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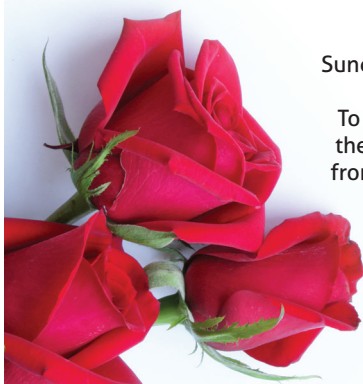
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Bishop McDowell preaching at the Remembrance Day Service in St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, Australia

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Front Cover Photos

Top Left - Mrs Ruby Doherty and Mrs Hilda Dane from Lisbellaw Mothers' Union pictured with Derek Abbott and girls with just some of the parcels for Operation Christmas Child.

Top Right - Capt. Deane Stewart celebrates 60 years with the Church Army, pictured with his wife Anna, Dean Hall, and Church Army colleagues.

Bottom Left - Mr Lieu Van Le, who is the Vietnamese-born Governor of South Australia, and Bishop McDowell in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, Australia.

Bottom Right - Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, Bishop McDowell, Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury), Lady Carey and Mr Bill Arnold (of Arnold's Hotel, Dunfanaghy) at the Clogher Clergy Conference.



A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,
I am writing this letter at the exact moment when most of you will be attending Remembrance Day services in your parish church. It's not that I am at home in Fivemiletown having a rest. Indeed I have just walked back to where I am staying in Adelaide, South Australia after attending a very impressive Remembrance Day service involving the

Australian Armed Forces. Earlier this morning I had the privilege of preaching at both the 8.00am and 10.30am services in St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide. The Dean asked if I would speak about what happened in Enniskillen twenty seven years ago and perhaps also say a little about relationships since then.

I hope that I was fair in what I said. I tried to intimate that people are somewhere along the road between heartbreak and healing but that much remains to be done. I also tried to underline the fact that faith was a powerful factor in healing and remembering and that many people continue to draw great strength from their trust in God. I was very well received and the Archbishop and the Dean expressly asked me to bring their very good wishes to the diocese of Clogher and all it's people, and to assure us of their prayers.

I am in Australia on the second leg of a shortish trip which was planned about a year ago. At that time the Anglican Archbishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Revd Paul Kwong visited Ireland to strengthen the links which had been forged with The Church of Ireland over one hundred years ago by the Dublin University Mission to Fukien. During my time as a rector in Belfast I had a Chinese ordinand work with me for a while and she made an excellent temporary member of the ministry team.

During Archbishop Paul's visit I hosted a lunch for him and the Dean of Hong Kong which the Secretary of State also attended and the Archbishop invite myself and the Dean to visit him in Hong Kong which we were happy to do. The dioceses of the Anglican Province of Hong Kong were extraordinarily generous hosts and the Dean and I were able to see the extraordinary work which the Church was doing, especially in schools and in social projects. Hong Kong and Kowloon are extraordinary places and we were exposed to all sorts of Oriental experiences. Looking out over Hong Kong Bay from the Peak is an uplifting experience. Eating hairy crab is not. My only culinary mistake and requiring a very strong stomach.

The Anglican Communion is a federation of autonomous Provinces and does not have any central system of government or control. As a result, the

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only way that we can stay together is through bonds of affection and friendship built up by these sorts of meetings. As always the most remarkable experience is of worshipping together where any barriers of culture or language are overcome by a common spirit of prayer and devotion, especially at the service of Holy Communion.

As it happened our visit took place at a time when Hong Kongers were absolutely preoccupied with and very concerned about the Occupy Movement. Although we were very careful not to draw parallels with Northern Ireland where none existed and not to patronise, the clergy and people were genuinely interested to hear from us about good relationships and reconciliation. It was a very memorable trip and luckily some friends who know China well had forewarned us about the exchange of gifts which the Chinese take very seriously. So we went out armed with many presentation copies of the Book of Common Prayer, the recently published history of the Church of Ireland and some Diocesan plaques which were very graciously received.

The Australian end of the journey was part break and part work. My twin brother lives in Adelaide and I have not had the opportunity of visiting him during his twelve years there and I took the opportunity as I was in the neighbourhood. When I let the Archbishop of Adelaide know that I was to be in his diocese, and especially when he heard about the Enniskillen connection he was keen that I should preach in the Cathedral, which I was very glad to do.

