the Sunday morning group aged between 11-15yrs who meet during church in the coffee bar where we study many different topics from the 10 commandments to Christianity explored. Mixing teaching with treats such as hot chocolate and biscuits has proved to be successful as it gives a relaxed atmosphere where the young people feel comfortable enough to participate with ease in group discussions.



On the 2nd & 4th Saturday nights of the month we meet from 8 -10pm. This group ranges between 11-18yrs. It is the social side of Ignite where we have a varied programme, which caters for all. We want our young people to have as much fun as possible as we wish to promote that being a Christian isn't boring. We plan our programme to include 'theme nights' such as an American Diner, a Mess Night, Movie Nights and a Can't Cook Won't Cook bake off night. We have gone back to our childhood on party nights and provided bouncy castles, sumo suits, inflatable obstacle courses and photo booths, all of which mixed with loads of food have been a great success.

We feel passionately about outreach and wish to encourage our members to help others not only in our local community but in the wider area. During Christmas 2012 our outreach involved making shoe boxes for the homeless on the streets of Belfast and in Christmas 2013 we made hampers and distributed them to parishioners who were either confined to their own homes or were in nursing homes. It was very rewarding to see how the young people embraced both outreaches and their excitement and enthusiasm for the tasks shone through. We were also very blessed by the great support that our own parish provided us in terms of gathering items for either the shoe boxes or the hampers.



CHILDREN'S SECTION

Clogher Diocesan Board of **Religious Education**

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms – please contact them for more details. Prizes are awarded at Diocesan Synod in September.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize 2014

Using Matthew's gospel, describe in your own words and illustrate the birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection of lesus Christ.

This competition is open to children of primary school age and can be either an individual or group entry.

Bishop's Medal 2014

Using Matthew's gospel, describe and analyse the teachings of Jesus as in the parables in chapter 13 and the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7).

This competition is open to young people of secondary school age and must be an individual entry.

For both the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and the Bishop's Medal, all entries must be original, the work of those entering and must be handwritten.

Relevant pictures, diagrams, photographs etc can be included.

Entries should be on A4 paper.

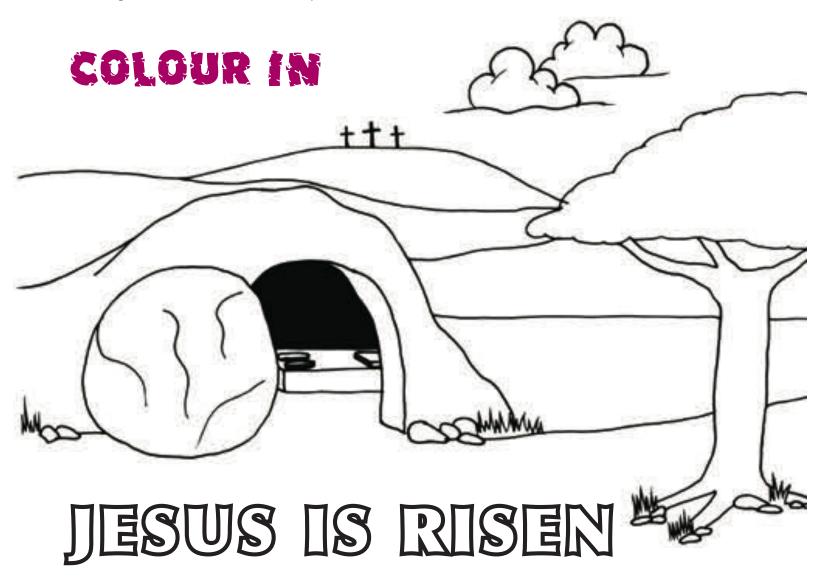
No reference should be made to the parish to which the entrant belongs.

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, by Wednesday 18th June 2014 please.

Church of Ireland Children's Ministry website

A new Church of Ireland Children's Ministry website has been launched as well as a Facebook page which will be used as an online forum for keeping people updated on ideas and resources. Check out the website for updates, trainings and resources.

www.cm.ireland.anglican.org



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(You can read this in the Bible in Luke 24 verses 1 - 12)

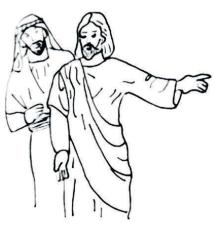
Easter Sunday is a very happy day because it is when we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. However, the first Easter Sunday did not start happily....

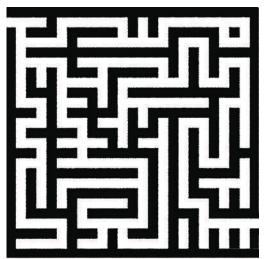
Jesus' friends were very sad. Although Jesus had done nothing wrong, he had been put to death. He was nailed to a cross, with a criminal on either side, and he died. Jesus' friends took his body and put it in a tomb, a bit like a cave cut out of rock. They rolled a huge stone in front of it. We call this day 'Good Friday'. Jesus' friends were upset that he had died and they really missed him.

Very early the following Sunday morning, Mary and Mary Magdalene took spices and oils they had made and went to see Jesus' body. When they got there they found that the huge stone had been rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. This was not the only surprise – they saw an angel there! The angel said, "Don't be frightened. Jesus isn't here - he has risen just as he said he would. Come and see it for yourself, the tomb is empty."

The women were very confused. They knew Jesus had died, and now He was alive. They looked in the tomb and the cloths Jesus was wrapped in were lying on the ground, and the tomb really was empty. The women hurried away, they were laughing and crying at the same time. They didn't know what to feel, they had been so sad that Jesus was dead and now they were so excited he was alive! They just knew they had to tell the disciples the good news – lesus is alive.

Help the disciples find their way to the empty tomb through this MAZE





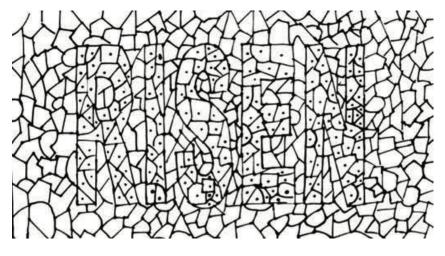
The Empty Tomb



Finish the PATTERN on the Easter egg







Jesus is alive - Happy Easter

COMMUNITY NEWS

Walk 2014 for Horizon West

Castle Coole Hospice Walk 2014 for Horizon West Children's Hospice, Killadeas will take place on Saturday 12th April at 10am in Castle Coole, Enniskillen. Horizon West is a local facility which cares for children and young people from Tyrone and Fermanagh. To register call into Snackz, Enniskillen or call Gemma on 077 1137 7338.

Barefoot for Holy Week



A photograph of Celi Mdluli grinding corn on the homestead where he lives.

Linda Chambers of The United Society is planning to go barefoot for Holy Week. "My feet are used to the protection of socks, slippers, shoes and boots. I am uncomfortable in bare feet, even around the house. The pupils in the primary schools of Swaziland have much tougher feet; they walk many miles barefoot, in

all kinds of weather, and over all sorts of terrain. They have no socks, slippers, shoes or boots.

In solidarity with them, and to raise funds for Swazi schools, I plan to go barefoot for Holy Week."

Pupils like Celi Mdluli walk many kilometres to school and back every day without shoes. Most of this walking is across country, muddy in the summer, and cold and dusty in the winter. Most of the schools are situated in mountainous areas, where we would find walking difficult in good sturdy shoes - barefoot for us would be impossible. A big incentive to make the journey for many is the lack of food at home and the promise of a hot meal in school. Schools struggle to meet the cost of these meals.

Any money Linda raises will go to the Diocese of Swaziland Board of Education, which looks after the 22 Anglican primary schools and 4 Anglican high schools. The establishment of this board means that decisions regarding local priorities are taken locally and we know that those schools most in need of help receive it first.

You can help by joining her or sponsoring her.

You can sponsor her on this link: www.lindaatuspg. blogspot.com

or contact her on: 086 8586337 or us@ireland.anglican. org. Donations can be sent to Us, Egan House, St Michan's Church, Church Street, Dublin 7.

Lenten Lunches

Fermanagh Churches' Forum are holding this year's Lenten lunches from 12.30 to 1.45pm in on Wednesday 2nd April in St Michael's Parish Centre, Enniskillen, and on 9th April in The Bridge Centre at Enniskillen Presbyterian Church. As in previous years, we will share a simple lunch followed by a short period of prayer and meditation. There is no entrance charge but a collection will be taken for Christian Aid and Trocaire.

'Come and Sing' Stainer's Crucifixion

The Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters and the Royal School of Church Music would like to invite all choral singers to a massed choir which will rehearse and perform Stainer's Crucifixion on Saturday 5th April in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. Stainer's Crucifixion is a well-known choral work, lasting about an hour, which tells the story of Christ's Passion and Crucifixion through tenor and bass solos and choral pieces. Singers are asked to register at the cathedral from 1.30pm on, with the rehearsal beginning at 2.00pm. There will be a break for tea and coffee at 3.30pm before the performance begins at 4.30pm. Singers are asked for a voluntary contribution of £5 to help to defray expenses. For small choirs, in particular, it can be heartening to sing in the sympathetic acoustic of the cathedral with professional musicians. Scores will be available on the day; if you have your own copy, do bring it with

To book a place, please contact Emma Gibbins – 07952514117 emma.gibbins@rscmireland.com or Simon Neil usocsecretary@gmail.com 07850676245.

Church Hymnal

Large print editions of the Church Hymnal are availabe at a reduced rate for for orders placed before Easter. the pew edition was £18.95 now £12.50 (€15), and the presentation edition was £23 now £16 (€19). Available from Real Life Bookshop Enniskillen 028 66322400 or real-life@btconnect.com and Cavan Christian Bookshop 049 4361418.

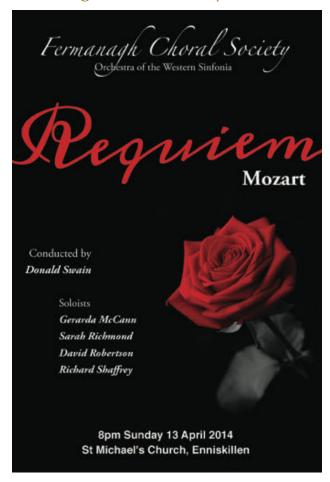
Happiest place in the UK



Voted the happiest place in the UK, the Impartial Reporter has teamed up the South West College to produce a video that puts Fermanagh's happiness to the test... and it has passed with flying colours. Watch some familiar Fermanagh faces as you have never seen them before in the hilarious video...

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MxnzBmTjlk

Fermanagh Choral Society



Jazz Night

With the Ernesiders in the Cathedral Hall Enniskillen, also Mr & Mrs Competition on Friday 25th April at 7.30pm. Proceeds towards the Cathedral Hall Repair Fund and the Smiles Foundation. Light Refreshments served. Tickets available from Cathedral Office Monday - Friday (9.00am -12noon).

Free Exercise Training Sessions at new Outdoor Gyms

People can now enjoy their gym workout in the outdoors with the installation of outdoor gyms in Kesh, Lisnaskea and Newtownbutler. The gyms, which are easy to access and free of charge, are equipped with state of the art cardiovascular and resistance fitness equipment suitable for participants of varying abilities. Fermanagh District Council is now offering people aged 14 years and over the opportunity to learn more about the fitness equipment at each of the outdoor gym sites, with a series of free physical activity taster sessions. Weekly activity sessions started during March in Kesh and Lisnaskea, and will begin in Newtownbutler on Thursday 24 April 2014 at 6.00pm. Sessions last for 1 hour and continue for 6 weeks. Prebooking is not required; people are advised to simply turn up in appropriate clothing. The exercise sessions, delivered by qualified fitness instructors, will introduce participants to the cardiovascular and resistance equipment and focus on developing physical activity. Each session will start with a warm up and finish with a cool down.

For further information telephone Chris Elliott 028 66325050 or email chris.elliott@fermanagh.gov.uk

Day of Reflection

The Day of Reflection on Saturday 21 June 2014 is a day that is set aside to acknowledge the deep hurt and pain caused by the conflict in and about Northern Ireland, to reflect on our own attitudes, on what more we might have done or might still do and to make a personal commitment that such loss should never be allowed to happen again. The Day of Reflection is offered as an inclusive and positive event that emphasises a commitment to a peaceful new society. The date was chosen following thorough consideration into possible dates for such a day. This highlighted that there is no single date in the calendar year which is not the anniversary of the death of at least 1 person in relation to the conflict. It was felt that 21 June, the summer solstice and the longest day of the year, was a symbolically important day. The ebbing relationship between the hours of night and day could be seen as a symbol of the pain and hope in our society. It is a day that is forward-looking and backward-looking at the same time. Furthermore, the day's significance is related to a naturally occurring event and nature makes no distinction between races, creeds or political perspectives. Community organisations, churches, and other groups are invited and encouraged to take part in a way that is meaningful to them. If any groups could use help in thinking through what might be meaningful there are free resources available. Please contact info@ dayofreflection.com, visit www.dayofreflection.com or ring 028 90238844 for more information.

Active Ageing Strategy Consultation

From 21 February - 23 May 2014. The Active Ageing Strategy has been launched for public consultation. To ensure that our society embraces an ageing population, plans need to be put in place now. We need to have a positive society for people of all ages regardless of their circumstances where everyone's rights are respected and people can live free from discrimination. This strategy is not just about what the Executive plans to do for older people today - it challenges all of us to think about the kind of life we want to be leading in the future. The consultation document is available on the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister Website at www.ofmdfmni.gov. uk/age. We are keen to hear your views on the proposals. A consultation questionnaire is available to complete at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ActiveAgeingConsultation. A word version is also available on line at www.ofmdfmni. gov.uk/age. Hard copies of both the Consultation Document and the Questionnaire can be requested from the following address: Active Ageing Policy Team, Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, Freepost NAT17679, Room E3.18, Castle Buildings, Stormont, Ballymiscaw, Belfast, BT4 3SR. Email: age@ofmdfmni. gov.uk, Telephone: 028 90523433 or Textphone: 028 90522526.

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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As we prepare for the very special season of Easter we have been praying for all who are sick whether in hospital or who are in Residential Care Homes.

There will be a service of Holy Communion in Clogh on Maundy Thursday at 8.00pm. On Good Friday our service in Aghadrumsee also at 8.00pm will include a look at the life of Jesus through slides taken on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land by Captain David. Services of Holy Communion will take place in all 3 churches on Easter Sunday.

Clogh Mothers' Union are delighted to welcome Joanne Dobson to their speaker's night on Thursday 3rd April when she will talk about organ donation.

Sure Start for mothers and babies continues to be held each Friday at 10.30am in Clogh Hall.

Clogh Bowling Club are hosting a fun bowls tournament on Wednesday 2nd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th April, do come along to what promises to be an enjoyable event.

We extend our sympathy to the families of the Late Bertie Johnston, Clogher and the Late Gordon Doonan who were laid to rest recently in Aghadrumsee.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

2nd April 8.00pm Wednesday Lent Service Colebrooke **6th April** 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

9th April 8.00pm Wednesday Lent Service Colebrooke **13th April** 11.00am Combined Palm Sunday Service at Cooneen

Holy Week

14th Ápril 8.00pm Monday Service Colebrooke

15th April 8.00pm Tuesday Service Cooneen

16th April 8.00pm Wednesday Service Colebrooke

17th April 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Cooneen

18th April 8.00pm Good Friday Service Colebrooke

Easter Day

20th April 11.00am Combined Family Communion at Colebrooke

27th April 11.00am Combined Family Service Colebrooke 3.30pm Mullaghfad Holy Communion

Special Services In May

4th May Colebrooke Friends' Service at 3.30pm **18th May** Colebrooke Family Service with GFS at 11.00am Mullaghfad Friends' Service at 3.30pm

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 Halls, ending with a Sunday service on 29th June in Colebrooke Halls.

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. If you wish to book a place for your child, please telephone Mrs Ann Johnston at 028 8953 1596.

SNATCH

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

Sunday 13th April at 7.30pm in Aghavea

All young people of secondary school age welcome. Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf

Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

MOTHERS' UNION

On April 15th members will attend the Holy Week Service.

We look forward to the Area Service in Aghavea Parish Church on 16th May at 8pm.



On Friday 20th June we plan to attend the service in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, stopping en-route for a meal – more details later. (Admission by ticket only.)

On 18th February members visited the residents of Valley Fold, Fivemiletown.



Mrs Irene Boyd was Fanny Crosby for the evening.

Frances Jane "Fanny" Crosby (1820-1915), American hymn writer and poetess who wrote over 8,000 hymns. Once a preacher sympathetically remarked, "I think it is a great pity that the

Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you." She replied quickly, "Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition, it would have been that I should be born blind?" "Why?" asked the surprised minister. "Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Saviour!"

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.

Easter Social

An Easter Social will be held at Colebrooke Parish Hall on Friday 2nd May 2014, beginning at 9.00pm. Please see the parish website for full details.

Aghavea



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April 2014

Wednesday 2nd 8pm Lent Midweek: 'Love's Fullness' Sunday 6th 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Prayer Wednesday 9th 8pm Lent Midweek: 'Eternal Love' Sunday 13th 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Praise Service led by members of SNATCH.

Cross Examined: Holy Week services at 8pm: Monday 14th - Aghavea Tuesday 15th - Aghavea Wednesday 16th - Brookeborough Methodist Thursday 17th -Aghavea

Friday 18th - Brookeborough Methodist Sunday 20th 11am Easter Family Celebration Sunday 27th 11am Morning Prayer followed by lunch and the Easter Vestry at 12.30pm.

Dear friends,

Lamentations doesn't sound like a very exciting book of the Bible. It might not be your first choice to turn up and read it. And yet the little book tucked away at the end of Jeremiah speaks to us in our deepest and darkest places and whispers hope in the midst of tragedy.

