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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,
I never tire of pointing out that Advent is the “Cinderella” season of the Church’s Year. It is supposed to be the beginning of the year for the Church but is treated simply as a kind of marking time until Christmas. It has some of the most beautiful hymns in the hymnbook but only a few are ever sung. It has a most remarkable theme in its own right

(preparation for the Day of the Lord) but somehow it always seems out of joint with the merriment ahead.

So, a word or two about the Day of the Lord in an attempt to redress the balance and to give Advent a distinctive atmosphere.

In Scripture the Day of the Lord is the day which will be his in a way no other has yet been. In the Old Testament it is the day when he saves his people and confounds his enemies. Sometimes it seemed to be far off, sometimes very near. But near or far it is always final; there was nothing beyond it. It was the end of one era and the beginning of another that would have no end.

It was the final vindication of God’s goodness when his rule would be transparent and completely uncontested. On the Day of the Lord the righteous would be liberated from whatever or whoever was oppressing them and the wicked would perish for ever. In all their times of persecution (and there were many) Israel and especially her prophets looked forward to and yearned for the Day of the Lord.

In the New Testament all of these hopes were taken over by and wholly identified with one anticipated event: the return of Jesus to judge the living and the dead and to establish God’s rule for ever. It is very clear from many of the New Testament writers that they expected the Day of the Lord to arrive imminently: they prayed for it and wanted it to come. That is one of the really big differences between the spiritual temperature of the New Testament church and of the church in most succeeding ages.

Pretty well everywhere the New Testament tells us that men and women will be taken unawares by the final unveiling of Jesus Christ and tries to urge upon us a duty of watchfulness.

But do we always “watch and pray”? I know that I don’t and that advanced middle age finds me tied hand and foot into very many aspects of this world. So just as Lent is intended to help us prepare to receive the gift of Resurrection life at Easter perhaps at the very least Advent should help

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us to review our lives, not in preparation for all the gifts at Christmas, nor even necessarily of the gift of Christ-child.

Instead it might help us prepare or at least to look at just how our horizons are bounded by the very limited vision of the world around us, and, glorious as that is in so many ways, we should try to remember that it is the merest shadow of another life to be revealed in us.

+John

Address by Bishop McDowell at Clogher Diocesan Synod – 25th September 2014

Members of the Synod, I celebrated the third anniversary of my consecration and episcopal ordination as Bishop of Clogher on Tuesday, just two days ago. It has been the practise of the Christian Church for many hundreds of years to have ordinations of all clergy on an important feast day or on a saint’s day, and I was consecrated on the Feast of St. Eunan, with whose life you are no doubt familiar. The Church of Ireland Cathedral in Raphoe where Dean Arthur Barrett is now the incumbent is named after St. Eunan.

Eunan was born near Raphoe in Donegal and is best known for having written the Life of a much better known saint - St. Columba or Colmcille as he is sometimes known. The book was written over thirteen hundred years ago and you can still buy a copy of it in Penguin books. In it he talks about his hero Columba and about what it was like to live in the monastery in Iona which Columba founded after his voluntary exile from Ireland. He also has a good deal to say about the Holy Land, which he had never visited, but which he heard about from a pilgrim called Arculf who stayed in Iona for a while. Reading the book I can’t help thinking that Eunan was a bit of a chancer. What he didn’t know about Columba he seems simply to have made up as he went along. In the unlikely event of anyone wanting to write my biography I hope he or she has as exaggerated an opinion of my virtues as Eunan had of Columba’s.

Sometimes in the past three years I have felt a bit like Eunan, only knowing my Holy Land, (or Fermanagh, South Tyrone and Monaghan as you call it) at second hand, and I can honestly say that it has taken me the full three years to get into any sort of rhythm in the Diocese. I want to thank all of you for continuing to make me so very welcome when

I visit and for answering all the stupid questions about the price of beef.

You will all no doubt be familiar with the famous words of Winston Churchill speaking in the aftermath of the First World War. He talked about the waters subsiding after that great cataclysm with the whole world changed, except in what he called "the dreary steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone" who had kept their old quarrels warm during the war and just started into them again when the war was over. That was spoken by someone who obviously only knew Fermanagh, Tyrone and indeed Monaghan second hand as I did before I came here.

In my travels around the diocese (and I am in a different parish or two on most Sundays and often on weekdays) I have found an incredible diversity of church life and of church worship. And that is a rather glorious thing, that range and variety. There are also one or two very constant themes in the midst of all the diversity.

I have found everywhere a genuine desire to treat the things of God, particularly in worship, with reverence and care. I have found gratitude to God for the fellowship of the Church and of the parish which in so many places still forms the backbone of local communities. I have found a very high value placed on clergy visiting and knowing their people, (something which I too value very much); those who are regular in worship and those who are not. There is an even greater value placed on the care of the sick and the dying and those who have been ground down by life for whatever reason. There is an appetite for the faithful preaching of the word in a way that helps people to work out for themselves what their priorities in daily living might be and how they should approach questions and difficulties which our parents did not have to wrestle with.

I was speaking to friend of mine the other day, from the diocese of Down and Dromore. He has been a clergyman for about 40 years and in his day would have been one of the more flamboyant and innovative clergy in the Church of Ireland. His relationship with the Church, and indeed with bishops, has not always been an easy one.

Anyway he was telling me that he was asked recently by a friend, a Presbyterian minister, if, looking back on his life and ministry he was proud to be Church of Ireland. After giving himself a moment or two to think about the question he said "No, not proud, just relieved". You can make what you like of that but perhaps we should take it as our vocation as clergy and lay people to work towards the goal that all people are at least "relieved" that the Church of Ireland in the Diocese of Clogher is still around. Perhaps it is not a bad question for parishes to ask themselves "What difference would it make if we weren't here"?

In order to help clergy to think through what the answer to that question might be and how we might faithfully provide ministry in a very difficult and complex world, I have asked the former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey to be the main speaker at the Clergy Conference which we have every

other year. Archbishop Carey had a remarkable ministry of outreach and community involvement when he was a parish clergyman and I know that the clergy are looking forward to learning from him during the Conference.

"What difference would it make if I wasn't here"? Believe it or not it is a question I often ask myself. As you know the first year in any office is called the "honeymoon period" when you can do no wrong. The second year is often the time when you can do nothing right and the third year is the year when people don't care what you do as long as you leave them alone. So how can we judge whether we are making a difference or not? That is of course very difficult in a place like the Church, where judgements are made in the context of eternity and where so much of what we do is hidden and cannot be measured.

However some things can be measured and in November 2013 for the first time ever the Church of Ireland carried out a census in all of its parishes. So for the first time ever (and the response rate was very high) we have a good idea about the actual size and the pattern of our Church attendance. And some of the headline figures for the whole Church of Ireland make for very interesting reading.

On the average Sunday around 58,000 people worship in our Churches throughout Ireland. That is about 15% of all those claiming to be Church of Ireland in the State censuses. In the diocese of Clogher the percentage is higher at about 25.2%. However we don't know whether they are the same 58,000 people or whether many more people come to Church but only once a fortnight or once a month. About 25.2% of the Church of Ireland is at worship in the Diocese of Clogher on any given Sunday.

Strangely enough there are 72,000 registered vestry persons in the Church of Ireland as a whole which makes me wonder how frequently registers of vestry persons are revised. In the whole Church of Ireland (those who we claim to be members) 57% are women and 43% are men. Again across the whole Church of Ireland there were 108,000 people in Church on Christmas Eve (29% of the membership) and on Easter Day 76,000 (20% of the Church population).

It is difficult to know what that proves. Does it mean that we are less a people of the Cross and Resurrection and more a people of the cosy comforts of the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols - which would be a very significant factor in our spiritual make-up and not necessarily a good one; or is it just that more of us go off on Easter Holidays outside Ireland over the Easter weekend?

Again across the Church of Ireland there were 3,700 baptisms, 2,300 confirmations, 1,300 weddings and 3,500 funerals. So in theory our replacement rate isn't too bad!

Just one or two further observations about the Diocese of Clogher figures. We undoubtedly have a slightly higher proportion of people in Church than the average, which comes as no surprise to me although it may do to you. In addition my hunch

after my first year in Clogher that we have a higher proportion of younger people in Church than in other areas seems to be borne out by the statistics. However as with every other diocese, and I expect every other Christian Tradition, we are weakest in the 14-30 year old age group losing 50% or even more after Confirmation age.

So, what do we make of all of this? The first thing to note is that now the Church as a whole has a numerical baseline on which it can draw to make some judgements about the future. Secondly the figures for our own diocese and parishes show that while everything is not necessarily rosy in the garden, we have a very good and faithful foundation on which to build. But it will not be there forever and we need to build on the foundation now before it is swept away.

One of the initiatives which we have taken to do so is to commit to resourcing Youth and Children's ministry as generously as we can. You may remember at last year's Synod we brought together the Northern and Southern Youth Councils to form a single body. The officers of that body have spent a very busy year consulting throughout the diocese and are planning events and helping others organise to support and grow Youth Ministry in the Diocese and I want to thank the Revd James Boyd, who chairs the Clogher Diocesan Youth Council for all the work that has involved.

As you know Jonny Phenix the Diocesan Youth Officer has facilitated the establishment of many Youth Wells in parishes, and the next phase of his work will concentrate on a project called "Streams" which will be an attempt to try to provide ways of engaging young people of post-Confirmation age. The Diocese made an application to the Priorities Fund for assistance in this venture and although we have not been awarded as much as we would have liked, Jonny will use what resources are available to bring this project forward at Rural Deanery level over the next three years.

As you might expect our Sunday Schools and other children's ministry are still relatively strong and we are indebted to the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education for both persevering with the traditional activities like the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and the Bishops Medal, but also for producing excellent resource material and for organising training events using very up to date methods and programmes. Joyce Clingan from Sallaghy parish has recently taken over the chair of that group but I am sure she will forgive me if I take this opportunity to thank her immediate predecessor who stood down earlier in the year.

Jim Kerr has given much of his life to ministry amongst and for children both in the state education sector and in the Church. He has approached this vocation in a spirit of service to God and His Church and everything he did was marked by genuine humility and heartfelt devotion. He has been an immense encouragement to me in my ministry since coming to Clogher and as a man of great integrity and very high standards I want to take this opportunity to thank him on your behalf

for all the has done for the work of the Kingdom in this Diocese.

Before moving on from the world of statistics if I could say just one more thing. We have as very welcome guests with us today a number of people from the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures. The Commission was established by the General Synod about three years ago and in many ways the origins of the Church of Ireland census lay in the need for the Commission and the Church in General to have some reliable figures to help it in its deliberations.

The Commission has a very lengthy remit from the General Synod which I won't read, but essentially they are looking at how the Church of Ireland system of dioceses, bishops and support structures are working out in modern Ireland, North and South. No doubt when they have completed their work in another year or two they will bring some recommendations for change to the General Synod for consideration.

Later on this evening I will be asking for the Synod to agree to the representatives of the Commission addressing you and to have an opportunity to do a bit of consultation work with you. They really are here to get a feel for how things work on the ground and we should not be afraid of discussing matters frankly and I hope courteously so that they get an accurate impression of life in Clogher.

However as we all know the life of society or of any Church cannot be reduced to statistics, helpful and all as they might be. That gives me an opportunity to welcome a couple of very human faces of the Church who have joined us since we met last year. First there is the Revd Neal Phair who is a native of County Monaghan and who has returned to minister there as rector of the Ballybay Group and also the Revd Alastair Donaldson who was ordained deacon a few weeks ago and will serve his ten month internship in the Parish of Fivemiletown. You are both very welcome.

To return to something beyond statistics. This year in his General Synod address the Archbishop of Armagh quite rightly drew our attention to the tendency in the modern world to treat life as a commodity which we own and which we can dispose of as we wish or worse still, when we feel we can treat other people as commodities to be bought and sold.

But in the Christian view, life is not a commodity. It is first and foremost a gift from God. It is not ours to give away or to dispose of as we wish. It is certainly not ours to take or even to use in a way that violates its sacred character. The Christian understanding of human life is a very high one. In his General Synod speech the Primate used this understanding of life as a gift to make some important observations about how the Church has something important to say about beginning of life and end of life issues (for instance on abortion and euthanasia) which are important and deserve a hearing.

There was a time when the voice of the Church was powerful in Ireland both North and South. That is no longer the case and nor should it be. It is a

very dangerous thing to be powerful in the sense of being able to have influence over people's lives or to be in a position to tell people what to do. That is not how The Gospel works - it attracts people and it captivates them but it never compels them. In the past the Church thought that it had a right to be heard but today we are just one voice amongst many.

That does not mean that we have nothing to say about the great moral issues of the modern world, but it does mean that we have to say them in a different way. It is very important that not just bishops or clergy understand this but that all church people understand it also. It is important because it is part of our public witness to the Resurrection faith of Jesus Christ and it will become more important in the years ahead.

Perhaps the most important lesson we need to learn is that whatever we say must be intelligible to people who are not believers or who have very little knowledge of even the rudiments of the Christian faith. There are many matters on which people will give us a hearing - matters to do with social deprivation or the care of the earth's resources; matters relating to the family; and as I said a little earlier, about issues around tremendously sensitive and difficult areas like euthanasia or assisted dying. We have a lot to say about ordinary life issues too because we are, by and large, ordinary people, but I hope ordinary people with a difference. People who have lived people's lives with them and have entered into "the night" with them when that has been necessary.

Whenever we speak we should do so as people who are making a contribution to a debate and not as though we are closing it down with the last word. Above all the manner in which we involve ourselves in the life of our communities is very important. Courtesy and generosity are great graces which will help us to be heard in the world.

And I have to say that another of the reasons why our voice is no longer heard is because we are hopelessly divided. We make large and lofty claims that are completely undermined by our feeble practice. We claim to have the commission of God and the secret of true community. Yet at a time of immense social and political change when many would listen, especially to those who claim to speak in God's name, we either have nothing to say or we are shrill and defensive.

And instead of displaying the winning and attractive secret of real community life, the churches cannot even reconcile themselves to one another let alone reconcile the world.

If for that reason and for no other the agreement which the Church of Ireland and the Methodist Church in Ireland have concluded on the interchangeability of ministry is a welcome, if modest, milestone along the way. It was an historic moment in June of this year when, along with Past Presidents of the Methodist conference, three Church of Ireland bishops took part in the Installation and consecration of the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. And later this

year that same President, acting in his character as an episcopal minister in the Church of God, will assist the bishops of the Church of Ireland in the consecration of Canon Ken Kearon, the recently elected Bishop of a Limerick and Kilalloe.

If you go back to the very earliest records of what the Church was like in the New Testament and in the very early years after the death of the Apostles you would find a Community that people marvelled at because nothing like it had ever existed before. For the first time people from every class and nation, slave and free, Jews and Gentiles, men and women belonged to an association which they had freely joined. "How these Christians love one another" was how one old pagan observer summed it up. The Church was the first truly inclusive society.

And yet it was also an exclusive society. Then as now some people found it impossible to understand the Church's reluctance to become a complete "liberty hall" where everyone was welcome and no questions were asked. The Church's attachment to traditional customs and its refusal to conform easily to the changing phases of human culture is not just awkwardness or self-righteousness - although it can be both of those things.

A very profound Anglican theologian once said "Whoever marries the Spirit of this Age will find himself a widower in the next". The church is not to be the image of the age in which it lives with all its fluctuations. The church - you and I - is a witness to the finality of God and his Law and of Gods work in Christ for all people and all ages.

A vague thing or a Church that applauded everybody and agreed with everything would be absolutely futile. Another great theologian, this time not an Anglican but a Congregationalist, said "Everything, it is now said is more or less true; and so everyone is more or less good, and we know not under what king we are". But the church, the church in the Diocese of Clogher has to witness that in God there is a final truth and a final goodness and that men and women can know under what king they are. Therefore there must always be a note of caution as well as inclusion in the church.

I am getting quite near the end now but I want to just mention two subjects either of which could have taken up an entire address. The first relates to the commemorations of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War which have been taking place in so many communities and churches throughout Ireland. I am not going to say anything about the fact that such events are now as welcomed and popular in County Cork as they are Fermanagh or Monaghan, except that it is a very happy development.

I was privileged to take part in a tremendous service of remembrance and thanksgiving organised by Enniskillen Cathedral in cooperation with The Royal British Legion during the summer but I have attended many smaller events also. The amount of local history that has been researched in relation to the events of 1914 has been truly impressive and a tribute to both family devotion and historical curiosity.

To use Churchill's description which I quoted earlier - it was a truly cataclysmic war and nothing afterwards was ever the same. I suppose it will never be simply "history" to people in this part of the world but the refreshing thing about much of what I have seen has been the desire to understand the war for what it really was, rather than what we would prefer it to be like. As I said at one event in Lisbellaw, the churches by and large acted as recruiting agents for the war, but their experience of it meant that they would never do so again. War and violence are truly among the greatest of human failings, although also the occasion of great fortitude and heroism. We have had two world wars and although it hasn't been named as such we appear to have a third creeping in by stealth just as the others did: Yemen, Egypt, Lebanon, Gaza, Libya, Iraq, Syria and the Ukraine all in varying degree of instability or outright warfare and drawing in the Great Powers into a vortex of conflict. Our prayers are sorely needed.

The second thing I want to speak about very briefly is the Scottish referendum. Again there are many aspects of the debate and vote which deserve to be studied closely from a Christian point of view. But I want to confine my remarks to this. It looks as though the outcome of a No vote is going to be almost as momentous if not quite as cataclysmic as a Yes vote would have been. It certainly will not leave Northern Ireland untouched and it will provide an opportunity for many aspects of the constitutional and financial arrangements which govern the United Kingdom to come under very close scrutiny and debate. I think that is going to be a very testing time.

For about two years now, but with greater intensity in the last few months, the people of Scotland have conducted a debate about the sovereignty of a nation without any resort to violence. The stakes could hardly have been higher, but public figures on all sides have tried their best to make sure that the arguments were made clearly and helpfully. Each side had passionately held views but each accepted that the other side's views were honourably and honestly held. In those circumstances it is possible to have a serious debate.

There were no knock out blows or clinching arguments and for many voters it must have been a very difficult task to choose between the probabilities that were being presented to them. It is difficult to think of a more serious subject to have to debate and decide on and yet it was done in a country with a devolved assembly, strong cultural identity and with a difficult, but not of course a violent, recent past. I hope that all of us on these islands can conduct the imminent debate in the same spirit.

It is usual at this time in the address to thank everyone who has played any part in the life of the Diocese - clergy and lay. It is particularly important to do so in this year at the start of a new Triennium. Those who have served on

the Diocesan Council and on any of the sub-committees of the Council. Those who, when asked, have been happy to carry out some special duty. This evening is also a day for all of us to thank the staff of the Diocesan Office - Glenn, Ruth and Ashley - who give of their time and their patience far and beyond the call of duty.

When I was a young boy there were a number of neighbours in our street who were pigeon fanciers. I would sometimes travel with them on race days. When they had taken the birds to the starting point they would open the cages and release them. Up they would go into the air and fly round and round in circles trying to pick up a trace of the path home. And so it is for all of us. Released by the Creator and trying to find the particular path of discipleship that will lead us home. The individual paths of joy and of suffering which mark each of us out in the eyes of the Creator. If as a church and as a Diocese we have helped our people to find their path home and to make their way along it then we have done enough to say we have made a difference and I wish to thank you for being part of the work of God in the Diocese of Clogher.

Bishop of Clogher to Visit Hong Kong and Australia



Archbishop Paul Kwong, Secretary of State Theresa Villiers MP and Bishop John McDowell

The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell has been invited by the Most Revd Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong to visit the Anglican Province of Hong Kong. Archbishop Paul visited Ireland in 2013. When he visited Belfast the Bishop of Clogher hosted a lunch in his honour with the Secretary of State.

During his stay Bishop John will lecture at Ming Hua Theological College which is the seminary for training Anglican clergy and will also address the clergy of the Province at one of their regular meetings. He will also visit and speak at schools and other social projects in the diocese.

Bishop John is travelling from Hong Kong to Adelaide in South Australia where he has been invited to preach in the Cathedral on Remembrance Sunday.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

“Living Reconciliation can transform our world”

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has said he believes the subject of a new book called Living Reconciliation can help “transform our world”.

The book, written by two Anglican Communion Office staff, is designed to inspire ordinary people to live in a way that transforms their churches and their society. It is intended as a platform to enable people to engage with and live out the Archbishop of Canterbury's thinking on 'living reconciliation'; a subject he hopes will be the hallmark of Anglicanism.

It is not a report, rather a lively and inspiring work that challenges the reader to reflect deeply on Scripture and to apply it in their own context.

It is described by the Dean of Coventry John Witcombe as “a book that sets out vital principles, tells compelling stories, and inspires and challenges readers to live and make new stories of their own...An invitation not just to a way of thinking, but to a way of life.”

Co-author the Revd Canon Dr Phil Groves said, “The Archbishop of Canterbury begins his foreword with the words ‘Reconciliation is God’s mission to the world in Christ; therefore it is our mission.’ The book reflects the breadth of the Anglican Communion and is inspired by Anglicans working in their parishes and dioceses across the world. Underpinning every chapter is a belief that Christ came into the world to reconcile us to God and to one another. The Bible is central to the book, but the reader is often confronted with new ways of reading familiar texts. For example, they read the story of Sarah and Hagar through the eyes of a Kenyan woman theologian familiar with the conflicts inherent in polygamy.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu says “the book is a tool and encouragement for all to live a life of reconciliation. Many others with experience of working for reconciliation between Christian-Muslim communities and Roman Catholic-Protestant communities in Northern Ireland have echoed his commendation.”

However, Canon Groves stressed this is not a book for “some rare breed of conflict negotiators. It has been written in dialogue with a group of ordinary Christians with no formal theological training,” he said. “Some of the greatest enthusiasm for this book has come from those involved in assisting parishes in conflict.”

Coventry Cathedrals Canon for Reconciliation Sarah Hills describes it as “the resource they have been looking for” and Sandra Cobbin who runs courses addressing church conflict says it is “an essential read”.

Canon Groves added, “The Archbishop of Canterbury has called us to be reconciled with one another to be reconcilers in the world. The book is not inward-looking; it challenges the reader to bring reconciliation to our world.”

“Living Reconciliation is both realistic about the challenges and positive about the hope we have in

Christ. Those churches that live reconciliation are faithful in prayer and growing in disciples. This is a book aimed at transforming both church and world.”

Living Reconciliation is written by Phil Groves and Angharad Parry Jones, and is published by SPCK in the UK. The Living Reconciliation website can be found at <http://living-reconciliation.org/>



Anglican XI beat Vatican in historic cricket match



Church of England cricketers beat a Vatican team on 19th September in a historic match in support of a joint initiative to wipe out modern slavery and human trafficking. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, congratulated both sides and presented the trophy to winning captain Stephen Gray after the match, played in the shadow of Canterbury Cathedral at Kent County Cricket Ground.

The match was organized to raise awareness and funds for the Global Freedom Network, a joint initiative between religious leaders including Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury which is committed to eliminating modern slavery and human trafficking across the world.

Religion can be ‘dangerous and lethal’, warns Bishop of London



Bishop of London

Much religion is “really dangerous and lethal,” the Bishop of London has warned, although he claims that the Church’s biggest problem is that it is “lacking in distinction”.

Richard Chartres, one of the Church of England’s most senior bishops, says “civilisation is in grave peril,” adding that it is arrogant and deeply needy. However, he says the Church is struggling to address society’s problems because it has failed to be counter-cultural. While he says religion can be dangerous, “Western religion is feeble”.

“Much religion is really dangerous and I would say lethal, we project parts of ourselves – our anger, all kinds of personal psychic material – into the middle distance, deifying it.”

Bishop Chartres says religion in the West “has become ideas in the mind”, a development he describes as “a very modern tragedy”.

The traditionalist bishop argues that the Church of England is not counter-cultural enough.

Sudanese Air Force bombs church complex in Nuba Mountains



The Sudanese Air Force dropped four bombs on an Episcopal Church of Sudan complex in the Nuba Mountains on Friday 10th October, church leaders said.

“The bombs have completely destroyed our church compound in Tabolo,” said the Revd Youhana Yaqoub. “A family living at the church compound miraculously escaped the attack, although their whole house and property were destroyed.” Kamal Adam and his family thanked God for their safety as they watched their house burn from the bombing, he said.

Sierra Leone: Anglican Church provides land for Ebola fight

Insert image Sierra Leone - The Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Freetown, the Rt Revd Thomas Wilson said that the church acquired the land during the period of 1955 and has been reserving it for purposes of the church. But with the outbreak of the Ebola virus, and seeing the need to help save the lives of Sierra Leoneans, especially children.

Ola During Children’s Hospital in the East End of Freetown can now boast of a well-spacious Ebola Isolation Unit outside its hospital premise, following the gratis provision of a portion of land measuring 0.5 acres within Bishop’s Court at Fourah Bah Road, east of Freetown.

The Anglican Church provided the land for the construction of a temporary Holding Unit in the period of Ebola crisis, after which, from a Memorandum of Understanding signed, should be demolished and handed back to the church’s authority.

The holding centre will be used for screening patients, especially children and their parents, before they are allowed into the Ola During Hospital.

In the process, those whose case require further examination for the Ebola Virus Disease will be kept in the unit for a period not less than 24 hours, before being transferred to an Ebola centre for treatment if necessary.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS



Consecration of the Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon as Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe

The Service of Ordination and Consecration of the Revd Canon Kenneth Kearon as the new Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe will take place in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin on Saturday 24 January 2015 at 2.30pm.

The Church of Ireland Gazette editions for 1914 fully searchable online

Following on from the successful digitization of the 1913 editions of The Church of Ireland Gazette last year, and continuing its commitment to mark the Decade of Commemorations, the RCB Library is pleased to present all 52 editions of The Church of Ireland Gazette for 1914, in a fully searchable format online.

The Gazette which has always been editorially independent, provides the longest-running public commentary on the Church's affairs, and as such is a recognised resource for understanding the complexities and nuances of Church of Ireland identity, both north and south, as well as the Church's contribution to political and cultural life throughout the island. The RCB Library in Dublin holds the only complete run of paper - from the first issue in March 1856 up to the present date bound up in hard copy volumes for each year where they remain an invaluable resource. However, like collections available elsewhere (such as the National Library of Ireland) the hard copy is suffering wear and tear and is cumbersome to use and research from.

All the 1914 issues have been professionally scanned and via a sophisticated information platform are fully searchable online, alongside the existing copy for 1913. Browsers may simply enter any key word or phrase of interest in the search box, and then view the list of relevant entries as they appear in chronological order.

Of particular interest will be the commentary on the war as it began and progressed into the winter of 1914. A special column entitled "The War Week by Week" became a permanent feature from 21 August 1914, and provided weekly graphic detail of the Allied campaign for readers.

Safeguarding Trust Training for Clergy (RI)

Clergy who are newly ordained, in a first incumbency, new to the jurisdiction, returning to parish ministry or who would like to refresh their knowledge of the child protection policy are invited to attend a training day on Tuesday 4th November 2014 at Church House, Dublin from 10.30am-4pm. Further details from Renée English, Child Protection Officer at cpori@ireland.anglican.org or 014125662.

A Service of the Word for a commemoration of the First World War

The Liturgical Advisory Committee is continuing to work on a series of liturgical resources for use during this decade of centenary commemorations. They are offered as a Service of the Word so that the services can stand as a non-Eucharistic act of worship, or can be incorporated into a Eucharist where this is thought appropriate.

The most recently produced resource is A Service of the Word for a commemoration of the First World War in a Local Church. It has been posted on the Church of Ireland Worship page <http://ireland.anglican.org/worship/> from where it can be downloaded and reproduced locally.

The Committee hopes that this will prove beneficial to those parishes wishing to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War 1 on Remembrance Sunday, or at some other appropriate time.

Minister for Education and Skills to launch Irish Archives 2014

The Minister for Education Jan O'Sullivan TD will launch volume 21 of Irish Archives (the journal of the Irish Society for Archives, edited by Susan Hood and Elizabeth McEvoy), which this year is devoted to the records of the Church of Ireland. The launch will take place on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 6.15pm.

Minister O'Sullivan is the first person to hold this particular ministerial portfolio who happens also to be a member of the Church of Ireland and she will perform the honours on Irish Archives at St Patrick's Cathedral Deanery, Dublin, with the kind permission of the Dean, Very Revd Victor Stacey. The Church of Ireland does not always get the credit it deserves for gathering records together and keeping them safe. This volume of Irish Archives aims to set the record straight by paying tribute to those who have looked after an array of parish collections, diocesan papers and miscellaneous manuscripts in local and central custody and by providing a platform for the current generation of historians and archivists to reassess and reconstruct some of the complex aspects of Church of Ireland identity.

Speaking on this theme, Minister O'Sullivan said: "Record-keeping does not always get the recognition it deserves. However, it is vitally important that we retain a documented link with our past in order to fully understand our present. Church records are a particularly valuable source of information and I am delighted to see those from the Church of Ireland get the recognition they deserve in this volume of Irish Archives."

New Book on Atonement launched



Dr Maurice Elliott, Dr Patrick McGlinchey, Dr Katie Heffelfinger, Bishop Harold Miller (Photo: Paul Harron/Col Press Office)

A new book *Atonement as Gift: Re-Imagining the Cross for the Church and the World*, edited by Dr Katie Heffelfinger and the Revd Dr Patrick McGlinchey, was launched by The Right Revd Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore, at an evening reception on Wednesday 8th of October at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin (CITI). The new book, published by Paternoster, is a collection of essays

which arose from a symposium on the subject held at CITI in May 2011. A large number of guests – including the editors and some of the contributors – were present and were warmly welcomed by the Director of CITI, the Revd Dr Maurice Elliott.