I have never been to Australia before and found it also fascinating. Tonight at the service the Governor of South Australia, as the Queen's representative in the State, had the place of honour. He came to Australia about thirty-five years ago as a Vietnamese Boat Person. I cannot think of a more fitting testimony to a policy of openness to people of every race and nation and in some ways it puts our ancient quarrels into perspective. It is a young country and full of very vigorous young people. For people here in Australia the past has an honoured but not suffocating hold on their identity. They are always looking forward with eagerness and confidence and their sense of "can do" is quite overwhelming.

I have greatly enjoyed their hospitality and kindness. However I go home in a few days and haven't yet seen a kangaroo, so I'm off tomorrow to track one down.

Despite all of the excitement and benefit of the trip I am looking forward to coming back to Clogher, to my family and to dear familiar things. Besides I really cannot imagine going to the beach for a BBQ on Christmas Day!

+John

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

History Made, as Anglicans, Oriental Orthodox Agree on Christ's Incarnation



Senior theologians in Anglican Communion and Oriental Orthodox Churches recently made history by signing an agreement on their mutual understanding of Christ's incarnation. This was not just a minor point of theology, rather it was a subject that divided the Church following the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD, leaving the Oriental Orthodox Churches separated from the Eastern Orthodox Churches and the Church of Rome. The work to reconcile these branches of the Christian family on the question of how the two natures, human and divine, were united in one human being: Jesus Christ began in earnest in the 1990s. By 2002 an Agreed Statement on Christology had been prepared by the Anglican–Oriental Orthodox International Commission (AOOIC) and sent to the participating Churches and an updated statement was recirculated in 2013. By the October meeting in Cairo, AOOIC members were able to finalise the document and Bishop Geoffrey Rowell and His Eminence Metropolitan Bishop of Damietta signed on behalf of their Churches. This statement, which is a significant step of reconciliation, will now be sent to “the responsible authorities of the Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Anglican Communion for their consideration and action”. The Council of Chalcedon was a highly influential church council held from 8 October to 1 November, 451 AD, at Chalcedon (a city of Bithynia in Asia Minor), on the Asian side of the Bosphorus.

WCC condemns attack on worshippers at Jerusalem synagogue

The World Council of Churches (WCC) general secretary Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit has expressed concern and sadness over the attack on a synagogue in west Jerusalem on Tuesday 18th November. The incident has resulted in the killing of Jewish worshippers, and the injury of others. “There is a particular horror in any such attack which takes place at a place of worship. I condemn this violence unequivocally, as I do all violence between the peoples and communities of this region which has seen so much bloodshed in the name of religion. Violence, collective punishments and communal attacks can only further

damage the prospects of peace and justice for all,” said Tveit.

“The tensions and tragedies of this city, holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims, are a reminder both of the need for all parties to continue to work intensively for a just peace in Israel and Palestine, and of the vital place that Jerusalem itself plays in that longed for peace,” Tveit added.



Humanity's greed driving climate inaction: Archbishop of Polynesia

The Most Revd Dr Winston Halapua says that despite Australia's best efforts to keep climate change off the G20 Summit agenda, it's become the dominant issue of the forum. He said humanity's greed is to blame for climate change inaction and the narrow obsession with economic growth is causing immense harm to the planet.

“What I mean by that is it's only a few people who line their pockets,” Archbishop Halapua said.

Bishop of Carlisle appointed to royal role

The Bishop of Carlisle has been appointed to an historic royal role. Following an audience with Her Majesty the Queen, the Rt Revd James Newcome has been named as the new Clerk of the Closet. Duties include presenting new bishops to the sovereign, presiding over the 36 royal chaplains, and preaching annually in the Chapel Royal. The office dates from 1473 and includes an annual salary of £7. It was formerly held by the Bishop of Guildford.

A further duty involves examining any theological books presented to the sovereign.

Bishop James said: “I was surprised and delighted to receive this invitation.”

“It is an honour to be asked to take on this role and it will be a privilege to support Her Majesty.”

Celebrate Advent using your camera phones

Members of Anglican Communion Churches worldwide are being invited to celebrate Advent through prayer, meditation and by contributing to a global Advent calendar on Instagram.