The city of Jerusalem lies in ruins. The people of God can hardly believe it, looking on what is left of their beloved city, after the might of Babylon and the wrath of God was unleashed. Lamentations are just that - a series of five laments sitting in the ash heap, wailing for what has been lost; crying out to God.

Have you ever been in that position? You've lost what was most precious, and life seems to stop. You're angry, confused, hurt, and the tears and laments flow. Perhaps you'll find common cause with the writer of Lamentations. You might even find some shared sorrows in his wailing words.

But this isn't just the outpouring of a sorrowing heart. Lamentations is also a carefully considered cry. Each chapter takes the form of an acrostic, where each succeeding line starts with a new letter. It's like an A-Z of loss; an alphabet of alarm.

Right at the heart, though, is where hope is whispered, and then loudly proclaimed in what is probably the best known verses: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' (Lam 3:21-23).

Even in the midst of the darkest of days for Jerusalem, there is still hope. The Lord, though he has struck, is faithful. Revival and return will come. The book of Lamentations is a great reminder of this as we approach Holy Week and Easter. On the darkest of all days, when the Lord Jesus was crucified, bearing our sin, God's faithfulness remained - there is no contradiction.

As we cry out to the Lord, may we know in the midst of the mayhem that his love and mercy never ceases, because he is the faithful God.

Yours in Christ, Gary

Easter Vestry

Our Easter Vestry will be held on Sunday 27th April. Following our Morning Service we will share in a light lunch before beginning the meeting at 12.30pm. At the Easter Vestry, we hear reports from the previous year, reviewing God's faithfulness and blessing since last we met as the General Vestry.

We also look to the future as we elect Churchwardens, Glebewardens and Select Vestry. This is also a triennial year, in which we elect parish representatives for a new three year period: 4 Parochial Nominators and 3 Diocesan Synod representatives with their respective supplementals. Parochial Nominators are the people from the parish who, along with diocesan representatives, form the Board of Nomination to appoint a new Rector if a vacancy should occur. Diocesan Synod representatives attend the yearly meeting of Synod on an evening in September, helping to keep the diocese on track for supporting and encouraging mission in the parishes.

The meeting is open to all, but only those on the Register of Vestrymen are entitled to vote. A signup sheet will be available in the porch to assist with catering arrangements. Please come along and play your part in the life of the church - no one will be under any pressure to stand for office.

Lent Midweek Services: A Portrait of Love

Through the Wednesday nights of Lent, we have been examining Paul's portrait of love in 1 Corinthians 13. We've discovered that we really aren't like this, but that the one being portrayed in the portrait is the Lord Jesus. Even if you haven't made it so far, you're very welcome to join with us for the final nights of the series - the 2nd and 9th of April at 8pm in the parish church.

Cross Examined: The Witnesses Testify

The court is summoned, the witnesses are about to speak in the most important trial the world has ever seen. In Holy Week this year we join with Brookeborough Methodist as we listen to the witnesses speak of Jesus in Matthew's account of the Passion. Services each night are at 8pm:

Monday 14th - The anointing woman - Aghavea Tuesday 15th - The traitor - Aghavea

Wednesday 16th - The denier - Brookeborough Methodist Thursday 17th - Faithful to the end - Aghavea (Holy Communion)

Friday 18th - The Centurion - Brookeborough Methodist (Hymns and readings at the cross)

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

The bowling season has now ended. Thank you to all our members for their support and participation. In another successful season, we finished third in our section and look forward to meeting the new teams joining the section next year.

Mothers' Union

March was a busy month for Mothers' Union. On Friday 7th, we hosted the Brookeborough Area service for the Women's World Day of Prayer, joined by ladies from local Methodist, Elim and Church of Ireland churches. Thank you to our speaker, Shirley Kerr, who challenged us to spend more time with Jesus, like Mary, even in the midst of our many 'Martha' duties. On Tuesday 11th our speaker was Diane Whittaker, who spoke to us on 'Mothers' Union Beyond the Branch.' We would definitely recommend a similar evening to other MU branches, as we discovered more about the work of MU at local, diocesan, national and international levels. Our April meeting will be on Tuesday 8th April at 8pm.

More details to follow on the notice sheets.

GFS

The GFS branch continues to meet on Wednesday evenings, with a recent concentration on the craft competition, with girls decorating, stitching, painting, and generally being very crafty. We meet on Wednesday evenings in the church hall from 6.30pm - 7.30pm, and girls of all ages are very welcome.

We are also hosting a Coffee Morning, Cake & Craft Sale on Saturday 12th April from 10am - 12pm. Everyone will be made most welcome.

SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our new youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke Parish. Over the past term we have been learning about God through a Bible Overview - creation, fall, exodus, exile, incarnation and resurrection. On Sunday 13th April we are hosting and leading a special Praise Service in Aghavea at 7.30pm. Everyone will be most 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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Ballybay

Womens World Day of Prayer was held in Cuain Mhuire Ballybay with each Church represented.

Revd McCollum has very kindly agreed to hold our Holy Communion Service on Easter Sunday at 8.30 am. This Service will be instead of our normal 12.30pm service. We welcome an early service as it is difficult for some people to make our 12.30 service. Please tell as many as possible of this change. Depending on the numbers at this service, it may be decided to hold our Communion Services over the summer months at this new time of 8.30am.

We would like to thank him for coming to us all the way from Cavan it is appreciated very much.

The reading rota is going very well with lots of people taking part. If anyone would like to join our rota please contact Joann.

Muckno

Baptism: The baptism of Aaron Jack Swift took place on Sunday, 23rd February 2014.

World Day of Prayer took place on Friday 7th March at 8pm in St Maeldoids Church Hall. The speaker was Mrs Elsie Nesbitt, Ballybay. Elsie gave a very inspiring and emotional talk on this year's theme "Streams in the Desert". The service was prepared by Christian Egyptian women. We were so glad to have two men amongst us, Rev Damien Boyle (new minister of First Castleblayney and Frankford) and of course our very own Mr Walter Pringle. Thank you for participating at short notice. A lovely supper was then served.

Mothers Union Area Service

The Mothers Union Group is also pleased to announce that the Mothers Union Area Service for the southern part of 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 Rev Anita Kerr has agreed to be the Speaker. The Rural Dean, Canon Ian Berry and the Bishop Right Revd John McDowell hope to be in attendance. Please make a special effort to come along. You are most welcome.

Finally, to those are have been ill recently, Get well Soon.

Clontibret News

April Services

(Each Sunday at 11.15 am. - Maundy Thursday at 8.00pm.)

Sunday 6th April Family Service Mr W Pringle Sunday 13th April Morning Prayer Mr W Pringle Maundy Thursday 17th April Holy Communion Revd C McCollum

Easter Sunday 20th April Holy Communion Revd C McCollum

Sunday 27th April Morning Prayer Mr W Pringle

Holy Baptism

On 9th March Alison and Nigel Donaldson brought along their third son Harry John for Holy Baptism. The service was conducted by the Revd Canon Peter Wilson. We were delighted to have their families join us for this special occasion. Harry's brothers Thomas and Callum are clearly pleased with their new brother. We offer our warmest congratulations to Andrea and Noel Johnston on the birth of their daughter Lexie Pearl who arrived on 18th February. We wish both families and their grandparents Victor and Yvonne Donaldson every blessing.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Sunday Services for April

Sunday 6th April - The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C.

Magheracloone 12 Noon M.P.

Ardragh 1.15pm H.C.

Sunday 13th April - The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P

Magheracloone 12 Noon H.C.

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday

Magheracloone 8.00pm

Friday 18th April - Good Friday

Carrickmacross 8.00pm

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day

Easter Dawn Service 6.30am Monaghan Collegiate School

(Breakfast served afterwards)

Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C.

Magheracloone 12 Noon H.C

Ardragh 1.15pm H.C.

Sunday 27th April - The Second Sunday of Easter

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheracloone 12 Noon M.P.

Presently we are in the midst of Lent, this gives us the opportunity of preparing ourselves for Holy week, Good Friday and Easter Day.

I found a clip on YouTube recently where children were being interviewed on what Easter meant to them? Their honesty was refreshing. The majority of them were overjoyed with the idea of school holidays, making Easter cards, looking forward to the amount of Easter eggs they would receive and eat.

Others saw Easter bunnies as important to Easter as Santa Claus is to Christmas. Few of them made reference to the fact that Jesus rose from the grave on Easter Day. Is it any wonder that our children are more excited about the coming of the Easter bunny than about the coming of God's kingdom? We spend many days leading up to Easter teaching them how

to make cards, with pictures of rabbits, eggs, chicks and flowers rather than focusing on Christ's death and resurrection for only one hour on a Sunday be it in church or Sunday school.

Then I thought to myself, well maybe the Easter bunny could be used as an object lesson to teach us something after all about Easter and the difference Easter can make to the life of a person.

Real Easter Bunnies

- Are white- as snow because Jesus takes all sin away (Isaiah 1:18b)
 - "Come now, let us reason together" says the Lord, Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool"
- Are gentle- kind -hearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32)
 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave vou"
- Have big ears- that are quick to listen (James 1:19)
 "My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry"
- Have no voice for complaining or arguing (Philippians 2:13)
 - "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose"
- Are quiet- in prayer, but hop with thanksgiving and rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-6)
 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"
- Have big feet to tell others about Jesus so that they too can be like Easter bunnies

(Matthew 28:19-20)

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

This Easter let us thank God from the depth of our hearts, and with the whole of our lives, as we remember God's generous grace and the greatest love story ever.

Mothers' Union and Friends

The ladies met together and completed the programme for the remainder of the year.

Thursday 24th April, Dr Margaret Knox has kindly agreed to come and speak on the topic of good health and her work as Diocesan President.

Lent

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey of Lent with a joint service in St Finbar's Carrickmacross. We studied together the significance of Ash Wednesday.

World Day of Prayer

It was the turn of St Finbar's to host the World Day of Prayer service.

The theme "Streams in the desert" compiled by the women of Egypt was thought provoking and inspiring. Our speaker Olive Sturgeon had been a missionary nurse in Africa for some years and was familiar with streams in the desert and how vital they were to the inhabitants. She made the theme come alive for us. Thanks to Florence Collins our Parish Reader for organising the readers for that evening. Also for the supper supplied by ladies of the parish-thank you.

Church of Ireland History Book

There have been a number of people who have bought copies of the history book. Anyone who still would like to have a copy, they are still available from Ruth for €25 in the Diocesan office.

Bereavement

Our sympathy goes to Violet Babington on the sudden death of her father Tommy Miller

89 years old. He was blessed with good health and never was hospitalised during his life time.

We extend our sympathy to Violet and the family circle.

Congratulations

We are delighted to hear of the safe arrival of Doreen Monahan's grandchild. We ask God's blessing on the family now and in the future.

Jesus said "Suffer the little children to come unto me"

Easter

It is our prayer that all members of our Church family at home, residential homes, or overseas will have a special sense of God's presence this Easter time.

Cleenish and Mullaghdun



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Church Services for April

Sunday, 6 April

10:00am M.P. Mullaghdun Parish Church 11:30am M.P. Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday, 9 April

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

7:30pm Evening Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church **Sunday**, **13 April. Palm Sunday**

10:00am M.P. Mullaghdun Parish Church 11:30am M.P. Cleenish Parish Church

Monday, 14 April. 8:00pm Lenten Service, Cleenish Tuesday, 15 April. 8:00pm Lenten Service, Mullaghdun Wednesday, 16 April. 8:00pm. Lenten Service, Cleenish

Maundy Thursday, 17 April. 8:00pm. H.C. Service Mullaghdun

Good Friday, 18 April. 8:00pm Lenten Service Cleenish Sunday, 20 April. Easter Day

06:00am, Dawn Service, Cleenish Centre, Courtyard. 08:00am, H.C. Service, Cleenish Parish Church 09:30am, H.C. Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church 11:00am, H.C. Service, Cleenish Parish Church No Sunday School, Cleenish and Mullaghdun

Sunday 27 April

10:00am, M.P. Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church 11:30am, M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church No Sunday School, Cleenish and Mullaghdun

Sunday 4 May

10:00am, M.P. Service, Mullaghdun Parish Church 11:30am, M.P. Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Annual Easter Vestries

Tuesday 29th April. 8pm. Thursday 1st May. 8pm. Locations to be announced in Church

Cleenish & Mullaghdun Mothers' Union

Tuesday 29th April, 8pm. Visitors' Night Cleenish Parish Hall, Anja Rosler will speak of her early life growing up in the former East Germany, and her present role as a Environmental Educator explaining the benefits and pleasures of organic vegetable gardening.

All parishioners and friends are most welcome. Tuesday 6th May, 7.30pm. Members will visit Ashwoods Garden Centre for a demonstration on summer planting, followed by tea/coffee in Granny Walsh's Coffee shop.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies attended the Thinking Day Service in Florencecourt on Sunday 23rd February, conducted by the Rector, Canon Ruiters. The Pack also attended the County Meeting in Devenish College, on Monday evening 24th February, to celebrate the 100th Brownie Birthday. After the Easter break the Pack continues to meet in Cleenish Hall on Wednesday evenings.

Parent and Toddler Group

The Parent & Toddler Group continues to flourish in Cleenish Parish Hall, with record numbers of 38 toddlers attending 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. The Group will be closed on Tuesday 15th & 22nd April for Easter Holidays.

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 8thJune 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.

Future Fund Raising Event

Ballyclare Male Voice Choir, will be singing in the Parish Hall, on Saturday 11th October.

Morning Classes in Cleenish Parish Hall

The FACT Project ran a very successful Community Health morning for over 60's on Wednesday 26th February. There were 15 stalls consisting of local business persons giving up their time to help and advise almost 100 participants from a wide range of people. Thanks also to the ladies who provided tea.

Credit Union Information Evening

Lakeland Credit Union Ltd has been operating since 1993, and aims to encourage saving and the provision of loans to its members at reasonable rates of interest. We are holding an information evening in Cleenish Parish Hall, Bellanaleck, on Friday 25th April from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, to explore the possibility of opening local offices in the Bellanaleck and Letterbreen areas. Everyone is welcome to attend. For further information please contact Balfour at 07775666122 or Derrick at 07773335660.

50th Wedding Anniversary



This year 2014 is an important year Mullaghdun for parishioners Billy and Vera Blair. Billy celebrated his 80th birthday on Tuesday 25th February, and on Tuesday 8th April the active couple celebrate 50 years of marriage. To mark the occasion their children Rev Henry, Caroline & June,



grandchildren, proudly honoured them with a surprise dinner party in the Parochial Hall, 21st on Friday February. The Hall was appropriately decorated, and large group of relatives, friends and neighbours, assembled welcome a stunned Billy and Vera to a sumptuous meal

followed by entertainment organised by their family. We wish Billy and Vera continued good health and happiness for the years ahead. Billy can be seen in the attached photo cutting the cake with a chain saw and says with a smile times have moved on, he had to cut his wedding cake with a bow saw!

Recent Promotion



Robert Gibson has been appointed as acting Chief Executive of Fermanagh District Council. Robert, who is Secretary to Mullaghdun Select Vestry and a valued member of the choir, is, in his new role in charge of some three hundred and fifty employees. We wish Robert God's richest Blessings, as he assumes this important position.

Farewell

We say farewell to our nearest neighbour Canon Arthur Barrett, who leaves Rossorry Parish and will shortly take the position Dean of Raphoe, County Donegal. Both Cleenish & Mullaghdun wish Canon Arthur, Brigit and family, God's Blessing in their future home.

Retirement as Archdeacon

Our former Rector in Cleenish & Mullaghdun has retired as Archdeacon of Clogher. We wish Archdeacon Pringle good health, and God's blessing in his semi-retirement, as he continues to minister to Parishes in north Fermanagh.

Illness

We send good wishes to Mervyn Willis, Cleenish Parish, who has spent a short period in Hospital, and is now recovering at home.

Sympathy

The death took place of Lt Col Ken Battson, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday evening 18th February. As a regular soldier, Maj Ken was posted to Fermanagh in March 1970, and assisted with the formation of the 4th Bn Ulster Defence Regiment. He was a major influence in organising the early operational role of the Battalion, from 1st April 1970. During his time in Fermanagh he bought a plot of land, and built his first house in Bellanaleck. Along with his wife Nora, as duties permitted they were regular in attendance at Cleenish Church, and attended various functions in the nearby Parish Hall. Ken was later promoted to Lt Col, and commanded the 4th Battalion, before he retired in the late 1970's, returning to his native Wales. Lt Col Ken suffered ill health in recent years, and this was compounded by the death of his very loyal wife Nora, who predeceased him some years ago. He will be remembered by many former soldiers, and their wives who served in the UDR at that time. Sympathy is extended to sons Jamie & Simon, and the entire family circle. May he rest in Peace.

Sympathy is also extended to Hannah Coulter, Mullaghdun Parish, whose grandfather Maurice Robert Griffin, Lisanelly Park, Omagh, passed away on Thursday 13th March, after a long illness.

Cleenish Centre

The Patrons at the Centre are looking forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord at our Easter Dawn Service, at 6.00am, Easter Sunday 20th April. This will be held in the courtyard at the Centre, if the weather is favourable. Everyone is very welcome, and a light breakfast will be served in the Centre after the Service.

Bookings are now being received for the summer months. To contact the Centre enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group Meeting

There was a good attendance at the Group meeting on Wednesday 26th March.

The evening began with the election of Officers for the incoming year as follows:-

Chairman, Julian Fowler: Vice Chairman, George Cathcart: Secretary, George Thornton: Assistant Secretary, Ellis Barnsley: Treasurer, Janet Dowson.