Church of Ireland Ordination Newsletter

The 2014 edition of the Ordination Newsletter which lists those currently studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and provides useful information for those considering God's call to ordination is now available. The Revd David Gillespie, Central Director of Ordinands, states in his foreword "a new academic term has just begun at CITI and we wish the students and staff well in the year ahead. We congratulate those who have recently been ordained to the Diaconate and hope that their internship year will be a productive one combining learning and practice. Those ordained Priest will, by now, be well settled into their parishes and we assure them of our prayers as they fulfill their calling in building up the life of the Church and in furthering God's kingdom in the world."

"Am I called to ordination?"

Diocesan Directors of Ordinands (DDO's) help people to discover their gifts and use them in the Church. Ordained ministry is one way of using our gifts within the overall mission of the Church.

The DDO's have different ways of supporting those who are asking the question "Am I called to ordination?" They will facilitate opportunities to help you discover the answer to that question and will connect you with others also exploring ordination.

Before contacting your Diocesan Director of Ordinands (DDO) please speak to your local Rector.

They can encourage you, as you prayerfully discern what area of ministry God is calling you to.

Once you have spoken to your Rector the DDO will guide you through the various stages involved in discerning calling. The Diocesan Director of Ordinands in Clogher Diocese is the Revd Brian Harper (02866388238).

Considering Ordained Ministry in the Church of Ireland

If you are considering the possibility that you might be called to the Ordained Ministry – then the first step is to go and discuss this with your Rector.

If you and your Rector both agree that there might be a calling to discern – the next stage is for your Rector to recommend you to, and set up a discussion with, your local Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

If he feels there is a calling to discern then they will probably recommend that you enroll in the Foundation Course – full details of which you can find at the following web address www.theologicalinstitute.ie/applying/

This course is designed to assist you in the process of discerning your call as well as preparing you academically for the subsequent Master in Theology Course.

This Course begins in February/March each year and lasts for about a year

During the course of that year you will also be invited to meet your Diocesan Bishop who will decide on your suitability for attendance at a Selection conference. Towards the end of the Foundation Course year if recommended for selection you will be invited to attend a Selection Conference and if accepted at that conference will be free to begin your studies for Ordination training the following September.

This involves completion of the Master in Theology programme, details of which can be found at the following web address www.theologicalinstitute.ie/courseinformation/masters_in_theology.php

You can download an application form for the course at www.theologicalinstitute.ie/applying/



Church Leaders Seek Clarity on Implications of Welfare Reform in Northern Ireland

The leaders of the main Churches in Northern Ireland have written to the Minister for Social Development, Mervyn Storey MLA, and the Chair of the Social Development Committee, Alex Maskey MLA, to seek meetings to discuss the challenges presented by the Welfare Reform Bill and to express their concern about the impact of the continued uncertainty regarding the Bill on the most vulnerable members of society. The Church leaders feel there is a clear need to bring the current debate back to a point where further progress can be made in a calmer atmosphere with a view to finding a solution. In February 2012, at a public meeting with the Northern Ireland Secretary of State,

Church Leaders called on the British Government and the Northern Ireland Executive to clarify the implications of the Social Welfare Reform Bill for Northern Ireland. To date, details of the specific measures proposed for Northern Ireland have not been made available for public consultation. In their letter, the Church leaders say that this situation 'presents a serious obstacle to informed debate in civil society' and 'creates fear and anxiety for those who are dependent on welfare payments and now face an uncertain economic future'. They continue, by saying that 'due to the lack of clear and specific information, it is not possible to make reliable assessments of the impact of the implementation of the proposed measures'. With concern for the protection of the most vulnerable and the need to ensure that any reforms will bring greater equality and social justice, the Church leaders are appealing to the Minister for Social Development to address this situation as a matter of urgency.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit to The Church of Ireland



As part of his visit to the Church of Ireland, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, preached at a service of Festal Evensong at St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh on Thursday 2nd October 2014, which was followed by a reception in the Primate Alexander Synod Hall, Church House, Armagh. The Archbishop's visit to the Church of Ireland concluded with a visit to St Patrick's National Cathedral, Dublin.



In his sermon in Armagh Cathedral, Archbishop Welby said: 'We need to be a people who are deeply committed to the worship of God and to prayer. It is meaningless if there is no God, and so it is at the heart of the church's life, that we do something that distinguishes us from being

an NGO with a lot of old buildings, and turns us into the living people of God, encountering him, being changed and changing our communities.'



During the visit, Archbishop Welby and his wife, Caroline, visited Belfast seeing a range of places including St Anne's Cathedral, the peace wall at Cupar Way and church projects in East Belfast at Willowfield, St Christopher's and the Dock Cafe at Titanic Quarter. In Dublin Archbishop Welby and his wife Caroline toured St. Patrick's Cathedral and the nearby Archbishop Marsh's Library.



His visit to Dublin was private and he was met by The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin. The visit to St Patrick's Cathedral included the 'Lives Remembered' exhibition which commemorates World War One. The exhibition's centrepiece is the 'Tree of Remembrance' which honours all those affected by conflict. In Marsh's Library he was shown around by the Keeper, Dr Jason McElligott and Deputy Keeper, Sue Hemmens. He viewed a number of items of interest including a book which had been penetrated by a bullet during the 1916 Rising.

Sign Up for The Church of Ireland eBulletin

The next edition of the Church of Ireland eBulletin is due out shortly. It highlights a selection of items of interest relating to the witness and work of the Church of Ireland from around the dioceses and across the island and leads you to various new articles on the Church of Ireland and Diocesan websites – you'll just have to click on the website links. To 'subscribe' to the eBulletin so that you can receive the eBulletin directly to your mailbox as it is issued, please go to www.ireland.anglican.org/eBulletin

DIOCESAN NEWS

Making History Talk – Building a Pathway to Good Neighbourliness



Stuart Brooker, Grand Master of Co Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, Revd Doug Baker, Mr Paul McFadden, Bishop John McDowell and Prof Roddy Cowie.

Recently over 70 people attended an event in Enniskillen, organised by Co Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge as well as Churches in Fermanagh. Making History Talk – Understanding World War I was designed to help people listen to different viewpoints on historical events that affected life on this island, namely World War I.

The success of the event lay in asking two speakers to help understanding of what may have been going on in the minds of both the Protestant / unionist and Catholic / nationalist communities at the time of World War I, and how those communities now view these events. People from every part of the community in Fermanagh listened to speakers describe the significance of that crucial time in history from very different perspectives.

Describing himself as a 'Bogside Catholic', former BBC journalist Paul McFadden reflected on some of the competing emotions that marked how the nationalist community reflected on World War I, both then and now.

Prof Roddy Cowie, a retired Professor of Psychology (QUB), set the events of World War I in historical context to shed light on what was going on in the mind of the Protestant community at the time. He also helped the audience understand the enduring significance of World War I in the Protestant psyche.

Following the presentations there was an opportunity for discussion and questions. This was facilitated by Revd Doug Baker, a Presbyterian Minister originally from the USA but now living in Belfast.

The public event is part of a Making History Talk series planned to reflect on key historical events from 1912 to 1922. The initiative grew out of a desire among the organizers to do something for the whole community. They came up with

the idea of holding public events where people could reflect on key events during the decade of historic commemorations, trying to understand how members of other communities might see them.

Bishop John McDowell, Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, describes the Making History Talk events as being about "helping each of us to try and understand what was going on in the mind not only of our own community but in the minds of the 'other' during key moments of our history – an attempt for each of us to walk in the other person's shoes for a moment".

Grand Master of County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge Stuart Brooker said, "It is a mark of confidence to voice our own views of history. It is an even bigger mark of confidence to take time to hear another person's viewpoint on the same events. It is not about agreeing or disagreeing but about increasing understanding – this is the pathway to good neighbourliness".

Making History Talk – Understanding World War I arose out of dialogue that has taken place between County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, the Church of Ireland diocese of Clogher, as well as Enniskillen Methodists and Presbyterians. The event took place on 30th September in the Westville Hotel, Enniskillen.

Suicide Awareness Training Day

A training day will take place on 26th November 2014 commencing at 10.00am and ending at approximately 4.30pm, in the Minor Hall, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, which has been organized by the Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action. The programme has a natural fluency from emotional health to emotional ill-health then the consequences of which can be suicide and self-harm, then the understanding both theological and historical through to identifying how to respond and finally how to keep ourselves healthy. Commenting on the event, Bishop McDowell said "I would strongly urge clergy and others to attend what promises to be a very professional presentation on a subject of great concern."

For further information please contact the Revd Charlie Eames, Chairman of the Diocesan Board for Social Theology in Action on ceames@clogher.anglican.org or phone 02866347879

Advent Carol Service

An Advent Carol Service will be held on Sunday 30th November at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. We hope that all parishes in our Diocese will be represented at this service. All welcome! The collection will go towards raising aid for Christians in Iraq. The number of people displaced now exceeds 1.2 million. The money raised will be channeled to the Anglican Church in Baghdad via the Bishop's Appeal of the Church of Ireland.

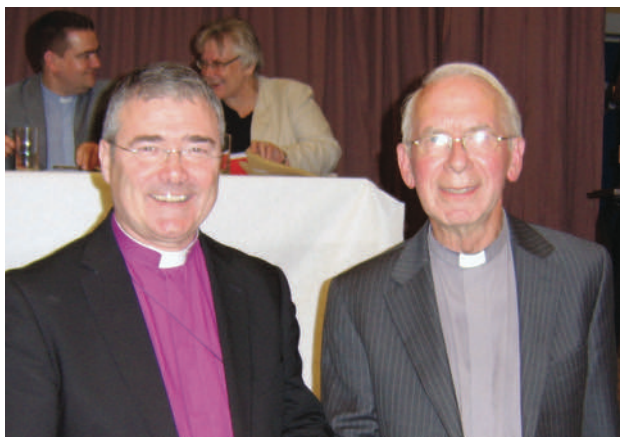
Diocesan Synod 2014



Rev. Gary McMurray and Cllr. Rosemary Barton



Rev. David Cupples and Rev. Stephen Woods



Bishop John McDowell and Archdeacon Cecil Pringle



Dean Kenneth Hall, Mrs Hope Kerr and Mrs Julie Parker

Clogher Diocesan Synod was held in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen on Thursday 25th September, commencing with a service of Holy Communion in Enniskillen Cathedral. During the service the Old Testament Reading was read by the Revd Neal Phair rector of the Ballybay Group of Parishes, the Psalm was read by the Revd David Cupples of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church, the Epistle was read by Mrs Rita McKechnie a representative of the Roman Catholic Church, the Gospel was read by the Revd Rob Clements curate in Enniskillen Cathedral and the intercessions were led by the Revd Ngozi Njoku rector of the Garrison Group of Parishes. The celebrant was the Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell, who was assisted in the administration of Communion by the Dean, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall and the Revd Stephen Woods a representative of the Methodist Church. The hymns were Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart, Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, and God has spoken by his prophets.

The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, presided at Synod, and the Assessor was Sir Anthony Hart. Synod commenced with a Scripture Reading read by Mr Jim Kerr and prayers led by the Ven. Cecil Pringle, Archdeacon Emeritus.

Observers from Sister Churches included the Revd Stephen Woods and Mrs Laverne Millar of the Methodist Church, the Rt Revd Monsignor Peter O'Reilly and Mrs Rita McKechnie of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Revd David Cupples of the Presbyterian Church.

The Revd Brian Harper and the Revd Gary McMurray were elected as Clerical Honorary Secretaries, and Mr John Irvine and Cllr Rosemary Barton were re-elected as Lay Honorary Secretaries.

The Rt Revd Monsignor Peter O'Reilly brought greetings on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church, Revd Stephen Woods on behalf of the Methodist Church, and the Revd David Cupples on behalf of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr John Keating was re-elected to serve as a lay member of the Representative Church Body.

The minutes of the previous Synod were placed on the table, together with communication from the General Synod.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for a presentation from the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures which was given by the Revd Andrew Foster and Mrs June Butler. Miss Lydia Monds delivered a presentation concerning the Bishops' Appeal.

The 143rd Report of the Diocesan Council was proposed by Mr Henry Robinson and seconded by the Revd Brian Harper. The Report was considered seriatim and adopted.

Standing Orders were again suspended to allow for the presentation of Medals by the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education which were presented by the Bishop. For the Archbishop Ruddell Prize, first place was awarded to Donagh Sunday School, Glaslough, and second place went to Emma Darling of Galloon Sunday School.



Mr Sandy Atwell, Mrs Florence Brunt and Revd Alastair Donaldson

A motion concerning the transfer of Lisbellaw from the rural deanery of Kilskeery to that of Enniskillen was proposed by the Revd Canon David Skuce and seconded by the Revd James Boyd and adopted.

The Revd James Boyd and the Revd Margaret Pringle presented the Diocesan Youth Council report. The report of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education was proposed by Mr Jim Kerr and seconded by the Revd Margaret Pringle, and the report of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission was proposed by Mrs Doreen Earls and seconded by the Revd Sampson Ajuka.

The report of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action was proposed by the Revd Charlie Eames and seconded by Mr Neville Armstrong. The Ministry of Healing report was noted and the report of the Diocesan Glebes Committee was proposed by the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong and seconded by Mr John Keating. Synod concluded with the Bishop making a presentation on behalf of the diocese and parishes to the Ven. Cecil Pringle in recognition of the 25 years he served the diocese as Archdeacon, members of synod acknowledged this with a standing ovation.

Diocesan Synod Election Results 2014

Members of General Synod: Mrs Una Bourke, Miss Frances Boyd, Miss Joyce Clingan, Mr Charles Crawford, Mr Gordon Deazley, Miss Kathleen Elliott, Mr Robert Forde, Mr Samuel Genoe, Mrs Sue Hogg, Mr Michael Hutchinson, Mr Adrian Irvine, Mrs Alison Jackson, Mr Jack Johnston, Mr John Keating, Mrs Hope Kerr, Mr Jonathan Keys, Miss Irene Knox, Mrs Jennifer Leathem, Mrs Ethne McCord, Mrs Lynsey McMurray, Mr Glenn Moore, Mr Walter Pringle, Mr Neville Scott, Mrs Helen Ternan, Mr Robert Thompson, Mr Chris Treacy, Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick, Revd Brian Harper, Revd James Boyd, Revd Ngozi Njoku, Ven. Helene Steed, Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Revd Gary McMurray, Revd Caroline Mansley, Revd Canon David Skuce, Revd Henry Blair, Ven. Cecil Pringle, Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Revd Canon Ian Berry, Revd Kyle Hanlon and Revd Sampson Ajuka.

Supplemental Members of General Synod: Mrs Julie Parker, Revd Geoffrey Bridle, Revd Precentor

Noel Regan, Revd Rob Clements, Revd John McClenaghan, Revd Mark Watson and Revd Neal Phair.

Members of Diocesan Council: Mr Glenn Moore, Mr Walter Pringle, Mrs Ethne McCord, Mrs Joy Graham, Mr John Keating, Mrs Una Bourke, Mr Sam Morrow, Mr Chris Treacy, Mr Henry Robinson, Mrs Mae Glenn, Mr Hazlett Moore, Mr Glen Ewing, Revd Henry Blair, Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Ven. Helene Steed, Revd James Boyd, Revd Ngozi Njoku, Revd Canon Ian Berry, Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Revd Kyle Hanlon, Ven. Cecil Pringle, Revd Canon David Skuce, Revd Charlie Eames and Revd Canon John Stewart.

Honorary Secretaries of Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Council: Mr John Irvine, Cllr Rosemary Barton, Revd Brian Harper and Revd Gary McMurray.

Members of the Episcopal Electoral College: Mr Glenn Moore, Mr John Irvine, Mr Walter Pringle, Mr Jim Kerr, Mrs Una Bourke, Mrs Ethne McCord, Mr Jack Johnston, Mr Chris Treacy, Mr John Keating, Mr Sam Morrow, Mrs Mae Glenn, Mrs Helen Ternan, Revd Henry Blair, Very Revd Kenneth Hall, Ven. Helene Steed, Revd Canon Ian Berry, Revd James Boyd, Revd Gary McMurray, Revd Ngozi Njoku, Revd Canon David Skuce, Revd Kyle Hanlon, Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong, Revd Canon John Stewart and Revd Charlie Eames.

Supplemental Members of the Episcopal Electoral College: Mrs Hope Kerr, Mrs Diane Wright-Kendrick, Miss Irene Knox, Revd Rob Clements, Ven. Cecil Pringle and Revd Caroline Mansley.

Diocesan Nominators: Mr Glenn Moore, Revd Henry Blair, Ven. Helene Steed, Revd James Boyd and Very Revd Kenneth Hall.

Supplemental Diocesan Nominators: Mr John Irvine, Cllr Rosemary Barton, Mr Henry Robinson, Revd Brian Harper, Revd Canon Ian Berry, Revd Canon David Skuce, Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong and Ven. Cecil Pringle.

Lay Member of the Representative Church Body: Mr John Keating.

Members of the Church of Ireland Complaints Committee: Dr Norman Baxter and Ven. Cecil Pringle.

Members of the Diocesan Court: Mr Jim Kerr, Miss Marie McCordick, Mr Hazlett Moore, Revd Canon John Stewart, Ven. Cecil Pringle and Revd Mark Watson.

Members of the Committee on Disputed Elections: Mr John Irvine, Mr Sam Morrow, Mr Walter Pringle, Ven. Cecil Pringle, Revd Canon John Stewart and Revd Mark Watson.

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2014

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

Sunday 2nd November – **The Fourth Sunday before Advent** (green)

Sunday 2nd November – **UDR Memorial Plaque Dedication Service** in Aghavea Parish Church, Brookeborough at 7.30pm.

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

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

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

Thursday 6th November – **Templecarne Parish Annual Concert** at 8.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Pettigo.

Saturday 8th November – **Devenish Parish Annual Auction and Sale** at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall, Monea.

Sunday 9th November – The Third Sunday before Advent (green)

Tuesday 11th November – **Coffee Evening and Sale** at 7.30pm in Cleenish Parish Hall. Entrance £3 including supper.

Tuesday 11th November – **Annual Tea Dance** in Kilskeery Parish Hall from 2.00 – 4.30pm. To book please contact Emily on 02866388683 or George on 02889561285.

Wednesday 12th November – **CMSI Diocesan Evening** at 8.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Wednesday 12th November – **Safeguarding Trust**: Anyone wishing to avail of Safeguarding Trust training may attend a training night in Irvinestown Parish Hall at 8.00pm.

Friday 14th November – **Kesh Rural Deanery 'Church to Church' Youth Social** in Derryvullen North Parish Hall from 8.00-10.30pm. For those of Secondary School age.

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

Sunday 16th November – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40! at 7.00pm in Enniskillen Cathedral.

Sunday 16th November – **Praise Service** in Clontibret Parish Church with Linda Lindsay and The Bawn Silver Band.

Sunday 16th November – **The Second Sunday before Advent** (green)

Sunday 16th November – **U & UR Spouse** event in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore. This will focus on marriage and give time for you to invest into your marriage with your spouse. Whether you have been married a week, month, year, decade or much longer it is important that you continue to invest in the relationship that you have with your spouse. We will be watching an inspirational story called 'Fireproof' and following it will hear some direct challenges on how to stay on course, get back on course or make your marriage even better.

Monday 17th November – **Ardess Historical Society** meeting in Ardess Parish Hall. Theme: The Social Life of Enniskillen in the Early 1800s with Bernadette Layden.

Friday 21st November – **Harvest Gala Ball** in the Valley Hotel Fivemiletown. Tickets are £35 and available from the team or by contacting James on 02882898246. In aid of Dromore Parish Fields of Life.

Saturday 22nd November – **Parish Breakfast** in Clabby Church Hall

from 9.30am - 11.30am. Speaker: Mr David Charleton from Kilkeel.

Saturday 22nd November – **Music for St Cecilia's Day** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Featuring Sligo Concert Band and Fermanagh Choral Society: conducted by Donald Swain; St Michael's Parish Choir: conducted by Paul Flynn. Organ: William McBride.

Saturday 22nd November – **Beetle Drive** in Clogh Hall at 8.00pm.

Sunday 23rd November – **The Kingship of Christ** (white)

Wednesday 26th November – **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** deadline for boxes to be left in Drumkeeran Parish Hall. For further details contact Irene Boyd on 02868631009. If you can fill a shoe-box with Christmas gifts for needy children, that would be much appreciated.

Wednesday 26th November – **Suicide Awareness Training Day** from 10.00am-4.30pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The programme has a natural fluency from emotional health to emotional ill-health then the consequences of which can be suicide and self-harm, then the understanding both theological and historical through to identifying how to respond and finally how to keep ourselves healthy. Organised by the Clogher Diocesan Board of Social Theology in Action. For more details contact Revd Charlie Eames, Chairman of the CDBSA to ceames@clogher.anglican.org or 02866347879.

Wednesday 26th November – **Aghavea Christmas Fair** at 8.00pm with a variety of stalls selling all manner of goods. Fun and games for all the family.

Wednesday 26th November – **Memorial Service** at 12 noon on the crash site at Drumcose for the nine airmen who died when their Catalina Flying Boat JX252 of 131 OTU Killadeas crashed at Drumcose on 26th November 1944.

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th November 2014 – **Christmas Tree Festival** in St Maeldoid's Parish, Castleblayney.
Saturday 29th November – Craft fair in Donacavey Parish Church Hall from 10.00am-4.00pm.

Saturday 29th November – **Parish Auction in Lisbellaw Parish Centre**.
Saturday 29th November – Annual Parish Sale and Coffee Morning in the New School, Rockcorry from 11.00am - 2.00pm.

Sunday 30th November – The First Sunday of Advent (violet)

Sunday 30th November – **Diocesan Advent Carol Service** at 7.00pm in Clogher Cathedral. The collection will go towards raising aid for Christians in Iraq.

December 2014

Monday 1st December – **Saint Andrew** (transferred) (red)

Monday 1st December – **County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society A.G.M.** at 3.00pm in Ballybay Church Hall.

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

Friday 5th December – **Annual Christmas Sale** in Clogh Hall.

Friday 5th December – **Gospel Concert** in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore featuring a variety of artists. In aid of Fields of Life.

Friday 5th December – **A Night of Carols with Churchill Silver Band** in Drum Parish Church at 8.00pm. Guest singer: Ms Stephanie Jebb & Friends. Festive supper served.

Saturday 6th December – **Car Wash : Coffee Morning : Cake Sale** from 10.00am in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore. In aid of Fields of Life.

Sunday 7th December – The Second Sunday of Advent (violet)

Sunday 7th December – **Christmas Service for people with**

learning disabilities at 3.00pm at Magheracross Parish Church. Groups and families are very welcome and refreshments are served afterwards in the Archdale Hall.

Thursday 11th December – **CMSI Prayer Focus** in the Coffee Lounge, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 8.00pm.

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th December 2014 – **'Call His name Jesus' A Festival of Flowers and Music to celebrate the birth of Jesus** in Fivemiletown Parish, presenting the scripture story of the birth of Jesus, the people involved and the various places and settings. Friday: 2-7pm; Saturday: 10am-7pm; Sunday: 2-7pm.

Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th December 2014 – **Christmas Tree Festival** in St. James' Church, Rockcorry: Saturday from 11.00am - 6.00pm; Sunday from 3.00pm - 7.30pm. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea available. Concluding with a Carol Service at 7.30pm.

Saturday 13th December – **Annual Sale of Work**: Clones Parish Church Christmas Fayre in the Creighton Hotel ballroom from 10.00am until 12.30pm. Home made Christmas Cakes and puddings and other cakes and goodies. Hand made wreaths and door decorations, firewood, potatoes and vegetables. Proceeds in aid of Church funds. The draw for the Christmas Hamper and other prizes will take place near the end of the sale.

Saturday 13th December – **Troy Coffee morning and Wreath sale**: from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 14th December – The Third Sunday of Advent (violet)

Sunday 21st December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent (violet)

Monday 22nd December – **A Winter's Tale in St Salvator's Church**, Glaslough, Co Monaghan at 8.00pm.

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

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

Friday 26th December – **Saint Stephen** (red or white)

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

Sunday 28th December – The First Sunday of Christmas (white or gold) or The Holy Innocents (white)

January 2015

Sunday 18th January – St Macartin's Cathedral Top 50 Hymns - The next 40! at 7.00pm in St Macartins Cathedral, Enniskillen.

February 2015

Wednesday 18th February – **Ash Wednesday**

Friday 20th February - Monday 2nd March 2015 – **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**. The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt. Revd John McDowell invites you to join with him on the Clogher diocesan pilgrimage 2015 to the Holy Land. For further details contact Canon David Skuce on 02867721250 or davidskuce@btinternet.com

Friday 27th February – **Ardess Parish Dinner Dance** in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

March 2015

Tuesday 17th March – **St Patrick's Day**

Sunday 29th March – Songs of Praise Service at 3.00pm in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey with Dr Philip Knowles, former Dean of Cashel.

April 2015

Friday 3rd April – **Good Friday**

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

May 2015

Thursday 7th - Saturday 9th May 2015 – **General Synod** in the City Hotel, Armagh.

Thursday 14th May – **Ascension Thursday**

Sunday 17th May – **Mullaghfad Annual Friends' Service** at 3.30pm.

Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th May 2015 – **Flower Festival celebrating "The Journey of Life"** in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey. The official opening will be conducted by Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht at 3.00pm and the opening service will commence at 8.00pm on Friday with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. The festival will remain open from 11.00am

– 7.00pm on Saturday and from 3.00pm – 7.00pm on Sunday. The Ven. Helene Steed will preach at the closing service at 7.00pm on Sunday. Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea and Pre-Booked Lunches will be available. For further details and bookings, please contact Marion on 0863976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

On-Line RB General Unit Trust Valuations Calculator

Unit prices for both RB General Unit Trust (RoI) and the RB General Unit Trust (NI) have been verified and added for Quarter 3, 2014 to www.ireland.anglican.org/valuations.

In order to use this calculator, you will need to know the number of units you hold in the Trust for the quarter you wish to value. You may then select either the NI or RoI trust, Year and Quarter to determine your holding at that quarter end. Historical valuations are held for each quarter, as far back as 2006. The RB General Unit Trusts were established on 1st January, 1991 with charitable status in order to provide vehicles for the investment of funds left to the RCB for parishes and dioceses or for the specific/general purpose of the Church of Ireland.

Irish Water

Water and wastewater services/charges (Republic of Ireland.) Irish Water which is the new national water utility in the Republic of Ireland is currently issuing Application Forms to every household asking them to indicate which (if any) Irish Water services they have and to apply for the appropriate free allowances by confirming their household details (i.e. household type, number of occupants, type of water/wastewater system and allowances).

The Commission for Energy Regulation (CER), following public consultation, announced its final decision on the level of water charges on 30th September 2014. The CER has set out its Assessed Charges for the water charging system and these are based on the assumption the first adult in the household will consume 66,000 litres of water per year and every additional adult occupant will consume another 21,000 litres per year. Other important points to note are:-

- A free allowance of 30,000 litres per household, with extra free allowance of 21,000 litres per child.

- A rate of €4.88 per thousand litres for households that use both water services and wastewater services or €2.44 per thousand litres if only one service is used.
- Domestic Water Charges are being introduced in the Republic of Ireland from 1st October 2014 in respect of the users of water supply and wastewater disposal.
- The Annual Assessed Charge for the period 1st October 2014 to 31st December 2016 for households of different sizes, after the allowances have been applied, are as follows:-

Number of Adult Occupants	Annual Assessed Charge	
	For a Single Service: Water or Wastewater	For Combined Service: Water and Wastewater
1	€88	€176
2	€139	€278
3	€190	€381
4	€242	€483
5	€293	€586

The CER has decided to extend the proposed cap on all customer charges from 6 months to 9 months. This means that if a household has a meter installed, the billing will be on the metered consumption from the date of installation of the meter (or 1st October 2014 if the meter is installed before this date) provided it is less than the assessed charge, but otherwise the household will pay the assessed charge for 9 months. This is a consumer protection measure to allow users to get used to metered water charges and make adjustments to reduce consumption and control their bills. Details can be found on their website www.cer.ie It is important that the Parish Select Vestry have ensured all occupiers of parish property utilising a water supply

and/or wastewater disposal service have completed the Application Form provided by Irish Water by Friday 31st October 2014 to maintain continuity of supply. The first bills for water charges will issue in January 2015. Details can be found on the Irish Water website www.water.ie

Stone Pillar Caps

Stone pillar caps have recently been stolen from at least two churches in the diocese. Parishes are advised to check that any valuable pillar caps and any other valuable architectural features on church property are well secured as a means of reducing the risk of theft.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Training Day



A very successful Training Day for Branch leaders, secretaries and treasurers was held on 13th September at 10.00am in the Killyhevlin Hotel. 49 members attended representing 70% of branches. The Revd Rob Clements, curate of St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen conducted the opening worship. An outline of the structure of the MU at Diocesan, All Ireland, World Wide levels and the role of the Trustee Body was given by Mrs Diane Whittaker. Mrs Geraldine Beattie (Indoor Members), Mrs Doreen Earls (World Wide), and Mrs Myrtle Allen in the absence of Mrs Heather Harper (Enterprise) gave short presentations on their roles within the Trustee Body.

Mid-day Prayers were led by Dr Margaret Knox. After lunch, Dr Knox spoke on the Theme for 2015 "United in Prayer". She then gave hints and ideas in the event that a speaker failed to turn up - "Help no Speaker".

At the end of the meeting there was an opportunity for "Any Questions". Dr Knox concluded with a "Litany of Thanksgiving".

Young Women's Conference

Oil and perfume rejoice the heart; so does the sweetness of a friend's counsel that comes from the heart". Proverbs 27:9 Sowing Friendship....



Alison Breen and Ann Patterson enjoying a hand massage



Lynn Winslow and Ruth Collum

A One Day Conference for Young Women was held on the 4th October in the Killyhevlin Hotel. The theme of the conference was 'Sowing Friendship' and ladies attended from all over Northern Ireland and also from Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan. The Day Conference began with Jackie Armstrong, All Ireland Faith and Policy, speaking on Friendship, this was then followed by Wendy McCullagh who demonstrated a hand and arm massage. Everyone enjoyed the benefits of the massage.