Advent — from November 30 to December 24 — is the season when Christians observe a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

The Anglican Communion Office and the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) are teaming up to offer Anglicans and Episcopalians around the world a daily word, meditation and beautiful image sent to their email inboxes.

“We are hoping that people will join us in praying with their phone this Advent,” said Br Jim. “After reading the meditation, we'd love for people to snap a picture that reflects the theme or their response to it and post it to Instagram.”

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS



Saint Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

Looking Back The Cathedral Choir performed Duruflé's Requiem on Friday 7 November with all proceeds going to the Red Cross. The Dean welcomed everyone to the performance after which Mr Donal Forde spoke on behalf of the Red Cross and the work in which the organisation is involved. The recital included organ music played by David Leigh, and readings of World War I poetry by Canon Mullen. A total of €1,050 was raised for the organisation.

Remembrance Day Our Remembrance Sunday service was held on the afternoon of 9 November, and for the first time was broadcast live on RTÉ television. In the presence of representatives of Church and State, wreaths were laid by the President's ADC, The Royal British Legion and the Tánaiste. The Revd P. M. Rutherford, Former Assistant Chaplain General HM forces, preached.

Launch of New Look Search Journal



Revd Rob Clements, Canon Ginnie Kennerley, Bishop Harold Miller and Revd Barry Forde

The new look SEARCH Journal and redesigned website had their Belfast launch in The Hub at Queen's on Monday 27th October. The redesigned journal, published by APCK, features a mix of church and faith-related articles, aiming to stimulate discussion and fresh thinking in the Church of Ireland and beyond. But the articles are shorter, more varied, and easier on the eye. The website features added information, easier payment methods and Facebook and Twitter feeds. Launching the new suite of resources, The Bishop of Down and Dromore, the Rt Revd Harold Miller said that he greatly valued SEARCH. He praised the journal for the variety of its contributors and contributions, the wide range of book reviews, its topicality, "and the platform it gives to Irish people and especially those in the Church of Ireland, to write independently and in some depth". Chairman of SEARCH's editorial committee, Canon John Bartlett, thanked the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplain at Queen's, Revd Barry Forde for hosting the event and Bishop Harold for his remarks. He drew attention to the SEARCH strapline, 'Thinking and believing today,' and said how important it was to give a platform to

allow people to express aloud their thinking about belief. Professor Bartlett also thanked the editor, Canon Ginnie Kennerley, "without whom," he said, "SEARCH would not exist." Canon Kennerley reminded the gathering that SEARCH is for the whole Church of Ireland and to secure the best of northern content and interests, Revd Rob Clements has just joined the editorial committee as northern coordinator. Highlighting the journal's engagement with new media, Mr Clements said that "SEARCH doesn't want to be a dusty journal that's lost on the shelf but something that we can dialogue with and engage with. I know that as we go forward we want to do things that are new and different and I'm excited to be a part of that."

New Title in the Braemor Studies Series Looks at Social Justice

The fourth title in the Braemor Studies Series was launched on Tuesday 18th November in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. *Occupy Faith: The Movement of Movements and its Implications for Christian Practice* by the Revd Rob Clements was launched by UK journalist and activist, Symon Hill.

The Braemor Studies Series features a selection of dissertations by Masters (MTh) students of CITI. The titles are published by Church of Ireland Publishing and edited by Church of Ireland Publications Officer, Susan Hood. *Occupy Faith: The Movement of Movements and its Implications for Christian Practice* looks at the Occupy Movement which gained much attention as a result of its protest and subsequent eviction from its camp at St Paul's Cathedral, London. *Occupy* became a broad social movement which was known as the 'movement of movements' and the relationship between social movements such as Occupy and the Church; and by extension the relationship between the Church and the ethical concerns raised was the subject of debate. Using the tools of practical theology, Mr Clements explores both the movement's critique of systems of domination and its methods of resistance, with specific relation to Christian practice. Theological and biblical resources are investigated in regard to just economic relations, direct action and performance, and participative democracy. Launching the volume, Symon Hill, who is associate director of the Christian think tank, Ekklesia, spoke of his experiences in meeting and praying with Occupy protesters at St Paul's. He said that the debate started by the movement triggered exploration of how the Gospel relates to activism. He noted the thesis's suggestion that the social movement could learn a lot from the Church but that the movement also had implications for the Church in terms of how to live the Gospel.