A considerable number of topics were discussed with approximately 150 children attending the Christmas Party, an increase from last year by almost 50%. Thanks again to all who took part, or assisted with the organisation of the very popular event. It is intended to hold the 5K Fun Run, and Sports Afternoon, on Saturday 31st May, similar to last year.

Moving ahead to the coming months, it is anticipated the old Quarry site and associated Car park, will soon be commencing. Plans are also in progress to provide a Multi Unit Games Area, within the present Play Park. Several members were recently trained on the use of a Defibrillator, which will be shared with other Groups from within the Village area.

Members also appreciate Janet Dowson travelling to St Ann's Cathedral, in Belfast, where she received £400 on behalf of the Group, from the Black Santa appeal. Next meeting, Wednesday 23rd April.

Holy Baptism

Mullaghdun Parish Church Sunday 9th March 2014 Gemma Laura Patrick Daughter of John William and Nicola Margaret 5 Bluebell Grove, Letterbreen.

Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes

(Clogher, Augher, Newtownsaville and Errigal Portclare)



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April 2014

Wed 2nd - 8pm, Augher Lenten Service.

Sun 6th - 10am, Errigal Portclare H.C.; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral H.C.; 10am Augher MP.

11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

Wed 9th - 8pm Newtownsaville Lenten service.

Sun 13th (Palm Sunday) - 9am Clogher Cathedral HC; 10am Errigal Portclare MP; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP, 10am Augher HC; 11.30am Newtownsaville HC.

Thurs 17th (Maundy Thursday) - 8pm Errigal Portclare HC. **Fri 18th (Good Friday)** - 8pm Augher EP.

Sun 20th (Easter Day) - 10am Newtown Saville HC; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC.

Sun 27th - 9am Clogher Cathedral HC; 10am Errigal Portclare MP; 11.30 Clogher Cathedral MP; 10am Augher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

Baptism Newtownsaville

We extend good wishes to Lee and Emma McMullan on the birth of their daughter Sophie Rachel who was christened in Newtownsaville on the 9th of March. Present at the service was Sophie's grandmother, Elma Wilson who has been an inspiration to all of us on how she has dealt with and overcome the difficulties she faced and how she has adapted to her prostheses. Well done Elma and we offer you our love and support in your determination as you continue to progress.

Women's World Day Prayer

This year the Women's World Day Prayer for the Clogher area was held in Clogher Cathedral on Fri 7th of March. The service was very well attended and the speaker on this occasion was the Revd Isobel Nixon. Organist Mrs Sylvia McClung. Our thanks to Mrs Iris Moffit as organiser and to all who participated in the service.

Sunday School

After five years as one of our Sunday school teachers in Augher, Ms Donna McFarland has stepped down. We thank Donna for her work Sunday by Sunday together with Mrs Ann Graham, who have encouraged and taught our young people in the Christian faith. A sincere thanks to Donna for her commitment over the years and we wish her well for the future. Mrs Judith McLaren has very kindly agreed to take on this role and we thank her most sincerely.

Sympathies

We extend our sympathy to all who have been bereaved recently in our parishes and in the community, including Mrs Annie Johnston of Skelgagh Road, Clogher, her son Albert, daughters Thelma and Sandra on the death of their father Bertie. The Johnston family has been associated with the Cathedral for many years, Annie as a member of the choir, Sandra as one of our organists, while Albert has served as one of the members of the select vestry for many years.

Illness

What have I done to deserve this? This is a question all too often asked by those facing difficulty in life, be that bereavement, illness or what ever assails them at the time. It is a question people in general, not only Christians have struggled with all down the ages! Why do bad things happen to good people? There is no easy answer, pain and suffering of what ever form is part of the human condition. Being a believer and living a Christian life does not mean we are immune or protected from suffering.

Our one consolation and comfort is that Christ died on the cross. he knows our suffering and our pain.

He not only sympathises with us He empathises with us. He enters into our suffering and our pain.

He is the only one capable of doing this.

We pray for and remember all who at this time are ill either at home, in hospital or in nursing homes.

We pray that they will be comforted by the presence of those who care for them and see that they are carrying on Christ's ministry of healing. That in the ministry of the church they will find comfort in the Sacraments and experience the nearer presence of Christ at this time.

Peace 3

Lissadell Parish which is part of the Drumcliff group in Co. Sligo has been offered a further grant from Peace 3 funding for €38,000. This is to further improve the facilities at the Lissadell centre (formerly the church school). Part of the criteria in drawing down this funding is that the parish can show evidence of cross community and cross border cooperation. The Rector Archdeacon Ian Linton and the parishioners are keen to avail of this funding which is considerable. Given the Archdeacon connections with Clogher Diocese and Precentor Regans connection with Drumcliff there is already a firm foundation on which to establish a mutually beneficial cross border, cross

community weekend. This would begin with a bus load of parishioners and friends from both Drumcliff and Clogher travelling together to visit the Balmoral agricultural show and sharing a meal and having time together. A return visit in the autumn would include a Harvest Service in Lissadell church which would be most fitting given the history of the parish and its connections with the farming community. More details on this project next month.

Concert in Clogher Cathedral



A fundraising concert was held in Clogher Cathedral on Friday the 14th of March, the Rector opened the proceedings by welcoming the artists which included Murley Silver Band, the Monaghan Gospel Choir, and the large number of people attending.



This event was organised by Ms Shirley Fannin as a fundraiser towards the Cathedral restoration fund. It was a most enjoyable evening with people from across the community attending and it was lovely to see the cathedral used for functions such as this.

Photographs courtesy of Michael Fisher @fishbelfast

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services in April

6th of April - The Fifth Sunday of Lent 10.00am Clones (Church): Holy Communion 11.30am Newbliss: Morning Prayer 13th of April - Palm Sunday 11.00 am Newbliss: Reading the Passion **17th of April -** Maundy Thursday 8.00 pm Currin: Holy Communion

18th of April - Good Friday

8.00 pm Killeevan: Evening Service around the Cross

20th of April - Easter Sunday

11.00 am Clones: Holy Communion followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt.

27th of April - The Second Sunday of Easter 10.00 Currin (Scotshouse): Morning Prayer

11.30 Killeevan: Morning Prayer

4th of May - The Third Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Clones (Church): Holy Communion

11.30 Newbliss: Holy Communion

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:

Peace be with you.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. (John 20:19, 20)

Lenten Talks

The Lenten talks will take place on Thursdays in Lent at 8.00 pm 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:

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.

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 Mrs Linda Keating if you have any books to donate. Thank you.

We look forward to meet 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 8.30 pm in the Killyfargue Hall.

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

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

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

Congratulations

To Mr Daryl and Mrs Sandra Moore on the birth of their daughter, Ruby, James and Katie's sister. May God bless you

Congratulations to Mrs McKeown on the birth of her grandson.

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 Mr Mervyn Fawcett and family on the death of his brother; Mrs Sandra Moore and her family on the death of her grandparents; and Mrs Farrell on the death of her sister.

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April

6th April Holy Communion 11.30am

13th April Family Service, Palm Sunday 11.30am

17th April Maundy Thursday, 8.00pm **18th April** Good Friday service, 8.00pm

20th April Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, 11.30am

27th April Morning Prayer, 11.30am

May

4th May Holy Communion 11.30am 11th May Family Service 11.30am 18th May Morning Prayer 11.30am 25th May Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

7th March 2014

Kathleen (Kate) Anne McCaskie, 6 Main Street, Lack

Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service

Sunday 13th April

Kesh Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service (featuring the joint choirs) on Palm Sunday in Derryvullan North Parish Church, Irvinestown at 7.00pm. Hospitality will follow in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.



Women's Fellowship

The visitors' night was enjoyable, informative and challenging as the guest speaker, Mr Raymond Dowdalls, spoke about his trip to Kenya in July 2013. He along with his daughter and other team members were part of "LIFT", Labour in Faith and Trust, who went to re-vamp dormitories at the orphanage, Sunbeam Ministries. He emphasised that each of us can make a difference, if we only take that initial step in reaching out to others. The 'bring and buy' sale was very successful and our thanks to visitors and members for their support.

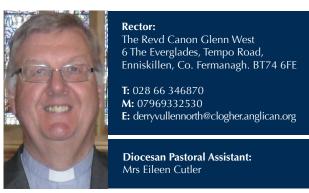
Civic Reception

A number of parishioners, together with members of the 'Women's Group' were guests of the Chairman of Fermanagh District Council at a civic reception in the Townhall, Enniskillen. Thanks were expressed to all who had worked behind the scenes in securing the 'Best Kept Village' award for Northern Ireland in 2013. Thanks to the women who took the initiative, planted the baskets and to those who kept them watered, for the town orderly who maintains the village in an exceptional manner, and to the residents for their continued support to all of our community ventures.

Dates for the diary

4th - 8th August, 2014 - Holiday Bible Club.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



(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)

April 2014

Wed 2nd April - Lenten Service 5 – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Sun 6th April - Holy Communion

Wed 9th April - Lenten Service 6 – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Sun 13th April - Palm Sunday Services – Special Order of Service

Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service – Derryvullen North 7.00pm

Wed 16thApril - Lenten Service 7 – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Fri 18th April - Good Friday Service - Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Sun 20th April - EASTER DAY – A Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord

Holy Communion Castle Archdale 10.15am Derryvullen North 11.30am

Tues 22nd April Monthly Quiet Holy Communion – Derryvullen North 11.30am

(Please note this service is a week later than normal)

Sun 27th April Morning Prayer

May 2014

Sun 4th May Holy Communion **Wed 7th May** Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen North 7.30pm

Special Service (Palm Sunday)

Rural Deanery Easter Praise Service At 7pm Derryvullen North Parish Church

This is our second Rural Deanery Praise Service drawn together by the Reverends Pringle, West, Blair, Mansley and Ngozi. Feedback and reaction to the first service has been very positive and we now hope for an even greater response.

The format will be that of appropriate Easter readings and hymns with as many choir members from all parishes as possible.

Music will be provided by Connections, a youth praise band and we hope to give some visual expression to our readings and hymns.

Our appeal is to all ages and to all parishioners and their friends - come and bring your friend(s). Hospitality and friendship to follow in the Parochial Hall.

Lent – Ashes To Joy (Darkness To Light)

Lent is a holy time during which we journey with Jesus in the wilderness, enter triumphantly into Jerusalem, eat the Last Supper with His disciples, stand at the foot of the cross and rejoice at the empty tomb.

It evokes for many a dark time, a time of giving up something that gives us joy; but this kind of thinking may mean we miss the whole point of the season. Lent ought not only evoke in us a time of joyless penitence, but rather a movement towards joy.

Lent begins in ashes but ends in joy, the joy of the resurrection. Indeed, the word Lent comes from the GERMANIC word for spring, because as we progress towards the re-birth of the earth that is spring, the days lengthen and we discover that each day we bathe a little more in light.

If we have not made this turn towards joy, we can do so by fully embracing God's promise to scatter all that darkens our path.

Prayer

You are the peace of all things calm You are the place to hide from harm You are the light that shines in dark You are the heart's eternal spark You are the door that's open wide You are the guest who waits inside You are the stranger at the door You are the calling of the poor You are my Lord and with me still You are my love, keep me from ill You are the light, the truth, the way You are my Saviour this very day.

Rector as Residenial Canon at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

On Sunday 16th February Canon West preached at the main morning Eucharist and again at the midafternoon Evensong. There were good attendances at both services with a very pleasing contribution from 24 members of a visiting international Anglican choir. As usual Canon West was in attendance for the daily services and for visitors. He attended a number of meetings, including one with the permanent staff who are preparing for the better weather and the visits of some 400,000 visitors.

Additionally, he attended an excellent lecture by historian, Patrick Lynch in the Mansion House, on Ireland's contribution to World War I. There he met others from Fermanagh and elsewhere and was intrigued to find that much of the source material came from past editions of the Church of Ireland Gazette and from parish records and memorials.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The service this year was held in Derryvullen North parish church, four churches being represented. The Order of Service "Streams in the Desert" was prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. The service was led by Mrs Margaret Gormley, the speaker being Miss Kate Doherty and representatives from all the churches taking part. There was a good attendance and a welcome cup of tea was served after the service.

Diary Dates

8th April - Tuesday Club Communion in St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale at 2.30pm

16th April - Women's Group – Movie Night

23rd April - Mothers' Union – Visitors Evening. Speaker from Horizons West Children's Hospice

2nd May - Mothers' Union Area Service for southern part of the Diocese – Castleblayney at 8pm. Speaker Revd Anita Kerr

Mothers' Union

Derryvullen North Mothers' Union celebrate their 60th Anniversary this year. To mark this, members attended Holy Communion on 2nd March, at which 2 new members were enrolled, namely Mrs Heather Sproule and Mrs Ethel Somerville. An anniversary meal will be held on 31st May at which 'Long Service Certificates' will be presented.

Christian Burial

Derryvullen North – 23 February 2014 - Stanley John James Hughes, 40 Liscreevin Road, Irvinestown Castle Archdale – 11 March 2014 – Anna Louise Henning, Millcroft Care Home (late of Drumduff, Irvinestown)

We continue to remember prayerfully all those who are sick, those who have been bereaved and all who are going through difficult or anxious times.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Calendar

13th April - 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

18th April - 7.30 Evening Prayer Derryvullen South Good Friday 8.30 Evening Prayer Garvary

20th April - 8.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South Easter Day 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary

27th April - 10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

4th May - 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Bereavements

We express our sympathy to all who have been bereaved recently including Tamsin Armstrong, Maguiresbridge, on the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Brown, Rossorry; Douglas Graham, Bellevue, on the death of his sister, Eveline Parke, Kesh and George McVitty, Gortmesson, on the death of his mother, Florence McVitty, Kiltyclogher.

Quiz

Our thanks again to Mr John Irvine for organising the quiz which realised the sum of £708 for Garvary parish. Congratulations to the winner, Joshua Downey, Agharainey

Ceilidh

Our thanks to Nick and Rosemary Watts and the Fermanagh Scottish Country dancers for organising the ceilidh in February which realised the sum of £625 towards Derryvullen South parish hall repair fund.

MU Commissioning Service

On Sunday 23rd February 2014 in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, Canon Stewart welcomed the Rt Rev F J McDowell as Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain, Dr Margaret Knox, MU Diocesan President and the newly appointed diocesan Trustee Body who were being commissioned for three years service in their respective offices. One of our own parishioners Mrs Ivy Edwards is the MU Finance and Central Services Co-ordinator. During the service conducted by the Rector, Mr John Irvine read the lessons, Dr Knox read the prayers and the Bishop commissioned the

Trustee Body and preached the sermon. The organist was Miss Gillian Ewing. Following the service the ladies of the parish kindly provided an enjoyable supper in the parish hall.

Garvary Bowling Tournament

Another successful tournament took place at the beginning of March. Ninety six entries were received and again regrettably it was not possible to accommodate further applications. Every county in the traditional province of Ulster was represented. The winners were David Dickson and David Ferguson from Devenish. The runners up were Jim Teague and Stanley Brown from Sixmilecross. Before presenting the prizes the Rector and chairman, Canon Stewart, thanked everyone for their support, especially Hilda for organising the tournament, the ladies for providing the supper each evening and the gentlemen for their important help. In thanking the umpire, Blaney Cartwright of Aghavea, the Rector expressed sympathy to Sidney Parkinson who has umpired in the past, on the death of his wife.

Gift

The newly formed Wells group continues to meet every other Sunday evening in Garvary parish hall at 7.30pm. Young people in their early teens are very welcome.

Mothers' Union



On St Patrick's night, Monday 17th March 2014 at 8.00pm the Mothers' Union and invited guests held a special event in Derryvullen South parish hall. Mrs Stewart assisted by the rector had prepared an appreciation of the well known Irish song writer Percy French. During the evening we sang songs such as "The Mountains of Mourne" and "Are you right there Michael". These were set in the context of his life. Miss Gillian Ewing accompanied us on the piano.



What is less well known is that he was also a very good and enthusiastic artist and on many occasions paid his hosts by giving them one of his painting. Today they would fetch at least £1500. Even when he moved to London, he never lost his love for his fellow countryman in Ireland. He travelled widely throughout Ireland, Switzerland, America, Canada, the West Indies and Bermuda. A small man, 5ft 4ins, with a large moustache, he retained a boyhood playfulness, humour and innocence. He was non political. He was born in Co Roscommon in 1854, the year of the consecration of Derryvullen church; his father was a Doctor of Law and his mother was the daughter of a Church of Ireland clergyman from Co Leitrim, the Rev William Percy. Mr John Irvine, Mrs Carol Dixon and Mrs Anne Rowley participated in the evening by reading a poem and some of the letters to his children. Everyone enjoyed supper in the form of Irish Stew, trifle and apple tart served by the younger members of the MU to whom we express our thanks.

For the next Branch meeting we will be gathering together for the Wednesday evening Holy Week service in Derryvullen South parish church on Wednesday 23rd April at 8.00pm followed by supper in the parish hall for the congregation kindly provided by the Mothers' Union.

Easter Vestries

Our annual Easter Vestries will be held on Monday 28th April 2014 at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South parish hall and on Thursday 1st May 2014 at 8.00pm in Garvary parish hall. These meetings are open to any member of the parish who wishes to attend.

Happy Easter

Canon and Mrs Stewart wish all our parishioners a happy Easter.

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Lenten Services

Lenten Services continue every Wednesday evening at 8.00pm alternating between Boho and Devenish churches.

Holy Week and Easter Services

We are looking forward to the celebration of Easter, but prior to this celebration are the daily Holy Week Services alternating between Boho and Devenish churches at 8pm beginning with Monday Holy Week Service in Devenish Church, Tuesday in Boho and

Wednesday in Devenish. Maundy Thursday Service will be in Boho and the Good Friday Service in Devenish.