After a wonderful lunch the ladies spent the afternoon creating a fabric brooch under the watchful eye of Lynn Winslow, Action and Outreach Clogher Diocese. The afternoon concluded with Rosalind Bloomfield giving a closing discussion on 'MU Unwrapped'.
The Day conference was a great success!

60th Anniversary Service for Tempo and Clabby

On Tuesday 14th October 2014 Tempo and Clabby Branches held a Service in Clabby Church to celebrate the founding of the branches. The Service was conducted by the Rector, Canon Maurice Armstrong, the lessons were read by Mrs Cynthia White and Mrs Pamela Nixon. Occasional prayers were read by the President, Dr Margaret

Knox. The Organist was Miss Audrey Woods and the Preacher was Rt Revd John McDowell. After the Service a lovely supper was served in the Parish Hall. The Bishop showed the company a pair of socks which had been knit by his mother-in-law for a MU competition in Connor Diocese in the 1950's. Not the usual type of socks, but brightly coloured with the MU logo on the side!
Mrs Anne Armstrong read a short history of the branch, not many details exist because there are no old minutes. Branches take note and look after the minute books!
Mrs Patricia Foy was presented with a long service certificate for 61 years (Mrs Foy had been a member in a Cavan Branch before coming to live in Tempo). The celebration cake was cut by Dr Margaret Knox, Mrs Lavinia Woods (Branch Leader), Mrs Patricia Foy and Mrs Nancy Allen.

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

Bishops' Appeal

During the early days of the outbreak of Ebola, Bishops' Appeal released €5,000 to support the efforts of the Leprosy Mission and local partners in Liberia and Guinea to provide protective equipment for hospital staff responding to the virus. To date, an alarming percentage of the victims have been health workers. A protective suit costs £4/€5. Bishops' Appeal is now acting as a conduit for funds that will be directed to safeguarding frontline health workers in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone through the provision of protective equipment. Individuals, parishes and dioceses are invited to respond by sending donations to Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal

The final date for leaving boxes at Drumkeeran Parish Hall, Tubrid, Kesh for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box appeal is 26th November at the latest, preferably earlier as the boxes must be sorted and prepared for delivery to reach the needy before Christmas.

Ireland Team Leader

Crosslinks is seeking to appoint an Ireland Team Leader based within easy reach of Belfast, to lead the All-Ireland staff team in serving churches, members, individuals and groups, primarily of the Church of Ireland, in their engagement in God's mission of 'salvation to the ends of the earth.'

Applications are welcome from any mature Christian (a genuine occupational requirement under Section 7 (3) of the Employment Equality [Religion and Belief] Regulations 2003) who:

- is willing to work within the stipulations of the Crosslinks Ethos Statement and the Strategy papers
- has a heart for God's mission
- is enthusiastic, faithful, and a gifted communicator of the Scriptures

A full job description, declaration of belief and application form are available to download by going to www.crosslinks.org/staff-vacancy

All enquiries and applications to Giles Rawlinson, Operations Director, email gawlinson@crosslinks.org telephone 02026916111. Closing date for applications 21st November 2014 for interviews in early December.

Kindfund

The recent visit of children from Kindfund Kenya to Northern Ireland concluded on Sunday 19th October with a Celebration of Praise in St Macartin's Cathedral and St Michael's Church, Enniskillen. The children sang for a packed cathedral, together with the choirs of Holy Trinity Primary School, The Model Primary School, and St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

From 25th September to 20th October Kindfund celebrated 10 years of work and witness in Northern Kenya by bringing 24 children and 2 leaders from the Kindfund children's homes in Kenya to reach out to communities in Northern Ireland. Some shared their life stories, others performed drama, and the children brought the joy, enthusiasm & movement

that is characteristic of Kenyan Christian worship to all they encountered. During the past decade the charity has done much to alleviate poverty and enhance the lives of people, especially children, in northern Kenya. Initiatives such as children's homes, provision of consumable water and food, healthcare and education are a few examples of the actions delivered through Kindfund in some of the poorest and most isolated rural communities in Kenya.



The children visited many churches of various denominations, schools and communities whilst in Northern Ireland, and a number of parishes in the diocese hosted services and other events that the children participated in. These included the Fountain Centre in Kesh where they joined with children from Kesh Primary School and St Joseph's Primary School, Ederney, morning services in Ardess and Trory, and the Harvest service in Drumkeeran. Trory Parish also hosted a boat trip on the Lady of the Lake and a meal at the parish hall, after which the children participated in various games and activities. Two of the children who were on the trip were celebrating their birthdays and there were special birthday cakes for them.



The Celebration of Praise event opened with the well-known hymn Amazing Grace followed by a word of welcome and prayers led by Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly. The children from Kindfund Kenya sang a number of songs before Mr Ken Dobbin spoke about the background of Kindfund and the work that it undertakes, and the blessing that God has brought to many in Northern Kenya through Kindfund.



Mr Ken Dobbin of Kindfund

The Cathedral Choir sang God's Choir, everyone joined in the hymn What a friend we have in Jesus, which was followed by the choir of Holy Trinity Primary School Choir, directed by their teacher Miss Orla Doody, singing We're following Jesus and There's unity in the Trinity.



Holy Trinity Primary School Choir conducted by Orla Doody

The congregation had another opportunity to join in the singing, this time in a medley of three hymns: Abide with me, Be thou my vision and Nearer my God to thee. The Model Primary School Choir, directed by Ms Jayne Haslett, sang The Lord's Prayer and Sing!, after which everyone joined in the African hymn We are marching in the light of God. During this hymn the children led the congregation in a procession from St Macartin's Cathedral across Church Street to St Michael's Church.



The Model Primary School Choir conducted by Jayne Hazlett

In St Michael's, with its amazing acoustics, the Children from Kindfund Kenya again sang a number of songs including a dramatized rendition

of How can you say no to this man, during which the passion of Christ's Crucifixion was retold.



The children also sang I the Lord of sea and sky with everyone singing along in the chorus Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? The Kenyan children sang Give me J-E-S-U-S before being joined at the front of St Michael's by the children from Holy Trinity Primary School and the Model Primary School to sing Lord the light of your love is shining. Before the final hymn, To God be the Glory, the Cathedral Choir sang an Irish Blessing.



Everyone was invited for refreshments afterwards in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, where there was an opportunity to meet the Kenyan children and the Kindfund team, and there were many emotional goodbyes to the kids who have made such an impact in their time here. After the celebration the children began the long return journey to Kenya.



Thank you to all who generously contributed to the work of Kindfund during the recent outreach visit and on other occasions during the past decade.



Thanks to everyone who made the Celebration of Praise event possible, to Dean Kenneth Hall and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly for their warm welcome and to all who helped at both St Macartin's and St Michael's, to the pupils and staff of Holy Trinity Primary School and the Model Primary School, to their respective conductors Miss Orla Doody and Ms Jayne Haslett, to the members of St Macartin's Cathedral Choir, to those who provided hospitality and refreshments, to all involved in the work of Kindfund and their outreach here.



Further information on Kindfund can be found at www.kindfund.com



(Photographs courtesy of Jonathan Frazer)

YOUTH NEWS

Bologna Trip

by James Saunderson, Inishmacsaint Parish

I spent from 7 -23 June in Bologna, home to (arguably) the oldest university in the world, where I and a group of seven others from my church in Durham helped Gianpaulo, pastor of Forte Torre church in Bologna (hereafter 'JP') and his wife, Sue to run a kids' camp. I along with my friends Jonny and Will, who spoke fluent Italian (which turned out to be very helpful), stayed with an elderly woman called Rita, who didn't speak a word of English!



Camp days were extremely busy: Will, Jonny and I had to leave Rita's by 6:45 to reach the church building. There was then breakfast followed by prayer at 7:30, and the camp began at 8 as children arrived. The camp continued until 6 as parents collected children, and clean-up and further prayer took a further hour.

Throughout the camp we were studying the book of Daniel, seeing the Lord's sovereignty in all things and that, in the words of the overarching slogan of this fortnight of Camp Torricine, 'the God of Daniel endures forever'. It was encouraging to see some of the children's misperceptions about salvation being challenged as many were reading a Bible for the first time. It was also wonderful to hear that a boy called Jacobo has decided to read the Bible for himself. The English lessons were a lot of fun, for both children and leaders, with one of us up front singing specially formulated repetitive songs to help the children remember the verses, then testing them, awarding points to their competition groups, which were named after Mr Men! Each day also included afternoon games, trips to the park and the reading of a Mr Men story, which I did for the first week. Every Monday to Friday after the camp we ate at the house of a member of the congregation. It was wonderful to share in fellowship with our Italian brothers and sisters as they fed us (rather well!) and encouraged us in Christ.

I also had the privilege of taking various sessions on how to teach children and on the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. It is vital to know the context into which one is ministering the gospel, and thus these sessions have been incredibly useful tools, which I can use to be more effective in evangelism not just in Italy, but also at home.

Moreover, we spent every Sunday experiencing church services at Forte Torre, hearing sermons on Exodus, which gave me a renewed insight into the Old Testament and its gospel significance. The church services were very different

from what we would be accustomed to back home. The congregation contained only twenty people and was not in a typical sort of 'church' building, but a warehouse instead; Evangelicalism is not considered an established religion, in contrast to the pervasive Roman Catholic influence in Italy. Evangelical churches do not receive any sort of state funding or tax break so that obtaining buildings is very difficult. However, JP and Sue remain hopeful of purchasing a new and bigger building in the centre of the city, and much of the Diocesan Board and Youth Council's generous contributions went towards the building fund.



Hymns were of course in Italian, typically three original Italian hymns and one translated from English, which made singing a little easier! A piece of bread was passed around and each of us tore off a bit, and small plastic beakers were passed around containing wine, so that the whole congregation could partake of the Lord's Supper together at the end. JP, who spent his childhood in Italy, preached in Italian through Exodus, though thankfully he gave us an English translation of the main points. Prayers were said in English and Italian, underlining the fact that the gospel is for every nation (Matthew 28:19). On the last Sunday, JP and Sue were back in England, so one of the men of the church preached instead, and it was wonderful to see such a willingness to serve on his part. We also discovered that the church is named 'Forte Torre' because of Proverbs 18:10 – 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower...'. Consistent with this theme, the camp was called 'Torricine' – 'little towers'. We had Saturdays off each week, visiting Verona, home to Romeo and Juliet, where we had a wonderful time climbing a tall tower, and visiting the amphitheatre there. We also visited Venice, which was beautiful, and replete with tourists. We were able to share the gospel with two American tourists; we just pray that God would use our weak effort to open their eyes.

It was with a heavy heart that I left Bologna. I had grown to know and love the children we had spent the week with and I pray that many would come along to the new after school club JP and Sue are organising in September and that their parents would settle into Forte Torre.

The thing that has really stood out for me on this trip has been the godliness of JP and Sue: they are prayerful in everything, and despite the mammoth task of evangelism they face (there are, for example just a handful of Christian students out of 100,000 in Bologna) they keep persevering. JP and Sue have comparatively few resources at their disposal, but what they do have in abundance is a passion for the lost and faith in the promises of God, which is more than enough.

It is JP's ambition that there will be ten evangelical churches in Bologna within the next few decades; please pray for this objective, and that Forte Torre may acquire a new building in a central location, and that the children and their parents would come to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and settle into Forte Torre - hopefully the first steps in a gospel revolution.

Moreover, I thank God that we know that people from all over the world will be united in eternity worshipping His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God slain for all those who put their trust in him (Revelation 7).

This article was incorrectly attributed in last month's edition.

GLO - Clogher Diocesan Youth Council Event

by Jonny Phenix, DYO



I can't remember exactly when that moment of concern and trepidation turned into ecstatic joy and engagement but it probably was when the first drop of raspberry syrup landed on his face. The halls had been decorated and the ultra violet lights lit. The speaker had arrived, the band was all but set and we, dear youth leaders, were dressed in an assortment of colourful luminous outfits. This was GLO and the introductory games had begun!

Our theme GLO (God's Light Overcomes) for the evening was based on John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." This was the very first CDYC rural deanery event hosted by Clogher rural deanery and in particular by the young people and leaders of the SNATCH and CONNECT youth groups. What was happening was the culmination of much planning, prayer and preparation by these groups as they hosted the event

in the St. John's parish halls, Fivemiletown in the growing darkness with rustling leaves on the second last Saturday in October.

But to get back to the raspberry syrup! As the young people, over ninety of them, arrived they were invited to participate in a variety of fun games. I was watching the one where you stood on a chair, dipped a marshmallow into raspberry syrup and tried to then drop it into your partners open mouth as they lay below you on the floor! The hall was filled by the sound of young people who having entered somewhat gingerly, were now laughing and screeching as they watched and participated in the games. Young people painting faces with glow paint, sliding across the floor head first in sleeping bags, thrusting their heads into flour in search of sweets and generally having an awful lot of fun!

The evening had started extremely well and as we all cleaned up, adjusted our outfits and laughed a bit more at each other we moved across the hall to enter an Aladdin's Cave of ultra Violet and light decoration. The Revd Gary McMurray welcomed the young people and the evening continued with worship and the very able Mark Ferguson band who lead us through a number of well known and new praise songs. Our young people responded warmly to this lead and there was a suitable atmosphere of worship and calm as our speaker, Revd James Boyd took the floor to deliver his address. James spoke of his own experience of faith as a young person and how trusting in Christ and being bold enough to be a witness to His grace in our lives is so very important. He drew together the aspects of the event very well as he reflected on how we had been witnessing all evening the impact of glowing light on the darkness around it. His message was that we allow Christ to set us alight and to give us the power to shine for Him. Significantly James underlined how when we allow the darkness of hurts, sin and broken relationships to enter our lives we experience the loss of the brightness God has planned for us. He concluded by asking the young people to cast off darkness and to walk in Christ's light. It was humbling to see their positive response to this challenge.

Later over supper we ate our chips, sipped our refreshments and reflected on what had been a highly worthwhile event. It was rewarding to see the glow on the faces of our young people as they said their farewells, giggled and laughed at each others faces and outfits one last time and dashed into the darkness to climb into cars and buses heading back to their worlds. Going back to their reality but with a newfound enthusiasm to live as shining witnesses for Christ, knowing that whatever they faced in the days ahead He had promised to give them the power to glow for Him. All they had to do was ask!

Sad as it was to see all the brightness and colour removed from the halls at the end of the evening. We as leaders were heartened in our cleaning and tidying labours with the thought that we all would be together again at the next CDYC rural deanery event in St Patrick's Monaghan when Clones and Monaghan deaneries were hosting the next event, "Amaze". There is such reward in working with young people as they bring joy, energy and enthusiasm to our life of faith together. Many grateful thanks are due to the unnamed youth leaders of the Clogher rural deanery who gave so much time energy and effort to enthuse our diocesan young people. We, like them, can all glow with Christ's light!

CHURCH TO CHURCH SOCIAL

Featuring 'BB' Socials

Friday 14th November

8pm - 10.30pm

**Derryvullen North Parish Hall
Church Street, Irvinestown**

£5
(includes drink
and crisps or
chocolate)



BUS PICK UPS
in Garrison,
Belleek, Tubrid,
Lack and Kesh

All Secondary School Young People Welcome

Bus times and Routes are as follows: (Cost £2)

- Garrison 6:45pm and 11:40pm - Chapel Car Park
- Belleek 6:55pm and 11:30pm - Church/Clock
- Turbid 7:20pm and 11:05pm - Church Hall
- Kesh 7:35pm and 10:55pm - Lack Road Roundabout
- Lack 7:45pm and 10:45pm - Telephone Box and Main Street
- Irvinestown 8pm and 10.30pm

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conferences

The Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conferences are taking place on Saturday 15th November 2014 in Belfast and Saturday 22nd November in Dublin. The topic this year is Messy Church and the speaker is Lucy Moore the founder of Messy church. Children's ministry leaders are encouraged to consider coming along. Brochures were circulated to all clergy in September; full information including a booking form is available at <http://www.buildingblocks.ie/>

On Friday 14th November at 12 noon a lunch-time seminar by Lucy Moore on the topic of Messy Church has been arranged for clergy. It is taking place in the Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Belfast from 12 noon to 2.00pm. The cost is £5 and includes lunch. Clergy interested in coming along should book online at <https://www.presbyterianireland.org/Training-Events/Events/Messy-Church-Ministers-Lunch?eventType=2>

CDBRE Sunday School Teacher Training – September 2014

"Father Abraham... had many sons..." was sung with great gusto and the actions performed with enthusiasm by Sunday School teachers at the two recent training events organised by Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education!

A total of 79 Sunday School teachers and clergy representing 26 parishes in the diocese attended over the two nights – in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge on Tuesday 23rd September and in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan the following evening, Wednesday 24th September.

Training was provided by Julie Currie, the Diocesan Children's Officer in the diocese of Down & Dromore. Julie's own practical experience coupled with her friendly, lively presentation style made these very enjoyable and beneficial evenings for all present.

Julie provided ideas, resources, programme planning suggestions and strategies to strengthen and improve children's ministry. These included a 'self-registration' board for use at the opening and closing of each Sunday school session, a visual 'task board' to help keep children focused, ideas on teaching memory verses and songs as well as calendar templates for planning purposes and thoughts on helping children pray and minister to others. The visual aids for teaching the Ten Commandments were particularly effective.

Sunday School teachers were also given an overview of the two Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education (CDBRE) competitions – the Bishop's Medal and the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and were given an opportunity to suggest how interest in these competitions could be extended.

Thanks to the two host parishes for providing excellent facilities as well as refreshments at the end of the evenings. Thank you also to everyone who attended the evenings - we trust you have been encouraged and enthused for the weeks and months ahead in your important work in children's ministry.



Catching up over a cup of tea at the Sunday School teacher training in Maguiresbridge



Sunday School teachers from County Monaghan

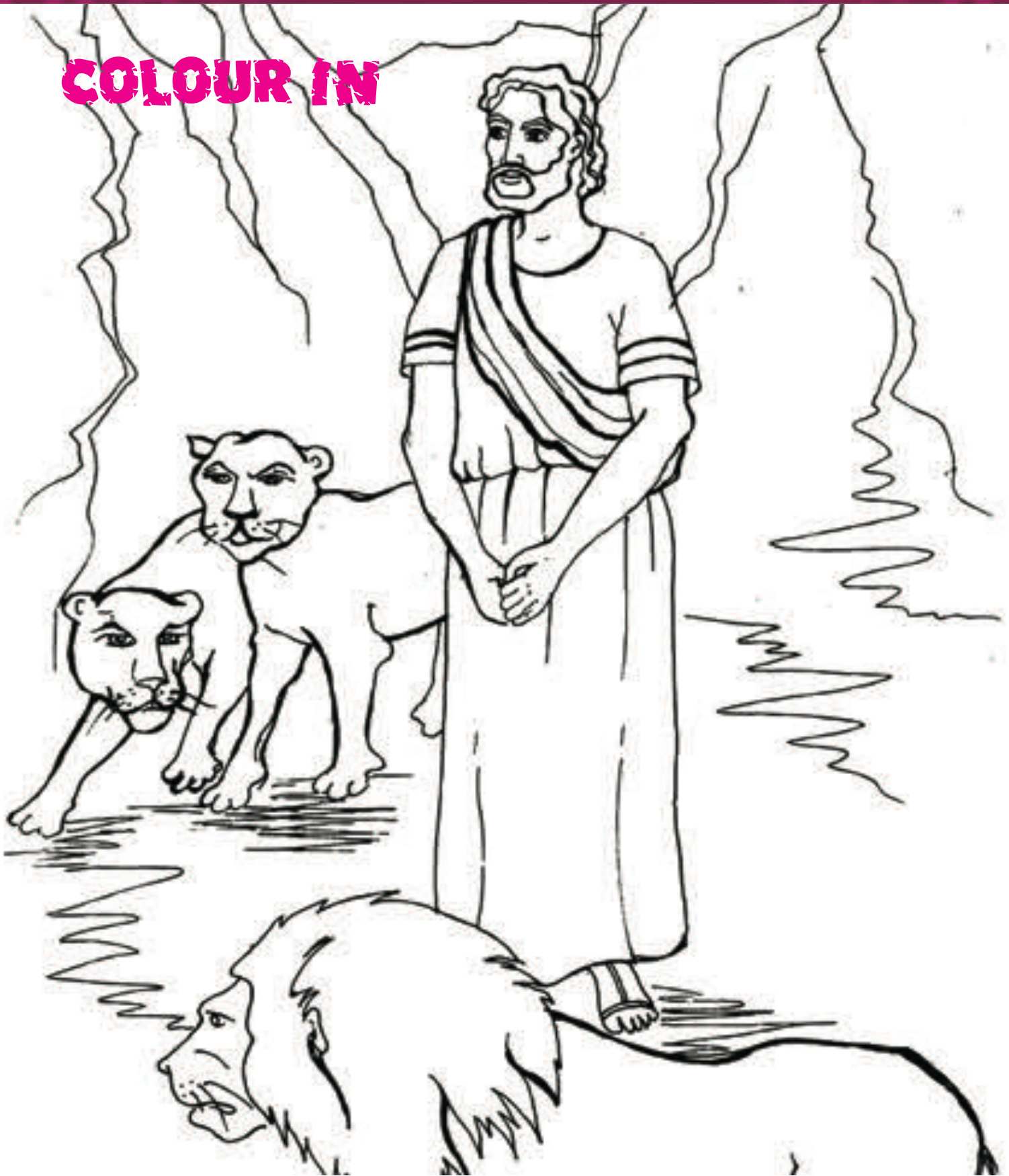


Sunday School Teachers at Maguiresbridge training



Singing Father Abraham in Monaghan

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DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN (YOU CAN READ THIS IN DANIEL CHAPTER 6)

Sometimes people don't like it when you always do what is good and right – maybe they are jealous or maybe it's because it makes THEM look bad. That's what happened to Daniel.

Daniel came to Babylon and each king liked Daniel because he was honest and hardworking. The new king's name was Darius and he also liked Daniel. He knew that Daniel was a good worker so he decided to put Daniel in charge of the whole country. The other servants of the king were very jealous of Daniel and they tried to find something that would get Daniel fired. These men knew that the only way they could get him to disobey the king was if they made a law against God. So they went to King Darius and said, "O great king, you are so wonderful that everyone should only pray to you." The king thought this was a great idea. Then the men added, "Anyone that prays to any other god should be thrown into the lions' den."

When Daniel heard about the new law he did what he always did. He went home to a room upstairs and

opened the windows that looked out over the city. Three times that day he went down on his knees and prayed to God just like he always had. The men went to Daniel's house and found him praying so they ran straight to the king and told him, "Daniel is ignoring your law." When the king heard this he was very sad. He really liked Daniel and he didn't want him to die. He tried everything to get the law changed to stop Daniel from being thrown in the lions' den but the law could not be changed.

So the king gave the order, and Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. That night King Darius couldn't sleep as he was so worried for Daniel. The next day the king got up and ran to the lions' den. As he got closer he shouted, "Daniel, has your God who you serve and pray to rescued you from the lions?" The king waited. Then Daniel said, "My God sent an angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. I am safe." Daniel was lifted from the den and there wasn't even a scratch on him because he put his trust in God. The king knew that the men had tricked him into punishing Daniel so he punished them. After that the king made a new law and he said, "Daniel's God is great, and I order that everyone in my kingdom must respect the Lord God, who rescued Daniel from the hungry lions."

FIND THE WORDS FROM THE STORY IN THE WORDSEARCH

(the words might go up, down, forwards, backwards or diagonally)

- DARIUS
- BABYLON
- TRUST
- DANIEL
- GOD
- PRAYED
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- DEN
- ANGEL
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USE THE CODE BREAKER TO FIND OUT HOW DANIEL WAS KEPT SAFE.

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Daniel 6:23 (NIV)

Daniel refused to take the easy way out and abandon God. When you have something difficult to do will you trust God to keep you safe if you do the right thing? Will you be as brave as Daniel?

COMMUNITY NEWS

The PSNI joins Church Leaders in Asking Everyone to Take Care on Our Roads



The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh, the Revd Trevor Gribben, Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, Assistant Chief Constable Stephen Martin, the Revd Dr Donald Watts, President of Irish Council of Churches and the Revd Peter Murray, President of the Methodist Church.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland has joined with the leaders of the churches in asking everyone to take care on our roads.

Following a meeting at the end of September Assistant Chief Constable Stephen Martin said: "So far this year 62 people have lost their lives as a result of a road traffic collision in Northern Ireland. It is vitally important that as we move into the autumn and winter months we reinforce the need for everyone to use the roads safely and responsibly. I welcome the support of the churches in Northern Ireland in helping us spread the word across all congregations about the importance of road safety. Our message is simple; slow down, wear your seatbelt, pay attention to what is happening around you and never drive after drinking or taking drugs." Speaking on behalf of the church leaders, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Revd Peter Murray said: "The loss of a life in any circumstance is a tragedy but sadly most, if not all road deaths, could be prevented if people took more care. Making sure the roads are safe for everyone is a responsibility we all must bear and we will remind our congregations to take personal responsibility for their own behaviour and ask them to pray for those who have lost loved ones."

Restoring Relationships

In forming an attachment with a partner we all hope and even long to experience a happy, secure and loving relationship. Unfortunately for many however this is not what is ultimately experienced. The relationship which seemed to hold so much promise at the beginning ends

up a source of disappointment, hurt, confusion and misunderstanding.

It often seems a powerless place to be: stuck we can't see how to change the familiar patterns so toxic to our relationship. "If only my partner would change, things would be better" many lament. Yet so much power to change does lie with us.

We have 50% of the power in this as in every relationship we are in and how we use it is crucial, it affects the whole system, ourselves, our partner and the relationship we share together.

Good communication is key. A conscious response instead of a reflex knee jerk reaction is needed. Taking responsibility and making amends for what we can work out we may have done to cause hurt to our partner or for what our partner challenges us with is important. Even if there is only a part, a grain of truth in what we can identify with that is being communicated to us, take ownership of and responsibility for that. Our partner is much more likely to feel heard, understood and responded to in a way that allows the emotional intensity to be reduced.

If we ourselves need to challenge our partner then how we communicate is the key to our success. Complain not criticise, if possible. Owning how we feel and what we need. Using "I" statements is potentially far more effective than the more commonly used "you are; you always; you never". Owning how we feel and what we need in this way leaves our partner more likely to stay connected to us and hear us rather than either withdraw from us or attack back in defensiveness. A potentially destructive episode can be avoided and our partner may actually be motivated to do things differently in the future.

Most of us have a habit of challenging our partner about what they don't do enough of for us or do to irritate or annoy us. We don't however in equal measure share our appreciation of those things our partner does that we feel good about. Challenging ourselves to be mindful of opportunities to express our appreciation is a useful way of opening our minds to the positive experiences we have in our relationship. It also potentially reinforces those things that feel good; as our partner hears us affirm them he/she is more likely to repeat them.

Doing little things we know our partner appreciates is also useful; we do for them what they feel good about and loved because of and so connection is enhanced.

Making regular space to share some quality time together is also very important. Most couples start out spending time having fun together and this can wane over time as life's demands take over. Going out for a meal, going for a walk, doing some gardening, playing a sport, having a weekend away, whatever it is as a couple that you enjoy and allows you to connect in each other's company is very relationship enhancing.

Perhaps it is consciousness that counts after all, the more we practise new ways of moving in our relationship the more we reinforce them and over time it comes more naturally. With all of this we influence ourselves and model something healthy for our partner.

In essence we ultimately facilitate the restoration of our own relationship.

Authored by Sarah Bevan. Sarah is one of the counsellors working on behalf of the Church of Ireland Marriage Council. She, together with the other counsellors, offers both marriage preparation courses and couple counselling. Details can be found on the Church of Ireland Marriage website: www.towardsmarriage.com

Fermanagh Older People's Health and Safety Event

Fermanagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership in conjunction with the South West Age Partnership will host an Older People's Health and Safety Event on Tuesday 4 November 2014 in the Killyhelvin Hotel, Enniskillen. The event will be open from 10.30am until 1.30pm with free admission, entertainment and refreshments. The event will be organised around a series of short presentations on aspects of health and safety. A number of exhibitors will be present who can provide facilities or services which will inform or enhance the quality of life of those attending. Lunch will be provided. As space is limited it is essential you book your places for your club and its members. Please contact Allison Forbes on 028 82251824.

Northern Ireland Piping & Drumming School

The Enniskillen Centre is based at Portora Royal School, and classes run every Saturday from 10.00am to 12.30pm through to March 2015. Courses on offer include: Music Theory – Grades 1 to 8. Practical Piping – Grades 1 to 5. Practical Drumming – Grades 1 to 8. Bass & Tenor – Grades 1 to 5. Drum Majors Proficiency. Highland Dancing. Additional classes planned include Beginners Piobaireachd and Advanced Drumming. This year students are being offered the opportunity to enter London College of Music examinations in Scottish traditional music based on their performance syllabus. Student ensemble performance at every level will also be encouraged to apply their learning and increase confidence. Candidates may be prepared for SQA examinations (PDQB) up to Level 4 on request. Candidates may also be entered for GCSE Performance Skills. Level 3 carries UCAS points. School Certificates may be used for accreditation towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. For further information please contact Cecil Jones, Centre Co-ordinator on 075 33979404 or email cecil@nipds.org

Make Your Home Warmer This Winter

If your loft hasn't been insulated within the last 8 years you may be eligible for free insulation if you own your home or rent privately and receive a qualifying benefit or tax credit.

Contact the Warm Homes Team for information and advice on insulation and central heating. Call 0800 9880559 or visit the website www.warm-homes.com

Financial Stress?