Mr Clements said that the matter of how faith engages with the world in which we live is a topic we do not talk about enough. He thanked all who contributed to the publication. Dr Hood pointed out that this was the

first of the Braemor Studies Series to deal with social justice and hoped that the Church would respond and that the work be read beyond the Church of Ireland. The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, said the publication brought its readers into the dynamic area of social action and compassionate theology. The Revd Rob Clements is currently a Curate in Enniskillen.



The Very Revd Kenny Hall, Dean of Clogher; the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin; the Revd Rob Clements, author; Symon Hill, who launched the book; the Revd Paddy McGlinchey, Lecturer in Missiology at CITI; the Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher; and Dr Susan Hood, Church of Ireland Publications Officer.

Church and Society Commission Chair's Comment on Equality Commission and Ashers Bakery

The following comment by the Revd Adrian Dorrian, Chairman of the Church and Society Commission, in response to the NI Equality Commission's decision to pursue legal action against Ashers Baking Company for declining to produce a cake with a slogan supporting same sex marriage was provided to the Church of Ireland Gazette recently:

'Two key issues form part of the debate: discrimination and freedom of religious conscience. The Church of Ireland recognises and commends efforts to combat discrimination. In 2012, the General Synod affirmed '[a] continuing commitment to love our neighbour, and opposition to all unbiblical and uncharitable actions and attitudes in respect of human sexuality from whatever perspective.' The Church is also currently actively engaged in constructive dialogue through its Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief. What is not at all apparent in the Ashers case, however, is that there is a charge of discrimination to answer. It seems clear that the service was declined, not because of the sexual orientation of the customer but because of the particular political message requested upon the cake. 'It is a serious concern that the freedom of religious conscience that the law affords to all people has also been challenged by the Equality Commission's decision. The owners of the baking company were upholding their adherence to the traditional Christian view on marriage as being between one man and one woman. In fact this position was affirmed by a majority

of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in 2012, and is the legal position in Northern Ireland. It is of real concern that a conscientious choice made by the owners of a small business, which reflects such a position, has been branded discriminatory and made the subject of heavy-handed legal action. The Church and Society Commission would encourage gracious and sensitive dialogue around this issue as we move forward.'

New resource encourages Christians to take action on climate change

Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI) hopes that its new resource - Climate Change - Can I Make a Difference? - will encourage Christians throughout Ireland to become more eco-aware and eco-active at church and at home.

The resource, which is free to download from the ECI website, includes some of the latest data from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 5th assessment report as well as a comprehensive theological response to climate change, prayers for the environment and advice on how to reduce one's carbon footprint – as an individual and as a congregation.

For further information – and to download Climate Change - Can I Make a Difference? – see www.ecocongregationireland.com.

Church Leaders Meet Minister Storey to Discuss Welfare Reform

Leaders of Ireland's churches met with the Minister for Social Development, Mervyn Storey MLA on 20th October 2014. Following representation by the Church leaders on behalf of those who face a negative impact by the proposed welfare reforms, the leaders were pleased that the Social Development Minister, Mervyn Storey MLA invited them to meet him to discuss the topic. The meeting was constructive and involved a full exchange of views, where both sides of the welfare reform argument were put to the Minister. The Church leaders asked the Minister that the details of Welfare Reform be brought into the public domain so that the fears of those who will be affected will be allayed. Minister Storey agreed to this request and invited the Church Leaders to return for a further meeting.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Lord Carey (former Archbishop of Canterbury) and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly who were the speakers at the clergy conference in Dunfanaghy, pictured with members of the clergy from the Diocese.

Music Bursary Scheme

The ministry of music is an important part of the worshipping life of the Church of Ireland. Through music we are able to express our devotion to God and our solidarity with our fellow-believers in a way which ordinary words cannot achieve. Music is also a part of our witness to the world. Music is an aspect of the discipleship of those who lead worship in this way and is a very significant part of the organised "Hallelujah" of the People of God. In short music is a vocation - a calling from God - to use the gift which He has given in its highest sense.

Naturally we wish to offer the best that we can to God in music as in every other aspect of worship. In order to support this desire Clogher Diocesan Council offers Musical Bursaries from the Diocese to those who already make or will commit to making a contribution to music

in Church, and are receiving or are willing to receive tuition in their instrument or voice. It is envisaged that the bursary awards will be used to subsidise music tuition in the particular instrument or voice.