Easter Morning Holy Communion Services will be at 10.00am in Boho Parish Church and at 11.30am in Devenish Parish Church.

Easter General Vestries

Devenish Parish Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 8.00pm in the Reade Hall

Boho Parish Friday 25th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Boho Parish Church.

Coffee Mornings

Saturday 12th April in the Reade Hall for the Girl Guides

Saturday 26th April in the Reade Hall for Marie Curie

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Kenny and Norma Ferguson on the birth of a son, Adam

Devenish and Boho Mothers Union

On Tuesday 21st January we had a very informative guest speaker, Marsalla Kinsella who spoke about Healthy Eating and having a daily healthy diet. We certainly went home with food for thought!

Our annual dinner was held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on the 18th February. Members and friends enjoyed a delicious meal. Afterwards we were entertained by the reading of poems by Vivienne Ferguson and games organised by Joy Baird, assisted by Gladys Latimer and Noreen Acheson. Mrs. Ivy McClure was presented with a plant as her and her husband John celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar For April

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

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

Donagh 10.30am Readings /Hymns/ and Reflection for Palm Sunday.

Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday Tyholland 8.00pm

Friday 18th April - Good Friday

Donagh at 8.00pm A Service of Hymns and Reflections For Good Friday.

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day Donagh 10.30am Holy Communion Tyhollnd 12.00 noon Holy Communion Sunday 27th April - The Second Sunday

Sunday 27th April - The Second Sunday of Easter Donagh 10.30am Service of the Word Errigal Truagh 12.00 Noon Service of the Word.

Ash Wednesday

The service was very well attended. Thanks to our own choir plus members from sister churches joining with us for this service.

Womens World Day Of Prayer

This was held in St. Patrick's Church, Glennan and the theme was Streams in the Desert and the Rev. Betty Thompson was the speaker. A lovely supper was supplied by the ladies of Glennan and the church was beautifully decorated to reflect the theme.

Choir

The Choir practice takes places on Monday evening each week at 8.00pm in St. Salvator's church. We thank the organist praise group and choir for leading our worship week by week.

Mothers' Union

On Wednesday the 12th March, 2014 the Mothers Union meeting took place in the Parish Hall. The speaker was Neville Garland on the topic "Sponsor a child in Haiti". Neville shared his experience on the work he is involved with Open Door Ministries. Many of the children in Haiti were left orphans and homeless after an earthquake which killed thousands of people. He appreciated the generous donation the members of the Mothers Union had given last year to help the children in Haiti. The evening was brought to a close with a lovely supper provided and served by the ladies. The meeting closed with prayer.

Saint Patrick's Day - 17th March 2014

We looked forward to the St. Patrick's Day Sponsored walk. The service commenced at 11.00am followed by the walk round the Castle Leslie Estate. After the walk we had a picnic and had prayed that the weather would be kind to us. Everyone was asked to bring a pair of wellies and a picnic. This year the money raised will go to the Postal Bible School.

Girl's Brigade Display

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

together with the girls have been preparing for their annual display and we look forward to that occasion.

Tyholland Senior Citizens Party

Tyholland Senior Citizens Party will be held on Friday 4th April at 8.30 in Tyholland Community Centre. Everyone will be made welcome.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Easter General Vestry Meetings will be held this year on Tuesday 29THApril Tyholland with Errigal Truagh and Donagh on Wednesday 30th April.

Holy Baptism

Emma Coulter baptised on 16th February, 2014. We wish Emma every blessing and congratulate her parents on having her baptised.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Canon Helene Steed on her appointment as Archdeacon of Clogher. We wish her every blessing in her new role.

Prayers

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.

Dromore



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Every Sunday 11.30am

(First Sunday of the month 9.00am Holy Communion)

As we watch nature once again coming to life and preparing itself for the new season one thing has struck me - simplicity. We live in an ever increasing complex world where the technology that was designed to give us more time now consumes most of our time.

Yet the natural order sees the bulbs coming to life, the birds gathering twigs for their nests to name only two. The simplicity of a natural order that has great design. Designed to work and to do what it was designed to do. It is simple really. Yet we make it so complex. We over analyse, we think too deep when in actual fact we should be receiving things in faith, by faith, through faith in the one who has called all this into being. Not an unquestioning faith rather an unshakable one.

One that declares daily that God is God and he knows what is right. One that sees by faith and not by sight. One that responds when the master speaks. Faith is an adventure and one that is well worth the journey. Every Blessing James

Lenten Programme

Our lenten services continue each Wednesday evening at 8pm. This year we are suing the time during Lent to get into reading God's word on a daily basis using a recently published devotional from CIEF written by Helen Clarke called How Beautiful on the Mountains. They are available from the back of church at low cost of £2.50. Why not discipline yourself this lent to spend more time with God by taking up this devotional challenge and also joining us each wednesday evening.

Holy Week

As usual we will be hosting Holy Week services each evening at 8pm. This year we will explore the theme - Greater Love. These services have proven to be beneficial and transformational in the past so why not put the dates in your diary and plan to come along. Watch the announcement sheets or our Facebook page for more details.

Fields of Life

There has been a lot of recent activity around raising funds for the Fields of Life Team. These have varied in style and duration from cake sales to plays, from Can't Cook Won't Cook to collecting clothes. We will update you with the total amount raised so far very soon but until them keep up the good work.

From the Register

Baptism 2nd March - Olivia Rachel Edgar

Regular Organisations and Events

We have many organisations 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, Mother Union, Bowls 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



Drumkeeran, Muckross and Templecarne Bishop's curate: Ven Cecil Pringle, 07742516188

Calendar for April 2014

6th April - 10.00am Templecarne MP
11.30am Drumkeeran HC
13th April - 10.00am Muckross HC
11.30am Drumkeeran MP
20th April - 10.00am Templecarne HC
11.30am Drumkeeran MP
27th April - 10.00am Muckross MP
11.30am Drumkeran HC
No Sunday School on 27th April. Sunday School resumes on 4th May

Sympathy

Miss Betty Johnston, formerly of 402 Boa Island Road, Kesh, died in the South West Acute Hospital on 16th February and was laid to rest in the family plot in Muckross graveyard on 18th. Betty was a most faithful and devoted member of Muckross Church. Until she had a minor accident in her home, whatever was happening in Muckross Church, Betty was first there and last away. Since that accident she lived in Kesh. We pay tribute to such a faithful child of God, who loved her God and loved and cared for her church. To her sister-in-law, nephews and nieces and her many good friends we extend our sympathy.

As the notes are being prepared for the Magazine, Mr Dennis Runacres, Bannagh Beg, Kesh, died suddenly. The funeral service and burial are due to take place in Drumkeeran on 17th March. We extend our sympathy to his wife Noreen, and to the wider family circle. May God comfort all who mourn the passing of loved ones.

BB and **GB** Display

Pettigo BB, which is attended by many of the boys from the group of parishes, is holding its Annual Display on Friday 28th March. The GB is holding its Display on 4th April. Our good wishes to both organisations and appreciation of their service to a number of young people from this group of parishes.

Lent

The Ash Wednesday service, marking the beginning of Lent, was attended by about thirty-five members of the group of parishes. It is always good to have events that bring together parishioners from the three churches in the group.

Lough Derg

As has been the custom for a number of years, a Day of Friendship and Prayer was held at Lough Derg on each Ash Wednesday. The speaker this year was the Rev John Dunlop, a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church. There was a great attendance, somewhere between three and four hundred, and well worth while. I was pleased to see a good representation from the Drumkeeran Group of parishes.

Hospitality

A number of ladies from the group of parishes attended the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service in Pettigoe Presbyterian Church on the first Friday of March. Readers in the service included representatives from each of these three parishes. Appreciation of the hospitality received.

Special Event

A 'Ladies Breakfast' is being held in Drumkeeran Hall on Saturday 5th April at 9.00. The arranged speaker is Nia, a world travelled celebrity and who addressed a similar event back in 1999. We hope it will be a great success. And thanks to the organisers.

Thanks to Irene Boyd who arranged for the distribution of 'Count your Blessings' leaflets in the three churches for Lent.

Looking Forward

In the May Magazine there will be news of a number of parish activities.

Mothering Sunday service on 30th March will include the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Drumkeeran Sunday School children are having their annual Palm Sunday service on 13th April.

Sunday School resumes on 4th May.

Confirmation

Confirmation has been arranged for Sunday 16th November in Drumkeeran at 11.00.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter services will be held on a rota between the three churches, Wednesday in Templecarne Church, Thursday in Muckross Church and Friday in Drumkeeran Church. I hope they will be well supported.

Easter Day

Easter Day, Holy Communion in Templecarne at 10.00am and Drumkeeran at 11.30am.

Dates for the Annual Easter Vestry meetings will be announced in church.

New Archdeacon

Congratulations and good wishes to the Ven. Helene Steed, rector of the Clones group of parishes, on her appointment and Installation as Archdeacon of Clogher. Her ministry in the Clones group of parishes has been much appreciated. No doubt in this wider ministry, with the experience gained from working in a number of different places, she will greatly enhance the work of the diocese and of the church.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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Reflecting on the Glory of God

We have read how King David is described as a 'man after God's own heart' and in the Psalms we are given insights into this inner life. As a shepherd, David would have meditated on the wonders of the night sky. His response of praise is recorded in Psalm 8, 'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!' (1,9). What did David see? He reflects on God's glory in the skies and considers 'the moon and the stars, which you have set in place' (3). With his naked eye David could have seen up to 2-3000 stars, yet with the Hubbell Space telescope we have seen the vastness of space. Our own galaxy, the Milky War consists of 300 billion stars yet it's one of up to 500,000 billion galaxies in the whole universe! With David, we can see how creation reflects God's character and is shot through with his purpose. In describing creation as the 'work of his fingers' (3), David is comparing God with an artist. Just as a great artist is recognised in his works, so this is also true of God. Along with creation, God is also working out his plan and purpose in the joys and the struggles of our lives.

How did David feel? Like David we can feel very small and insignificant in a vast universe: 'what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?' However, this psalm affirms the truth that we are made in the image of God, having a unique place in his creation. We are created as a little lower than the angels and responsible for the created order. Therefore, our significance comes from being able to relate to God, to grow in his likeness and make him known.

How can we be sure of these truths? David understands God cares, with the implication that he 'visits" us. He looks to the coming of Jesus, which is our unique evidence of God's love for us. Through Jesus' death

and resurrection, God makes it possible for us to know his life, forgiveness and peace.

The Hubbell Telescope has taken a picture of the Whirlpool Galaxy, about 23,160,000 light years from earth. At the centre of the galaxy there is a cross shape, highlighting how God's love lies at the very heart of our universe. 'Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!' This Lenten and Easter season let us all reflect on the Glory of God.

The Lent Course

Each year the grouped parishes have a Lent project each Wednesday evening in Lent starting at 8.00pm each evening alternating between the Churches. This year we will be studying and discussing the C T B I course "Parables and Possessions."

During Lent when we typically give up things like chocolate or other foods, why not give up some of your time each week to see how God can uncover in us a new heart, a new purpose, a new attitude and a new confidence to the way we live our lives. See the list below for the Church and dates that the study is taking place.

Lent Programme

2nd April 2014 - Wednsday, Rockcorry 8.00pm, Sextons House, Ridicule, Luke 12: 13-34

9th April 2014 - Wednesday, Aghabog 8.00pm, Church Hall, Sacrifice, Luke 10: 25-37

16th April 2014 - Wednseday, Aughnamullen 8.00pm, Transformation, Luke 15: 1-10

17th April 2014 - Maundy Thursday, Dartrey Church 8.00pm, Holy Communion

Easter Services and General Vestries

Tuesday 8th April - General Vestry, Church Vestry Room, Drum

Tues 10th April - General Vestry, Sextons House, 8.30pm, Dartrey/Rockcorry

Friday 11th April - General Vestry, Church Hall, 8.30pm, Aghabog

Sat 12th April - General Vestry, School House, 7.00pm, Aughnamullen

Palm Sunday 13th April - 9.45am Aughnamullen: 11.00am Dartrey

Thur 17th April - Holy Communion, 8.00pm, Dartrey Good Friday Service - 8.00pm, Rockcorry Easter Day Holy Communion

9.45am Aghabog 11.00am Rockcorry 12.15pm Drum

Aghabog

The Bowling Club had their annual beetle drive on Saturday 15th February. It was very well supported by our neighbouring clubs and friends of local parishes. We would like to thank all those who brought spot prizes, raffle prizes and refreshments for supper afterwards, also to those who helped to set up the hall and tidied up afterwards. It was a great success.

Deepest Sympathy to the Steenson and Truell Families and to Jim and Maud Ruane (nee Steenson), Dundrum, Dublin on the recent death of their son in England.

Aughnamullen/Crossduff

It was a great blessing to welcome and baptise Jamie Leslie Matthias into Gods family on the 16th March in Crossduff Parish Church. Jamie is the first son of Roberta Reyburn and TJ. Traynor

Senator Fox Memorial Service

A very large congregation gathered in Christ Church, Aughnamullen on Sunday the 9th March 2014 for a Commemoration Service for the life and service of the late Senator Billy Fox (3rd January 1939 – 12th March 1974). The service commenced with uplifting singing during the hymn *For all the saints, who from their labours rest*.



The Old Testament Reading from Deuteronomy chapter 6 was read by An Taoiseach, Mr Enda Kenny TD (above), and the New Testament Reading from Romans chapter 8 was read by Mrs Marjorie Beattie (below), née Coulson, who was fiancée to Senator Fox at the time of his murder.



The hymn *Nearer, my God, to thee,* preceded the Gospel Reading from St Matthew chapter 4 which was read by the Revd George Beattie (below).



The sermon was delivered by the Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher (below). *Text of sermon on page 4*.



During a period of reflection members of the parish brought forward gifts as an act of symbolism.

A Globe, presented by Mr Nigel Donaldson, served as a reminder that we are all part of the same family – the human race. We all live on the same earth and thus we should all enjoy the same rights. We also recognize that across the globe millions of families suffer needlessly because of conflict.

A Doll, presented by Mrs Helen McMurray, represented children everywhere. We need to treasure and emulate their innocence, their openness and their acceptance of each other. We recognize that within today's children, lies the hope that tomorrow's world will be a better place.

A Clock, presented by Mr Harold Weir, represented the passage of time. Time has helped heal some of the wounds of conflict but we must strive to nurture the seeds of peace and continue to learn from the mistakes of the past.

A Book, presented by Miss Jennifer Donaldson, symbolized a corner stone of peace. Through education, learning and sharing information, we become empowered. We need to recognize that, as recipients of knowledge, we are all responsible for advocating peace, tolerance and human rights.

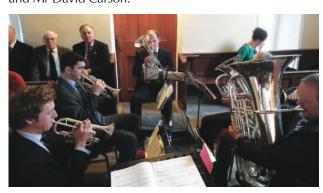
A Tree, presented by Mr George Montgomery, was a symbol of strength and hope. By planting a new tree, we are planting new hope in the hearts of people. A tree represents a fresh start, rebirth and a connection with the earth. For victims of conflict let it represent the chance to start a new life, to feel supported, anchored, sheltered and once again strong.

Following the period of reflection, a duet entitled *Once we had dreams, dreams of a new beginning* was performed by Mr Roy Crowe and Ms Jayne Haslett. The intercessions were led by the Very Revd Thomas Quigley (below), Parish Priest, Latton, and the final hymn was Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.





The service was read by the Venerable Helene Steed, Archdeacon of Clogher (above), and the music was directed by Mr Glenn Moore, and was performed by a brass quintet (below) comprising of Mr Andrew Gordon, Mr Gavin Rogers, Mr Robert Elliott, Mr George Ferguson and Mr David Carson.





Annual Bring & Buy Sale, will be held in Drum Village Hall, on Saturday 12th April at 8pm. Usual stalls and Easter Draw on the night. Everybody welcome.



Rockcorry/Dartrey

On the 23rd February at Dartrey Church Paige Ellen Fannin was welcomed and baptised as a member of Gods Church. Paige is the daughter of Eric Fannin and Ashley Reilly.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to all who have been bereaved in the Parish or with a connection in the parish.

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April Services

Wednesday 2nd April

7.30pm – 8.00pm – Compline

Thursday 3rd April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th April

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

6.30pm - African Children's Choir

Wednesday 9th April

7.30pm - 8.00pm - Compline

Thursday 10th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 13th April – The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

9.00am – Holy Communion

10.30am – Palm Sunday Procession

11.00am – Palm Sunday Service & Opening Service for Mission 2014

7.00pm – Palm Sunday Praise

Monday 14th April

2.00pm – 4.00pm – Messy Church on the Diamond

6.30pm - Confirmation Café

7.30pm – Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop

Tuesday 15th April

2.00– 4:00pm – Afternoon Tea (Over 60's event)

7.30pm – Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop

Wednesday 16th April

7.30pm – Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop

Maundy Thursday

11.00am - Holy Communion

4.00pm Messy Church in Cathedral Hall

7.30pm – Maundy Thursday Service – Preacher The Bishop

Good Friday

10.30am – Good Friday Procession from Cathedral Hall

11.00am - Good Friday Family Service

7.30pm – Service of Meditation – Preacher The Bishop

Easter Saturday

8.30am - 10.30am Parish Family Breakfast

7.30pm – Xplore Youth Event

Sunday 20th April – Easter Day – The First Sunday of Faster

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – All Age Service with Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th April

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 27th April

The Second Sunday of Easter 9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Lent, Holy Week and Easter

By the time these notes are published we will be well into the season of Lent, in our preparation for Holy Week and Easter. These are vital and important weeks in the Church's year. Please use the time to prepare to remember again the saving life-giving work of our Lord. The extra mid-week services during Lent and in Holy Week afford us all an opportunity to come together for worship and reflection. Don't let these opportunities pass you by and slip away unnoticed and make no impact on you and your journey of faith. Come and join us in a holy Lent, a devout Holy Week and a joyous Easter.