Rural Support could help you by providing free, confidential face-to-face support, easing the burden of dealing with debt, helping you identify a way forward and supporting you to take action. To speak to someone in confidence contact the helpline on 0845 6067607. The helpline is available from 8.00am – 11.00pm, 7 days a week (voicemail and support options available at all other times). Email info@ruralsupport.org.uk Website: www.ruralsupport.org.uk

The Source Programme

Do you need support or guidance in finding employment? The source programme is a confidential mentoring service that works with people who struggle to find work due to employment barriers such as criminal convictions or history of alcohol/drug misuse, or who have recently left care or are currently homeless. Contact your local mentor Ciara on 079 25226993 to make a referral.

Environmental Funding for Community Groups

Grow Wild is awarding funding of £1,000 to £4,000 to community groups that want to bring people together to transform a communal space by sowing and growing UK native plants. In the UK we've lost 97% of wild flower meadows in the last 50 years. This not only means less colour in our lives but it is impacting on populations of butterflies, bees, pollinating bugs and birds. If your group has an inspiring idea to rejuvenate an unloved space into a wildlife friendly wild flower haven, then apply to Grow Wild before Tuesday 2 December 2014. Find out more information online at www.growwilduk.com/community-project-funding Fermanagh District Council's Environment Officer is keen to hear from any groups that are interested in applying. If your community group needs guidance or advice on completing your application please contact the Environment Officer Imelda McCarron on 028 66325050 or email imelda.mccarron@fermanagh.gov.uk

Irish School of Ecumenics Course: Faith and Politics

Dr Johnston McMaster from the Irish School of Ecumenics will be in Enniskillen to give a course entitled Faith and Politics We Always Have With Us! This course, which begins on Thursday 13th November, will centre on the biblical stories carved in stone on the ancient Clonmacnoise Cross and explore what it means today to live faithfully in a world of faith and politics. It will be held in Enniskillen Library between 8pm and 10pm on the following evenings:
13th November - Putting Down the Marker Together: The Story of the Abbot and the High King.
20th November - Entering the City on a Donkey: The Politics of Peace.

27th November - Resurrection Over the Sleeping Soldiers: God's indicating Yes in the Face of Empire.

4th December - Faith and Politics in the Middle East.

11th December - Christ as Lord of the Cosmos: Subverting All Political Domination Systems.

To book your place at these exciting seminars, please email Karen Nicholson at cenisec@tcd.ie phone 02890775010 or write to her at Irish School of Ecumenics, 683 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 4EG.

Fermanagh Churches Forum AGM

The AGM of the Fermanagh Churches Forum will be held on Tuesday 25th November in the Bridge Centre, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Speakers will include Glenn Harvey, the Irish Churches Peace Project (ICPP) local Good Relations Officer and a senior church person representing the ICPP Steering Group. All are, as always, very welcome.

Please think about whether you would be able to help the Forum by joining the management committee at this year's AGM. We are in need of new committee members, as several of those who have served for many years will need to step down, or have already done so. The committee meets only eight or nine times per year, meetings are very friendly, and there's no need for any special skills or experience. If you have benefited from Forum activities, or look forward to doing so, please consider contributing in this way. To find out more, please contact any of the current committee members. www.fermanaghchurchesforum.org

Tea Dance

Dylan Quinn Dance will be running Tea Dances for 55+ of all abilities throughout Autumn/Winter 2014. The Tea Dances will take place every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at the Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen. The fabulous Paul Cotton will be calling the dances and he can help improve or begin your dancing. It's an honesty box door policy so you can pay whatever you can afford. There's tea and scones too! For more information call Helen on 02866328686.

Churches' Community Work Alliance (NI) AGM

This year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 12th November commencing at 12noon to 1.00pm, finishing with lunch. The venue is Skainos, 239 Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 1AF.

The speaker this year is Dr Duncan Morrow, Lecturer and Director of Community Engagement, University of Ulster. Dr Morrow's topic will be "The Good Friday Agreement – Is there a Role for People of Faith"?

Following the conclusion of the AGM the opening of the Belonging photographic exhibition will take place which is being hosted at Skainos for a month. Further details about the Belonging exhibition can be found at <http://www.thebelongingproject.org/>.

Also, as part of the day, a workshop will be held from 2.00pm to 3.00pm looking at diversity, belonging

and identity based round the portraits on display. This workshop is entirely optional.

Commemorating the Contribution of Irish Church Lads to the Great War

The Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade are embarking on a project to commemorate the contribution of Irish Church Lads to The Great War. Brigade lads from Ireland, joined with members from all parts of the world, to provide a remarkable story involving great courage and sacrifice.

It is estimated that a quarter of a million former members of the CLB volunteered for service during The Great War. Virtually every Brigade member of appropriate age joined the Colours immediately. Many younger lads lied about their age and soon found themselves facing danger at the front.

Hundreds of Brigade lads from Belfast, over one hundred from Limerick, and dozens more from Armagh, Ballymena, Cork, Drogheda, Enniskillen, Lisburn, Londonderry, Portadown and Portrush joined up, eager to do their duty. Those who wavered were told by the Chief Staff Officer, Walter Gee, 'Don't hesitate. For Church and Country throw up your job and be a man.'

Mostly they fought with the famous Irish regiments but many served with English or Scottish regiments. Others, who had emigrated to Australia, Canada or New Zealand in search of a better life, returned to fight with the armed forces of their adopted countries.

Along with more than a thousand others from Britain, men from Cork, Limerick and Portrush helped to form the 16th (Service) Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. The CLB Battalion was so highly regarded that it was often treated like a regular battalion. Out of seven Distinguished Conduct Medals awarded to members of the Battalion, two went to Portrush men Sergeant Major Harry Hamilton and Corporal George Bothwell.

By the end of the war, 20,000 Church Lads had been killed and another 20,000 wounded. Over 1,000 decorations for bravery had been awarded, including 21 Victoria Crosses. The French Government presented Brigade Headquarters with a Diplome D'Honneur in recognition of the contribution of the CLB to the War Effort.

The Project

The centenary of the outbreak of war is an appropriate time to remember the sacrifices of these brave men. The Brigade's planned project has a number of elements - the provision of a War Memorial Banner, the publication of a book, research into the life of a soldier and the design of a commemorative badge to be worn in uniform.

In 1921, the St. Martin's Banner was dedicated and placed into the care of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey in memory of those who had been killed. At the time, members of the Brigade were asked to contribute one penny towards its cost.

Our members will be asked to contribute one pound to provide a new banner in memory of Irish Church Lads who were killed. The banner will be dedicated at a special service and in the ensuing years will have a treasured place at important Brigade occasions. It is hoped that the

banner will be displayed in parish churches throughout Ireland.

A book, 'Irish Church Lads in the Great War', is to be published. Much is already known about CLB men from this island, such as the story of Sergeant Major Harry Hamilton of the 16th K.R.R.C. who, hearing the cries of a wounded colleague, left the trenches to rescue his comrade, was then himself seriously wounded and sent back to a hospital in England to recuperate. This brave soldier was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. However, our knowledge is far from complete. Recently, quite by accident, the story of George Bolster from Cork emerged following contact with a family member. Following his father's death, George emigrated to Canada and settled in St. Mary's, a small town near London, Ontario. He enlisted and returned to Europe with the 3rd Battalion Canadian Machine Gun Corps and was killed in action in Arras, France, on 26th August 1918.

George Bolster's name was inscribed on the St. Nicholas' Church War Memorial in Cork but, until contact with his family, it had not been possible to ascertain whether he had been a member of the Church Lads' Brigade. It is hoped that other families may come forward and help identify servicemen who had previously been in the CLB. The Brigade will be organising two competitions. One will require our lads and girls to carry out research to learn about the life of a Great War soldier from their own parish or family. Another will ask members to produce a design for a commemorative badge. The winning entry will be used to manufacture a woven badge for uniform and will be worn throughout the period 2014 to 2018.

For further information contact Johnny Conn johnnyconn@hotmail.com or 07925353107.

Ulster Project

Ulster Project 2014 was a great success and we are now beginning the recruitment process for 2015. Last year we received 97 applications for our 24 places. The Ulster project is a Church based cross community project that sends groups of teenagers to the United States for four weeks each summer. While there, the teenagers are engaged in many structured activities including service projects, team building exercises and time of discovery sessions. There are many cities and towns in both the United States and Northern Ireland that are linked through this thirty-nine year old project and this year Enniskillen will once again be sending teenagers to Madison, Indiana and Cincinnati, Ohio. We will be selecting twenty-four teenagers who were born in 2000. The aim of the project is to select teenagers who clearly display leadership potential who, hopefully, will be able to return home and disseminate what they have learned to their peers. The teenagers should meet the criteria listed below: 1. Attend School in Enniskillen; 2. Attend Church on a regular basis; 3. Clearly display leadership potential; 4. Born in 2000. Application forms to those who fulfil the requirements are available. A committee of Ulster Project workers and volunteers has been set up to shortlist applicants from those who apply. We will then interview the teenagers who successfully come through the shortlisting process. Should you require any further information on the Ulster Project please do not hesitate to contact James McLoughlin on 07759282955 or alternatively you may visit the Ulster Project website at www.ulsterproject.org

PARISH NOTES

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

We congratulate John and Elizabeth Egerton and their family William, Robert and Samuel who received an award for being runner up in the Ulster section of the 'Family Farm of Ireland' the FBD UN Year of Family Awards 2014.

Clogh Mothers' Union quiz sheets raised a total of £423, thank you to all who supported us. 1st Prize was drawn as Mrs Ethel Ritchie from Aghabog Parish with 2nd prize being Bertie Johnston from Clogh Parish. Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd November at 8.00pm when the speaker will be Jaquen Bae from the Mission to Seafarers.

A Beetle Drive will be held in Clogh Hall on 22nd November at 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.

The annual Christmas Sale will be held in Clogh on Friday 5th December, so why not come along to lessen your Christmas shopping list.

Clogh Bowling Club held their Tournament Finals night on Saturday 11th October it was an exciting night with some very close matches. Congratulations to the eventual winners Esther Foster and William

Nelson from Clogh and to the runners up George and Dorothy Berry from Drum.



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Remembrance Services will take place in Aghadrumsee and Clogh on Sunday 9th November when we remember those from our Parishes who lost their lives serving their country.

On Sunday 5th October 2014 we were delighted to have the Baptism of Holly Isabella daughter of Simon and Gillian Furniss of Aghadrumsee Parish and welcome her into our church family.

We would like to congratulate Clare Annon and Grahame McMaster who were married in Aghadrumsee Church on Saturday 18th October. We wish them God's Richest Blessing in their future lives together.

It was with sadness that we learnt of the death of one of our oldest lifelong parishioners in Aghadrumsee Mr George Blakely Drummuskey and wish to convey our sympathy to his family Brian, John, Thomas, Robert, Kenneth, Janet and the entire family circle. We also extend our condolences to the family of the late Mr George Blakely Annynanum. We assure each of them our prayers and thoughts at this time.



Children and Sunday school teachers who took part in Clogh children's Harvest service on Sunday 28th September



Children from St Marks, Aghadrumsee who took part in the special Harvest Children's Service on 21st September.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

2nd November 2014

10.45am Colebrooke HC, 12.45pm Cooneen HC

9 November 2014

11.30am Colebrooke Remembrance Service

16th November 2014

11.00am Cooneen Family Service

23rd November 2014

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Baptism, 12.45pm Cooneen MP

30th November 2014

11.00am Cooneen Service of Divine Healing with Laying on of Hands

Mullaghfad Services

On Sunday 19th October 2014 at 3.00pm our annual Service of Remembrance was held, with members of Fivemiletown Royal British Legion attending and taking part in the service.

The next services in Mullaghfad will be Holy Communion at 3.30pm on Sunday 19th April 2015, and the annual Friends' Service at 3.30pm on Sunday 17th May 2015. Everyone will be made most welcome at both of these services.

Thank you to all who have made the services at Mullaghfad possible, those who clean and provide gifts for the Harvest services, and everyone who came to worship with us (some travelling a considerable distance).

SNATCH

(Sunday Night At The Church Hall) Youth Ministry - Aghavea, Colebrooke & Clabby
7.00pm on Sunday 12th October - this term meeting in Aghavea Church Hall.

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

Girls Friendly Society

The branch meets 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 in Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, and on Friday for Scouts.

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 in each of our organisations. If you are interested, please get in touch with the rector and he will put you in touch with the relevant leaders.

Mothers' Union

In September everyone present enjoyed the interesting life story of Mrs Susannah Wesley, mother of Charles and John. Mrs Eva Baxter, dressed in period costume and through drama, rhyme and song, transported us back in time to relive the life of Susannah Wesley. Her life story helped us see how Charles and John came to faith and went on to influence Christian teaching and hymn writing for many years up to this present day.

We are looking forward to the Visitors' Night on Tuesday 21st when Lynda Bryans plans to speak about Mental Health.

The November meeting is a Novelty Cookery Workshop, so sort out your apron, invite a friend and join Carol and June for some Festive Fun, Food and Fellowship.

December meeting includes a programme for the senior citizens, with festive food and fun - date to be confirmed.

Aghavea



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November

Sunday 2nd November

11am Holy Communion, 7.30pm UDR Plaque Rededication Service

Sunday 9th November

10.45am Act of Remembrance at Brookeborough War Memorial, 11.30am Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance, 7pm SNATCH (Aghavea)

Sunday 16th November

10am Sunday School, 11am Church Family Service

Sunday 23rd November

10am Sunday School, 11am Morning Prayer, 7pm SNATCH (Aghavea)

Sunday 30th November

November 10am Sunday School, 11am Service of the Word, 7pm Evening Prayer in Brooke Memorial Hall

Sunday 7th December

10am Sunday School, 11am Holy Communion, 7pm SNATCH Christmas Party (Aghavea)

Dear friends,

In his short letter, Jude sounds a stark warning for the church in his generation, and in every generation until the Lord returns. Very quickly, he gets to the root of the problem:

'I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.' (3)

We need to contend for the once-for-all handed down faith because dangerous false teachers have slipped into the church (4). Jude gives us some identifying marks, as well as the reassurance that the Lord will indeed keep his own people. As we seek to contend for the faith, Jude gives us what sounds like a huge challenge:

'But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.' (20-21).

What a challenge - keep yourselves in God's love! How could we possibly do this by ourselves? Thankfully Jude gives some comfort and encouragement at the start and end of his letter. His readers are those who 'have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ.' (1) Furthermore, God is the one who 'is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.' (24).

We can keep ourselves in God's love because we are those who are kept by Jesus Christ, who is able to keep us from falling. We keep, because we are kept. Or, as Jesus puts it in John 6: 'All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.'

Stand firm in the faith; don't be dragged away; don't drift away; because you are kept by Jesus Christ. He holds us in his hands and won't let go. What a promise! What an encouragement!

Yours in Christ,

Gary

Sunday School

Sunday School meets at 10am on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall. We also participate in the Church Family Services on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Please note there is no Sunday School this month on 2nd (Half Term) and 9th (Remembrance Sunday).

Bowls

The Bowling Club meets on Monday evenings at 8pm. All new members will be welcome, so why not come along and try your hand at bowling? More information can be obtained from Frances Cartwright. Thank you to all who supported our Annual Fun Tournament at the end of October.

Mothers' Union

Our annual visitors' night was held on Tuesday 14th October, when we welcomed many visitors from surrounding church and community groups. Our speaker Johanne from Crosslinks shared the building blocks of her faith, taking her from Northern Ireland to North Africa and back, in obedience to God's call. Thank you to all who attended the evening, and who supported our 'Talent Table' with proceeds going to help little Victor, our sponsored child.

The November meeting is our AGM and will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 8pm in the Church Hall.

GFS

GFS meets on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 and up. For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the leaders.

SNATCH

Following a busy month in October with Orienteering in Castle Archdale, Glo-ing in Fivemiletown, Anois-ing in Kilkenny as well as having a regular night, November will be back to normal. We'll be meeting in Aghavea Hall on 9th and 23rd November from 7pm - 9pm. New members are always welcome - parental consent forms can be filled in on arrival.

Bible Study

Passing the Baton: 2 Timothy. Our midweek Fellowship Group Bible Study meets on alternate Wednesday nights at 8pm in the Church Hall. In November we'll be joining together on 5th and 19th. New members are always welcome.

Christmas Fair

On Wednesday 26th November, this annual pre-Christmas event will take place, beginning at 8pm.

A variety of stalls will be selling all manner of goods - a great opportunity to beat the rush and buy some of your Christmas presents! Fun and games for all the family. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. Firewood will also be offered for sale, to stock up before the cold winter begins.

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Parent & Toddler Group

A Parent & Toddler Group will commence in St Maeldoid's Church on Wednesday 5th November from 10-11am. It will continue each Wednesday morning during term time. All young mothers and fathers are very welcome. If anyone has any toys to donate, these would be greatly appreciated.

Youth Clubs

A great turnout for the start of our Youth Clubs in Ballybay and Clontibret took place on Saturday the 4th of October. Around 20 young people turned out for Ballybay youth club which is for primary age group and a group of young adults met for the first youth club in Clontibret which is for secondary school age group. These will run every fortnight during term time on a Saturday evening, with Ballybay meeting from 6-7pm and Clontibret from 7-8.30pm.

Young Ladies Group

A meeting took place in the Glencarn hotel on Wednesday 8th October to form a Young Ladies Group. A special evening in the GR8 Bowling Alley has been arranged for Wednesday 12th November. Please come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. All ideas welcome for things to do!

Muckno

Harvest

The Harvest Service at St Maeldoid's was brought forward to the 21st September. We were a bit apprehensive about doing this but everything worked out well and we had a great attendance. Thank you to Revd Phair for his inspirational sermon. Thank you to all those who decorated the church so tastefully. The church looked wonderful. Thank you to Charlotte for playing the organ and to all the visitors that attended. Tea was served after the service.

St Mary's Hospital Harvest Thanksgiving was scheduled to take place on Thursday 16th October.

Parent & Toddler Group

Revd Phair is busy making preparations for a Parent & Toddler Group to commence in St Maeldoid's Church. This is to take place on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 11am and is set to commence on Wednesday 5th November. Anyone with young children under 4 years of age is very welcome.

Christmas Tree Festival

Preparations for the following Christmas tree festival are ongoing. A launch took place on Friday 3rd October in which we had a sample tree prepared by Mrs Ina Hagan and an article was prepared for the Northern Standard. Many of the invited groups, organizations and individuals who have been invited to take part came to view the sample tree.



Ding Dong Merrily on high was the theme for this sample tree

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Visitors night took place in the Church hall, Castleblayney on Wednesday 22nd October 2014. The guest speaker for the evening was Muriel Deane speaking about the Mellon Trust. The Ladies are also busy thinking about their creative Christmas Tree for the Castleblayney Christmas Tree festival. New members will be made welcome.

Shoe Box Appeal

Once again every family within the church has been asked to fill a shoe box for team hope. Please have your shoe box in the church for the 2nd November

as this is the absolute latest date. Thank you for your continued support.

Youth Club

Congratulations to all those involved in the newly formed Junior Youth Club in Ballybay and the Senior Youth Club in Clontibret.

Prayers

We are very glad to see Ian, Ethel and Eddie out and about again. We continue to pray for Ian as he receives further treatment in Beaumont Hospital. We also continue to remember in our prayers all those known to us who are in care homes at present. "In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song"

Clontibret

We celebrated God's goodness to us with our Harvest Thanksgiving Service on 28th September which was a special service prepared by Revd Neal. Chloe Boyd brought us the readings and the Sunday School children brought forwards gifts reflecting the symbols of God's creation, goodness and the bountiful crops that we enjoy. Canon George Graham, Rector of Bushmills, Co Antrim gave the address on the need for a Christian attitude in the use of the Earth's resources. Ms Stephanie Jebb, with her amazing voice, sang "Fill Your Hearts with Joy and Gladness". Sharon Lancashire played the organ which we truly appreciate as we have to depend on CD's each Sunday. After the service the congregation had the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea.

We continue to pray for the Lowey and Coyle families as they support their loved ones through illnesses.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Donaldson and Hill families who have been bereaved by the death of Carol Hanthorn, Derick Mills-Franklin (Australia) and William Hill. We also remember Hilda Dickson and family bereaved by the death of Hilda's uncle Victor Humphries (formerly of Ballinode) and the Geary family bereaved by the death of Ronnie's aunt Emma Sarginson (Somerset). Congratulations to Mrs Mabel Leathem on celebrating her 91st Birthday on 23rd October with family and friends. Mabel enjoys attending Morning Prayer each Sunday and other services within the Group as well as weekly shopping trips to town. We wish her many more birthdays to come.

We continue to make plans for our Praise Service at 3.30pm on Sunday 16th November when Linda Lindsay and The Bawn Silver Band will lead the Praise. We trust that we will have filled pews as we praise God for his goodness.

Congratulations to all who have received good results in their recent exams including Matthew Dickson who has passed his Junior certificate. Congratulations too to Ethan Duffy as he continues to win his Table Tennis challenges.

Youth club has commenced every second Saturday at 7pm to 8.30pm in Clontibret Church Hall. All children from Secondary School age are welcome.

Ballybay

Baptism

We extend good wishes to the Steel Family on the birth their daughter Molly who was baptised in Ballybay on 5th October.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to all who have been bereaved in our parish and in the community including the Grimes Family and the Vincent family.

Harvest Service

The harvest service was enjoyable, informative and challenging as the guest speaker Precentor Noel Regan, spoke about his childhood memory of harvesting the wonderful gifts the Lord has given us from the land. A special thank you to Ballybay Central School choir who sang really well and their teachers for their preparation. Also Charlie Mills who provided the microphones. The ladies did an amazing job decorating the church and providing a wonderful tea. Thank you Alanna for the wonderful music.



Youth Club

Youth club has commenced every second Saturday from 6pm to 7pm in Christ Church Hall. All children from primary school age are welcome for fun and games.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Sunday 2nd November

The Fourth Sunday before Advent - Carrickmacross 10.30am HC, Magheracloone 12noon MP, Ardragh 1.15pm

Sunday 9th November

The Third Sunday before Advent - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP, Magheracloone 12noon HC

Sunday 16th November

The Second Sunday before Advent - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP, Magheracloone 12noon MP, Ardragh 1.15pm MP

Sunday 23rd November

The Kingship of Christ - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP, Magheracloone 12noon MP

Sunday 30th November

The First Day in Advent - Carrickmacross 10.30am Family Service, Magheracloone 12noon Family Service

Harvest

Harvest celebrations are almost completed for another year. It was very easy to celebrate harvest this year because of good weather with lots of fruit, vegetables and flowers to hand for decorations in the various churches. Thanks to those people who gave of their time and talents to carry out the decorating.

Ardragh Harvest

Ardragh Harvest was well attended with friends and neighbours from other churches. The guest preacher on the day was Mr Charley Mills an accredited preacher in the Cavan Monaghan Presbytery. The soloist was Ruth Condell accompanied by Ian Lovett on the organ.



Thanks to Lorna Lewis who once again, accompanied the singing of the harvest hymns. Thanks to Sarah White who read one of the Bible readings. We are grateful to Wesley and his helpers for providing refreshments in the open air. It was a day that people will remember as the doors of the church were wide open during a harvest service letting in the lovely streams of warm sunshine which lit up the interior of the little church.

Magheracloone Harvest

Magheracloone Harvest was also well attended by many friends and relatives. The special preacher on the day was Revd Joyce Moore. The soloist was Mr Roy Crowe accompanied by Mrs Meta Kinnear on the organ. At the close of the service people had the opportunity to have fellowship over tea in the grounds of the church.

Carrickmacross Harvest

Carrickmacross Harvest will be the final celebration in the group. The preacher on the day will be Revd Canon Ian Berry. Special music by St. Finbar's choir and the Sunday school children. There is a great expectation about this service as we have displayed an invitation on the gates of the church which in turn has led to some people in the town asking if they can come along to the service.

CDBRE

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education ran two Sunday school training evenings North and South of the border. Both the evenings were well attended and those teachers who attended found it very beneficial and encouraging. Thanks to our teachers from St Finbar's who travelled to Monaghan for the training evening. Our thanks also to Julie Curry from Down and Dromore Diocese for coming and sharing lots of ideas on how to make Sunday school more interesting.

Bowls

Members of the club meet each Wednesday and are presently drawing up rotas for tournaments with other clubs.

Table Tennis

The young folk meet each Friday in the Jackson hall in Carrickmacross from 7.30-9pm. Thanks to Caroline and her helpers for running this club.

Choir

People have been meeting each Wednesday in preparation for the forthcoming harvest service.

Special Visitor

On Sunday 12th October we had as our special preacher Bishop John McDowell. We thank him for coming and sharing in our morning service and meeting with parishioners over a cup of tea after the service. This

means a lot to us who are at the far end of the Diocese and sometimes feel isolated geographically from a lot of church activities that take place in and around the centre of the Diocese. It also meant that I had a break from sermonising on that Sunday!

Congratulations

We extend our belated good wishes to Mrs Lock on her 90th birthday. It was a great joy for her to have her family around her for the celebration of this milestone in her life. She still continues to read the daily paper and keeps her brain alert with puzzles by means of modern technology. She has a positive attitude to life and is an inspiration to us all.

Cabra Central School

It was new ground for me to be invited to meet the teaching staff, boys and girls in the Primary School in Kingscourt. Thanks to Revd William Stacey and the Principle Mrs Janine O'Neill for their invitation to go along monthly and be responsible for school assembly.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to all those who have been recently bereaved and especially to members of the White family on the death of Tommy White whose funeral took place in Chesham in England recently.

Clogher Diocesan Magazine

Anyone interested in our group of parishes in obtaining the magazine, please contact Alan Sweetnam. It costs £1/€1.10 per edition.

Future Events

Watch out for the Farney players as they present "Wanted one body" in the Iontas theatre in Castleblayney on 14th and 15th November, also appearing in the Holy Family School Carrickmacross on Friday 7th November. Tickets €10.

Christmas

The annual charity and fundraising concert given by the Farney singers will take place in the Shirley Arms hotel in Carrickmacross early in December. Date to be confirmed.

Prayerful Remembrance

We pray for those in our group of parishes who have been visiting hospital for various types of medical tests and some who have had minor surgery.

A Prayer for PEACE

We pray for those who long for PEACE;
for those whose life is a picture of chaos;
for those whose life and lifestyle rob them of inner tranquility;

for those whose every choice and selfish decision close the door more firmly on PEACE that could have been theirs;

we also pray for those who work for PEACE between nations;

for diplomats, politicians and delegations seeking justice, hope and PEACE for all;

for those who work to bring PEACE in human relationships; for counsellors, social workers and those ready to listen and care;

for those whose concern for the well-being of others brings a pain and a sorrow, an anguish and a despair, almost too great to bear.

May the grace of God touch them with his PEACE.
Amen

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for November

Sunday 9th November

10.00am Remembrance Day Service Mullaghduin Parish Church, 11.30am Remembrance Day Service Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 12th November

10.00am Monthly Healing & Communion Service Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

Sunday 16th November

10.00am Morning Prayer Mullaghduin Parish Church, 11.30am Morning Prayer Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 23rd November

10.00am Holy Communion Mullaghduin Parish Church, 11.30am Holy Communion Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 30th November

10.00am Morning Prayer Mullaghduin Parish Church, 11.30am Morning Prayer Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 7th December

10.00am Morning Prayer Mullaghduin Parish Church, 11.30am Morning Prayer Cleenish Parish Church

Mullaghduin Harvest Services

The decision to have the Friday night Harvest Service in the Parish Hall, and to have supper following the Service proved to be hugely popular. The Service was well attended and everyone was delighted to welcome Revd Henry Blair as guest preacher. Many reminiscences were recalled with Henry and Helen, following the Service, as a well presented supper was enjoyed. The Choir, with Elizabeth at the piano, led the Hymns and sang the anthem "Praise to God, Immortal Praise". The Hall was tastefully decorated with a harvest and agricultural theme.

The Sunday Harvest Services were also well attended with Mr Roy Palmer and Dean Kenny Hall, delivering challenging and thought provoking sermons. The choir, with Elizabeth at the organ, led the popular Harvest Hymns and sang the Anthems "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing", "God Whose Farm is all Creation" and "Praise to God, Immortal Praise". Ruth Hazlett sang the solo "Holy is the Seedtime". The Preachers both commended the Choir and Organist for their leading of the music and the beauty of the flowers, fruit and vegetables, with which the Church was decorated.

Our thanks are extended to Revd Henry, Mr Roy Palmer and Dean Kenny for their inspiring Sermons; to Elizabeth and the Choir for the music; to the team who provided and served the much enjoyed supper following the Friday night service, to Peter Collum for the use of his extensive model dairy farm which was on display in the Parish Hall, and to Caroline Little for the floral arrangements and decoration of both the Hall and the Parish Church. Due to the unavailability of the Churchwardens, Caroline also agreed to distribute the flowers, fruit, vegetables, and other materials of decoration around the Parish. For this we say a big "Thank You" to Caroline for your willing help.

Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This Service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. It combines a shortened form of Holy Communion with an opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time to chat. The next Service will be held on Wednesday 12th November.

UCB Word for Today

Bible Notes have been enjoyed in both our Parishes for a number of years. Although these booklets are provided free of charge, there is an obvious cost of printing and delivery which is covered by voluntary donations. Anyone who would like to contribute to the valuable work of UCB can put a donation in an envelope marked "UCB WORD FOR TODAY" and place it on the collection plate or alternatively give their contribution to any of the Churchwardens, and these donations will be forwarded to UCB.

Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 19th November Cleenish Select Vestry
Wednesday 26th November Mullaghduin Select Vestry

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Members, friends and parishioners gathered on Sunday 21st September to celebrate 75 years of MU in Mullaghduin, with a service of Holy Communion. Ruth Collum carried the MU banner which was received

by the Rector, The Revd Geoffrey Bridle. The organist was Elizabeth Hazlett. Long Service Certificates were presented by Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President, to Ethel Collum (56 years), Celia Hazlett (56 years), Bertha Vance (56 years), Mae Kells (50 years), Helen Carson (30 years) and Margaret Elliott (30 years). The Epistle was read by Hilary Benson, and the Gospel by Dr Knox. Helen Carson and Caroline Watterson led the occasional prayers. The offertory was taken up by Ruth Collum & Mae Kells. In his sermon Bishop McDowell mentioned the long and faithful service of the certificate recipients, and commented on how MU had remained successful and relevant over many years by their willingness to adapt and change, whilst maintaining their aims.



Mullaghduin Mothers' Union with Bishop McDowell

We were privileged to have with us Yoshimi Gregory, Director of Us in Ireland, who was attending the Tercentenary Service of Celebration in the Cathedral later in the evening. After the Service a meal was enjoyed in Saddler's Restaurant, when the three longest serving members assisted Dr Knox to cut the anniversary cake. After dinner, Dr Knox congratulated the members who received long service certificates, and spoke of the importance of members being faithful in their membership and Christian faith. She conveyed Good Wishes and Greetings from Clogher Diocese and her own Branch in Derryvullen North. In her reply Joan Nixon, Branch Leader, outlined the varied activities of the Branch. She stated that whilst celebrating 75 years it was also important to look to the future, and the need to work together to increase an active engaged membership. On behalf of the members, Joan presented flowers to Mrs Ethel and Mr Fred Collum who were celebrating 54 years of Marriage.

The Mullaghduin Mothers' Union members presented Joan with flowers in appreciation of the tireless work she put into organising the Anniversary celebration. Revd Bridle brought the evening to a close with the Grace.

Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm - Coffee Evening and Sale in Cleenish Parish Hall. Entrance £3 including supper. The support of parishioners and friends would be much appreciated.

Tuesday 18th November at 8pm in Mullaghduin Parish Hall - Jean Britton will demonstrate some craft ideas for Christmas. Triennial elections will follow.

Enrolling Members / Branch Leaders

1939-1945 Mrs Esther Kingston
 1945-1948 Mrs Elizabeth Clements
 1948-1951 Mrs Esther Phair
 1951-1957 Mrs G T Pedlow
 1957-1961 Mrs Daisy Benson
 1964-1982 Mrs Alice Fawcett
 1982-1984 Mrs Sadie Coalter
 1984-1990 Mrs Sharon Hoey
 1990-1996 Mrs Vera Gibson
 1996-2002 Mrs Joan Moffatt
 2002-2006 Mrs Margaret Crawford
 2007-2011 Mrs Hilary Benson
 2012-present Mrs Joan Nixon

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies have now recommenced in Cleenish Parish Hall. Numbers are smaller than in previous years as a number of girls have advanced to the more senior grade. New girls between the ages of 7 to 11 years will be welcome on Wednesday evenings from 6.45 to 8pm.

Parent and Toddler Group

The group meets on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall. Parents/Carers and children can interact and avail of play, craft and music activities.

Mullaghduin Parish Auction

The Parish Auction held on Saturday 27th September has raised £1,764 to date. Our grateful thanks are extended to William Stinson, our auctioneer and to all who helped in various ways to ensure the success of this event.

Ballyclare Male Voice Choir

The choir sang to a full house in Cleenish Parish Hall on Saturday 11th October. The forty members sang a mixture of songs including Sacred, Classical and Contemporary. Solos included those written by the late Percy French. Their Conductor Paul Briggs, introduced each piece and related antidotes.

The climax of the evening came when former church organist Sadie Coates, was invited to conduct the Choir singing "When I survey the wondrous Cross", to the tune Mortecriste. This ended in rapturous applause with the admiration of all present, including Choir members.

The occasion was opened and closed by the Rector. Profits will be in excess of £1,100.

Mullaghduin BBQ

The Parish BBQ will DV be held on Friday 26th June 2015, with music provided by Curtis Magee. Curtis was with us for our BBQ in 2013, and by popular

demand we are delighted to welcome him back again. Please mark this event in your diary and make the date known to family, friends and other interested parties.

Congratulations

As a Parish we add our best wishes to Fred and Ethel Collum on the occasion of their 54th Wedding Anniversary - they were married in Mullaghduin Parish Church on 21st September 1960. Both Ethel and Fred were born into Mullaghduin Parish, and have been parishioners since birth, with Ethel having been a popular Sunday-School teacher and Choir member in her "younger" days. Ethel and Fred were also members of a little group known as "The Work Party" which was formed in 1959 with the then Rector Revd J C R Benson acting as President. This group raised funds personally and by organising Socials, Treasure Hunts and other events. These funds were devoted to providing such items as Musical Hymn Books and Chant Books for use by the Choir and a "much needed" oil heater for use in the Church.



Ethel & Fred Collum with Bishop McDowell

Golden Wedding

Dessi & Pauline Smyth, Thornton Villas, Bellanaleck, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday 10th October. They were married in Drumminiskill Parish Church on 10th October 1964. Dessi is a long term member of Cleenish Vestry, and Pauline an active member of the Choir. Pauline was for many years a very efficient Parish Reader. Congratulations are in order from the Rector, and all members of Cleenish Parish.



Dessi & Pauline Smyth

Illness

Mrs Enez Carson, Skea, Arney, has recently had open heart surgery in the Royal Victoria Hospital, and at time of writing remains very ill. Members from Cleenish Parish wish her God's blessing for improved health in the future.

Cleenish Centre

The last few weeks have been busy at the Centre, with Groups from Counties Antrim and Down staying for weekends. We also were delighted to have the "New Beginnings" Children's Choir from Uganda stay overnight with us. This was a great privilege for us, the children brought such joy, and again we are very grateful to our volunteers, without them this would not have been possible. We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner at the Centre on Saturday night 6th December. Bookings are now being received for the winter months. To contact the Centre enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or call 02866349647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

There was a good attendance at the first monthly meeting of the new term, on Wednesday 24th September. It was confirmed that an application had been put forward for Planning permission for a Multi Use Games Area at a site within the green off Waterhen Lane. It was also stated the flowers supplied and grass cutting within the Village was exceptional this year, and visitors to the area made comment on how well the entire area was kept clean and tidy.

The Christmas event has now been arranged for Saturday afternoon 6th December.

The Group would greatly appreciate new members, and those who live within Bellanaleck and its hinterland are entitled to attend the meetings. See Community notice board at Cathcart's shop, or Face book, bellanaleck@gmail.com

Next meeting Wednesday 26th November.

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Services

Sunday 2nd November

10.00am Errigal Portclare HC, 11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC and Holy Baptism, 10.00am Augher MP, 11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday 9th November

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC, 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP, 11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP, 10.00am Augher MP, 11.30am Newtownsaville HC, 2.30pm Cenotaph Service, 3.00pm Clogher Cathedral Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance

Sunday 16th November

10.00 am Errigal Portclare MP, 11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC, 10.00am Augher HC, 11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday 23rd November

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC, 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP, 11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP, 10.00am Augher MP, 11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday 30th November

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC, 11.30am Clogher Cathedral United Service for Mothers' Union at which Dr Knox will speak and the Bishop will be present, 7.00pm Diocesan Advent Carol Service

Thursday 4th December

7.00pm Community Carol Service with a collection for Cancer Focus NI

Holy Matrimony

The wedding of Miss Lisa Potter and Mr Ian Kyle took place in Clogher Cathedral on the 19th September. My thanks to Dean Raymond Thompson, former rector for conducting this service. We wish Ian and Lisa every blessing in their years ahead.

Holy Baptism

27th September in Augher Church - Baptism of Ella Rose McGlone, daughter of Eoghan McGlone and Shireen Blackledge.

28th September in Clogher Cathedral - Baptism of Ebony Valerie, daughter of Gordon and Ruth Tierney.

5th October in Clogher Cathedral - Baptism of Jacob Robert, son of Ian and Carole Ellison.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Irene Boyd and Mr Walter Pringle who are both serving in the Clogher Cathedral Group as Diocesan Pastoral Assistants. Irene is covering the parishes of Newtownsaville and Augher while Walter is covering Errigal Portclare and Clogher Cathedral. This is a very important ministry and is greatly appreciated by all, especially those who are housebound and are so glad to see a familiar face. Walter, as a Diocesan Reader, will be conducting services in two of the churches each Sunday. We appreciate the services of both Clergy and Readers who assisted in the Group in the past twelve months. However having someone appointed on a more regular basis provides continuity and makes arranging of services much easier. The Diocesan Pastoral Assistants

(DPAs) will arrange for private communions which is of great assistance to the rector.

Illness

We are acutely aware of the number of people who have been ill in the last while and those who are still undergoing treatment. While we don't wish to mention people by name please be assured that those who are ill are remembered in prayer at all our services. May each one of you experience the healing touch of Christ as you journey through this difficult time and may the Lord Bless you and keep you.

Harvest Thanksgivings

Three of our churches, Errigal Portclare, Clogher Cathedral and Augher have held their Harvest Services. All the churches were decorated appropriately for the occasion and great credit is due to the small band in each parish who faithfully give of their time each year. Their work brings such joy to so many and the aroma in the church at this time is unique. A debt of gratitude is due to our organists and the various choirs who enrich these services enormously, not to mention where there is supper provided which affords people the opportunity of meeting and renewing acquaintances. A word of thanks also to our preachers, The Revd Neal Phair, Archdeacon Ian Linton and The Revd John McClenaghan all of whom challenged us as to the needs of others and our commitment to the redeeming message of the Gospel.

At Errigal Portclare Harvest Miss Christine Gervis who is a final year medical student did a powerpoint presentation describing her six weeks working in a hospital in Niger. This was very much in keeping with the harvest theme of using the earth's resources responsibly and it brought it home to us as we sat in the comfort and luxury of the beautiful church at Portclare, how privileged we are and what a difference the various missionary societies and agencies can make in these places. We were all so glad to see Christine home safe and well as the Ebola outbreak had moved quite close to where she was working.

A service of Harvest Thanksgiving has been held for the past three years in St. McCartan's Nursing Home. This is much appreciated by the residents and staff and it is a delight to see those who are in the late autumn and winter of life respond to the familiarity of the hymns and prayers. The beautiful Holy Communion table and the two sanctuary chairs which were presented to the home by Mr and Mrs Walter Noble looked so fitting as they stood surrounded by the fruits of the earth in their season. The rector and Fr Noel McGahan conducted the service.

Weekend in Dublin

An early start - 6.30am from Newtownsaville, 7.00am from Clogher - and we were off, a bus load from St. Macartan's Cathedral Group of Parishes for a weekend in Dublin!

A welcome breakfast stop at Apple Green and we arrived at our first venue, the National War Memorial Gardens

at Islandbridge which is dedicated to the memory of the 49,400 soldiers who died in the First World War. The construction of the Gardens took about two years to complete and the workforce was drawn from ex-service men, 50% of whom were ex-British Army and 50% from the Irish National Army. The Gardens, which are to be admired for their formal planning and symmetrical design, provide a beautiful and peaceful setting for reflection and remembrance. Our extremely knowledgeable guide showed us round the Temple, the Great Cross, the Bookrooms, the War Stone and the Rose Gardens (containing over 4,000 roses). The four granite Bookrooms, representing the 4 provinces of Ireland, contain the Books of Remembrance listing the names of all those who died in the First World War. At the War Stone, symbolising an altar, we paused for an Act of Remembrance, while the Rector led in prayer and Mr Harry Alexander recited the well known verse from 'The Fallen'.



Our next destination was Dublin Castle, the home of the Viceroy during British rule until 1922 and the focal setting of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth's visit to Ireland on 18th May 2011. We were shown through the building, including the Throne Room, where the large throne was installed for the visit of King George IV, with a footstool later added to accommodate the diminutive figure of Queen Victoria!



A visit to Trinity College, founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592, is obligatory while in Dublin, and where, in the Old Library, the 8th Century beautifully illuminated manuscript of the 4 Gospels, known as the Book of Kells, is kept. Over a thousand years old, this intricately decorated Latin text tells the message of the life of Christ. We were privileged to see the exhibition,

'Turning Darkness into Light', revealing the spread of the Gospel in Ireland. We concluded our tour of Trinity College with a visit to the Chapel, where the Chaplain, The Revd Darren McCallig, gave us an insight into the history and present use of the chapel in student worship. Most striking features of the Chapel were the original pews in collegiate formation and the beautiful stained glass windows, depicting scenes from the Bible.



On Sunday, we visited both cathedrals in Dublin. We were fortunate to arrive at Christ Church Cathedral just before 11.00am morning service and were given a tour of the building by Canon Patrick Comerford. Standing within the original city walls, Christ Church Cathedral, or officially called The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, is the seat of the Anglican Bishop of Dublin and Glendalough, and has been a Protestant church since 1551. Its history reaches back to the time of the first Viking Christian King of Dublin, who founded a wooden church on the site, later replaced by a stone building in Norman times. It contains the tomb of Strongbow, who commanded the Anglo-Norman invasion in 1169. We were amazed at the beauty of the architecture, the sheer size of the building, its fascinating history, and we enjoyed listening to the delightful choir and organ, which you may have heard recently on the BBC Radio Ulster's Morning Service.



In the afternoon we attended St Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church, named after St Patrick, who, it is said, baptised many converts at a nearby well in 450AD. It is also the resting place of the author, Jonathan Swift, Dean of the Cathedral. It was interesting to hear the story behind the familiar phrase 'chancing your arm', which relates to the encounter between the

Earls of Ormonde and Kildare in 1492. A door in the Cathedral retains a hole in it, cut by Kildare as he put his arm through to shake hands with Ormonde and make peace. We were privileged to attend the Service of Choral Evensong in St. Patrick's, at which the Battle of Britain (1940) was commemorated and where wreaths were laid at the War Memorial by the ambassador of the UK and the President of the RAF Association (ROI). Thanks to Canon Noel for a marvellous weekend, planned to show us the highlights of Dublin, with which most of us were unfamiliar. Thanks to Shirley who undertook the bookings and finance, and to Alan, our driver, who expertly negotiated the busy thoroughfares.

A weekend of learning more about our Church of Ireland heritage, and a time to cement friendships within our Group of Parishes.

Clogher Mothers' Union

The Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, welcomed all the members, especially Mrs Joan Potter after her recent illness, to the September meeting of St Macartan's Cathedral Mothers' Union, Clogher at Somers Restaurant, Fardross, where members enjoyed an excellent supper.

Mrs Moffett opened the meeting with prayer and the Bible passage was read by Mrs June Beck. Following the reading of the Minutes, the Secretary, Mrs Hilary Keys, gave notice of a number of invitations to Women's events in the area, including the Autumn Council Meeting on 15th October to be held in Colebrooke Parish Church.

Canon Regan and Mr Pringle conducted a brisk auction of donations by the members, followed by a game of Handbag Bingo, with Mrs Hilary Keys emerging as the winner and Mrs Sarah Hunter providing the most unique item.

The subject of the next meeting, which was the Visitors' Night, was Guide Dogs and a warm invitation was extended to all ladies to attend the meeting held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 22nd October.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

2nd November

10.00am Clones, 11.30am Newbliss

9th November

10.00am Currin, 11.30am Killeevan

16th November

10.00am Clones, 11.30am Newbliss

23rd November

10.00am Currin, 11.30am Killeevan

30th November

11.00am Killeevan Group Service

7th December

11.30am Newbliss, 3.00pm Clones Carol Service with Silver band and choir.

Autumn Bible Studies

We are following the Christianity Explored course during the autumn session. This will give us time to think through who Jesus is and why it matters. A huge variety of people of all ages, with different experiences and backgrounds, and different views and beliefs, have attended the Christianity Explored course. We invite as many as possible to come and take part in a journey of exploration of the Christian faith based on the study of St. Mark's Gospel. It is helpful for us to go back to the basics of our faith to rediscover the joy that comes from a closer walk with our Lord. All age groups can take part in the discussions and any questions you may have will be welcomed. All are welcome whatever your Church background or none.

Meetings take place in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones on Monday 3rd November and every fortnight afterwards at 8.00pm. For further information contacts Roy Crowe 04751647 or Terry Waters 04867738477.

Bereavements

We sympathise with the Humphrey family on the death of William's uncle Alec Hawthorne. We sympathise with the Irwin family on the death of George Bleakley, and our sympathy is also with Miriam Moore and her family on the death of her sister Susan Craigie. Please pray for them and all those who have been recently bereaved.

County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society

Please take note that the AGM of the County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society will take place in Ballybay Church Hall on Monday 1st December at 3.00pm. The meeting will be chaired by The Rt. Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. All are welcome to attend.

St. Tighernach's Parish Church Clones

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Sunday 7th December at 3.00pm

Music by

Lisnaskea Silver Band &
The Valley Voices Community Choir
from Fivemiletown.

Refreshments will be served after the Service

Special collection for the Bishops' Appeal in aid of the Christian people in Iraq. (Special Envelopes available)

Annual Sale of Work

Clones Parish Church Christmas Fayre takes place in the Creighton Hotel ballroom on Saturday 13th December at 10.00am until 12.30pm. Homemade Christmas Cakes and puddings and other cakes and goodies. Handmade wreaths and door decorations, Firewood, Potatoes and Vegetables. Come and join your friends for tea. Proceeds in aid of Church funds. The draw for the Christmas Hamper and other prizes will take place near the end of the sale.

Births

Congratulations to Rebecca and Eamonn McCaughey on the birth of their daughter Lily Jane, another grandchild for Ivor and Katie Lendrum.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Stuart Leech and Pauline Hynes on the occasion of their marriage on the 20th September in Kilshanny, County Clare. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their married life together.

Colaghty



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November

- 2nd November Holy Communion 11.30am
- 9th November Remembrance Sunday 11.30am
- 16th November Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 23rd November Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 30th November Morning Prayer 11.30am

December

- 7th December Holy Communion 11.30am
- 14th December Family service 11.30am
- 21st December Morning Prayer 11.30am
- 21st December Carol Service 7.00pm
- 25th December Christmas Day family communion 10.30am
- 28th December Morning Prayer 11.30am

Christian Burial

16th September 2014, David Alfred Speer, Largy, Lack

Harvest Services



The harvest weekend was a wonderful occasion to give thanks for the abundance of God's bounty towards us.



It was made more memorable with the harvest decorations arranged to commemorate the Land Girls, Women's Land Army during the First World War.



A special tribute to the contribution they made to the war effort at home in agriculture and in industry.





Each of the parish groups arranged windows, themed around particular aspects of farming practice, ploughing, threshing, milking, root crops, fruit, shepherding and crafts.



The church was open over the course of the weekend with tea available for those viewing in the hall, with donations towards mission charities.



We would thank everyone who left in produce, items, made teas, provided food and the usual harvest fayre,

arranged the flowers and displays, the organist, musicians and choir for leading the praise, and their special choir pieces, Thomas Milligan for his solo piece and to our sexton and his family.



Thanks to Dean Raymond Thompson and Revd William Seale, our visiting preachers on Friday and Sunday evening and to everyone who contributed to the harvest weekend our sincere thanks.

Kesh Rural Deanery Youth Social

Church to church youth social, Friday 14th November at 8.00pm in Derryvullen North Parish Church Irvinestown for young people of post primary school age upwards. A bus is available with pick up times as follows, Garrison Chapel car park 6.45pm and 11.40pm, Belleek Church/clock 6.55pm and 11.30pm, Tubrid Church Hall 7.20pm and 11.05pm, Kesh at the Lack Road roundabout 7.35pm and 10.55pm, Lack at the telephone on Main Street Lack 7.45pm and 10.45pm. See page 26 for details.

Women's Fellowship

The first meeting of the autumn season took place with guest speaker Olive Johnston, Alzheimer's Society who give a very informative talk on memory loss and how it effects people in different ways. The next meeting will be on the 10th November at 8.00pm with speaker David Keys.

Young@heart

The autumn season of the Young@heart began with speaker Alison Forbes who spoke on health and wellbeing for the over sixties and ways in which they can participate in various activities etc. The next meeting will be 19th November at 10.30am in the parish hall.

Stitch and Chat Club

Stitch and chat club has resumed on Tuesday evenings in the parish hall from 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Check notices for the various parish activities.

Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale



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

All Sunday Services at 10.15am (Castle Archdale) and 11.30am (Derryvullen North) except 2nd Sunday of each month – 10.30am (Derryvullen North) and 11.45am (Castle Archdale) and other special/occasional services listed below

November 2014

- Sunday 2nd November** - Holy Communion
- Wednesday 5th November** - Monthly Evening Prayer in Derryvullen North 7.30pm
- Sunday 9th November** - Remembrance Day Morning Prayer (with act of Remembrance). Remembrance Day RBL Service in Derryvullen North 3.30pm
- Sunday 16th November** - Morning Prayer in Castle Archdale. Boys Brigade Enrolment Service in Derryvullen North
- Tuesday 18th November** - Quiet Holy Communion in Derryvullen North 11.30am
- Sunday 23rd November** - (Special Service for parents and children only) in the Parish Hall Derryvullen North. Normal Services in both churches at usual times
- Sunday 30th November** - Special Advent Service

Rural Deanery Youth Social

Friday 14th November in the Parish Hall church to church Rural Deanery Youth Social for young people of secondary school age. Confirmation candidates and Comet members are especially welcome as we meet young people from other parishes. See page 26 for details.

Our Two Worlds (Rich v Poor)

Located among the designer outlets and up market retailers on George Street, Edinburgh is a Christian charity shop which stocks and promotes the widest range of traditional Palestinian hand-crafts outside Jerusalem. Amidst the appalling conditions of overcrowding, poverty and violence the sales of

embroidery, jewellery, olive wood and polished stones help sustain a culture under threat. The craftwork is undertaken by children and adults with special needs, women's co-ops and small centres in the most deprived refugee camps. Providing valuable financial support the craft centres help give people dignity and hope.

The name of the charity is HADEEL. It is also a common Arabic first name for baby girls. It means to "Coo like a dove". Its logo is the shape of a dove and of course it is symbolic for the Christian Spirit of Love (the Holy Spirit). In serving one of the world's least fortunate people, the charity shop seeks to mobilize the whole church for meaningful compassion and care based on a common FAITH, a present and eternal HOPE and a universal LOVE.

A Common Faith

Human beings are created in God's image and likeness and so everyone's dignity is derived from the dignity of the Almighty One. This dignity is the same in each and all of us. Our Lord Jesus Christ provoked a revolution in the life and faith of all humanity – that we might know and love one another and build up this land in trust, justice, truth and mutual respect.

A Present and Eternal Hope

We are patiently invited to place our hope in a God who alone is just, good, almighty and loving. This God will grant us relief and peace in His own time and in His own way. But ours is also a resurrection hope. The resurrection hope is the capacity to see God in the midst of trouble. From this vision and belief derives the strength to change the reality in which we find ourselves – there is a confidence that one day there will be a victory over the difficulties we find ourselves in.

A Universal Love

Christian love resists evil and injustice in all its forms with methods that enter into the logic of love and draw on all energies to make peace. We cannot be silent; we must have the courage to speak out. Likewise we abandon our mission when we are complacent or indifferent. We must make sacrifices to overcome and prevail. God is the Lord of ALL, and love ALL, demands fairness from ALL and provides the same example and inspirational vision to ALL. If you are ever in Edinburgh and with the Harvest theme still in mind, remember to call in at this shop. Located as it is among the expensive designer shops, the wonderful volunteer staff are full of care and compassion as they witness to the love of Christ. The rich world and the poor world on a busy city centre street.

Prayer

We give thanks O Lord that amid poverty and oppression people are finding a biblical faith that empowers and liberates as they work together for grassroots change throughout the world. Amen

The Mission of the Church

The church cannot be closed in her religious devotions. Our prayer and service is prophetic, bearing the voice of God in the present and future. Everything that happens in our world, everyone who lives there, all the pains and hopes, all the injustice and all the efforts to stop this injustice, are part and parcel of the prayer of our church and the service of all her institutions. The mission of the church is prophetic, to speak the Word of God courageously, honestly and lovingly in the local context and in the midst of daily events. The mission of the church is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice, peace and dignity. Our vocation as a living church is to bear witness to the goodness of God and the dignity of human beings. The Kingdom of God is present among us and in us and is an extension of the mystery of salvation. It is the presence of God among us and our sense of that presence in everything we do and say. It is in this divine presence that we are invited to do what we can until justice and fairness is achieved for all.

Prayer

May our churches be centres of justice and joy, O Christ where your love is shared and your life made real in the world. Amen

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th November

Tuesday Club at 2.30pm, Speaker Mr Matthew Nevin from Fermanagh Rural Community Network speaking on grants, services and benefits.

Wednesday 12th November

CMS Ireland Diocesan Evening in the Cathedral Hall at 8pm.

Wednesday 19th November

Women's Group at 8.30pm.

Saturday 29th November

Switching on the Christmas lights in the town at 4pm. Annual Parish Sale to be held in the afternoon. More details will be announced in the near future.

Mothers' Union

Wednesday 26th November

Speaker Mrs Barbara Clarke, All Ireland Young Members Rep. She is a very interesting and stimulating speaker and all young ladies and the Women's Group are invited to join us for the evening.

On Saturday 4th October, Barbara organised an excellent programme for younger ladies in the Killyhevlin Hotel. The theme was "Sowing Friendship" – unfortunately, despite the event being very local, Clogher Diocese was poorly represented. As Diocesan President I attended and found it very uplifting to be in the company of so many younger women. Jacqui Armstrong from Fanad, Co Donegal the All Ireland Faith & Policy Co-ordinator gave an exceptionally good talk on Friendship; this was followed by a relaxing hand and arm massage. Lynne Winslow involved the ladies in some craftwork. The final talk was appropriately

entitled "Sowing Friendship the Mothers' Union Way". Thank you Barbara for all your hard work.

Harvest Thanksgiving – St Patrick's Church Castle Archdale

The Harvest services got off to a good start with the Children's Harvest which involved the Sunday school children. Appropriately there was also a Baptism. There was a large congregation and it was a lovely family occasion. On Sunday evening, the church was filled to capacity. Mr William McBride and Mr Stephen Magee provided special music and the preacher was the Revd Alan Irwin from Colaghty parish. All enjoyed the fellowship afterwards as refreshments were served. Thank you to all who provided fruit, vegetables and flowers and so tastefully decorated the church and to all who helped with refreshments, not forgetting our organists at both services. There was also a lovely display of Sunday school children's art on the theme of Harvest, so thank you to Sunday school teachers and children.

Baptisms

Sunday 5th October 2014

Castle Archdale – Aria Mai daughter of Richard and Bernadette

Derryvullen North – Hannah Christine daughter of Darren and Emma

Derryvullen North – Samuel Gordon son of Gary and Paula

Prayers

We continue to pray for all who are sick, for those in any kind of trouble and for those who have been bereaved. Especially, at this time we are asked to remember the Christians in Iraq – pray for their protection and perseverance at this very difficult time. Grant Lord, that all may know the reality of your love and care.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Calendar

9th November

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

16th November

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

23rd November

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

30th November

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

7th December

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary
 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Holy Matrimony

The rector would be happy to know the answer to the following question. In what year was the last daughter of either Derryvullen rectory or Garvary rectory married? We are happy to record with best wishes the marriage of Andrea Joy Valerie Stewart, daughter of Canon John and Valerie Stewart, Derryvullen rectory, with Richard Kenneth Caldwell, Antrim, which took place on Friday 26th September 2014. Andrea wishes to thank the members of Garvary Select Vestry and the parishioners of Derryvullen South and Garvary for their gifts and good wishes.



Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved including Leslie Dixon, Derrybrusk Old Rectory, on the death of his brother, Desmond, England; Helen Benson, Killygrania, on the death of her father, Eddie Thompson, Tubrid; Audrey Moorhead, Maguiresbridge, on the death of her aunt, Peggy McDowell, Enniskillen; and Helen Hicks, Ballinamallard, on the death of her nephew, Dean Montgomery, Augher.

Harvest



Once again we had very successful harvest services in both parishes with good attendances. The churches were nicely decorated for the occasion, and our thanks to everyone for their hard work. We had the usual participation by the choir and young people whom we thank along with our organist this year, Mrs Diane Whittaker.



As a first, the sermon slot on the Friday evening in Garvary, along with the Bible readings and prayers was effectively led by the young people of GIFT. This was very much enjoyed by the large congregation. Our thanks to our visiting preachers, the Revds Charles Eames and Margaret Pringle for their ministry to us.

Mothers' Union

On Monday 15th September 2014 in Garvary parish hall, Barbara Mason and Debbie Dane of Garvary along with Carol Dixon of Derryvullen South were enrolled as members of the Mothers' Union by Canon Stewart.



We were delighted to welcome these new members and look forward to having their support. The next meeting will be held in Garvary parish hall on Monday 17th November at 8.00pm when we will welcome a representative of the PSNI who will speak on the important subject of internet safety.

Remembrance Sunday

This year is a special year as we mark the centenary of the Great War which began in 1914. A service of memorial will take place in each parish church on Sunday 9th November. As usual our offering goes to the Earl Haig Fund.

Family Service

The services in both parishes on Sunday 30th November will be family services with the usual involvement by our young people and we look forward to having Abraham Storey leading the worship.

Parish Hall

On Monday evening 22nd September 2014 the parishioners had an opportunity to consider the proposed plans for renovating the parish hall at Derryvullen South, Tamlaght. Robert Brown who had produced the drawings and Neville Armstrong who is knowledgeable on grant applications kindly gave of their time to be with us that evening and to offer their professional advice. On behalf of the subcommittee Nick Watts gave a summary of the proposals with the assistance of a powerpoint presentation and an opportunity was given to those present to ask any questions. Following this general meeting, a meeting of the select vestry took place and it was decided at that meeting to proceed with the proposed plans and to make a formal application to the local planning authority.

Devenish and Boho



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Remembrance Day Services

Sunday 9th November - Boho at 10.00am and Devenish at 11.30am.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

We wish to thank our Harvest preachers Archdeacon Cecil Pringle, Mr Walter Pringle, Mrs Ellen Stevenson and Mr Abraham Storey. Thanks also to our parish choirs, the organists, Mrs Kathleen Irwin and Mrs Gill Spence and all who brought flowers and vegetables and helped decorate both churches. We also would like to thank the ladies, who provided such lovely Harvest Suppers in both Boho and Devenish.