African Children's Choir

The African Children's Choir (featuring Enniskillen Model Primary School) will be singing in St Macartin's Cathedral on Sunday 6th April at 6.30pm (note change of time to suit the young singers). Tickets are available from the Model School on 6632 4865 costing £5 for adults and £3 for children. All are welcome to attend.

Mission 2014 – 'This is our Church'

The students of the Theological College will be joining St Macartin's for a mission this 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 Church of Ireland Theological Institute will be present to enrich our worship during the week so I hope you will make every effort to attend and experience the 'new life and fresh hope' that Jesus offers all who commit their lives to worship and follow Him. During Holy Week and Easter there will be many opportunities to get involved in the life and witness of our cathedral – your cathedral and my cathedral as together we proclaim 'This is our Church'. We want our cathedral church to be a vibrant Christian witness in the community in which it serves, and the most important resource we need is you! It must give God pleasure to see so many faithful attenders, however I am sure He also waits with eager anticipation on many to return. If you have slipped away from coming to church a warm welcome awaits your return and there is no better time than now!

Palm Sunday

Our special Holy Week Mission will begin with a 'Palm Sunday Procession' from our Cathedral Halls at 10.30am. All parishioners are encouraged to travel in this procession and especially our Sunday School children as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry in Jerusalem. A donkey will lead the procession, palm branches will be carried and we will proclaim 'Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord'

The service at 11.00am will take the form of a Family Service – Preacher The Bishop

The service will be followed with tea and coffee in the Cathedral Hall and a cake sale to raise funds for the Sunday School CMSI Missionary Project 2014. Donations will be gratefully received.

The service at 7.00pm will take the form of a Praise Service – Preacher The Bishop

Holy Week - Monday

Morning – School Assemblies

Afternoon – Parish visits. Anyone unable to get out to our events and services can request a home visit by one of the Mission Team. Please contact Beth in the Cathedral Office to arrange.

2.00pm – 4.00pm Messy Church at the Buttermarket 6.30pm Confirmation Café

7.30pm Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop

Holy Week - Tuesday

Morning – School Assemblies

2.00pm – 4.00pm – Afternoon Tea. The Students will host an afternoon of fun and fellowship for all in our parish who are aged over 60. This is for both men and women and we do hope as many as possible will turn up and enjoy an afternoon together and with the students. It is hoped that many will offer lifts to parishioners in their own area who have no transport. The mini bus will also be available to do collections so please book through Beth in the Cathedral Office. 7.30pm Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop

Holy Week - Wednesday

Morning – School Assemblies

Afternoon – Parish visits. Anyone unable to get out to our events and services can request a home visit by one of the Mission Team. Please contact Beth in the Cathedral Office to arrange.

2.00pm – 4.00pm Messy Church on the Diamond 7.30pm Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop

Holy Week - Maundy Thursday

Morning – School Assemblies

11.00am – Holy Communion followed by a cup of tea/coffee

Afternoon – Parish visits. Anyone unable to get out to our events and services can request a home visit by one of the Mission Team. Please contact Beth in the Cathedral Office to arrange.

2.00pm - Nursing Homes

4.00pm – 6.00pm Messy Church – This will be a 'Very Messy Easter' in the Cathedral Hall for all toddlers, nursery and primary school children. Every child must be accompanied by a parent!

7.30pm Holy Week Service – Preacher The Bishop Stripping of the Cathedral in preparation for Good Friday

The congregation scatter in silence!

Holy Week - Good Friday

10.30am Good Friday Procession from the Cathedral Hall. This is similar to that of the Palm Sunday Procession only this time the mood has changed! The once joyful crowd have now turned bitter and angry and their cry has changed from 'Hosanna' to 'Crucify'. All will follow a cross along the footpath up Hall's Lane and down Church Street and into the Cathedral. 11.00am – Good Friday Family Service

Afternoon – Parish visits. Anyone unable to get out to our events and services can request a home visit by one of the Mission Team. Please contact Beth in the Cathedral Office to arrange.

7.30pm – Service of Meditation & Tenebrae Service All will end in darkness!

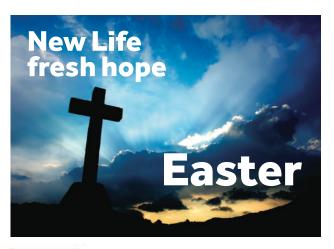
Holy Week – Easter Saturday

8.30am -10.30am - Parish Family Breakfast in the Cathedral Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

7.30pm – Vigil – St Macartin's Youth Event. This is an event not to be missed by any of our young people 11+ featuring bands, new media and a fresh look at Easter!

Easter Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion (Traditional Form) 11.00am – All age service with Holy Communion 7.00pm – Evening prayer



Mission 2014 – Visitors welcome!

Many churches throughout the Diocese may not have services every night during Holy Week and if that is the case you are very welcome to come and visit Saint Macartin's Cathedral any night at 7.30pm. We are very pleased that our closest neighbour, Rossorry Parish will be joining us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night.

Holy Baptism

23rd March – Casey Sindy Lorraine Southam "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

14th March – Naomi Susan Spratt and Bryan James Gray "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who labour build in vain" Psalm 127:1

Updates from the world of Messy Church

We continue to grow. One hundred and sixty mums, dads, and kids have attended a Messy Church so far, 78 of those were individuals not on our parish list. It has been an excellent opportunity for us to reach out to the community.



At the time of writing our Facebook page has 76 likes! This has been an excellent communication tool, and we are beginning to see new people use and access it. Like us on https://www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch

We were delighted to have a double page spread in the Lakeland Life in March. This was a lovely article and great publicity for the exciting things going on in the Cathedral.

As always we are grateful to the Mothers Union and a creative team of volunteers who staff it.

During the Mission we are having four Messy Church events. We are having two Messy Church in the community events, a drop in Messy Church at the Butter market on the 14th April from 2.00 to 4.00pm and a drop in Messy Church at the Diamond from 2.00 to 4.00pm on the 16th. We are also having a Very Messy Easter in the Cathedral Hall on the 17th from 4.00 to 6.00pm, and a Messy Cathedral service in the Cathedral on Good Friday at 11.00am (procession from the hall begins at 10.30am).

Gospel Concert – Elvis Gospel Hits

Elvis Presley stands unique among the world's great artists/icons/film stars in the entertainment business. There is virtually no one else who has recorded more Gospel songs, forty-five or more. He also performed Gospel songs with such feeling that he introduced many people to songs of Faith & Inspiration who would not have previously listened to Gospel music or its message. This is a complete concert of gospel songs & music. The Gospel Story, as told through Elvis's Songs of Faith & Inspiration featuring Gary Gibson in the role of Elvis Presley with full supporting cast including Crawford Bell, The Memphis Showband & The Bellaire Singers. Elvis Presley's love of gospel music was something that drove and influenced him through his life and career. He made more gospel recordings than almost any other artist in the history of popular music and his love and feeling for these songs is unsurpassed. We hope that we can bring some of that inspiration to life as we proudly present for you this Concert on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 8.00pm which is expected to be a sell out. Tickets (£15.00 each and limited number) are on sale soon through the Cathedral Office.

Smile's Concert

The Smiles Foundation are at present raising funds to build a Day Centre for Disabled Children in Romania. Their plan is to have it up and running by September 2014. To help raise funds a Jazz Night with the Ernesiders will be the Cathedral Hall Enniskillen on Friday 25th April 7.30pm. Tickets (£10.00) are available from the Cathedral Office Monday –Friday from 9.00am -12 noon or from Liz Robertson telephone 66320871 or Myrtle Irvine telephone 66324583. There will also be a Mr & Mrs Competition and light refreshments will be served. Proceeds will be divided between the Cathedral Hall Repair Fund and Smiles Foundation. All are welcome!

Hall Development Fund

Our fund is continuing to grow slowly and we are pleased to report that we have now reached more than half of our original target of £200,000. Envelope contributions for February were £2,558, we had two generous anonymous donations and proceeds from Ruby Elliott's recipe book continue to come in. We are also very grateful to Alex and Stewart McKeown who recorded a CD 'Beggin' To You' and generously donated £500, the proceeds of sales.

On 28th February we held a Supper for 'All, an evening of food, fellowship and fun which proved to be a very enjoyable event. Our thanks to all who worked behind the scenes; setting up, providing food, serving and clearing up. We are delighted to have so much talent in our Parish and who would have thought a little stage in Enniskillen would welcome such stars as Jimmy Young, Sonny and Cher and an Abba tribute all on an ordinary Friday night! We must give a special mention to 'Bingo Rob' who got the competitive juices flowing, especially for those who had never played bingo before. We had a very diverse mix of items, experiences and services donated for our Auction of Gifts and Talents; thank you to all our kind donors. Our auctioneer, Ivan, did a superb job and to date we have raised in excess of £4,000 with funds still coming in. It was also an opportunity to see the renovation plans for the Halls which were opened 50 years ago.

A date for your diary – Friday 25th April at 7.30pm a Jazz Night with the Ernesiders with proceeds to The Smiles Foundation and Hall Fund, details in Pew News. Watch out in Cathedral News and Pew News for sponsor forms and details of the sponsored walk which will take place in June, followed by lunch in the Hall. Again we appeal for those with fundraising ideas to come forward and discuss with any member of the Fundraising Committee.

Mothers' Union

The Womens' World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th March was hosted by St Macartin's, Enniskillen,with visitors from the other town churches in attendance. The service was led by Margaret Owens and the speaker was Revd Ngosi Njoku, the organist was Glenn Moore and the solo parts were by Jayne Haslett. The evening concluded with tea in the hall.

On Monday 10th March, a most enjoyable Visitors' Evening commenced with a short service, led by Dean Hall, music was provided by Angel Nawn. Guest speaker, Noel Johnston, gave a very informative and entertaining account of "Life at Crom Castle". St Macartin's Mothers' Union Group was founded in March 1904 with sixty members, so a cake was cut to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the Group. It was an honour to share this occasion with our visitors. A delicious supper was served by the committee.

Overseas missionary boxes or donations are now due to be returned. These can be brought to the next meeting which is on 14th April, the Holy Week Service, or left with Beth in the Cathedral Office.

Tuesday Club

The Dean opened the February meeting with a scripture reading and prayers. He then introduced the guest speakers, Violet Rutledge and Betty McCabe. There followed a most informative and detailed talk, with the aid of slides, on general health concentrating on three injections available to senior citizens and why we should avail of them. Blood pressure and blood sugar level checks were available to all members. Betty and Violet entertained with many humorous storied. Two male members were welcomed before afternoon tea was served and enjoyed. The next meeting is on 25th March at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room with guests Violet Vennard and Pat Morrison who will talk about the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion. An Afternoon Tea Party is planned for Tuesday15th April in the Cathedral Hall from 2.00-4.00pm. You will be very welcome.

Saint Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40!

Following the very successful evening on 16th February when the results of the top ten hymns were announced and sung by a very enthusiastic cathedral choir and large congregation of enthusiastic singers, the next 40 hymns will be revealed and sung at four special evening services on Sunday 4th May, 1st June, 16th November and 18th January, all at 7.00pm in

the Cathedral. The organist will be Glenn Moore and the choir will be conducted by Jayne Haslett. Those throughout the Diocese and further afield are welcome to attend!

Thursdays at 11.00

If you are free or happen to be in town on a Thursday morning please feel free to drop into St Macartin's Cathedral for a short (30 minute) Holy Communion service followed by a cup of tea/coffee.

Canon Arthur Barrett

It is with mixed emotions that we congratulate Revd Canon Arthur Barrett on his appointment as Dean of Raphoe. We are delighted on his preferment and wish him every blessing in his ministry there, but we will sadly miss him as a good neighbour and friend.

Fermanagh Churches Forum

This year's Lenten lunches began in Enniskillen Methodist Church on Wednesday 19th March. As in previous years, they will share a simple lunch followed by a short period of prayer and meditation. There is no entrance charge but a collection will be taken for Christian Aid and Trocaire. Further Lenten lunches will

be held in Enniskillen as follows, all on Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 1.45pm:

26th March - St Macartin's Church of Ireland Cathedral Hall

2nd April – St Michael's Parish Centre

9th April – The Bridge Centre, Presbyterian Church If you have not yet renewed your subscription for 2013/14, or would like to join the Fermanagh Churches Forum, you can do so by sending a cheque (made payable to Fermanagh Churches Forum) the treasurer, Ronnie Brown, Brughas, Springfield Enniskillen BT74 5DQ. The subscription is £10.00 per year.

Mission Prayer

Almighty God,

you have made us members of Christ and of his Church here in this Cathedral Parish of Enniskillen.

May we as 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



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Temporary Change To Church Times On Sundays

From Sunday 27 April to Harvest Thanksgiving One Sunday Service at 11am St John's



A Clearer View

glorious morning sunshine, after the soggy and months damp winter. This was also the week when the

early morning sun opened up whole new vistas where the dull clouds of winter had previously closed down any decent view. I was able to see across the fields of Fermanagh and Tyrone, towards the rolling hills in the south. And I've noticed some of the first Spring bulbs to follow the winter snowdrops. Miniature daffodils have been making a great display from their lowly perspective. They make a very admirable bid for attention despite their diminished size. And perhaps you've noticed that they are increasingly the bulb of choice on roadside verges, especially in wind beaten paths. They are entirely charming. A much clearer view, thanks only to better light. I wonder is that always how it is? Better light, clearer views, and a renewed

In the months ahead I will be praying for a clearer view of the road ahead for us as a church. It will require better light, which only the 'Light of the World' can

At times it is important to pause, take stock and consider. The easy option is to keep churning out the same things in the same way. Familiar routines can in themselves dull us to what needs to be done next. With this in mind, change is planned for us as a whole church. From Sunday 27 April to Harvest Thanksgiving, a temporary change to our familiar routine of Sunday service times will be in place. There will be one Sunday service at 11am for this time. (We will observe our summer custom when the time will move to 10am for July and August.) Evening Praise will end on Sunday 6 April.

Someone asked why we are doing this when our services are going well. This is something I have been considering for many months. It is to give us time to remember that we are one people of God. To make space to pray as one people for the present and the future. To make time to see the church as we are today, gathered in one place.

As is appropriate, the bishop has been consulted and has given permission for this temporary change in our service times. I simply ask you to be patient and forbearing, and to enter into the task ahead which is to pray for God's household today as we are in this parish.

I am reminded of the Apostle John writing that 'The true light that give slight to everyone has come into the world.' My hope is that this simpler season of worship will create space for us to see that light more clearly.



I was delighted to welcome the members of the Church of Ireland Evangelical Fellowship to the parish recently. They asked us to host one of their events in the 'West' and Fivemiletown is a good a place as any.

Bishop Ken Clarke was their invited speaker, helping listeners consider the challenges of growing church in a rural situation. Friends and clergy colleagues gathered from across N Ireland and the border counties for a great evening of fellowship. The parish music group lead the praise, Sheila Burke organised the supper, and members of the parish helped serve. Real Life Bookshop provided a bookstall. Thank you to everyone involved.

Parish Diary

MOPS - Time Out on Monday for Young Women, with breakfast and a supervised crèche held on 2nd and 4th Monday of every month.

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

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

On Saturday morning 8th March we hosted a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in our Parish Hall. We raised £910 and we would like to thank those who give us their support. The proceeds of this event was for our branch and will enable 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.

Clogher GFS are hosting a Missionary Evening on Kiwoko Hospital, Uganda in Colebrooke Parish Hall, on Friday, 4th April @ 7.30pm Guest Speaker: Mrs Pauline Marshall. Paul and Tania Baker are GFS Mission Partners who are based at the hospital. Everyone is welcome to come along

Children's Sing-Along

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.

All Ireland Camp

We have some girls and leaders attending the GFS All Ireland Camp during Easter at Wilson's Hospital School, Multyfarnham. The girls will have no time for sitting; there will be crafts to be done and plenty of outdoor activities also. GFS camp is usually a lot of fun, plenty of fellowship, and a chance for the girls to make new friends.

Please note: Wednesday, 16th April & Wednesday, 23rd April NO GFS – EASTER HOLIDAYS We re-open on Wednesday evening, 30th April – Time 6.30pm –to- 8.00pm.

Bowling Club continues each Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

Fivemiletown Mothers' Union

Mr Peter Hilton from the Leprosy Mission was the guest speaker at the February meeting. He outlined the work of the Leprosy Mission serving in 28 countries throughout the world. When someone is diagnosed with leprosy, they are forced to live in a leprosy colony for the rest of their lives. Therefore they often hide their diagnosis leading to increased spread. There are over 1000 leprosy colonies throughout the world. Treatment of leprosy is long term lasting from 6 months to 2 years. The Leprosy Mission has set up hospitals where surgery is performed on limbs which have been damaged by disease. They have also set up vocational centres where recovering patients are retrained to lead a useful life. The meeting closed with prayer and the Grace led by the Branch Leader Elvina Funston.

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Ten Mothers' Union members attended the Prayer Breakfast in Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February.

MOPS is a ministry to young women

The vision - To be a Blessing to others beyond ourselves Mops aims to encourage, equip and develop women to be more confident in themselves.

Mops is a place for all young women to come and experience community, personal growth, practical help and spiritual hope.

Mops meet fortnightly 9.30am – 11.30am the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month

WHAT HAPPENS AT MOPS

- A chance to make new friends
- Breakfast provided
- Life skill speakers
- Crafts and activities

Mops provide a crèche for pre schooler's known as MOPPETS. Once Mums leave their little ones in crèche they join the other women in the minor hall for a lovely breakfast provided free of charge by our hospitality team.