Auction and Sale

Devenish Parish Annual Auction and Sale will take place on Saturday 8th November at 2.00pm in the Reade Hall Monea. This is the main annual fund raising event in the Parish and the Select Vestry would be grateful for all gifts for the Auction and Sale. This can include agricultural products, vegetables, firewood, electrical goods, cakes, groceries, bric-a-brac or financial donations.

Reade Hall Project

The Select Vestry have received Planning Approval for the Reade Hall project. The plans include a new disabled entrance and toilet block and an extended kitchen and committee room. The Plans are now being submitted to Building Control.

Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service on Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 12noon on the crash site at David Scott's farm at Drumcose for the nine airmen who died when their Catalina Flying Boat JX252 of 131 OTU Killadeas crashed at Drumcose on 26th November 1944.

Coffee Morning

Magheraboy Flute Band will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 16th November in the Reade Hall Monea

Congratulations

Congratulations to Leroy and Wendy Lindsay on the birth of their daughter, Annabelle.

Donacavey and Barr



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Confirmation

Barr Parish Church are having Confirmation on Sunday 23rd November at 3pm therefore there will be no Morning Prayer in the church on that morning.

Harvest

As you are reading these notes our harvest celebrations will have taken place. We wish to record our thanks to all who helped in any way to ensure that God was glorified for all his goodness to us. Thanks to those who gave donations of money, flowers, fruit and vegetables. Also the decorators, organist and choir and to those who provided our Harvest supper a big thank you.

Bereavements

Sincere sympathy is extended to those of our parish who have been bereaved.
May and George Dickie on the death of their daughter Deborah.

Grace and Sam Colhoun on the death of their brother-in-law.

Elizabeth and Richard Rountree on the death of Richard's mother, Mrs Rountree. Her death occurred in Australia.

To all who have been bereaved we offer our sympathy and pray that God will comfort them in the days that lie ahead.

Illness

Many in our parish are suffering from illness or are in hospital. We ask that you remember those known to you in prayer and if you know of someone who needs a visit in hospital or indeed a home visit urgently please contact the churchwardens Mr Sam Colhoun 02882841996 or Mr John Beattie 02882242067.

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th November

Craft fair in Donacavey Parish Church Hall from 10.00am-4.00pm. If possible please leave items of Bric-a-Brac in the Parish hall on Saturday 22nd November between 4.00pm and 6.00pm

Wednesday 10th December

Senior Citizens Holy Communion and Christmas afternoon tea at 2.00pm

Saturday 13th December

Sunday School party from 2.00pm-4.00pm in the parish hall.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar

Sunday 2nd November 2014 The Fourth Sunday before Advent - Donagh 10.30am Celebration of Holy Communion, Tyholland 12.00noon Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November 2014 The Third Sunday before Advent - Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance, Errigal Truagh 12.00noon Celebration of Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance

Sunday 16th November 2014 The Second Sunday before Advent - Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer, Tyholland 12.00noon Morning Prayer, Donagh 3.00pm Girl's Brigade Enrolment Service

Sunday 23rd November 2014 The Kingship of Christ - Donagh 10.30am Service of the Word, Tyholland 12.00noon Service of the Word

Sunday 30th November 2014 The First Sunday of Advent - Donagh 10.30am Advent Carol Service (This will be a combined Family Service)

Choir Practice

Choir Practice takes place on Monday evenings. Junior Choir practice at 7.00pm in St. Salvator's Church, Senior Choir practice at 8.00pm in St. Salvator's Church. The Choir has been extremely busy over the past weeks with many harvest services and other special events. We are extremely grateful to Ethne McCord and the Donagh choir members for their dedication and commitment.

Parochial Hall

A few weeks ago we had the hall painted and decorated. We are very much indebted to the Fás workers who carried out this work very quickly and in a most efficient way. Thanks to all who helped with the cleaning afterwards. Thanks to Eileen Coulter for taking down the curtains, laundering them and putting them back again thus completing the enhancement of the hall which now looks very well.

Mothers' Union

The members of the Mothers' Union met on Saturday 12th October in Ambledown Cottage at 1.00pm for lunch. It was an enjoyable occasion and after the lunch we organised future events for the incoming year. Thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer and committee members for organising this. New members will be made very welcome at our monthly meeting.

Harvest Thanksgiving

On Sunday 21st September the Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in St. Sillian's, Tyholland. The Church was packed to capacity and beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Guest Preacher was the Revd Matthew Hagen, Rector of Tynan, Aghivilly & Middletown. The Donagh Choir together with members from Middletown Parish choir led the singing. The Wilson sisters sang and a duet was sung by Jessica and Mandy Leyburn. This was an occasion of 'hands across the border' as we joined in worship and fellowship with our friends from Armagh Diocese. The harvest supper was provided and served by the ladies of the parish in the Canteen of Monaghan Mushrooms by kind permission of Mr Ronnie Wilson. Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Wilson for their generosity in making the premises available to us and to all who came from the wider community and supported us.

On Sunday 5th October, the second of our Harvest Thanksgiving services in the group of parishes took place in Errigal Truagh. Again the church was beautifully decorated with some of the decorations reminding us of times past. The guest preacher was Pastor Foster Wright who had travelled from Ayrshire for the occasion. Pastor Foster Wright, as a little boy, remembered sitting in the 'Wright' family pew. He attended Errigal Truagh

church services when he visited his grandparents at Glassmullagh. Errigal Truagh was the church his father was baptised in and where his grandparents were married in and buried in the adjoining graveyard, and where many of his relations are also buried. Sharing in the service was Canon Robert Wright, now retired. He read the first lesson and he is a cousin of the late Jackie Wright from Derryvullen North Parish Church who also with his wife visited and supported Errigal Truagh church many years ago.



Canon Robert Wright, Revd Betty Thompson
and Pastor Foster Wright.

There was a very large attendance at the service which included 11 current descendants of Thomas George Wright (Glassmullagh). Some of the visitors could remember back to the 1940's when they came to the services in Errigal Truagh church in a pony and trap and after the service everyone stood around chatting - no need for social media in those days. The Donagh Choir led the singing and thanks again to the Organist Mrs Ethne McCord and the members of the Donagh choir for leading the worship in praise and song. After the service refreshments were served in the Blackwater Valley Learning Centre at Ballyoisin, thanks to the ladies for providing a scrumptious supper and to the staff of the centre for their help. This was a great occasion for everyone and especially for the 'Wright' family connections as they caught up with all the news. Thanks to everyone who made this a memorable and wonderful occasion.

On Sunday 12th October, the Harvest Thanksgiving service was held in St. Salvator's Church, Glaslough. The church which was very well decorated reflected God's goodness to us in his provisions for us. The children had made special decorations which were displayed at the back of the church reflecting the harvest theme. The Guest preacher was the Revd Helen MacArthur from Ardclinis & Tickmacrean Parishes. Special anthems were sung by the Donagh Choir and the children from the Sunday school sang two harvest songs. Miss Cathy Cassidy, a talented musician played the tin whistle. Our thanks also go to the organist Mrs Ethne McCord. At the conclusion of the service the children from the Sunday school were presented with their certificates for winning the Archdeacon Ruddell prize. Thanks to the Very Revd Thompson for presenting the prizes and offering encouragement to the children.

A lovely harvest tea was provided and served by the ladies in the parochial hall. Again thanks to everyone for their gifts of time and talent to make this again a special and memorable occasion.

Community Harvest

On Friday 26th September, the Community harvest was held in St. Mary's Church. This was well attended and thanks again to Ethne and the Donagh Choir for leading the worship. A lovely supper was served at the conclusion of the service.

Girl's Brigade

The Girl's Brigade meets in the church hall at the usual times on Tuesday evening. We are looking forward to the 16th November when the Enrolment service will be held in St. Salvator's Church at 3.00pm

Rural Deanery Inspection

The inspection took place recently and our thanks to the Rural Dean Canon Ian Berry and to Mr Chris Tracey. At St. Salvator's Church the Diocesan Architect came and discussed the plans for the proposed Sunday School Room.

Prayers

We continue to remember in our prayers those who are in Residential/Nursing homes. We remember those in hospital and pray that God will lay his healing hand upon them.

We offer our sincere sympathy and pray for those of our church family who have been bereaved in the past weeks. We pray God will surround them with his love at this time.

Dromore



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11.30am Each Sunday. (9.00am Holy Communion - First Sunday of Month)

Where there is no vision, the people perish - Proverbs 29:18

Commercial marketing is all around us, we know many of the slogans that the advertisers bombards us with: 'you should have gone to?' 'mums prefer...?' 'just do it?' 'i'm lovin it?' to name but a few. Commercial marketing is different from God given vision. As a

church we need to be clear 'what it is we are about' and in one sense that is simple - sharing Jesus and making disciples. But how do we do that? and what does this look like?

The harvest period has been brilliant and each of the speakers brought out a different yet related theme around the potential that lies in a small seed. As I have said before I am struck by Psalm 126:5-6 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

The scriptures are clear that we have our part to play and as we explore what that looks like we have distilled our strap line into this phrase Sowing Seeds Growing Community.

Holy Trinity Dromore seeks to be a church which sows the seeds of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and grows a community of Spirit filled people as we play our part in making disciples of all nations.

We desire to be a church that sows seeds and grows community.

We desire to be a church that plays our part in the great commission.

God never calls us to stand still. God has not called us to remain as we are. As Jesus says in Matthew 17:20 'Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains.'

We want to be a group of people who sow the seeds of the Gospel through prayer, study and fellowship and nurture those seeds as we grow into the people that God has destined us to become bringing HOPE to the community of Dromore and further afield.

Where we are now is never the fullness of what God has for us. It is not good enough to simply say - that is the way it has always been - or it will do us my day - if we continue to do that we are selling God short we are not expecting nor reaching for all that God has for us.

Whether we are farmers, business people, teachers, factory workers, labourers, home owners, mums, dads, aunts, uncles we always dream of passing on something better. We never intentionally decide to leave the next generation with a farm that is worse or a business that is struggling or a family that is struggling. We always strive to leave it better than we received it. The same is true of the church, not just buildings, rather people we should strive to leave a community of believers that is stronger in the faith than when we first joined it.

Sowing Seeds Growing community and it starts here today, its starts with you and me.

James

HOLY TRINITY DROMORE
Sowing Seeds, Growing Community

Website

We have recently developed a new website why not take a look www.holytrinitydromore.org

U&UR Spouse

Following on from the success of the last evening we are hosting another night which will focus on marriage and give time for you to invest into your marriage with your spouse. Whether you have been married a week, month, year, decade or much longer it is important that you continue to invest in the relationship that you have with your spouse. We will be watching an inspirational story called 'Fireproof' and following it will here some direct challenges on how to stay on course, get back on course or make your marriage even better. So put Sunday 16th November at 8.00pm in your diary - you will not be disappointed.

Fields of Life

As many people are aware the Parish is hoping to send a team to Uganda with Fields of Life in 2015. It is anticipated that the team will re-visit the community with which we already have a link. In 2010 Holy Trinity Dromore raised funds and sent a team to build a school in Burunga Alliance, Lyantonde. Subsequently we have been able to help that community bore a well to provide clean water every day.

Over the coming months we have a number of fund raising events planned. We have already successfully completed some to date but need to raise more money to enable the building of teacher accommodation and kitchen, provide a vaccination programme and be involved in other ministry opportunities.

Harvest Gala Ball on Friday 21st November in the Valley Hotel Fivemiletown. Tickets are £35 and available from the team or by contacting James on 8289 8246.

Gospel Concert on Friday 5th December - Featuring a variety of artists being held in Holy Trinity.

Car Wash / Coffee Morning / Cake Sale on Saturday 6th December from 10.00am in Holy Trinity Dromore.

Watch our website or Facebook page for details of these events.

Mothers' Union

Saturday 8th November 2014 - Ladies Shopping Trip to Ballymena. Cost £6.50 (Leaving @ 9am and Returning 7.30pm).

Wednesday 19th November 2014 @ 8pm - Visitors Night - Speaker: Joanne Gibson from "RUTH" (Raising Up The Hurting). If families would be willing to put together shoe boxes for this evening they would be greatly received. Items that can be put in are hats/scarves/gloves/toiletries/socks/chocolate. We would like to give these to Joanne on the night to give them out to the homeless during December. There will also be a bring-and-buy sale this evening.

Advent Carol Service

Our annual Advent Carol Service takes place on Sunday 30th November at 7.30pm with the guest speaker this year being Canon Gareth Harron, Rector of Magheralin.

The Ark

Over the last few months you may have heard of the desire to begin something new for those of pre-school age and younger. We are pleased to say that on Tuesday 23rd October the ARK was launched. This is a ministry for everyone who has the care of a baby, toddler or pre-schooler. So whether your the mum or dad, granny or granda, carer or nanny 'The Ark' is for you.

We meet on Tuesday mornings each week during term time from 10am to 12noon and offer a range of activities that are specially planned to cater for the needs of the children who attend e.g. Arts and crafts, play that aids their development, stories, songs and a whole lot more.

We hope that The Ark will also be a place of refuge for the adults who come. A slot in the week when you can interact with others, pass on ideas and avail of a number of other services that will help both you and your child.

So why not come along and join in or find out more from Shirley on 82898246.

Regular Organisations

Tots Powerhouse - Creche during the 11.30 service.

Junior Sunday School (4-11's) – Sunday morning during the 11.30am service.

IGNITE (12-18's) – meets during 11.30am service and also socially on 2nd + 4th Saturday nights at 8.00pm, they also meet in a peer led cell group during the week.

CLB – Mondays 7.00-8.00pm.

The ARK - Tuesdays 10.00am-12noon.

Bible Study - Tuesdays 8.00pm.

GFS – Wednesdays 7.00-8.00pm.

Mothers' Union - Third Wednesday of the Month 8.00pm.

Bowls – Thursdays 8.00pm.

Marriage

4th October 2014 - Lorna Mary Jane Vance and Jonathan Robert Samuel Harpur

Social Networking

Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook or follow us on Twitter '@HTDromore' to keep up to date with everything that is going on.

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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November

Sunday 2nd November - 10.00 Templecarne MP, 11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Sunday 9th November - 10.00 Muckross HC Act of Remembrance, 11.30 Drumkeeran MP Act of Remembrance (Youth Parade in Pettigoe - No Sunday School), 7.00 Dernasesk

Sunday 16th November - 11.00 Confirmation in Drumkeeran

Sunday 23rd November - 10.00 Muckross MP, 11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Sunday 30th November - 10.00 Templecarne HC, 11.30 Drumkeeran MP

December

Sunday 7th December - 11.00 Children's Service plus refreshments, plus Santa

Sunday 14th December - 10.00 Muckross HC, 11.30 Drumkeeran MP, 7.00 Dernasesk Carol Service

Sunday 21st December - 10.00 Templecarne Carol Service inc. HC, 11.30 Drumkeeran Carol Service

Christmas Eve - 10.00pm Holy Communion Drumkeeran

Christmas Day - 10.00am Holy Communion Templecarne

Special collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for Christians in need in the Middle East, through the Bishops' Appeal. Please prepare to give generously. Sunday 28th - 11.00 Drumkeeran Group Service

Harvest Thanksgiving

During September Harvest services were held in all three churches. Details of the services in Muckross were in the October Magazine. The Harvest service in Templecarne was on 21st September, the preacher, the Revd Eleanor Hayden, local Methodist minister. In Drumkeeran the services were on 28th, morning and evening. At the morning service we had the Kindfund Children from Kenya and it was a most refreshing and stimulating service. And there was an excellent collection for the work of Kindfund Kenya. The preacher at the evening service was Canon Billy Johnston, a native of the area. I would like to thank all who played a part in the preparation for the Harvest Thanksgiving services in all three parishes, those who decorated the churches, those who prepared and served supper, the organists and choirs, and all who contributed in any way. Thank you to all who attended.

And following on from the Harvest Services, try to be an 'every Sunday worshipper'.

Sunday School

Sunday School has resumed after the long summer break. A welcome to two new teachers, Sandra Lennox and Alison Vennard. We are sorry to have lost Alistair Barton and Norma Barton. Our thanks to them for all the service they have given to the parish over the years, Alistair in Sunday School and Norma as one of the Organists. And thanks to all the teachers in the group who serve faithfully month by month. Please ensure full attendance by the children every Sunday, if possible in Church as well as in Sunday School. Confirmation is planned for 16h November. A group Christmas Children's Carol Service will be held in Drumkeeran on Sunday 7th December at 11.00am, followed by a light lunch and presentation of gifts in the Parochial Hall, plus the usual visit of Santa. There will be no Sunday School on 9th November as many of the children will be taking part in the BB/GB Remembrance Sunday Parade Service in Pettigo.

Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will take place in Drumkeeran Parish Church on 16th November. Please remember in your prayers the young people from the group of parishes being prepared for Confirmation, their parents and wider families. Please also pray that each church in the group will be a welcoming place for the young people, and for all people, an open door and a warm welcome.

Concert

Templecarne Parish's annual concert is planned for 6th November in the Methodist Youth Hall in Pettigo. The Comper will be Gary Wilson, plus full programme from local artists. This event has always been well supported by the local community in and around Pettigo and I hope this year will be no exception. A big 'Thank You' to all who help, particularly to David and Hilda Johnston who each year put so much effort into the concert preparations to make it a success for the community and for the finances of the parish.

Dernasesk

The Harvest Thanksgiving in Dernasesk is due to be held on 19th October. There was no service in Dernasesk in September due to the Harvest in Muckcross. The November service will be on the 9th at 7.00pm.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

As we move into November the work for this annual Christmas Appeal gathers momentum. Again, appreciation of the great work which Irene Boyd and her helpers put into this effort year by year. This will be Irene's eighteenth year of organising the appeal for children who otherwise would not receive a Christmas gift. Anyone who can help in any way should get in

touch with Irene 02868631009. If you can fill a shoe-box with Christmas gifts for needy children, that would be much appreciated. All shoe boxes to Drumkeeran Parochial Hall - deadline, Wednesday 26th November.

Youth Event

Kesh Rural Deanery parishes are holding a "Church to Church" Youth Social in Derryvullen North Parish Hall, Irvinestown 8.00pm - 10.30pm, Friday 14th November. This event is planned for young people of Secondary School age, with bus collection and return from designated points in each of the parishes in the Rural Deanery. See page 26 for details.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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Overwhelm with Appreciation and Love

Whenever a person presents him/ herself for ordination it is not the beginning of a journey, the journey started a long time before with God's call. Mostly it takes a long time for the person to recognize a call from God. When that call is recognized prayer and testing takes place within a group for a year. If you still feel ordination is for you your rector then recommends you to the bishop for interview. If the bishop is satisfied you then go to Dublin for (Cactum) or interviews by different Lay and Clergy people over two days. If you get through the first two days you go back for another two days of interview. The board makes its decision known to the bishop and if it is positive off you go to the Training College for 4 – 5 years depending on your level of education when you enter.

Here you are taught many things from the spiritual to the practical. One of the things that has stayed in my mind is we are shepherds of Gods people which we know that the work of a Minister is often compared to that of shepherds. Shepherds lead, prod, take care of, watch out for, nurture, rescue and direct the sheep. As shepherds, we work directly for, and under, the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

A shepherd's work can be hazardous and grueling. The powerful story of rescue and salvation in Luke 15, of leaving the 99 to find the one who is lost, motivates all men and women of God. But we must always remember to give thanks and appreciation to those

who sacrificially give of their lives so that others might be saved.

"Pits" are an oft-used metaphor in the Bible. Salvation is often pictured, in both the Old and New Testaments, as rescue from a pit. The region was filled with both natural and man-made pits, some of which were used as cisterns to capture rainwater.

Joseph was thrown into a pit by his jealous brothers. Daniel was placed in a pit with a den of lions. Jeremiah found himself in a cistern and narrowly escaped death in a muddy mire.

There are many present-day pits into which the people of God may fall. There are the pits of drunkenness and drug addiction. There are pits of immorality, of anger and hatred, of lying, deception and greed. There are pits of self-pity and victimhood. There are pits of depression, despair and discouragement. Many of us have even described our condition, when we are asked how we are doing, as being "in the pits."

God lifts us out of those pits. God saves us. Jesus walks among us, as our Shepherd, to lift us and carry us away from the pits into which we fall. Ministers constantly find themselves ministering around the edges of pits, into which the people of God have fallen. We need to thank those who courageously and self-sacrificially give of themselves that we might be pointed to the One who can lift us out of the pit.

You may remember the words to a song that was popular about 15 years ago:

Love lifts us up where we belong,
on a mountain high,
where the eagles fly.

Love lifts us up where we belong,
from the world we know,
up where the clear wind blows.

When some say, "what's all this love-stuff you are preaching?", we should remember that it is God who first loved us. And his love should flow through us. We need to lavishly express our appreciation to those who express this love toward us, possible only because they know that Jesus has saved them. As one Minister expressed, "Most Ministers are not looking for rewards here on this earth, but they need to know we are behind them in what they are doing. A little help from us can go a long way in telling our Ministers that we are grateful for all he/she has done for us."

Revd George

Aghabog

Thank You

The parents, sister and brother of the late James Ruane (Junior) Maud, Jimmy, Julie and Keith, wish to express, our most sincere thanks and gratitude to the Revd George Beattie, and parishioners of Aghabog, for your very kind thought of prayers for James, during his illness, also your prayers, and consoling messages of sympathy, after our dear son's death. We in our turn will always remember, all of you, in our prayers, and trust, and pray the good Lord bless all of you, your homes and families.

We will be forever grateful.
Maud, Jimmy, Julie and Keith

Harvest service

Harvest service was held on Sunday 12th October and was very well attended. Our thanks to the Revd George who conducted the service and to our guest preacher Revd Stanley Stewart who preached a very inspiring address. A special word of thanks to young Mark Loan who sang two beautiful pieces without music, and to Ethel and the choir for their beautiful anthem. We were very grateful to all who came along on Saturday to decorate the church and to those who provided flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Praise Service

The District Orange praise service will be held in Druminan Orange hall on Sunday 16th November at 8pm. The guest preacher will be Revd Stanley Stewart, Clones.

Illness

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

Beetle Drive

A Beetle Drive will be held in Drumate Orange Hall on Friday 8th November at 8pm. All are welcome.

Aughnamullen

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr John Patterson Jn. Son of John and Josephine Patterson on his marriage to Miss Teresa McArdle, the parish sends their good wishes as they embark on their new life together.

Condolences

The parish expresses its prayerful sympathy to Andrew and Olga Carey on the death of Olga's Grandmother. To Helen McMurray on the death of her sister-in-law Louie Lgilisan (nee McMurray) who lived in England. To William and Edith Jordan on the death of their daughter Sandra's father-in law.

Illness

Our good wishes and prayers are with those who are in hospital or ill at home.

Carol Service

Aughnamullen will have a Carol Service on 14th December at 3.00pm

Quiz

Aughnamullen Parish have published a Christmas fireside quiz contact Marjorie on 04757752 or George Montgomery on 0429741094 and buy 5 quiz sheets for €8 including postage. Draw will take place on 28th December - 1st prize €30, 2nd €20, 3rd €10. All entries will go into a draw for €50.

Dartrey

Harvest

On Sunday 28th September we held our harvest service; our guest preacher was Mr Walter Pringle, who preached on "Ill-gotten treasures" which was an inspiring subject. The Church was very tastefully decorated, not overstated but just enough and we thank those who came along on the Saturday to decorate and all who helped in the service by reading and leading the prayers

Rockcorry

Harvest

On Sunday 28th September we held our harvest service; our guest preacher was the Revd Margret Pringle who gave a talk to the children and preached an inspiring sermon. The Church was very tastefully decorated and we thank those who came along on the Saturday to decorate and all who helped in the service by reading and leading the prayers. The service was led by the Revd George.

Christmas Tree Festival

Plans are well under way for our first ever Christmas Tree Festival starting on Saturday 13th December opening from 11am – 6.00pm and Sunday 14th opening from 3.00pm – 7.30pm at which time our Carol Service will take place.

We are looking forward to transforming our lovely Church at Rockcorry into a magical winter wonderland of Christmas Trees. The environs of the Church and Rockcorry village will also be reflective of the Christmas spirit.

Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea will be served in the adjoining Sexton's House

Upcoming Events

Saturday 29th November 2014 (11am – 2pm) Annual Parish Sale & Coffee Morning in the New School, Rockcorry.

Saturday 13th (11am-6pm) & Sunday 14th (3pm-7.30pm) December, 2014 "Christmas Tree Festival" in St. James' Church, Rockcorry culminating with a Carol Service at 7.30pm on Sunday, 14th December. Morning Coffee and Afternoon Tea will be served.

Sunday 29th March, 2015 "Songs of Praise" Group Service at 3pm in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey with Dr Philip Knowles, former Dean of Cashel.

Friday 22nd May – Sunday 24th May 2015 Flower Festival celebrating "The Journey of Life" in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey. The official opening will be conducted by Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht at 3pm and the opening service will commence at 8pm on Friday 22nd May with Bishop John McDowell as special preacher. The festival will remain open from 11am – 7pm on Saturday and from 3pm – 7pm on Sunday. The Ven. Helene Steed will preach at the closing service at 7pm on Sunday 24th May. Morning Coffee, Afternoon Tea and Pre-Booked Lunches will be available. For further details and bookings, please contact Marion on 0863976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com

Drum

Carols

A Night of Carols with Churchill Silver Band will be held in Drum Parish Church on Friday 5th December at 8pm. Guest singers: Ms Stephanie Jebb & Friends. Everyone Welcome. Festive supper served.



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November Services

Sunday 2nd November

The Fourth Sunday before Advent - 9.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am Holy Baptism & Holy Communion, 7.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 6th November

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November

The Third Sunday before Advent - Remembrance Day - 9.00am Holy Communion, 11.30am Remembrance Day Service, 7.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th November

11.00am Holy Communion, 1.05pm Healing Service

Sunday 16th November

The Second Sunday before Advent - 9.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am Holy Baptism & Holy Communion, 7.00pm Top Fifty Hymns (the next ten)

Thursday 20th November

11.00am Holy Communion, 1.05pm Healing Service

Sunday 23rd November

The First Sunday before Advent (The Kingship of Christ) - 9.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am New Look All Age Service, 7.00pm Holy Communion

Thursday 27th November

11.00am Holy Communion, 1.05pm Healing Service

Sunday 30th November

The First Sunday of Advent - 9.00am Holy Communion, 11.00am Morning Prayer, 7.00pm Healing Service

Remembering

The Bible talks a lot about remembering. The Israelites are to remember the Lord who led them out of slavery; the psalmist says "I will remember the works of the Lord"; and of course Jesus commanded us to remember Him every time we celebrate Holy Communion in breaking bread and drinking wine. Remembering is something that, as Christians, ought to be part of our very fabric – and November is a great month to be able to do that, with All Saints and All Souls, as well as Remembrance Sunday.

As well as remembering events from the past, and loved ones who have passed away, and giving God thanks for them, we should take time this November to remember Christians in other parts of the world who are suffering oppression, marginalisation and persecution. Sunday 16th November is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), so why not make a commitment to pray every day in November for our Christian family – in over 100 countries, from Iraq to India, from Sudan to Sri Lanka, from Cuba to China - who live in countries without religious freedom. They face difficulties, dangers and even death, and they desperately need our prayers. Our Cathedral will be open on this day (Sunday 16th November) from 2.30pm – 6.30pm so why not spare ten or fifteen minutes drop in and quietly pray for those who so desperately need our prayers?

So, as we head through November and towards the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, let us look back and praise God for what he has done; let us look forward and trust him for what he will do; but let us also remember our worldwide Christian family as they face difficulties and danger because of their faith. Remember also to thank God for the freedom we have to worship Him and let us use that freedom each and every Sunday to gather in praise and prayer.

Remembrance Day Service

Our Remembrance Day Service is at 11.30am on Sunday 9th November. The Preacher will be The Rev Dr Isaac Thompson, TD, BSc, BD, MTh, HCF, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Cookstown, Chaplain of Royal Irish Regimental Association and East Tyrone RUC GC Association and President of Cookstown Royal British Legion Branch. All are welcome.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Pray for Christian Prisoners of Faith. Sunday 16th November from 2.30pm – 6.30pm.

This November you can help to generate a global wave of prayer by taking part in the International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for persecuted Christians on Sunday 16th November. St Macartin's Cathedral will be open from 2.30pm-6.30pm for anyone to drop in and pray. Pray for believers who have been imprisoned because of their Christian faith, as well as their families, who suffer separation from their loved ones.

- More than 1,000 Christians, including church leaders, remain imprisoned without trial in Eritrea
- An estimated 30,000 Christians are detained inside North Korea's brutal prison and concentration camps
- The authorities in Iran have cracked down on house churches, currently detaining more than 50 Christians
- An estimated 200 Christians are currently imprisoned in communist Vietnam
- Christians in Iraq - the number of people displaced now exceeds 1.2 million.
- Please take part in this year's IDOP – your prayers really do make a difference.
- A collection box will be available for you to make a donation through Bishops' Appeal.

A Prayer for prisoners

Father of compassion and God of all comfort, awesome in power. Shine your light today inside the darkest prisons and underground cells, comfort Your precious children by Your Holy Spirit, breathe Your life and healing into tired or damaged limbs, and revive the faith of those who are weak. Feed the hungry with supernatural provision, bring new life and joy eternal even to the persecutors, and give grace and mercy to the families of prisoners and courage to trust in you day by day. In the name above all names we pray – the wonderful name of Jesus – Amen.