During the course of the morning Mops provides a programme for the women that is relevant and informative, it provides an opportunity for the women to participate and learn new skills helping to equip them to be more confident, and creative in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

9:00am Drummully 10:30am Sallaghy 12:00am 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)

Message from Revd Anita

Dear All.

As we travel through Lent together on our journey towards Easter, we reflect upon our lives in light of our Christian faith.

I love Lent, and as I look out on the Rectory garden the bare trees are showing the first signs of new life, it reminds me of the words of the poet Jean Watt, 'Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare, a starkness, after all has been withdrawn of surplus and superfluous.... between the branches, a most precious space, before the leaf, before the time of flowers....lest we should see only the leaf, the flowers, lest we should miss the stars!'

I have been reflecting upon my time in our Group of Churches, how it has flown and where we are going. As I endeavour to build the body of Christ in the Group I pray that we will cherish our time together. Christmas Day and Easter Sunday are times of enormous spiritual and theological importance, they are times when the people of God should be together, celebrating our fellowship, sharing the Lord's supper at one table. This year we celebrated together in Sallaghy on Christmas Day and we shall celebrate together in Newtownbutler on Easter Sunday, following our Holy Week services in all three churches. Next year we will alternate these days, sharing in fellowship and acting as host to each other's family.

I have always based my ministry around the family so it is a great encouragement to us all that our Sunday schools in all three churches are thriving and as I write we look forward to spending Mothering Sunday together in our Group service in Galloon. We are all very excited about the prospect of a new building for the Newtownbutler Sunday school children and teachers, which will enable us all to worship together at the beginning of our service and for the children and teachers to join us again for the celebration of Holy Communion, as they do in Sallaghy and Drummully. Thank you to everyone from the three Sunday schools who were able to participate in our Sunday school teacher training in the Trinity Hall. Coffee/Tea tray-bakes half-way! The training was facilitated by Joyce Clingan and Mabel Clingan, both experienced teachers and Sunday School Teachers, we are very grateful to them for sharing their experience and expertise with us. We took the opportunity to consider the programme for the rest of this Sunday school year. We have so many new teachers volunteering to help with this important work and we wanted to encourage and support them. Joyce and Mabel were wonderful, full of information, fun, ideas and advice and we are all greatly encouraged for the future of our children in Church. Thanks to Stephanie for taking the photo's! Please note the coffee/tea and tray-bakes were a short interval half-way through the morning and not ongoing!



I am very grateful to have such strong teams working with me, in all three churches. Your support in these initial days of my ministry in our Group is invaluable to me.

Thank you. Revd Anita

Holy Week Service Times

Easter Monday 8pm, Newtownbutler Methodist Church

Easter Tuesday 8pm, Newtownbutler Presbyterian Church

Easter Wednesday 8pm, Drummully Parish, Church Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday 8pm, Sallaghy Parish Church, Holy Communion

Good Friday 8pm, Newtownbutler Parish Church, Prayer and Reflection

Easter Sunday 11:00am, Galloon Parish Church, Group Service with Celebration of Holy Communion

TAG (Teens and God)

The TAG Group will meet in Sallaghy Church Hall on 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.

Youth Club (18-25's)

This group meets every couple of weeks for activities such as film nights, to try indoor hockey, badminton or bowling. Anyone aged between 18-25 is very welcome to come and join. Please note super sporting skills are not required!! If interested please contact Simon Wiggins 07706835648

Galloon Parish

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Sam Hutchinson and family, Clonumphry, on the death of Sam's brother, Charlie in Lisnaskea. Charlie's funeral service was in Lisnaskea Parish Church and burial was in the adjoining churchyard. We remember the entire family in our prayers.

Auction

There will be an Auction in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler on Saturday 26th April 2014 at 12.00. There will be a wide variety of items for sale, some lovely items of furniture, delph, household goods, ornaments and bric-a-brac, selection of tools, boxed lots suitable for traders and car booters. This is an auction not to be missed, approx. 500 lots to be sold without reserve. Viewing is on morning of the sale, admission is free and refreshments are available. Any donations of items for sale would be welcome. Collection of large items can be arranged. Contact William Little, 028677 38676 or any vestry member.

Book Sale

Our annual Massive Second Hand Book Sale will take place in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler from 22nd to 26 th July 2014. There are thousands of books for sale at good value prices. Come and be amazed at the variety and quantity of books on offer. Donations of books would be much appreciated. Collection can be arranged. To arrange collection or delivery, contact William Little on (028) 677 38676.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers Union

There will be a service on Monday 28th April at 8.00pm in Galloon Parish Church. This service will be followed by the branch AGM and also a branch meeting. We look forward to our Diocesan President, Dr Margaret Knox attending this evening. All are welcome.

Smile

Did you hear about the man who got a medal for modesty and then had it taken away when they saw him wearing it?

Sallaghy Parish

Parish Dance

A parish dance took place in the Church Hall on Friday 7th March 2014. Music was by "Sweet Harmony" and there was a large crowd in attendance raising over £800 for parish funds. Thank you to all involved in this event and in particular to Wray Whittendale who organized it.

Irish Stew Night

An Irish Stew Night was held on Saturday 15th March in the Church Hall. Good food was enjoyed by everyone and thanks you to all who provided food or helped to serve it. The food was followed by a short table quiz and some musical items. Thanks to Rebekah Clingan for organising the table quiz and to Howard Crawford who organised the entertainment and performed much of it himself. Over £700 was donated towards parish funds.

Derryadd Church

There will be a service in Derryadd Church on Sunday 6th April at 3.30pm conducted by Rev Anita.

Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 10th April at 8.00pm in the Church Hall when Eleanor Carleton will speak about Patchwork and Quilting.

Marriage Register

Wendy Johnston, Coolnamarrow, Roslea, Enniskillen BT92 7QE and Michael Lawrence Edwards, Coolnamarrow, Roslea, Enniskillen BT92 7QE on Saturday 22nd February 2014. The ceremony was conducted by Rev Anita Kerr. "Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Drummully Parish

Gardening Evening: Our annual gardening event will be held in the Church Hall on Wednesday 21st May at 8pm. Kim Rickey will be back by popular demand to do a demonstration and will have a variety of plants for sale on the night. As usual supper will be served and everyone is warmly invited. Proceeds this year will be going towards the Irish Cancer Society.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



Sunday 6th April - Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 13th April - Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Holy Wednesday 16th April - Slavin 8pm

Maundy Thursday 17th April - Belleek 8pm

Good Friday 18th April - Kiltyclogher 8pm

Sunday 20th April - Easter Sunday Service- Garrison 11am HC

Easter Sunday - Group Service including Easter Egg Hunt for all children

Sunday 27th April - Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 4th May - Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers' Union

The MU Trip (which is open to all parishioners and friends) will be on Saturday 3rd May to Londonderry. Further details of the itinerary closer to the time.

The April meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd April @ 7pm in Kiltyclogher Church when the speaker will be the Rector. A meal will follow the service in Garrison Church Hall.

Christian Burial

We give thanks for the wonderful long life of Mrs Florrie McVitty who passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday 8th March surrounded by her loving family. She had almost reached the wonderful age of 98 years. A service of thanksgiving for her long life was held in Kiltyclogher church on Monday 10th March conducted by the Rector, Rev Ngozi. The Rector commented on the love Mrs McVitty had for her church, her family, the countryside and the special place she had in her heart for her animals, horses in particular. The committal and burial took place in Garrison Churchyard.

We remember her family in our prayers, especially her daughter Betty who cared for her so faithfully and lovingly. Also her daughter Doreen, son-in-law William and son George, daughter-in-law Violet, their daughter, sons and their families.

Illness

We think of those in our group of Parishes especially Edward Stephenson from Kiltyclogher Parish who was in hospital for an operation recently. We pray for continued improvement in all those in our Group of Parishes who have been unwell, whether in hospital, at home, or nursing home, remembering Mrs Lexie Carson in Shannagh Nursing Home at this time.

Educating Ourselves

Every Thursday night a group of approximately 35 attendees have been faithfully attending Educating Ourselves classes in Melvin View Orange Hall. These classes have been delivered by Grand Lodge officers which have included interesting topics of history including: the formation of the Orange Institution and the Musical traditions of the Protestant culture. We are very grateful for our Rector's support and attendance.

Kiltyclogher Table Quiz

The Rector and members of Kiltyclogher Select Vestry wish to extend their thanks to all who supported their table quiz in Garrison last month. A total of £521 and €72.50 was raised for Parish funds. Particular thanks to Dot & Kevin Barlow who helped to arrange the quiz and all who helped with the supper.

Dedication Service

There will be a full report of the Dedication Service on 23rd March in Garrison Parish Church in next month's edition.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

The Group of Parishes would like to extend their best wishes to the retiring Archdeacon Ven. Cecil Pringle. Mr Pringle has been greatly involved in this group of Parishes over many years and we wish to extend our thanks to him for his wisdom and guidance and wish

him God's richest blessing in his retirement from this post.

We also wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Ven. Helene Steed on her worthy appointment to this post.

Bowls

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

Youth Club

GYC – "God's Youth Club" has commenced every Friday night @ 7.30pm in the alternative venues of Garrison Church Hall & the Wark Hall, Belleek, follow the weekly news sheet for further details.

Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org. The web manager is Jenna Clarke.

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e mailed to Doreen Earls at

Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

Kiltyclogher

Statement of outcomes from circle meeting:

We have met together for some hours on Saturday 11th January 2014 to work through and understand the things that happened in the final hours of our beloved Valerie Irwin and to acknowledge the Irwin Family's hurt around the funeral and in the days after. We have arrived at the following agreed understandings:

The importance of having emergency contact details of the clergy responsible for the parish – to have both mobile (where possible) and landline numbers available and for them to be used.

We have learned a lot about the deep needs of pastoral care when people are in a dark place while at the same time recognising the limitation of clergy presence on the ground and other constraints.

We appreciate in a new way the high value of emotional support and pastoral care in the aftermath of bereavement and particularly for people living on their own.

In managing complaints from our own people, we will aim to be as prompt in our response as the circumstances allow and to be in regular communication so as to assist in a satisfactory outcome for all.

Agreed by the Irwin family in conjunction with the Right Rev John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, Rev Archdeacon Cecil Pringle and Rev Anita Kerr

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During Lent we are looking at the book of Job in the Old Testament. It is a book about the problem of suffering. Job, a wealthy and prosperous man was blameless and upright. He also feared God and shunned evil. But disasters strike and loses his servants, animals, sons and daughters. He ends up sitting among the ashes, his body covered with painful sores. His wife is not helpful at all saying to him there is no point in continuing to believe in God. He might as well " curse God and die". But he refuses to do this and through all his suffering he never lost his faith in God. He replied to his wife- shall we accept good from God and trouble. Job had three friends who came to comfort him. " Jobs comforter " is a derogatory term which we sometimes use yet they had a genuine concern for him which they showed by weeping aloud and sitting with him for a whole week without speaking. Job breaks the silence and pours out his complaint before God. His three friends in reply make eloquent speeches. According to them Job must have committed some great sin to be suffering so much. If he will only admit it and repent God will restore him. It's the sort of thinking that some have when they say I must have done something really badto be suffering like this. Job protests that if only he could have a meeting with God he could argue his innocence. He wants to ask questions and get some answers from God. God displays some of his great wonders in his creation and he questions Job. Job realises Gods greatness and power and admits that he has spoken things that he did not understand. Now he has a vision of God he had nothing to say" therefore he said I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes" So often we see innocent people suffer in our world today. We may wonder why or even question what is God doing. There often are no easy answers. However God is not distant, unmoved or uncaring. It is in such times that we need to hold on to our faith in him.

Holy Week Services

United services with the Methodists

Wed nesday 16th April 8pm Churchill Methosist with Gareth Hayden

Thursday 17th April 8pm Captain George Newell The Courtyard The Pain of Defeat

Good Friday 18th April 8pm Captain George Newell The Cross The Pain of Victory

Saturday 19th April 9am Mens breakfast in Tir Na- var Speaker George Newell

Saturday 19th April 10.30am Ladies coffee morning Derrygonnelly Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion11:30am Easter Praise and Holy Communion7:30pm Easter Praise Service

Young Families Night

A few weeks ago parents of young families enjoyed an evening of fellowship and a meal at the rectory. Our guests were the Rev. Brian and Mrs Heather Harper. The topic was young people and the internet. There was quite a lively discussion in response to the talk

At Rest

Thursday 6th March Ruth Robinson, County Nursing Home, Enniskillen, formerly Wheat hill. We offer our sympathy to the family and pray they may know the Christian hope we have through Christ

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Services in Holy Week

Services will be held at 8.00pm Wed. April 16th at Trillick Methodist Church, Holy Thursday in Trillick Parish Church, Good Friday in Kilskeery Parish Church. On Easter Sunday, a celebration of Holy Communion: Trillick Parish Church at 10.00am Kilskerry Parish Church at 11.30am.

Defibrillator

QEII Primary School recently began fund-raising to purchase a defibrillator for school and community use. Cost is £1,400 - their efforts at Christmas raised £577 (School Carol Service, held in Kilskeery Parish Church, together with money in lieu of teacher's presents) and we hope to add to this total with monies donated at our Lenten/Holy Week Services.

Holy Baptism

Pippa Gretta Welsh, daughter of Stephen and Samantha, Kilskeery, on Sunday, March 2nd 2014.

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

Thank you for the gift of Pippa entrusted to our care. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and forgive, that in our love Pippa may know your love. May she learn to love your word and the whole family of your children; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the deaths of Mrs. Eileen McKinley's brother, Lorraine Burrell's father and Colin Parkinson's mother and we extend our deepest sympathy to Eileen, Lorraine, Colin and their families.

O God our Father, we pray for those whose life is saddened by the death of a relative or friend and we remember in our prayers all those in our parish who have recently been bereaved.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Easter General Vestry Meetings will be held **Kilskerry:** Monday, April 7th at 8.00pm **Trillick:** Wednesday, April 9th at 8.00pm

Messy Kids Easter Eggstravaganza

(to raise funds for craft & other supplies) April 12th 2014 11.00am – 2.00pm Kilskeery Parish Hall

Family fun day with Easter arts & crafts, craft/sale tables, used book stall, tea & coffee, raffle and much more.

We thank our Mothers' Union members who will look after the said tea & coffee!

Our March Topic, 'Noah' was thoroughly enjoyed and very well received!!

We meet again on Saturday, May 17th from 11.30 - 1.00pm when our Topic will be 'Tower of Babel'

Girls' Brigade

At the time of writing, Girls' Brigade are preparing for their Annual Dinner, Boys' Brigade for their Parents' Night.

Young Farmers' Club



The Young Farmers' Club for their Friends and Supporters Night.

Trillick and District YFC had a wonderfully uplifting Display and Thanksgiving Service, led by Rev. Rosemary with guest speaker Rev. Ken Lindsay, marking their 50th Anniversary.

Faith Mission Conference

Faith Mission Conference held in Trillick Parish Church on March 8th, was especially well attended. This conference marks the last conducted by George Conn and his wife Andrea as they prepare to leave the 'West' for pastures new – We wish them well!

Crosslinks



We thoroughly enjoyed Colin Morris' visit on Feb. 23rd, when Colin thanked us for our long-standing support and we assured him of our intention to continue and hopefully expand on!

Family Table Quiz

Thanks to Lynden Keys (CVM) who recently organised a Family Table Quiz in Kilskerry Parish Hall.

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club will hold their AGM on Tuesday, April 29th at 2.00pm.

The Cookery Demo/Tasting Course (ARC Healthy Living), which began on March 18th, continues – Kilskerry Parish Hall, Tuesdays from 12.00 – 2.00pm. Members look forward to their first outing of the year with a trip to Lisburn on May 20th.

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

Bowling Club



We again thank the 111 pairs who supported our Annual Tournament and congratulate winners Gary McNabb and Aaron Ward and runners-up Stuart Cochrane and Gary Brian.

Special thanks to Mills Oil, Trillick who once again gave a very generous donation and to parishioners and friends who gave food/prizes etc.

Free at last!

Happy Easter! There are so many things we associate with those words: Easter eggs, chicks, gardening, maybe even a short holiday. All concerned with new life!

Yet Easter is a feast more difficult to grasp than Christmas. The birth of a baby and the gifts that we exchange on his birthday are easy to enjoy. Easter, on the other hand, reminds us of the cost of the new life won for us by Jesus Christ: it is given to us at the expense of suffering and death.

The baby and the gifts at Christmas were only the beginning, to show us the way on the journey of this life. The Resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel. Not simply a lamp to guide our way but

'the turning down of the lamp because the dawn has come'.

As we come to understand the importance of Christ's resurrection in our lives we begin to experience the only true freedom there is in this life: freedom from fear of anything or anybody, because we are free from the fear of death. The importance of Easter only comes home to us as we face suffering and death and prepare, at last, to enter into our heavenly home.

On the gravestone of Doctor Martin Luther King, the great American civil-rights leader, is engraved a line from a hymn that was a favourite of his: 'Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty I am free at last.' Nelson Mandela borrowed this phrase to describe South Africa's liberation from apartheid in 1994. It is an ideal slogan for the Resurrection. Make it yours for this season and it will stay with you when you need it most at the hour of your death.

That is the hour when we will pass through the final suffering to enjoy the new life won for us on this day. May it be a Happy Easter!

Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)



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Parish Register

Holy Baptism

Sunday 23rd February
Tommy Dean Robinson,
son of Dean and Yvonne,
Cloghcor Road, Lisbellaw
Friday 28th February
Aimee Louise Neill,
daughter of Steven and Michelle,
Newtownabbey

The Scout and Guide Annual Service

Scout and Guide Annual Service took place on Sunday 23rd February and we were delighted to welcome Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts to the church. The Rev. Ruth Watt from the Methodist Church was our special speaker, encouraging us all to use our talents. Our thanks to everyone who took part.