Top 50 Hymns

You are warmly invited to our Cathedral on Sunday 16th November at 7.00pm when the next top ten favorite hymns will be sung.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting opened with a bible reading. The guest speaker was Val Irvine, who co-ordinates a 'Food Bank' in Lisnaskea named 'The Pantry'. This provides essentials to those in great need of provisions. It is an entirely voluntary distribution centre. Val stressed it was not only those who received state benefits who required assistance but also families on low wages. In Val's words 'It is with the encouragement and guidance from God that enables me to do this in the community'. Estelle Latimer, Branch Leader, welcomed three new members to the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th November, Mark Scott and John Deering have been invited to speak about World War 1, titled 'Fewer Ladies-More Women'. New members welcome.

The Tuesday Club

Tuesday Club recommenced with a service of Holy Communion celebrated by the Dean and assisted by The Revd Rob Clements. Accompanied by Angel Nawn playing the keyboard members joined in the singing of two well known hymns, What a friend we have in Jesus and Blessed assurance Jesus is mine. Two new members, Valerie Watson and Mary Scott were warmly welcomed. Members began knitting squares which will eventually form a blanket which will be given to charity. A delicious tea was served and there was time for a chat and catch up with friends. We meet again on Tuesday 28th October when Mrs Maureen Farrrelly will demonstrate her floral skills and again on Tuesday 25th November for cooking with Mrs Stephanie Hamilton. All are welcome.

Sale of Work & Auction

Our annual Parish Sale is planned for Friday 28th November at 7.00pm with the Auction due to begin at 8.30pm. Stalls will include Cake, Grocery, Plant and Craft, Household, Jewellery and White Elephant, Toys and Games, Bathroom, Books, Records, CD's, Playstation Games and Gamepacks.

Shoebox Appeal

Put some of your Christmas into a shoe box – and send it to a child in need! When you start planning your Christmas this year, why not plan to share some of the joy and fun? For hundreds of thousands of desperately needy children, there will be no Christmas coming at all in 2014 – unless you send it to them in a shoe box. Our Mothers' Union support this project each year, so let us all as a parish support them in this very worthy cause. Operation Christmas Child is a project run by Samaritan's Purse International, a Christian relief and development charity. Last year 1.1 million needy children in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and Africa received shoe boxes from children, families and individuals in the UK. The shoe boxes are given unconditionally, regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. So – how do you send Christmas to a child in a shoe box? It's easy! Simply take an empty shoe box, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life. You also need to include £3.00 'Shipping' donation per shoebox, to cover UK transportation, overseas shipping, distribution and promotion, with any surplus going to the work of Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to contribute, there are flyers full of ideas of what to buy – plus a label to stick on the front of your box available in the church porch or contact any member of the Mothers' Union or the Churchwardens for more information. Please bring your wrapped and filled shoe box to church on or before Sunday

23rd November. Over the past 25 years, Operation Christmas Child has delivered 94 million shoeboxes to needy children in over 100 countries.

Confirmation

A Confirmation Service will be held in the spring of 2015 for young people of school years 10 and above. Confirmation Classes will begin on 1st December 2014 from 6.30pm – 7.30pm, and rather than have the candidates continue at Sunday School the only expectation until then is that you attend church on a regular basis. Full details will be given to you before Christmas including the date of Confirmation after I have arranged that with the Bishop. The decision to be Confirmed should be taken on board voluntarily and not by any forceful interference by anyone else. Each young adult must make up their own mind voluntarily, whether or not they want to confirm their baptismal vows and take ownership for them. However the final decision rests with me as Rector to decide who is presented to the Bishop for Confirmation. A form is available from the Parish Office which needs to be filled in by the candidate and signed, with the bottom section filled in by a parent/guardian and signed off by them. The form needs to be returned as soon as possible to the Cathedral Office.

Messy Church Launches Messy Mums!

It was always the hope that Messy Church would spin off into all sorts of exciting directions. Well a number of the leaders at Messy Church felt that it would be fun if the mums could leave the kids at home once a month and meet up in a coffee shop for some mum time. We are currently calling this Messy Mums, although this is no judgment on our state of tidiness. It just recognises that being a mum isn't easy and we all need some support and some adult time. They would love you to join them. You don't even need to be a mum, though you do need to be female. The plan is coffee, cupcakes and craft at the new and wonderful Lough Erne Cakes café and maybe a little bit of 'Momastery' (turn up to find out more!). The first date is on Friday the 7th November at 7.30pm. For more details contact Julie Clements at julieclements04@hotmail.com or check out the Messy Church Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch/>

A relook at our Family Service

All age worship is tough! It's hard to find a form of worship that appeals to everyone. And when we try to do so, more often than not we leave nobody happy. Yet we remember that it is Jesus who welcomes everyone, young and old.

We frequently talk to parents for whom the idea of taking their children to church fills them with dread. What if they are noisy, what if they say something they shouldn't say. How many times can I hear, is it over yet before I finally snap? Yet having children in church, learning about worship and growing in faith must be one of our priorities.

As such we have committed to having a relook at our monthly family service. We now have a shorter all age friendly liturgy that we will be following. We hope to grow a children's band with a few singers and a repertoire of exciting children's songs. As always there will be tea, coffee and juice after the service. We would like to encourage families and young people in our organisations to make it to church on the fourth Sunday in the month. Help us make the all age service truly special and something kids will want to be at.

Messy Church

The next messy church gathering is on the 20th November. Hope to have you join us.

Xplore

In October a group from the parish visited GLO a diocesan youth event in Fivemiletown.

In November Xplore will be meeting. Xplore is a monthly meeting for young people confirmation age and above. We meet for a short time on a Sunday night to xplore faith and friendship and enjoy some food together. Join us on the 2nd November in the Church hall at 8.00pm.

Prayer

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

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Clothed in Splendour

Today was one of those days. Mid autumn light. Slight drizzle. And the trees were putting on their very best display. I had the happy privilege to drive through a tunnel of what looked like pure gold. Both sides of the road were lined mostly by beech, showing off their full autumn display. And coupled with the low October light, the effect was dazzling. Later in the morning with the dog snuffling through fallen leaves, I came across a fresh harvest of chestnuts, tumbled out of their spiky cases. And later still a harvest of acorns, and another of beech nuts waiting, I presume, on a hungry squirrel. It was one of those days. A splendid day. And reminding me that there are glorious things to think about. I thought then of that highway of holiness described in the Old Testament. Running through an otherwise barren place. A great find to those not expecting it. Our journey with God is described as a great road. It reads, 'and the redeemed are there.' It is a splendid road. There is no ferocious beast. No wild thing. Only a happy momentum. And the redeemed are singing the songs of God's people. It makes, I think, for a splendid sight. One, if not clothed in gold, then clothed in full anticipation that these pilgrims are going home. They have their sights set on the heavenly Jerusalem. And that indeed, will be an even more splendid place. The psalmist helps us imagine something of what God's near presence will be like.

'Praise the LORD, my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.' Psalm 104:1

Or what about the words of John, the apostle?

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'I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.' Revelation 21:22, 23, 27

Another wonderful glimpse into a day when the beauty of the Lord will be seen by those He loves. It will be a dazzling place I think. A place of great peace and great love and great beauty.

Creation speaks to us of God. It is His handiwork. In it we see something of His nature. His real presence is something we should prepare for. We are called to journey homewards, despite the difficulties which sometimes beset us.

Yes, today was one of those days. It was a splendid day. A golden day. A day of great beauty. And a time to think of what is yet to come.

Kind regards, Kyle Hanlon

Mothers' Union

The October meeting was held on Wednesday 8th October. Branch Leader, Elvina Funston, welcomed everyone especially our speaker Yvonne Nesbitt. Hilary Kenny led in prayer and the Bible reading was by Margaret Cowan. The meeting was then handed over to Yvonne whose topic was "Colour Me Right, Dress Right". Yvonne talked at length, with samples of colour, about how we should choose colours to tone with skin, hair and eye colour. She then talked about her life and faith, and how her faith sustained her as she cared for her disabled daughter and how her daughter, Jill, was such an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Thelma Atwell. A number of invitations were received and arrangements made for the November meeting. This year MU is supporting Women's Aid and a list of items required, was given to members. The Committee members are providing Christmas supper at this meeting.

The MU are holding a Cake Sale on Saturday 1st November in The Gift Shop, Main Street (kindly granted by Captain Lowry). The money raised will be used for MU Relief Overseas.

The Branch Leader closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be held on 12th November.

Bowling Club

St John's Bowling Club continues every Thursday night at 7.30pm with active and enthusiastic play. Already we have had our first league match with Colaghty. Our annual Triples Tournament takes place from 12th – 16th January 2015.

Senior Members Ministry

We much look forward to the annual Christmas dinner on Wednesday 19th November at 12noon with Revd Kyle Hanlon conducting a Holy Communion Service. This will be the fourth such event for the Senior

Adults in the parish and everyone is invited to it. Mrs Margaret Cowan will re-awake many memories with her scrapbooks.

Girls' Friendly Society

We re-opened on the 17th September, with 45 girls in attendance. We meet every Wednesday evening between 6.30 – 8.00pm during the school terms. The girls are from the age of 4 to 14, and they are divided into the various sections for their age groups.

The girls are involved in various activities throughout the year; Bible Study, Craft, Cookery, Badge Work. We study the Bible syllabus and the girls take part in the Handcraft Competition, which is set by GFS Ireland. We also have a Cookery Competition in November which is set by Clogher Diocese.

At present, the girls are working to earn their Floral Art Badge this year. The aim of this badge is to teach simple basis steps in Flower Arranging and to encourage an appreciation in Floral Art. Mrs Thelma Atwell came in to help them make a napkin tie using flowers, on Wednesday, 8th October.



'Call His name Jesus'

Friday 12th - Sunday 14th December 2014

God willing, the parish is planning to host a festival of flowers and music to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

9.00am Drummully
10.30am Sallaghy
12.00noon 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 will normally be on the third Sunday of the month. During the year some Group Family Services will be held and these will rotate between the three Parishes. 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).

Harvest Services

The season of Harvest Services has now been completed in the Group. Thanks to everyone who made all the services with the Group such a success: the preachers, those who decorated the churches, those who provided food, and those who attended to celebrate an important time for the church family.

TAG (Teens and God)

TAG continues on 9th and 23rd November, finishing the year on 7th December. The meetings will be in Lisnaskea until Christmas then in Newtownbutler in the New Year. All teenagers are encouraged to attend this time of fun and fellowship on a Sunday evening and we pray for William, Helen and all the TAG team.

Remembrance Sunday

The annual Remembrance Service will be held in Galloon on Sunday 9th November at 11.00am. This will be a Group Service. The local Methodist and Presbyterian congregations will be joining us as will all the uniformed youth organizations along with the parishioners of Sallaghy and Drummully. As 2014 is the centenary of the start of the First World War this Remembrance Service is of historic importance.

Group Service

There will be a Group Service in Sallaghy at 11.00am on the fifth Sunday of November and the service will include a baptism.

Confirmation

There will be a Group Confirmation Service with Holy Communion on Sunday 7th December at 11.00am in Galloon Church.

Galloon Parish

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the Hutchinson family, Clonelty on the death of Jane's uncle, George Bleakley of Annaghallum, Rosslea. George's funeral was to St Mark's Parish Church, Aghadrumsee.

Dedication of Gifts

It was a pleasure to welcome our Bishop, The Rt Revd John McDowell, to our morning service on 28th September. Bishop McDowell dedicated the following gifts for use in the church: A silver Alms Dish, the gift of William, Sonia, John and Nigel Allen in memory of Freda who was parish treasurer for over 35 years. Two hymn boards, the gift of Richard, Gladys, Shirley, Helen and Derek Bell in memory of Sidney, Olive and Robin Bell and new Prayer Books and Hymn Books the gift of The Select Vestry.



The Bishop with the Allen Family



The Bishop with Gladys and Richard Bell

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

Congratulations to Emma Darling who was awarded second place in the Archdeacon Ruddell competition and received her prize from the Bishop.



The Bishop presents Emma Darling with her prize

Bowls

The Annual Pairs Bowling Tournament takes place in The Church Hall from 24th to 28th November. To enter please contact Mrs Florrie West, 028 677 38278.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout Pack is being reformed. It is hoped it will be up and running by the time you read this. For further information please contact Sonia Johnston on 02867738633.

Christmas Fair

A Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 5th December at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Tables will cost £10 each. Christmas crafts, cooking, cakes and all the usual stalls. Face painting and games for children in the Trinity Hall. Please come along and support this event. All welcome.

Forthcoming Events

It is hoped to have a "Carols at the Tree Service" on Saturday 6th December to link in with Newtownbutler Development Association's visit of Santa event. Final arrangements will be announced locally.

Smile

A preacher renowned for long sermons once said he didn't mind people looking at their watches during his sermon but it annoyed him when they took out their diaries.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union are looking forward to their next meeting in the Trinity Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 24th November. Pamela Fyfe will speak on "Health and Well Being". This meeting is open to all and it would be encouraging to everyone if you could attend. You will be made most welcome.

Just a Thought

One volunteer is worth ten pressed men (or women). God needs volunteers not conscripts.

Sallaghy Parish

Friday Harvest

Bishop Ken Clarke was the special preacher at this service and he spoke on the work of SAMS and the loose

offering was given to this worthy cause. The Service was followed by a Harvest Supper. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the arrangements for this.



Bishop Ken Clarke with Rev Anita



Ready to enjoy the harvest supper

Dedication of Gifts

The Bishop was the special preacher at the Sunday morning Harvest Service when he also dedicated some gifts in memory of former parishioners. The Downey Family presented hymn books and prayer books in memory of Mr Theo Downey; The Fiddis family presented prayer books in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Fiddis; The McWilliams Family presented communion linen, hymn books and prayer books in memory of Mr Christie and Mrs Irene Isabella McWilliams; and a plaque was dedicated in memory of Mr Gerald Stranger.



The Bishop with members of the McWilliams Family



Robert Kettle, Rev Anita, Bishop John, Charles Crawford, George Little



The Bishop with members of the Downey Family



Bishop John with members of the Fiddis Family

Act of Remembrance

There will be a short Act of Remembrance during the service on Sunday 2nd November when we remember all those who have died in the various conflicts around the world. A full Service of Remembrance will form a Group Service in Galloon Church on Sunday 9th November. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend this service.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Visitors' evening will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 13th November at 8.00pm when the guest Mrs Eva Baxter will present "Oh Suzanna" – a story with drama and song.

Dance

An Old Time Dance will be held on Friday 14th November 2014 in the Church Hall. Music will be by "Wee Tom" with dancing from 10.00pm – 1.00am. The cost will be £5 including Supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

Concert

It is hoped to hold a concert on Friday 28th November at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. The group "Radiant" will be the guest artists. Further details will be announced in Church.

Drummully Parish

Harvest Thanksgiving

We had another successful Harvest Thanksgiving and are grateful for the support we had from our visiting parishes. There will be a donation going to the Leprosy Mission from the collection. Thank you to all who helped to decorate and for providing the supper.

Illness

We would like to wish Daphne Moore well after her operation and hope she has a speedy recovery. We continue to keep Cyril and Gretta Nesbitt in our thoughts and prayers.

Dance

Our annual Old Tyme Parish Dance will be on Friday 12th December in Drummully Parish Hall. Dancing is from 10.00pm – 1.00am. This year we will be entertained by the very popular Irish Country entertainer "Wee Tom". Admission, including supper is £5 or €6.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 2nd November

Garrison 10am HC, Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 9th November

Belleek 11.30am MP, Garrison Remembrance Service at 5pm EP

Sunday 16th November

Garrison 10am MP, Slavin 11.30am MP

Sunday 23rd November

Kiltyclogher 10am MP, Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 30th November

Group Service 5th Sunday Kiltyclogher 11am MP

Sunday 7th December

Garrison 10am HC, Slavin 11.30am HC

Baptism

Cormac Thomas, son of Noel Gallagher & Katharine McMurray was baptised on Sunday 14th September in Kiltyclogher Parish Church by the Rector, Revd Ngozi.

Remembrance Service

A special service of Remembrance will be held in Garrison Church on Sunday 9th November at 5pm. Members of the Regimental Association will be in attendance to lay the wreath and deliver the exhortation. Everyone welcome.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been unwell or in hospital in recent weeks. We think of Mrs McCordick who has been in hospital recently.

Bowls

Bowls has recommenced for the winter season every Tuesday night at 8pm in Melvin View Orange Hall.

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning

The Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September in the Wark Hall Belleek, organised by 'Friends of Wilma' has raised £1,100 for this wonderful cause. Thank you to all who helped, gave donations of money, cakes, raffle items and food.

Harvest Services

The Rector expressed her thanks to all who made each of the Harvest Services such a success: the Guest speakers for their special efforts in giving inspiring addresses, the ladies who provided the supper and those who decorated the churches so beautifully with seasonal produce. Also a special thanks to the choir members who attended all the practices so faithfully and for singing at each of the services.

Slavin



Revd Ngozi & Slavin ladies decorating their church for harvest

The Rector led the service of Harvest Praise in Slavin Parish Church on Friday 19th September. The organist was Miss Ethne Earls. The speaker was Mr Gareth Hayden, minister of Derrygonnelly and Churchill Methodist churches. The choir sang two anthems, 'All The Way My Saviour Leads me' and 'God Made All Things Beautiful' accompanied by Mrs Doreen Earls. A lovely Harvest supper was served in church by the ladies after the service.

On Sunday 21st worship continued with a Harvest Family service, led by Revd Ngozi. The Sunday School children took part by showing us the letter H-A-R-V-E-S-T and telling us what each letter stood for. H-homes, A-all, R-recreation, V-vegetables, E-education, S-share, T-thanks.



Slavin Sunday School children

Geoff from 'Open Doors' spoke at both Slavin Harvest Service on the Sunday morning and at the service in Garrison Church. Using a Slide Presentation he gave us insight into the plight of many in places of conflict and poverty across the world and how his organisation helps in so many ways. He encouraged us to share what we have. The collection was given to 'Open Doors'.

Belleek

The Rector led the service of Harvest Praise in Belleek Parish Church on Friday 26th September. Mrs Sandra

Ross gave the address. Mrs Sadie Moore presided at the organ and played two pieces for the choir, entitled "The Raven he feedeth" and "Give Thanks". The ladies of Belleek Parish presented a beautiful supper in the Wark Hall to all parishioners and visitors.



Belleek Parishioners celebrating the Harvest with the Rector

This year the Sunday School children in Garrison assisted by their teachers decorated a window in the church. The Mothers' Union also decorated another window depicting its' logo. A delicious supper was served in the church hall by the ladies of the Parish.



The Mothers' Union Window Nov 14 - Some MU ladies with the Rector beside the Harvest MU Window

Garrison



The Group choir at Garrison Harvest with Mrs Sadie Moore, organist

The Rector led the service of Harvest Praise in Garrison Parish Church on Friday 3rd October. Revd Caroline Mansley gave the address. Mrs Joy Graham played the organ and Mrs Sadie Moore played for the choir who sang 2 pieces: "I want to be a worker for the Lord" and "The Raven he feedeth".

Kiltyclogher



Those who helped with the tea & decorating the church at Kiltyclogher



Revd Ngozi & Garrison Sunday School children beside their Harvest Window



Mr Edward Stephenson & some of the choir at Kiltyclogher Harvest

The Rector led the service of Harvest Praise in Kiltyclogher Parish Church on Sunday 12th October

and gave the address. Mrs Joy Graham played the organ. The choir sang 2 pieces "God Made All Things Beautiful" and "Give Thanks". The prayers were led by Mrs Hilary Carson and Miss Helen Thompson.

A special thanks to the Parishioners for providing a lovely supper in the Hostel after the service.

Mothers' Union

The guest speaker for the September meeting had to cancel at short notice due to illness in the family.

The November Meeting will be held on 24th November when our members are invited to the Visitors' night in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall hosted by Innishmacsaint MU. MU Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th December in Lough Melvin Country House. To book contact Dot Barlow.

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.

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

Rural Deanery Youth Social

See page 26 for details.

Inishmacsaint

Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Services in November

Sunday 2nd November

11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November

11.30am Remembrance Service

Sunday 16th November

11.30am Morning Prayer, 7.30pm Derrygonnelly Orange Hall World War 1 Service of Remembrance

Sunday 23rd November

11.30am Morning Prayer (Crosslinks)

Sunday 30th November

11.30am Morning Prayer

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations and best wishes to Gordon Elliott, Minrin, Derrygonnelly and Rachel Parr, Minterburn, Caledon who were married on Thursday 4th September in Minterburn Presbyterian Church. We wish them every happiness and God's richest blessing as they embark on their life together.

Bereavements

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Keith Byers in September and Elsie Acheson in October and we extend our deepest sympathy to the Byers and Acheson family circles.

Churchill Silver Band Concert

Friday 14th November Derrygonnelly Orange Hall

'Through love serve one another.'

Galatians 5:13

Bill Wilson builds Sunday schools in some of New York City's worst areas. He has been stabbed and shot, and had team members killed. A Puerto Rican lady who could barely speak English said to him one day, 'I want to do something for God, please.' Bill said, 'Okay, ride a different Sunday school bus every week and just love the kids.' So she rode a different bus - Bill has dozens of them - and loved the children. After several months she became attached to one little boy. 'I don't want to change buses any more. I want to stay on this one,' she told Bill. The boy came to Sunday school every week with his sister and sat on the lady's lap, but never made a sound. She would repeatedly tell him, 'I love you, and Jesus loves you.' One day to her amazement, he turned around and stammered, 'I...love you too.' Then he gave her a big hug. That was at two-thirty on a Sunday afternoon. At six-thirty that night the boy was found dead in a dumpster under a fire escape. His mother had beaten him to death and thrown his body in the trash. 'I love you, and Jesus loves you.' Those were some of the last words that little boy heard in his short life - from the lips of a Puerto Rican woman who could barely speak English. Bill says, 'Who among us is qualified to minister? Who among us even knows what to do? Not you; not me. But I ran to an altar once and got some fire and just went. So did this woman who couldn't speak English. And so can you.'

Thanks

Our thanks to Canon David Skuce (Rural Dean), Isobel Stewart (Diocesan Pastoral Assistant), to those Clergy and Readers who have assisted in taking our services during our first two months of vacancy, and not forgetting Glenn and Ruth in the Diocesan Office.

Illness

We remember in prayer those who are in hospital, and those who are ill or recuperating at home.

Shoe Box Christmas Appeal

This year we would like to extend the shoebox appeal to the wider parish to help those children who are in need. Shoeboxes need to be returned no later than 2nd November along with £3 for shipping fee, if you would like more information about the appeal, please contact Eileen Cutler.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Holy Matrimony

Warmest congratulations to Leroy Mills, Trillick and Caroline who were married in Ardess Parish Church on 3rd October.

All praise and glory to you most gracious God, for in the beginning you created us man and woman.

Grant your blessing then, we pray, to Caroline and Leroy so that in marriage they may be a source of blessing to each other and to all, and live in holy love until their lives' end.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

At the time of writing, we were looking forward to our Thanksgiving Services at Trillick – the scene having already been set with the 'Vintage Working & Family Fun Day' which took place at John Armstrong's field, Laughterush, Kilskeery on 11th October. The event, held in aid of Cancer Fund for Children, saw cutting corn, digging potatoes, face painting, pet show, live music, hot food and refreshments.



Vintage Working & Family Fun Day.



Robert Armstrong, Kilskeery at Laughterush



Messy Kids - Baby in a basket 'Production Line'



Magee Family, Trillick at the Vintage Working & Family



where on Sunday 19th October, at a joint Family Service, with our Sunday School children looking after the gifts of Harvest, Revd Rosemary, together with CBeebies' Rosie would bring us a Harvest Harmony and the VeggieTales would set us a challenge! Bishop John would join us in the evening, with girls from our Girls' Brigade beautifully adding to our worship and supper being served.

October 25th would see the 'Harvest Wedding' of Miss Jemma Crozier, Kilskeery and Mr William Milligan and October 26th see us, in the morning, all off to Kilskeery with, again, children from our Sunday School, members of our choirs, soloists Catherine Johnston, Sandra and Adrian Irvine, organist Elizabeth Armstrong and guitarist Art Logue leading us in music and song as we welcomed Dr Margaret Knox (MU) and, in the evening, Revd Andrew Quill (Revd Rosemary visited at Crom, Harvest Thanksgiving Service on October 12th on, what proved to be, one of the warmest October days on record!).

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

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Group

Request the pleasure of your company at

Kilskeery Parish Hall
on Tuesday November 11th
from 2.00pm - 4.30pm
for their **Annual Tea Dance**

Replies please before November 4th to
Emily 028 66388683
or **George** 028 89561285.

Girls' Brigade

Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm (Gwen 89561763). GB are again, this year, taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child' (Shoe-Box Appeal). Covered boxes are available for filling at both Trillick & Kilskeery Churches!

Girls' Brigade Enrolment will take place at a joint Advent Carol Service in Trillick Parish Church on Sunday, November 30th (First Sunday of Advent).

Boys' Brigade

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.30pm and Thursday 7.15 - 9.00pm (Roger 89561254). Appeal for return of old uniforms please - Thank you! BB Enrolment - November 9th (Remembrance Sunday).

Social

A Social is planned, in conjunction with BB, in Kilskeery Hall (age 14+) - November 28th

Youth Club

Youth Club plans, this term, to meet in Kilskeery Hall on the first two Fridays of the month. Young people, up to 18yrs of age, get together from 7.30 - 9.00pm to play games (football, hockey, pool etc), go on trips (cinema etc) and generally hang out together! Anyone, wishing to help with our Youth, or with ideas for developing, is asked to speak to Revd Rosemary/Janice (Crozier)/Karen (Keys).

Messy Kids Club

Thankfulness - Saturday November 15th 11.30 - 1.00pm (Clare 89561196)

Creche

A reminder that Creche is now available, during Sunday Service at Kilskeery!

Mothers' Union

Members at Kilskeery/Trillick are looking forward to their Visitors' Night and Sale on November 17th and to guest speaker, Gary Wilson (British Heart Foundation) and extend a warm invitation to all.

Remembrance Sunday

Our Services on Sunday, November 9th will be at the usual times of 10.30am (Trillick) and 11.45am (Kilskeery) with the Boys' Brigade Annual Service of Dedication and Enrolment of new members taking place at our Kilskeery Service.

Advent Carol Service

Joint Family Service on November 30th (First Sunday of Advent), Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am. Girls' Brigade Enrolment will take place at this service and a warm invitation extends to all to join us. 'You, O Lord, are my lamp: You turn our darkness into light.' (Psalm 18:28)

Lisbellaw

(including Coolbuck)

Vacant.

During the vacancy Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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Services

Sunday 2nd November

11.00am Holy Communion, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 9th November

10.45am Service of Remembrance (Please note earlier time), 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 16th November

9.45pm Holy Communion, 11.00am Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism, 3.00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Baptism (Coolbuck)

Sunday 23rd November

11.00am Morning Prayer, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 30th November (Advent Sunday)

11.00am Morning Prayer, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 7th December

11.00am Holy Communion, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Baptism

On Sunday 26th October Alex Barry Carson, third child of Barry and Claire was baptised by Archdeacon Pringle. It was wonderful to welcome so many members of the family in church on that afternoon. We wish Claire, Barry, Nicole, Zoe and Alex every blessing.

Death

On Wednesday 18th September, Jim Hurst of Tattygare, Lisbellaw passed away peacefully in the South West Acute Hospital after a long illness. The funeral service on Friday 20th September was conducted by the Revd William Bennett, previously Rector of Lisnaskea, a family friend. We extend to Jim's wife Arabella, his son Adrian, daughter in law Shirley, his three grandchildren, his sister Dorothy and to Ruth and the whole family circle our deepest sympathy and assure them of our prayers.

Sympathy

We also extend our sympathy to Mr Albert Brown on the death of his brother, Colin in Tempo and to Mrs Peggy Beacom on the death of her brother in law in Enniskillen.

Thanks

Thanks to all clergy and Diocesan Readers for their ministry during October. We extend special good wishes to Miss Marie McCordick, who as Diocesan Reader conducted three services in the parish and who also visited very conscientiously as Diocesan Pastoral Assistant. After Morning Service on Sunday October 12th Miss McCordick was thanked for all her work in the parish and presented with a small token of appreciation. We wish her every happiness as she leaves Clogher Diocese and relocates in Belfast, later this month.

Mrs Sue Hogg has now assumed the role of Diocesan Pastoral Assistant. We welcome her to the Parish.



Miss Marie McCordick (second left) pictured after the Family Harvest Thanksgiving with from left Frances Boyd, Rector's Churchwarden, Miss Isobel Stewart, Parish Reader and Roger Callow, People's Churchwarden

The Bridge

The Bridge, for young people aged 11-14, who have not yet been confirmed, resumed on Sunday 4th October. The young people leave the church each Sunday with the Sunday School Children but have their own time together in the Parish Centre Den (with sofas and sometimes with food!) with Wendy Kerr who has very kindly offered to lead the group, and with Kathryn Bothwell who has very kindly agreed to help. We really want to encourage these young people to continue to attend church and The Bridge each Sunday so that they will continue to learn and grow in their understanding of the Christian Faith. Hopefully, The Bridge will be good fun too!

Harvest Thanksgiving

Coolbuck parishioners celebrated their Harvest Thanksgiving on the afternoon of Sunday 28th September and again on Monday evening 29th September. Among those taking part were the Revd Charles Eames and organists Lucy Forde and Lynda Lindsay. Harriett Kirkpatrick read a lesson and Ann Orr and Sadie Speight led some prayers.



Coolbuck Church pictured after the capstones had been stolen

Coolbuck parishioners and many from further afield were shocked and saddened just two weeks later to discover that two capstones which enhanced the entrance to their church had been stolen during the night of Tuesday 7th October. The Coolbuck community is a very close-knit one and many people have been deeply hurt by this calculated action.



Getting ready for Harvest 2014



Jean McElroy getting ready for the Harvest

Three Harvest Thanksgiving Services took place in Lisbellaw over the weekend of 10th-12th October. On Friday night the service was conducted by the Revd Gary McMurray from Aghavea Parish who preached from John Chapter 15 on Jesus' words, 'I am the True Vine'. He stressed how important it is to be attached to and remain in Him, if we are to be fruitful as Christians.