Café Church

At Café Church we welcomed Mrs Pauline Beadle, who told her story about coming to faith in Christ from a Taoist family background in Malaysia. We thank Pauline for her engaging talk and the chance to chat further afterwards. The next Café Church is on Sunday 6th April at 6.30 pm

Women's World Day of Prayer

Thanks to all those who participated in the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 7th March. The Speaker was Johanne Martin from Crosslinks, and our parish was pleased to welcome visitors from Tempo, Maguiresbridge, Derryvullen South as well as from other churches in Lisbellaw.

General Vestry

The General Vestry elects the Select Vestry, as well as those who represent the parish on wider diocesan bodies. It meets annually, close to Easter. This year's General Vestry is to meet on Thursday 10th April at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Only those registered as General Vestry members are eligible to stand for election or vote, although any parishioner may attend.

Lent

During Lent, we meet at 7.30 pm on Wednesdays for a short church service. We will look at some of the parables of Jesus in Matthew's gospel, stories designed to shock, with an unexpected twist or a real sting in the tale. In Matthew these stories are called "things hidden since the creation of the world." (Matthew 13:35) Discover more every Wednesday in Lent, 7.30-8.15pm

LENT SERVICES Wednesdays 7.30-8.15pm

HOLY COMMUNION FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS Wednesday 16th April in the Parish Centre, 2.30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion, 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY Children's Service, 10.30am A Service of Reflection, 8.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY Holy Communion, 9.30am, 11.00 am Coolbuck (HC), 3.00pm

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Services For April

Sunday 6th 11.30 am - Service of Confirmation Palm Sunday 13th 11.30 am - Family Service & Holy Baptism **Maundy Thursday** 8.00 pm- Holy Communion **Good Friday** 8.00 pm- Evening Prayer Easter Sunday 20th 11.30 am - Holy Communion Sunday 27th 11.30 am – Morning Prayer

Burial

Wednesday 26th February

Charles Hutchinson, Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea.

Friday 28th February

Margaret Jane Frances Jackson, Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea.

(Buried in St. John's Parish Churchyard, Longford)

Sunday 2nd March

Avril Mary Patterson, Castlebalfour, Lisnaskea. (Cremated in Roselawn 3rd March)

Our prayers and sincere condolences are with the Hutchinson, Jackson & Patterson family circles at this time and to all who have been bereaved recently.

Holy Baptism

Sunday 9th March

Faith Shirley Kells, Aghnagone, Maguiresbridge. Daughter to Andrew and Diane.

Founder's Day

A good number of young people from the various Scout and Guide groups in our parish attended the morning service on 23rd February to mark Founder's Day. Lisnaskea Silver and Accordion bands lead the parade to and from church and the Silver Band helped out with some of the hymns. Rev. Capper gave the address and many of the children took part in the service through singing, poems, readings and lifting the collection. Thank you to all of them.

Guides

The Guides and Brownies will celebrate their special anniversary with an outdoor event later in the year.



2014 marks the 70th anniversary of our Guide and Brownie units. Both units have welcomed girls from this area, without interruption for 70 years; a record we should all be proud of!

The Guides were formed by Sadie Gillespie assisted by Mrs. McCabe. The original registration certificate is still held by the unit. Guiders in these early days included Mrs. Wigham, Audrey Parker, Margaret Kells and Kathleen Armstrong. At the same time Sybil Coffey and Miss S McVitty had started weekly Brownie meetings. The first was held on 22nd February 1944. Brownie Leaders included Mrs. O'Malley, Patricia McMullen, Janice Stronge, Sandra Stronge, Ida McVitty, Eileen Armstrong and Sylvia Kernaghan.

Over 70 years we have seen many changes to our programme, uniform, promise and structure but the ideals and principles of Guiding have remained unaltered. We provide girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build friendships,



gain valuable skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential.

We have supported many girls travelling to International Camps held in Austria, England, Iceland, Ireland, Denmark, Japan, Canada and the Netherlands. This year Ulster Guides are hosting an International Camp at the Scout Centre, Castle Saunderson, Belturbet-we are delighted to be participating in this.

We currently offer the senior girls the opportunity to complete their Baden Powell Trefoil Award, the Chief Guide Challenge and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. All girls are welcome to join the family of Guiding from the age of 4.

Confirmation

On Sunday 6th April nine of our young people will be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation and they are: Zoe Graham, Chloe Hogg, Jamie Hogg, Jack Kennedy, Joshua Kennedy, Jessica Meilkleham, Victoria Meilkleham, Molly Neely and Matthew Symington. We trust there will be a good number of family members and friends present to support the candidates on what will be a very important day for them.

Mothers' Union

Thirty one members and friends attended our annual dinner on Thursday 6th March in the "Donn Carragh Hotel" Lisnaskea where an exceptionally delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone. We were delighted to welcome a former branch

leader, Winnie Morton, now residing in Drumclay Nursing Home. She was accompanied by her daughter Elizabeth.

The branch leader brought along her friend Carol Sommerville as a guest. Carol who is visually impaired entertained us with her beautiful singing. Some party games were played which enhanced the fun and fellowship.

For the April meeting members are requested to bring in their missionary money, used stamps and any knitted or crocheted items.

Easter Vestry

The General Vestry will take place on Tuesday 29th April at 8.00 pm in The Archdale Centre. As this is a triennial year, as well as electing a new vestry, all other positions i.e. Nominators, Supplemental nominators, Diocesan Synodsmen and Supplemental Synodsmen will also be elected.

We would encourage as many as possible to come along to the meeting to help make these important decisions.

A Tribute to Mrs Pearl Jackson

We were very saddened by the death of Mrs Pearl Jackson, a remarkable lady whose life was one of great service to the Mothers Union to which she freely gave her time and talent. She had been branch leader in Derrybrusk, Maghercross, and Lisnaskea. When she went to live in Longford she became branch leader there also and was appointed Diocesan President for KEA. When she retired to live in Lisnaskea she joined the Mothers Union again and when she was unable to attend the monthly meetings she was enrolled as an indoor member.

Mrs Jackson was a very hardworking branch leader in Lisnaskea. She organised many jumble sales to raise money for various projects. She was instrumental in starting teas after funerals for which the purchase of beautiful china was undertaken by her. Mrs Jackson had the support of her husband Canon Jackson at the monthly meetings when he would accompany her to open the meeting with prayer and then return for the supper before the close of the meeting.

She knew the world of education thoroughly as she was a qualified teacher and taught in the local Moate primary school for many years. It was her love of children which lead to her interest in the Girls Friendly Society. Mrs Jackson was a woman of many talents, of great intellect and competence and of boundless energy when leading our Mothers Union.

When Mrs Jackson was the branch leader in Derrybrusk she invited all the members of the M.U. up to the rectory to watch Princess Margarets wedding on T.V. She entertained them to afternoon tea which was greatly appreciated by all as few of them would have had televisions at that

time. This is just one example of the hospitality which this exceptional lady offered to everyone but especially to Mothers Union members.

hroughout the year she saved 20p pieces for the worldwide and overseas fund of the Mothers Union. Therefore her daughter Claire felt it would be more appropriate for us to give our MU donation to it rather than Barnados which was the charity chosen by the family. We give thanks to God for her life and honour her contribution to the Mothers Union.

Sympathy is extended to her son Michael, the Archbishop of Dublin and to her daughter Claire and their families and we pray that God will comfort them in their great loss.

Florence Creighton

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Holy Week

Palm Sunday 7pm Methodist Church Monday 8pm Church of Ireland Tuesday 7pm Methodist Wednesday 8pm Methodist Thursday 8pm Church of Ireland Friday 8pm Church of Ireland

Easter Day

6:30am Outdoor Dawn Service at Killadeas Parish Church

9:30am/11am Holy Communion **7pm** Easter Hymns of Praise (Church of Ireland)

BUFC Dates

Fixture dates for April are 12th, 19th 22nd (Tuesday) and 26th. Venues and teams to be confirmed after the split. Details of all the fixtures for all the teams are available on www.bufcsupportersclub.co.uk

Festival

The annual Ballinamallard Festival will begin on May 31st and finish on June 8th. Please support as many events as possible.

Welcome to Bishop Bahati

The Church Mission Society Ireland (CMSI) celebrates its 200th anniversary in May (the actual date is Good Friday April 18th) The event will be marked by a major 2-day conference in the City Hotel, Armagh on May 15th and 16th. Mission partners from all the locations where CMSI are working will be visiting Ireland at that time.

We are delighted and excited that Bishop Sylvestre Bahati, from the diocese of Bukovu, Congo, will be staying with us in Magheracross Parish from 9th May and sharing with us his experiences of ministering in an area which has suffered from war and political instability along with poverty.

The programme for the Bishop's visit has not yet been finalised but we look forward to giving him an exceptionally warm welcome to Ballinamallard.

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on May 18th at 11am with Bishop John McDowell. We have a large number of candidates this year and all are seeking your support in the commitment which they are making. Please remember in your prayers, Alex Armstrong, Jamie Armstrong, Sarah Beatty, Louise Browne, Joshua Brownlee, Holly Forster, Denise Fulton, Stephen Graham, Alex Holder, Danielle McKinney, Emily Millar, Becky Palmer, Bethan Seymour, Adam Scott, Katie Thomson and Dale Wallace.

Mothers' Union

A very enjoyable evening has held on the 6th February when Margaret McCauley from Enniskillen helped the members make jewellery. It was great to hear the member's laughter as they attempted to string beads together, not as easy as you would think, but eventually they created stunning necklaces, some of which would have been worthy of being on sale on the high street.

At our March meeting the members were "entertained" by the Rev. Jean Mackarel, a Presbyterian Minister covering Cavan and Leitrim. She gave us an insight into her life both personal and professional, and she entertained us with her music and general knowledge. At the end of the evening she presented each member with a small gift.

MU Dates For The Diary

3rd April at 8.00 pm 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.

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

Area Service

Our Branch is invited to attend the Area Service in Inishmacsaint Parish Church on Friday 16th May at 8.00pm The speaker will be Rev. Canon P Bamber from Sligo. Anyone wishing to go and who needs transport please contact Valerie on 02866388117.

Annual Outing

The annual outing takes place on Saturday 24th May to the "New Life" Quilt Festival in Thomas Street Methodist Church, Portadown. Prior to visiting the Festival we hope to have Morning Coffee in Mullavilly Parish Church. Time will be available for the usual shopping, finishing the day with a meal. Any member of the congregation who would like to join us for the day will be very welcome. Please contact Iris Hurst to book your place 07970631135

Sympathy

The following parishioners and friends have recently died. We record their names and date of burial and extend our sympathy to their families.

6th December Robert (Bob) Corrigan

13th December Blanche Campbell (Irvinestown Presbyterian)

8th February George Whiteside (to Tempo graveyard) **9th February** Samanatha (Sammy) McKenzie (Enniskillen)

17th February Josepine (Cissie) Little

1st March Winnie Whiteside (to Tempo graveyard)

2nd March Irene Elliott

4th March Anna Parkinson

20th March Raymond Price

Methodist News

The guest preacher on May 11th at the evening service in the Methodist Church is Carol Herron, a very gifted bible teacher.



Members of the Youth Fellowship who attended Soul Mates in Bangor



Margaret McCrossan from Aware-Defeat Depression receives £1550 from the rector's Christmas sit out.

Magheraculmoney



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Life Groups

As you read these notes the Alpha course will just be coming to a conclusion and a number of folks who want to continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God will be looking to join the life groups in the parish.

The life groups are fellowship groups that meet around the parish each week in peoples homes and exist with the primary objective of providing fellowship and support for each other as we seek to live our lives with God at the centre of everything we do. They are different from a bible study group because the primary objective is not to give everyone more head knowledge about the bible, but they exist to help everyone to grow in their relationship with God, and become people of character as described in 1 Timothy 3:1-13.

If you would like to join a group you do not need to have completed Alpha but you simply need to have a desire to grow in your relationship with God and enjoy the fellowship and support of others as you do that.

A life group lasts for an hour and a half and the structure of each evening can be summarised in the 4 w's

Welcome - a time to chill and chat and get to know each other a little better

Worship - time to praise God for all he has given us and give him the glory due his name

Word - taking a few moments to look in more depth at Gods word using the sermon from last Sunday as an introduction.

Witness - a time to reflect on how you are living your life for God, with prayer for any struggles or challenges you are facing at the moment.

Regular Events

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. Can I encourage all parents to ensure their children are at the 11am service to be part of children's church. We simply want to help you to keep the promises that you made before the church and before God when your child was baptised.

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

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

Pick up a book or books free of charge.

Friends in the Afternoon – Tues 8th April - Holy Communion. Then none until 13th May.

Life Groups – meet weekly, either evenings or daytime. Please see Rev 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 10th April @ 8pm. A visit from Spud Bears & Colin Davies.

CVM Christian Vision for Men - Sunday 6th April Men's breakfast in Fivemiletown Methodist Hall @ 8.30am.

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 7-9 pm £1 entry fee. Years 4 and upwards 9-11 pm £1 entry.

CONNECT (Fountain Youth Fellowship) Sunday nights 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. **Easter Fountain Fun** Why not come along and join the fun at the Fountain Centre, Kesh on Saturday 19th April from 2 - 4pm. Face painting, carnival type games, Easter crafts for kids, bouncy castle, BBQ, and much more. There is no charge for the afternoon, small charge on burgers at £2, but donations are welcome.

Rural Deanery 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.

Easter Celebrations

Easter is the time of year we remember what is at the very heart of our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the most important time in the church's year and it would be great if you could join us as we celebrate.

Wednesday 16th April service at 8pm in church Thursday 17th April service at 8pm in church Good Friday 18th April service at 8pm in church Sunday 20th April 9.30 Celebration of Holy Communion for Easter day

Sunday 20th April 11.00 A Celebration of Holy Communion for all the family. There is no children's church at this service but the service will be suitable for all ages so please do make an effort to come as a complete family.

Registers

Baptisms

16 Feb 2014 Hollie Mea McMenamin daughter of Niall and Mandy of 10 Castle Manor Kesh

9 March 2014 Vincent Francis Birney son of Brian and Marie of 62 Slievebawn Road, Irvinestown.

16 March 2014 Willow Olive Thompson daughter of Ryan and Melissa of 72 Castle Manor, Kesh.

Burials

We extend our sympathy to the family circles of:-Mr Ivan Parker, age 60 of Baragh Gardens Ballinamallard.

Mrs Eveline Parke, age 93 of Drumwhinney Road, Kesh

Scouts and Guides Celebrate!

The Annual Founders Day and Thinking Day Service was held in St Mary's Church Ardess Kesh on Sunday 23rd February 2014. This year the Sections celebrate 30 years of Scouting, 25 years of Guiding and 20 Years of Ranger Guides in the Kesh Area.

Rev H Blair Rector extended a warm welcome to all and during the opening Hymn "Be Now my Vision"

The Section colours were received carried by Brownies- Laureen Booth, Beavers - Matthew Sharp, Cub Scouts-Tyler Neary, Guides: Jade McMullan, Scouts – Matthew Read, Union Colours- Lewis Bratton and Zoe McCutcheon

The Rainbow Guides then performed their "Rainbow Guid" opening actions.

All Sections renewed their Promises lead by their Leaders

Rainbows: Mrs Caroline Neville, Beaver Scouts - Paul Dickson, Brownie Guides: --Mrs Adele Walker, Cub Scouts - Maurice Lee, Guides/Ranger Guides- Louie Lee and Scouts- Maurice Lee.

Following the renewal of the Scout/Guide promises each member received a special Badge for to mark 30

years of Scouting, 25 years of Guiding and 20 Years of Ranger Guides.

Maurice Lee – Fermanagh Scout President on behalf of the Chief Scout presented two Long Service Awards to Noel Armstrong and Paul Dickson in recognition of their services to Scouting.

The Scripture readings were read by Mrs Natalie Ellis (former guide) and Jonathan Curtis (former Scout.)

Ann McCrea Guider led all with "This little Guiding Light of mine."

The Beaver Scouts participated in a sketch called "B.E.A.V.E.R.S".

A video message was then shared from Ashley Wilkin (currently working overseas) a former Scout – 1984.

Then followed a sketch called ".Going to the Scout Shop" by The Puppet Ministry team assisted by Guides - Sophie Sproule and Rachael Crawford.

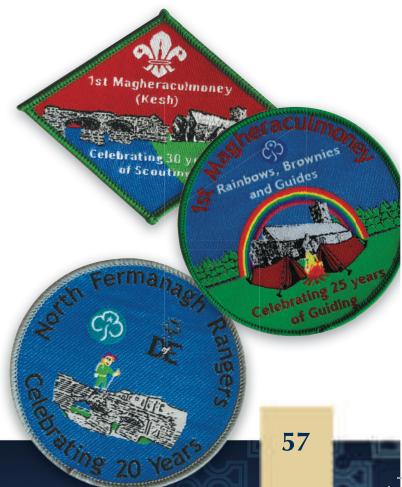
The Prayers were read by Scott Amos - Cub Scouts, Nicole Bratton - Guides Caine Johnston- Scouts, Abbie Parkinson - Ranger Guides assisted by - Heather McCurry (Ranger Guider).

The Collection was taken up during the Hymn "Father I place in your Hands" by Megan Bogle - (Brownie Guide), Becky Amos Guide (Guide) and Jay Mackey (Cub Scout) and Glenn Bratton (Scout).

Following the singing of Kum By Yah - The address was given by Rev Nigel Crossey former Rector and Scout Leader.

The Brownie Guides closed with the Blessing.

During the last Hymn "I am the Lord of Sea and Sky" the Colours were returned by Mrs Adele Walker (Guides) and Mr Noel Armstrong (Scouts) and a guard of Honour was formed as the large congregation of family, friends former Scouts and Guides left the Church. All attending were presented with a "Souvenir Booklet to mark the 30 years of Scouting, 25 Years of Guiding and 20 years of Ranger Guiding"









Following the Service all were invited to Parish Centre where an exhibition of Scouting and Guiding memorabilia was on Display.

And Nathan Bratton cut a special Cake to mark the occasion.



Left to Right- Diane Smith, Ann Mc Crea, Laura Beacom, Caroline Neville, Rev Henry Blair, Frances Spence, Heather Knox, Adele Walker, Louie Lee, Rev Nigel Crossey, Yvonne Crossey, Maurice Lee and Helen Blair.



Ardess National School Centenary celebrations

Smiles of recognition, puzzled frowns, squeals of delight and fond embraces were just some of the emotions experienced as a large crowd of people gathered in Ardess Parish Centre on Friday 21st







February 2014 to celebrate the centenary of Ardess National School 1914-2014.

Entering via the former school, people were able to view a slide show incorporating many photographs of their school days and read on display comments and emails from former pupils unable to attend.



The assembled company were then treated to a sit down meal followed by entertainment. This got underway with a talk given by local historian Mr Johnny







Cunningham on The Irish National School System. This was followed by a sketch entitled "Coming Home". Music was then provided by Ardess Accordion Band. The entertainment concluded with a poem entitled 'The Auld Days'. Many people lingered to renew old friendships

and relive the past, bringing to an end a very successful evening.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Burials

26th February, 2014 – William James (Jim) Armstrong, Drumroo, Lisbellaw

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Jim in hospital after a period of illness and we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to his family circle.

Dedication

We were delighted to have our bishop present at both our services on Sunday 23rd February, 2014. The young people lead the readings and the prayers and did a very good job. At the service in St. Michael's, the bishop dedicated a silver bread box, presented in memory of Sadie Chartres, Bunnahesco, Lisbellaw by her family. This was a beautiful gift given in memory of a person for whom her church meant so much and was so involved in the life of the parish.

Diocesan Reader

Over the next few months Mrs Eileen Cutler will be assisting me at the various services. Eileen has almost completed her training as a Diocesan Lay Reader. This her time with us, will give her an opportunity to get the chance in a very practical way to lead the service, read the lessons and preach.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, 13th April there will be a united service at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 10.30am. Following this service there will be a soup and sandwich lunch at which we hope as many people as possible will attend. At 7.30pm, there has been a request to have an evening of favourite hymns. It would be appreciated if people would give their favourite hymns to either of the church wardens on or before Sunday 6th April.

Services for Lent and Holy Week

Wednesday 9th April 10.30am Derrybrusk, 8.00pm Maguiresbridge

Monday 14th April 10.30am Derrybrusk, 8.00pm Maguiresbridge

Tuesday 15th April 10.30am Maguiresbridge, 8.00pm Derrybrusk

Wednesday 15th April 10.30am Derrybrusk, 8.00pm Maguiresbridge

Thursday 16th April - Maundy Thursday 10.30am Maguiresbridge, 8.00pm Derrybrusk

Friday 17th April – Good Friday 10.30am Derrybrusk, 8.00pm Maguiresbridge

Easter Day – Sunday 21st April 10.30am Maguiresbridge, 12.00noon Derrybrusk

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

Our Speaker for the March meeting was Miss Valerie Thom from the Church Army. She gave a very informal and informative talk on her work with young people at Band Parades, etc. She showed slides of the 'bus she uses at the different locations. She also spoke about her work in Brazil with the children there. After tea the members made arrangements for the Soup and Sandwiches Lunch being held on Sunday, 13 April, in Christchurch Parochial Hall after the Service at 10.30am, the proceeds to be divided between Make a Mother's Day and Christian Aid. It is hoped that Derrybrusk parishioners will join us for this lunch.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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13th April Sixth Sunday in Lent
St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word
Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer
20th April Easter Day
St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion
Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion
27th April First Sunday of Easter
St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word
Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer
4th May Second Sunday of Easter
St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion
Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 4th March and this year's area service will be held in St Maeldoids Church Castleblayney on Friday 2nd May at 8pm.

The Mothers' Union Prayer Breakfast was held in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 15th February and a number of members of our branch attended. The guest speaker was Rev. Canon Kathy Trimble, Tuam, Killala & Achonry Diocese's Faith and Policy Co Coordinator

who gave a very inspiring address on the MU theme for 2014 " Sowing the future together".

Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Commissioning of Trustee Body was held in Holy Trinity Church, Garvary on Sunday 23rd February. Bishop John commissioned those who will serve for the coming years. We congratulate Mrs Muriel Treacy who was commissioned as vice-president of the Finance and Central Services Unit.

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group and friends met on Tuesday 18th February in the hall when Ms Alexia Treanor answered questions from those present on nutritional matters. The evening concluded with tea and fellowship. The April meeting will be on Tuesday 8th April and will be the Annual General Meeting when officers and committee for 2014/2015 will be elected.

Illness

Prayer support appreciated for those who are ill either at home or in hospital the housebound and those in residential care and their families.

Vortex Youth Group

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

Lenten & Easter Day Services

Lenten & Easter Day Services during Lent we meet on Thursday mornings for a service of Holy Communion. We also have a Lenten study group each Wednesday night at 8pm looking at prayer.

On Easter Day there will be and All-Age Service with Holy Communion in St Patrick's at 10.30am and a Holy Communion Service in Kilmore at 12.15pm.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was hosted this year in 1st Monaghan Presbyterian Church. The preacher was Mrs Evelyn Boyd and the worship was led by women from the churches in the town. It was a good time of both fellowship and worship with people from a variety of backgrounds.

Holy Week Services

We come together with the other churches in the town for worship and teaching during Holy Week. This year the services will be hosted by 1st Monaghan Presbyterian Church each night at 8pm with a service of Holy Communion on the Thursday night.

Easter Vestries

At the time of typing this the only Easter Vestry that has been arranged is for St Patrick's and will take place on Monday 28th April

Rossorry



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Rossorry Rector Appointed Dean of Raphoe Cathedral

Since we recieved the news that our Rector was leaving, we now know that his last Service in Rossorry will be on Easter Sunday, 20th April 2014. We will have a lunch and presentation to the Rector and his family in the Parochial Hall after the 11 am Service. His Installation as Dean of Raphoe will take place in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe on Saturday 3rd May 2014 at 4 pm.

We hope to have a bus taking parishioners to that event.

RTE Sunday Service

On Sunday 9th March, the Choir and part of the congregation of Rossorry travelled to the RTE Studios in Donnybrook, Dublin to a live screening of the RTE Sunday Service. The Service was to mark the Tercentenary of Us (formerly USPG) in Ireland. Rossorry has had a special link with Us for the past number of years, including sending a team to Swaziland in 2012 to work with the local Anglican churches and schools. The service of Morning Worship can be seen on the RTE Player for the next few weeks. It was wonderful to see our choir and congregation on television and to hear their wonderful singing. Congratulations to our Rector and Nathan for preparing for the service.

A memorable event, indeed, in the ongoing development of mission in our parish.

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 Mc Elhatton 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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Restoration Fund

The Rector and Select Vestry of St. Margaret's Parish Church Clabby appreciate the generous gift of £427.50 in lieu of flowers from the family and friends of the late Mrs. Rebecca Coulter towards the Restoration Fund your thoughtful gesture is much appreciated.

Open Day

Once again the Rector and The Select Vestry greatly appreciate the generosity of so many who attended our Open Day at St. Margaret's on 22nd February. The comments were all so positive about the work inside the Church. We are still recovering from the tremendous financial response. On the day £8133.10 was received, further donations £4565.00 plus a grant from Esme Mitchell Trust came to £16,698.10. We still have to receive Gift Aid on a large amount of these donations. We are truly thankful to God and to the many people who gave so generously to the Restoration Fund.

Baptism

23/2/2014 Rose Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Alvin & Sarah Adams, Camgart Road, Clabby. This was a special service as Alvin & Sarah's Wedding was the last wedding in the Church at the start of the restoration and it was lovely that Rose was the first baby to be Christened at the newly refurbished Church after 21 months.

Funeral

28/02/14 Edward Henry (Harry) McCutcheon, Lurganclabby, Clabby.

As a Church Family we have been deeply saddened by the death after a brief illness of one of the most loyal, faithful servant, worker and Friend of all ages at St. Margaret's Parish Church.

Harry was a key figure in the life of our Parish as he served on the Select Vestry was a Churchwarden both Rector's and People's on a number of times, people's glebe warden for a number of years, a Synod representative and for many years he served on the Safeguarding Trust panel for the Parish. He looked after the sound system in the Church and enjoyed welcoming people into Church on Sundays and special occasions. As the work started on the restoration of the Church Harry's desire was that the Young people of the Church would look after the sound system in Church for each of the services. One of our young people,

James Armstrong felt honoured to look after the sound system on the day of Harry's funeral.

Harry was a visionary man for the future and good of the Church and Parish. He acted as clerk of works during the building of the hall and gave great support and encouragement for the restoration work on the Church. Harry was also a faithful member of the Parish Bible Study Group. The massive turnout at his funeral was a tribute to him and the high regard he was held in by many people in the many aspects of life he was involved in, tug-o-war, work place, Orange Order, security forces and his fishing / shooting friends.

Those present were sad that Harry never lived to see St. Margaret's finally and fully restored, although 3 weeks before his death he did manage to see the work near completion and the book shelves on the back of the pews which had been Harry's long term idea.

I feel as Rector it was a fitting tribute to Harry that his funeral service was the first one held in St. Margaret's. I have lost someone who was of tremendous encouragement and support, who wise advice and commonsense I greatly appreciated and will miss in the days ahead.

Harry has left behind a wonderful witness and example about what a true Christian and member of the Church should be. I trust that the legacy he has left will live on in the life of our Parish and its members for many years.

We extend our Sympathy to his wife Margaret & his family and family circle on their sad personal loss which they deeply feel at this time and which is shared in the Parish, the wider community and amongst his many friends.

Tempo Parish Church

The Rector and Select Vestry of Tempo Parish Church appreciate the generous gift of £427.50 in lieu of flowers from the family and friends of the late Mrs. Rebecca Coulter.

Tempo Parish Auction

Thank you to everyone who supported this annual fundraising event for Church Funds. The amount raised was £1636.00.

April Diary

8/04/14 Mother's Union 8pm Clabby Church Hall Surprise, Surprise.

9/04/14 Lent Service 8 pm Clabby.

13/04/14 SNATCH Praise Party – Aghavea 7-30 pm

16/04/14 Holy Week Service 8 pm Clabby -3 Times.

17/04/14 Maundy Thursday 8 pm Holy Communion – Tempo – 3 Men

18/04/14 Good Friday 12 – 1 pm Tempo "Beneath the Cross"

Clabby 8pm Three Crosses with the Young People taking part.

20/04/14 Easter Praise with Family Service and Holy Communion at usual times.

27/04/14 Annual Friends Service with Thanksgiving and Rededication of St. Margaret's Church 3pm

Preacher Rt. Rev. J. McDowell. Friends and former Parishioners welcome.

No Sunday School on 20th, 27th or 4th May.

29/04/14 Annual General Vestry meeting 7-30 pm in Tempo Church Hall.

1/05/14 Annual General Vestry meeting 7-30 pm in Clabby Church Hall.

This year includes the triennial elections for Parochial Nominators' and Synod Representatives.

16/05/14 Mothers' Union Area Service Aghavea Parish Church 8 pm

Easter

On the first Easter there was despair, disappointment and sadness among the followers of Jesus. These feelings were to change amongst them over the next week.

The basis of their change was due to their meetings with Jesus and his explanation of his death and resurrection from the Scriptures "He explained to them what was said in all scriptures concerning himself". (Luke 24: 27) "were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures" (Luke 24:32)

This Easter may we "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39) because they reveal Jesus to us.

"Christ died for sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3)

Christ is indeed alive and we can know his life changing presence and power in our lives when like Thomas we humbly come to him and give our lives over to him and say "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

I am sure other Rectors are like myself when they sit down to type magazine notes the first thing that they look at is their diary. What are we as a parish doing in the run up to Easter? What about Holy week? More of this later because one of my first diary entries for April is to MOT the car. That involves getting the car checked over by a mechanic ensuring its in good running order, getting it a very good wash, and that the lights are working and set correctly. All this is needed to make sure vehicles on the road are road worthy.

Then when one reads an account of the first Holy Week from Luke ch.19 we become aware that Jesus came to Jerusalem on an animal never ridden before by any man. Certainly not checked to run smoothly and what about health and safety! This animal was brought into a city with shouting people throwing things onto the

ground and from the Mount of Olives it was part of a procession of praising disciples and a weeping Jesus telling of the destruction of Jerusalem. Into Jerusalem he came and onto the temple where those who abused God's dwelling he drove out.

Holy Week is a time to get our focus set correctly on Easter and what Jesus was bringing to this world. We need to check over our faith and ensure it is running correctly, that what we say with our lips we believe and understand in our hearts. It's a time to wash away sins and doubts and return the focus of our lives to God, the Good Friday cross and the Easter resurr ection. To make sure we have a faith that is worthy of God.

It may be that the MOT is the least of my duties for April and yet without it I will not be able to readily and easily get from A-B. A Holy Week journey indeed a spiritual MOT might make the transit from the spiritual dark of Good Friday in our hearts to the Easter joy - a passage from hell to Heaven.

Parish Events

Lenten services will to Wednesday 9th April at 8.00pm in the Priory.

We are continuing to look at the Solas doctrines of the reformation.

Holy Week

Each night in Trory Church at 8.00pm. In Holy Week the readings, services and the homily will follow the events of the days up to Christ's crucifixion.

Tuesday 15th April: Compline Wednesday 16th April: Compline

Thursday 17th April: Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday

Friday 18th April: Good Friday Service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is Latin for shadows or darkness. It is a service conducted throughout Western Christianity during Holy Week. The service we used for the first time last year was similar to an Advent Carol service as in Bible Readings and hymns. The Tenebrae service contains the readings for Good Friday and ends in silence. It is a very moving service.

Easter Morning

6.30am Dawn Service on the shore of Lough Erne behind Killadeas Priory.

This will be followed by Eggs and Toast in the Parish Hall. Believe me its worth the early start to greet each other with the words "Christ is Risen!" "The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!"

10.00am Holy Communion The Priory **11.30am** Holy Communion St. Michael's.

Other Parish Events

Friday 2nd May at 8.00pm Trory Parish Barbeque in Ballinamallard Football Club.

Saturday 10th May 10.00am -12.30pm. Coffee Morning and Cake sale in aid of Trory LOL 647 in the School House.

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is 1st June at 3.00pm in Trory. Please note that the morning service in Trory is cancelled on this Sunday. A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated for the group in Killadeas Priory at 10.00am The Confirmation candidates will be confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion at the 3.00pm service

Annual General Vestry Meetings

Trory: 28th April at 8.00pm in the School House. **Killadeas:** Wednesday 30th April at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Happy Easter

On behalf of us all at the Rectory may we wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter.

Restoration Work



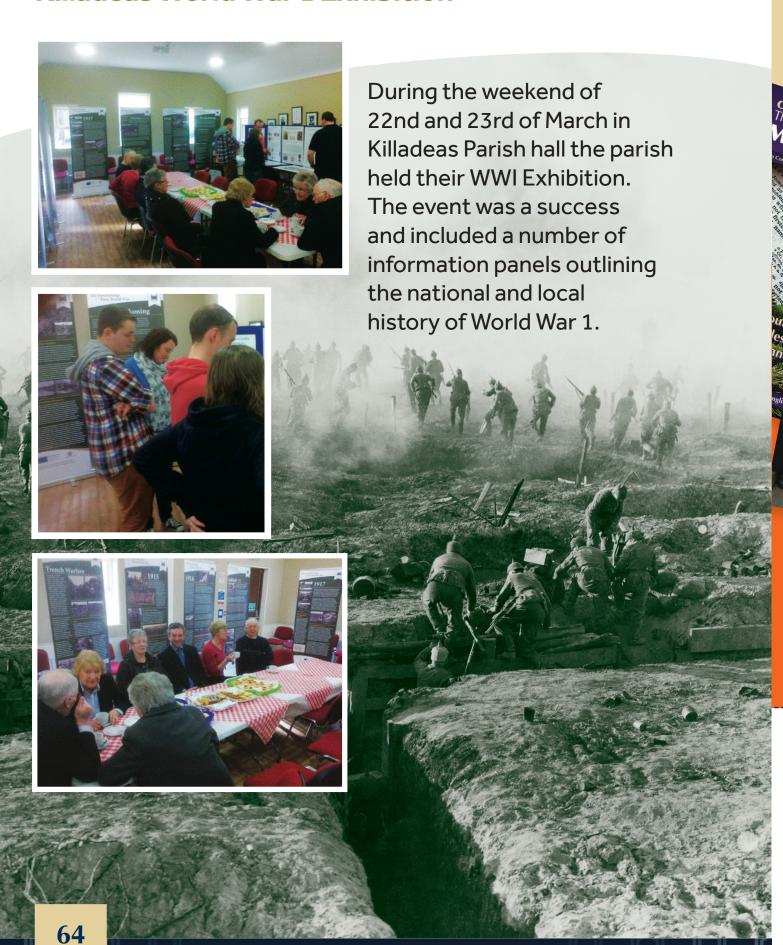


Restoration work on the Priory. The Communion table was refurbished and the font area was repainted.

WWI Weekend

Killadeas World War 1 Exhibition

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some pictures of her recent visit.)

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