The Revd Gary McMurray from Aghavea with some Lisbellaw parishioners after the Harvest Service on Friday Night



Two lovely ladies admiring the flowers!

The Sunday morning Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service was conducted by Miss Marie McCordick, and the Sunday School children all took part. Sincere thanks to the children, to their teachers, Audrey Potters, Desiree Dunlop, Sharon Moutray and Sarah Forde, their helpers, Abbie Crawford, Chloe Crawford and Sarah Jane Makhlouf and to all the parents who came along to support them. It was very encouraging to see so many in church.



Some of the children who took part in the Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service

On Sunday evening, the Revd John McClenaghan from Colebrooke conducted the final service of the weekend. His theme was another of Jesus 'I am' sayings from John's Gospel, this time from Chapter 6, 'I am the Bread of Life.' Again we were reminded of Christ's words, 'He who comes to me will never go hungry,' and 'He who feeds on this bread will live for ever.' Thanks to all who worked hard in preparation for the weekend - to those who brought flowers, fruit and vegetables, and to those who made such wonderful arrangements with them. Thanks too to Lynda and the choir for their musical contributions throughout the weekend.



Lisbellaw Choir Members with organist, Lynda Lindsay

Remembrance Sunday

'At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.'

Our Service of Remembrance on Sunday 9th November at 10.45am will perhaps have special significance this year, in that 2014 marks the Centenary of the Outbreak of the First World War. A lot of research has been undertaken in the Parish during the year on the men from the Lisbellaw and Tamlaght areas who fought and died in that war and whose names are on the Commemorative Tablets in the two churches. Very valuable links have been discovered and established with family members of these men, locally and further afield and hopefully a book will be published late in 2015. As the names are read in church this year, there will surely be added poignancy for us all.

We will also remember the men and women from the village who served and died in the Second World War. As we approach the seventieth anniversary of the ending of that war in 1945, our special thoughts will be with those from the Parish who served, a small number of whom still live in our community today.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal

Once again, our Parish will be supporting this very worthwhile charity, which aims to provide children in extreme poverty with at least one present at Christmas. As filled boxes have to be in Drumkeeran Parish Hall by 26th November, it would be great if they could be brought to church on Sunday 16th.

Mothers' Union

On Monday 20th October members attended the Diocesan Event in Derryvullen Parish Hall (Tamlaght) where the speaker was Mrs Phyllis Grothier, All Ireland President.

On Tuesday 25th November at 8.00pm Doreen Mullan will speak about her work in the Westville Resource Centre.

Parish Auction

A Parish Auction has been planned and will take place in the Parish Centre on Saturday 29th November. Your support of this event will be hugely appreciated. Further details will be available later.

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Services for November

Sunday 2nd November

11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th November

11.30am Service of Remembrance

Sunday 16th November

11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd November

11.30am Holy Baptism (Retiring Collection for Christian Children's Charities)

Sunday 30th November

11.30am Morning Prayer

Holy Baptism

Sunday 12th October

Ewan Hogg, Drummack, Ballindarragh, Lisnaskea. Son to Niall & Saskia.

Burial

Wednesday 15th October

Margaret Elizabeth Dolan, Drumhaw Cottage, Lisnaskea. Our sincere condolences are with the family and friends of Margaret.

Harvest

Harvest thanksgiving services were as usual well attended and in particular on Sunday morning when a large number of families and young people came along. Children's Church sang and acted out a sketch and the choir also sang pieces at all three services. Thank you to our organists Letty and Karen, the choir and to the children and their leaders for their time and effort. We were pleased to welcome Mr Roger Cooke from CMSI as our speaker on Friday evening and Sunday morning and a service of Holy Communion led by the Rector on Sunday evening brought the weekend to a close. We are very grateful to everyone who supplied the beautiful flower arrangements and the fruit and vegetables and to those who gave of their time to make the church look beautiful.

Mothers' Union

Another month! Where have all the days gone? At least we still have the flowers. We have to be thankful for the beautiful summer and autumn which we have had and now focus on enjoying the winter events whatever the weather. Our meeting last month which was an open meeting for the whole community was unfortunately poorly attended but the speakers were excellent and gave us a clear insight into the problems of addiction faced by so many families in our society. It is good to know that there is so much help out there for anyone who needs it. We thank God for so many people who are willing to help those faced with these problems. Thanks to all the speakers and thanks to the members for providing the supper and to the other ladies who helped serve it out.

On 4th October two younger ladies from the parish attended the Young Womens Conference which they

really enjoyed. They were impressed with the work that Mothers' Union is doing and will be potentially new members for our branch. However we would like to encourage others to come and learn what we are all about so we are inviting Barbara Clarke who is the Young Womens Northern Dioceses Representative to a branch meeting in the New Year and we hope some from the parish will come to hear her.

At our next meeting on 6th November we have Christopher Emo who has been to Romania with a team from the Presbyterian Church. He has a great story to tell and has many pictures to show about the work which is going on there. Again we invite anyone who would like to hear him and see his pictures to come along. You will be very welcome.

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Mothers' Union

Our October meeting was well attended with 34 members and it was great to have two visitors join us for the evening. The group enjoyed the demonstration by Kristine Balfour and Roberta Lund from Lakeland who gave a very interesting talk on some of the products and provided samples of bread and desserts for supper. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 6th November at 8.00pm and the visiting speaker will be Sally Redmond who will speak on Beauty and do a demonstration using skin products. It promises to be a fun evening with lots of free samples – so please feel free to come along for the evening.

“Caring for soles”

At the end of October, the rector undertook two challenges which had an impact on his feet! The first was a Firewalk at Ferney Park with Ballinamallard Football Club. This challenge involved walking barefoot over a path of hot coals. The following weekend, he undertook the Portsmouth Great South Run (10 miles) with his son, Jonathan, and supported by Samuel, a student at Portsmouth University. At the time of writing we can only assume that this was successfully completed!



Revd Brian Harper walking on hot coals

Remembrance Day

On November 9th, the main morning service moves to 11.30am to accommodate the parade of youth organisations and British Legion to Ballinamallard Methodist and Magheracross Parish Churches. An act of Remembrance will take place in each church and wreaths will be laid.

Youth Led Praise

The Sunday evening service led by Ballinamallard Youth Fellowship takes place each 1st Sunday in the Parish Room. The guest speaker on November 2nd will be Jonny Phenix and on December 7th Brian Harper.

Annual learning disability service

Our Christmas Service for people with learning disabilities will be held on December 7th at 3pm. Groups and families are very welcome and refreshments are served afterwards in the Archdale Hall.

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Something that we often struggle with in our Christian lives is having an effective quiet time where we engage with God in a meaningful way. In recent weeks Rick Warren has been dealing with this in his blog and I have quoted some of his thoughts below as one possible way of having a daily quiet time; it gives a

plan and structure that usually means we will be more successful.

“The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.” (Proverbs 21:5 ESV)

If you’ve never had a quiet time before, you may not have a good, simple plan for doing one. Simplicity is important with any plan you develop. If you make it complicated, you’re more likely to get off track. All you really need for an effective quiet time is a Bible, notebook, and maybe a hymnal or songbook.

So what does a daily quiet time look like?

First, be quiet before the Lord. The Bible calls it waiting on God. You start by simply sitting down and shutting up.

Second, pray briefly. Start off with a short opening prayer. Ask God to open your mind and guide you. Ask him to cleanse your mind.

Read a portion of Scripture slowly. This is where your conversation with God begins. He starts speaking to you through his Word, and then you speak back to him through prayer. Read the Bible slowly. Don’t try to read too quickly or too much. The more slowly you read Scripture, the more you’re forced to think about what you’re reading.

Meditate on the Word. Spend some time chewing on what God is saying. Chew on the Word like cows chew on cud. Ponder and wrestle with it in your mind. There are lots of great methods for meditating on the Word. You can find specific ideas on how to meditate on the Bible in my book, “Rick Warren’s Bible Study Methods.”

Write down what you discover. When God speaks to you through his Word, care enough about what he is saying to write it down. Writing enables us to remember what God has said to us and record our discoveries.

Pray again. Be quiet. Ask God to show you his Word. Talk to God about what he has said to you. Tell him what you’re thinking about what he is saying. Talk to him about anything else that’s on your mind.

There’s not just one way to have a quiet time, but following a plan similar to this can get you started on a rewarding devotional journey. But it is not simply a matter of learning a lot of head knowledge it is important to put into practice what we learn so that we change as people.

“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” (John 13:17 NIV)

James says it is self-deception when we merely listen to God’s Word and don’t let it change us. We think that just gaining knowledge makes us spiritually mature, but the test of maturity is not knowledge. The test of maturity is character. A lot of people have great Bible knowledge, but they are spiritual midgets.

We need to put God’s Word into practice. We need to continually apply it in our lives.

In fact, knowledge increases responsibility. The more we know, the more we’re accountable for. Jesus said, “Much is required from the person to whom much is given” (Luke 12:48b GNT). What are you doing about what you know?

In Matthew 7, Jesus tells the story of the wise and the foolish builders. He says the foolish builder builds on sand. He is like the guy who hears the Word of God

but doesn’t do what it says. The wise man builds on a solid foundation because he hears God’s Word and then goes out and makes an honest attempt to apply it in his life.

Jesus said in John 13:17, “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them” (NIV). I think the simplest definition of maturity is to be a doer of the word. You do what the Bible says. We must not only read the Word; we must also heed the Word.

Every single one of us knows more spiritual truth than we’re putting into practice right now. We don’t need to know more; we already know enough. We just need to put into practice what we already know. Be a doer of the Word.

Summary of the registers

Baptism

Vivian Elizabeth Wilkin born 25th July 2014. Daughter of Ashley & Tracey Wilkin of 51 Fortview Park, Kesh.

Wedding

Congratulations to Caroline Mahon, 3 Pettigo Road, Kesh and Leroy Mills, 16 Main Street, Trillick, married on 3rd October 2014.

Burials

23rd September 2014 - Letitia Ellis of Drumagh Nursing Home, Omagh.

4th October 2014 - Alan Arthur Law of Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

Kesh Rural Deanery Social

Young people of secondary school age come to this year’s social evening on Friday 14th November to enjoy music by BB Socials, good craic and fellowship with other youths. Admission £5 - Bus £2. The schedule for the bus is below with pick up and return times quoted for each destination.

Bus times and route are as follows:

Garrison 6.45pm and 11.40pm Chapel car park.

Belleek 6.55pm and 11.30pm Church/clock.

Tubrid 7.20pm and 11.05pm Church Hall

Kesh 7.35pm and 10.55pm at the Lack Road roundabout.

Lack 7.45pm and 10.45pm at the telephone on Main Street, Lack.

Irvinestown 8pm and 10.30pm.

See page 26 for further details.

Regular Events

Prayer Opportunities - (prayer changes everything):

Revival Prayer on Mondays at 8pm.

Wednesday Prayer from 9.30 to 11.00.

Healing Prayer on Fridays from 19.30 to 20.30

24 hour prayer each month

Fountain Centre Activities

Junior Youth Club on Thursdays 18.30 – 20.00

Junior Badminton for P5, 6 & 7 on Thursdays 18.30 – 19.30

Senior Youth Club on Fridays (1st to 3rd year 7-9pm; 4th year + 9-11pm). £1 entry
Connect YF (for year 8+) on Sundays 19.00 – 21.00
Life Group for 20-30 year olds on Mondays at 19.30
Steamin' Mugs on Thursdays from 9.30 to 12noon - call in for tea/coffee, treats & chat

Dates for your Diary

Friends in the Afternoon group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday each month in Ardess Parish Hall at 2pm for an hour or so of fellowship and interest. Everyone welcome.

11th November Memories of the First World War - John Deering

25th November Christmas Crafts - Joan Bell & Audrey Fraser

Mothers' Union on 20th November - A Woman of Faith - Eva Baxter

SENT M14 is a meeting of male disciples regarding establishing God's Kingdom here. Saturday 8th November in the Spires Conference Centre, Belfast. £35

Transforming our Community Through Prayer on Saturday 22nd November is a one day conference with Roy & Daphne Godwin in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church. £20 to include lunch. Contact Dee in parish office to confirm a place.

Ardess Historical Society meets once each month (except December) in Ardess Parish Centre - £10 membership or £2 per night

Monday 17th November - The Social Life of Enniskillen in the Early 1800s - Bernadette Layden.

Book Club meets fortnightly on Mondays at 10.00am in Liz Crook's house in Kesh. This month's meetings are 3rd & 17th November.

Harvest

God's Fruits of the Spirit was the theme for our Harvest sermon at 11.00am on Sunday 12th October, delivered by Gillian Robinson with assistance from young members of the congregation and including a rousing rendition of 'Our God is a Great Big God' by members of our Children's Church. An extremely joyous, uplifting and enjoyable occasion.

A big Thank You to all who took part and also to the individuals involved in the decoration of the church - a splendid display!



Harvest Lunch

Friends in the Afternoon Harvest lunch on Tuesday 14th October was a total triumph enjoyed by a number of the group members and their friends & families. Much hard work went into providing this lovely meal for which we thank Colleen, Gillian, Avril and their helpers. Entertainment, in the form of comic sketches (hilarious!) and poetry readings, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and for which we thank Alan, Fran and Adele.

Ardess goes to Africa

As this goes to press our team destined for the Footprints children's home in South Africa are making final preparations to leave on Monday 20th October. By the time you are reading these notes they will have been over there doing God's work for ten days and are just arriving back home. We are looking forward to hearing their stories and will bring you all their news and pictures in next month's magazine. The team are below back row Gerald Knox, Revd Henry Blair, Glenn Ewing, front row Heather Knox, Valerie Bleakley, Margaret Graham, Charlie Bleakley, missing from photo Edith Knox.



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Baptism

St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk - 1st October, 2014, Darcey Read, Maddock House, 3 Inishrook Road, Lisnaskea

Marriage

Christ Church, Maguiresbridge - 3rd October, 2014, Stephen Robert Crawford, 6 Moher Road, Lismonaghan, Kinawley and Jill McWilliams, 20 Coollane Road, Coollane, Maguiresbridge

We are delighted to welcome Darcey into the fellowship of Christ's Church and to wish Stephen and Jill well in their future life together.

It was good to have a good attendance at our services of Harvest Thanksgiving. Both of our churches were very tastefully decorated as we thank God for His many blessings and for the beautiful summer and autumn. We have so much to be grateful for. I would like to thank our organists and choirs for leading us in our worship and to our preachers:- The Very Revd Kenny Hall, Revd Canon Desmond Kingston and Mr Abraham Storey.

Over the last few weeks there were two very interesting programs on BBC 1. Frequently we see such negativity between the politicians, which can become depressing. The two programs I am referring to are to do with sports personalities and people who have been and are great ambassadors for Northern Ireland. The first program was about three golfers, Darren Clarke, Graeme McDowell and Rory McIlroy. It was great to see these men who would compete with each other on the golf course and despite the rivalry on the golf course but during the interview, the banter, joking and interaction was great. We could learn so much from them. An interesting fact that came across, was their great generosity to their favourite charities. The other program was about the Dunlop family and especially Joey and Robert with their great love for motor bike racing. As he got older, the program spoke of how Joey carried out humanitarian work for children in Romania. He drove his van across Europe delivering clothing and food. He was such a humble man. Sadly it was while Joey was racing at Tallin in Estonia, that he lost his life. At his funeral service which was televised, it was amazing to see so many people attend

his funeral from so many different walks of life. It is unfortunate, that it is only at times like this that we see and acknowledge the good in other people. During our time here on earth, it is a pity people find it so hard to compliment one and say how good something was or simply to say thank you.

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Services

9th November Third Sunday before Advent - St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion, Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

16th November Second Sunday before Advent - St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word, Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

23rd November Christ the King - St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship, Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

30th November First Sunday of Advent - St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word - Preacher Revd Dr Maurice Elliott (Director, Church of Ireland Theological Institute)

7th December Second Sunday of Advent - St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion, Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

New Members of Diocesan Synod

Congratulations to Mrs Hilary Workman & Mr Bertie Wedlock who were recently elected as members of Diocesan Synod.

Diocesan Triennial Elections

These were held during September and the following from our own group were elected:

Diocesan Council

- Canon Ian Berry & Chris Treacy
Diocesan Representatives to General Synod
- Mr Sammy Genoe, Canon Ian Berry & Chris Treacy
Diocesan Electoral College
- Canon Ian Berry & Mr Chris Treacy

We pray for God's guidance for them as they serve on these roles over the next three years.

Mothers' Union

The MU Met in the Hall on 7th October when Mr Charlie Mills showed slides and gave a very informative talk on his involvement along with others in funding

education for under privileged children in Uganda. The evening concluded with business meeting and supper. The November meeting will be on Tuesday 4th November and will be an evening of knitting and crochet by the members – wool & needles will be supplied.

The Ladies' Group

The group met on Tuesday 16th September in the Hunting Lodge Glaslough where they enjoyed refreshments followed with a talk by Sammy Leslie on her experience of "Growing up in the Castle". Their November meeting will be on Tuesday 18th themed "Back in Time" with a visit to a traditional Irish Cottage in Tydavnet, Co. Monaghan – where music & craic will be supplied.

Harvest Services

Harvest services in the group concluded with Ballinode on Sunday 12th October and all were well supported by Parishioners, friends and the wider community.

The speakers were as follows:

Kilmore: Captain Richard Beadle (Church Army)

Monaghan: The Rector

Ballinode: Mr Jonathan Condell

We express grateful thanks to them. The services were a time for us all to reflect on God's unfailing love in providing for our spiritual and physical needs.

We are ever indebted to the organists, choir, praise group, soloists and Sunday school children for their lead in worship. Those who decorated our Churches to a very high standard and those who provided refreshments after the services. We also record grateful thanks to those who gave generously to the Harvest Appeals.

Illness

Some of our Parishioners have been hospitalised over recent times and your prayers for them and their families, the housebound and those in residential care would be greatly appreciated.

Monaghan Collegiate School Sale

The sale will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Friday 28th November 10am to 3pm. The stalls will be laden with cakes, jams, farm produce and white elephant. Tea and Coffee available throughout the day – please support and bring your friends.

Vortex Youth Group

The group continues to meet weekly and we are greatly encouraged by the numbers who have joined and attend the meetings.

Youth Organisations

Explode, Boys' Brigade & Girls' Brigade continue to meet on a weekly basis.

Playaway Mother & Toddler Group

The group meet each Thursday in the Hall.

Rossorry

Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and the Revd Canon Desmond Kingston is providing priestly cover, along with Mrs Sue Hogg and Mrs Joan Nelson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants, providing pastoral cover.

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Coffee Evening and Cake Sale

A very successful and enjoyable 'coffee evening and cake sale' took place in the Parochial Hall at Rossorry on Thursday 9th October 2014. Proceeds of this event (over £600 to date) are going to parish maintenance and preparations for the 175th Anniversary (in 2016) of the building of the 'new' Church at Rossorry. There will be many events before then – so keep an eye on this column !

175th Anniversary of the Church at Rossorry in April 2016



Old Rossorry looking southwards

Following advice from the Provincial Architect of the Church of Ireland that the old church of St Fanchea at Lisgoole was incapable of permanent repair and too small for the parish population of 2,232 souls! - the Vestry decided in 1835 to build a new church where it stands today. (St. Fanchea was one of four daughters of Conall the Red, prince of Oriel, in Ulster, and Briga, his wife. The other daughters were St. Lochinia, St. Carecha and Darenia, who married Angus, King of Cashel. Fanchea was born at Rathmore, near Clogher. She was early sought in marriage by Angus, son of Natfraich, king of Momonia, who did all he could to gain her consent,

but she remained firm in her resolution to become a nun, and to have no husband but the King of kings. With the help of her sister, Darenia, she built a Monastery at Ros-airthir (Rossorry) on the banks of Lough Erne.)

Work was completed on the new church in 1841 at a cost of £1810.1.10p. The Rector of the day recorded in parish records, that "The new Church of Rossorry was opened for Divine Service on Sunday 4th April, 1841, by me, William Ball, AM, Rector, with the permission of Lord Robert Ponsonby Tottenham, D.D., Lord Bishop of Clogher, by His Lordship's letter bearing the date 18th February, 1841. An overflowing congregation. Blessed be God."

The following August, 1841, the new church and graveyard were consecrated by the Bishop.

The old church was demolished, but some of the stone was retained to build a stable block where members of the congregation could keep their horses during services. This building, known as "The Stables", still stands today as a toilet block, stores and Choir room / Creche.

The Church will be 175 years old in 2016 and the Vestry have agreed that it would be appropriate to celebrate this event in the parish with a number of events and celebrations.

So far there are plans for a Coffee evening / Cake sale in October to raise funds as well as a Parish Dance on 12th March 2016.

There will be a Special Service of Thanksgiving on 3rd April 2016 in Rossorry, at which the Bishop will preach.

Further updates in the future magazines.

Wednesday Club News

Rossorry Wednesday club celebrated its 15th Birthday in October 2014 with a big celebration with members and invited guests Archdeacon and Mrs Pringle and Canon Kingston.

The birthday cake was cut by Archdeacon Pringle, Ethel Oldcroft (Chairperson) and Anna Erwin, committee member.

A delicious tea was served of scones, jam and cream, fruit loaves, tray bakes and savoury cheese and crackers all sponsored by Tesco's Community Officer Lisa Livingstone who also sponsored prizes for a draw.

All present received a bag of goodies and a wonderful morning was enjoyed by all present.

In 1999 the club started with 14 members. 12 of those members are still in the club today. At present membership is 40. The club is open to all, both men and women aged 50 years upwards. We meet each Wednesday morning in Rossorry Parochial Church Hall from 10.30 to 12.00. If you have a spare hour or two call in to see us, have a cup of tea and a chat, you will be made most welcome. There's always room for 1 or 2 more to join us!

The Club meets from September onwards every Wednesday.

If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66326339



Cutting the cake are Anna Irwin, Archdeacon Cecil Pringle and Ethel Oldcroft



Lisa Livingstone, Tesco, presenting gifts to Anna Irwin

Praying for a new Rector at Rossorry

The parish continues to pray for success in finding a new rector to lead us. You can help by reading this prayer and praying for God's guidance in this important task.

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Rossorry Parish, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish.

Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing.

Guide our Parochial Nominators, as they labour to be faithful in seeking your will.

We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through its journey.

Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection.

All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Parish Register

Bereavements

On Thursday 2nd October 2014 the Funeral and burial took place in Rossorry of Danny Mitten.

Danny was 29 years old when he died on 24th September 2014. Danny's popularity and untimely death was reflected in the enormous crowd which packed the church. The Service was conducted by Archdeacon Cecil Pringle assisted by Revd Isobel Nixon - both of whom had known Danny all his life. The sympathy of the whole parish goes out to Gary and Karen, Danny's parents, as well as to his siblings, the family circle and his many friends.

Baptisms

5th October 2014 - Joseph Kyle GRAHAM-McSHEA, infant son of Neil McShea and Susan Graham.

Tempo and Clabby



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Funerals

25th September 2014 - John James (Jack) Byers, Gilbrooke Care Home, Clabby.

7th October 2014 - Gertrude Margaret (Gertie) Johnston, The Falls, Gardiners Cross Road, Maguiresbridge.

Vintage Tractor Run

Thank you to all who supported this annual event for our Restoration Fund, the total raised was £600. Thank you to Mr Harold and Mr David Wilson and Mrs Vera McConnell for organising the event.

Harvest Services

Thank you to our Organist's, Choirs, Music Group and Sunday Schools who took part in all the services. Also to our Preachers – The Ven D. McClay, Mr L. Bellew, Mr D. Charleton and Revd D. Somerville for their seasonal and challenging sermons. The last of the Harvest Services in Clabby on the 5th October took the form of a leaders Dedication Service for both Parishes.

November/December Diary

9th November - SNATCH 7pm Aghavea Church Hall

23rd November - SNATCH 7pm Aghavea Church Hall

11th November - Mothers' Union 8pm Tempo Church Hall, Speaker: Vera: Christmas Flowers

22nd November - Parish Breakfast, Clabby Church Hall, 9.30am to 11.30am Speaker: Mr David Charleton from Kilkeel. Proceeds towards Fields

of Life. Tickets available from Churchwardens and Rectory

30th November - Advent Carol Service 7pm Clogher Cathedral

7th December - SNATCH Christmas Party, Aghavea Church Hall

9th December - Mothers' Union, Christmas Dinner (Venue to be confirmed)

County Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge, Banner Mission to be held in Enniskillen District Hall. Sunday 2nd November to Sunday 9th November, at 8pm each night from 7pm there will be a short time for prayer in the lodge room. Tempo District will host the mission on Monday 3rd November. Speaker will be the Revd Rodney Beacom.

Remembrance

November marks Remembrance of those who lost their lives in two World Wars and other conflicts. This year we remember those who lost their lives 100 years ago on the outbreak of World War One and the Normandy Landings 70 years ago.

We also are aware of conflicts in other parts of the World today, for example Iraq, Syria and Ukraine to name but a few. We also pray for many Christians who are being persecuted and put to death especially in Iraq.

The Bible teaches us to pray for leaders of all countries "I urge, then, first of all that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanks giving be made for everyone – for kings and all in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all Godliness and holiness". (1st Timothy 2:1-2)

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

How far should we remember?

On the 15th of August 1998, Omagh my hometown was devastated by a terrorist bomb. It was not its first atrocity but it was its most devastating. The shrapnel, blast, masonry and glass became random weapons in a moment when the normal ended and a perverse act of lunacy was unleashed.

The 29 dead and two unborn who never saw the light of day. A scar that only God would heal as his angels ministered in spiritual and human form healing to the living and in Christ mercy to the dead.

I went to funerals of those I knew except one. For who I felt wanted a strange clergyman, a Protestant at the funeral of a girl from a school left over a decade before.

Avril Monaghan nee Grimes, loved being in her bare feet. It's a strange memory from many years ago. I know she was a devoted parishioner of her Chapel, a child of her faith, a wife, a mother and a mother to be - an innocent among innocents. Perhaps my sorry, my remembrance could never be good enough.

So my journey was incomplete, my presence and remembrance avoided. Till one day my conscience got me to remember and I called at a grave in a County Tyrone churchyard and said a prayer in front of a family gravestone. A thanksgiving for a life I knew and an apology to God for mans in-humanity to man.

I have learned this lesson twice now in my life. When I was a rector in Coalisland my holiday was in France. I journeyed to the killing fields to find the graves of family and parishioners. To do so I read a book and discovered a forgotten name of a Private Peter Rafferty. I went to his grave, a grave of a man I thought forgot to find a family cross a memorial with his name fresh on the grave. Someone else had remembered and made an apology to God for mans inhumanity to man.

To neglect to remember is to lose ourselves and to encourage those with evil hearts to shout crucify, crucify again and again. The Judas kiss, the betrayal of God, the end of lives given by God taken by man's inhumanity to man. Man made in the image of God who is love becomes Satan's servant and then only hope remains. That hope is faith in Christ for a better tomorrow and a bright new day. That is why we should above all remember.



Muriel Henderson at the Trory and Killadeas Tuesday Club with Bruce the snake. Bruce came on a visit with the Revd Brian Harper.

Remembrance Sunday

Services 9th November - 8.00am Lough Shore Act of Remembrance for those who served locally during World War 2 and have no known grave, 10.00am Service of the Word and Act of Remembrance in the Priory Killadeas, 11.30am Service of the Word and Act of Remembrance in St. Michael's Trory.

Advent Sunday Carol Service

Sunday 30th November at 8.00pm. Led by the Mothers' Union with a special collection for Kindfund (The Kenyan Children).

Kindfund Children



A pure joy to have the children at St. Michael's on Sunday 28th September for morning worship. To see the enjoyment all around as they sang and gave praise to the Almighty.



We also had a fun afternoon with the children on "The Lady of the Lake" donated to the parish for our use by the Manor House and then back to the Parish Hall for a meal and a double birthday celebration.



November 2014

Harvest Festivals

Thanks are due to all who decorated the churches or sang special hymns and music during our recent harvest festivals. Special thanks to our organists Joan and Barbara and to Killadeas choir and the ladies of Trory for the Harvest suppers after the Friday night services. On behalf of the congregations I would also like to thank our visiting preachers the Venerable Cecil Pringle and Mr Keith Browne.

Co. Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge Mission 2014

November 2nd – November 9th in Enniskillen District Hall on the Tempo Road at 8.00pm. Each evening (except Wednesday) of the mission will be preceded by a time of prayer and Bible study commencing at 7.00pm. Prayer Breakfast in the Brooke Hall, Brookeborough at 9.30am on Saturday morning.

Safeguarding Trust

Anyone wishing to avail of Safeguarding Trust training in the parish may attend a training night in Irvinestown Parish Hall at 8.00pm on Wednesday 12th November.

Trory Coffee morning and Wreath sale

This will take place on Saturday 13th December from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the parish hall.

Club Alternatives Annual Dinner Dance



will be held in The Hotel Kilmore,
Cavan on Sat 6th Dec 2014 at 8pm

Dancing to **Robert Mizzell**
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Your Sunday School, Mothers Union or the whole congregation can bring hope and change lives again this Christmas.

Through Operation Christmas Child you can fill a shoebox with gifts and the box will be sent to some of the most needy and marginalised children in the world.

Boxes can be delivered directly to Drumkeeran Parish Hall by arrangement with Mrs Irene Boyd.

Latest date for delivery to the hall – 26th November, preferably earlier to give more time for the preparation and transport so that the gifts can reach the children before Christmas. If you would like further information on this project please contact **Mrs Irene Boyd at 028 6863 1009**



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Is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 28th November 2014

Open 2pm to 6pm

Sat. 29th November 2014

Open 12 noon to 6 pm

Sunday 30th November 2014

Open from 2pm to 4pm and at 4.15pm join us for an Informal Christmas Community Carol Service

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