The Bursary Scheme embraces all forms of musicianship. The Pipe Organ has a long association with Church music and presents musical challenges of a very high order. The Clogher Music Bursary Committee is keen that the Diocese should do all that it can to maintain a provision of Church organists. However the Bursary is also for musicians of all sorts and is also open to instrumentalists, singers and choir leaders.

Requests for bursary should be made using the appropriate application form, which is available from your rector or Clogher Music Bursary Committee, The Diocesan Office, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Telephone 028 66 347879 Email secretary@clogher.anglican.org

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. 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 Praise Evening** in Holy Trinity Parish, Dromore at 8.00pm. Featuring Justified with Higher Praise Band, Lynda Lindsay & Church Choir. Proceeds to Fields of Life Project in Uganda. Tickets: £7 inc supper.

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 in Magheracross Parish, Ballinamallard at 3.00pm. Groups and families are very welcome and refreshments are served afterwards in the Archdale Hall.

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)

Monday 15th December – **Nathan Carter’s Christmas Concert** in St Macartin’s Cathedral at 8.00pm with special guest and Gospel singer Crawford Bell. Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets available from the Parish Office.

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

Tuesday 3rd February – **Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 3rd February – **Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 3rd February – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

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 J. 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 028 677 21250 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

Tuesday 5th May – **Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 5th May – **Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 5th May – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

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, 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 T. 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 086 3976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com.

June 2015

Friday 26th June – **Mullaghduin Parish BBQ** with music provided by Curtis Magee.

September 2015

Tuesday 1st September – **Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 1st September – **Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 1st September – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

Thursday 24th September – **Diocesan Synod** in St Macartin’s Cathedral and Halls at 4.30pm.

November 2015

Tuesday 3rd November – **Board of Education meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

Tuesday 3rd November – **Glebes Committee meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 11.00am.

Tuesday 3rd November – **Diocesan Council meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 2.00pm.

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Register of Vestry Members

The month of January is not only the start of a new year, it is the month when the legal process in preparation for the election of the select vestry begins.

Without a list, a register, of general vestry a parish cannot elect a select vestry nor can it have representation at diocesan synod.

It is therefore fundamental to the running of every parish that it has a list of general vestry members in a book and that this list is revised annually in the month of January.

If a parish does not have a list then the procedure for creating a list is as follows.

A public notice shall be affixed to the principal door of the church two Sundays before the date of the meeting in the month of January clearly stating on the notice the purpose of the meeting along with the time and place of the same. The notice will be signed by the incumbent or other officiating member of the clergy or, failing such person, by a churchwarden.

The qualification of a general vestry member is someone who is eighteen years of age or over and who has paid a minimum of fifty pounds sterling or

euro to the sustentation fund. Such persons shall sign a form of declaration which can be obtained from the diocesan office, and their names recorded in a book. This becomes the register of general vestry.

Our diocesan synod has appointed that each year in the month of January this register shall be revised at a meeting of the select vestry. Public notice of the meeting shall be given in writing two Sundays before the meeting by posting a notice on the principal door of the church clearly stating on the notice the purpose of the meeting along with the time and place of the same. The notice will be signed by the incumbent or other officiating member of the clergy or, failing such person, by a churchwarden. Anyone who qualifies to be a general vestry member signs the declaration and they are then entitled to have their names added to the list. The names of those who have died or who have ceased to be members of the parish church or whose qualification may otherwise have ceased, shall be removed from the list. This revised list will then become the list of those who are eligible for election at the forthcoming meeting of general vestry members commonly called the Easter Vestry.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Mullaghduin Celebrate 75 Years of MU



Mr Fred Collum and Mrs Ethel Collum who were celebrating 54 years of marriage on the date of the service with Bishop John.

Members, friends and parishioners gathered on Sunday 21 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 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 and 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. 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.

Revd Bridle brought the evening to a close with The Grace.



The Bishop and Mrs Lavinia Woods holding a pair of socks that were knit by the Bishop's mother-in-law for a competition held by the MU in Connor Diocese in the 1950's.



Mullaghdu MU Members.

Clabby Mothers' Union 60th Anniversary



Canon Maurice Armstrong, Mrs Patricia Foy and Mrs Nancy Allen (the longest serving members attending), along with the President, Dr Margaret Knox, the Branch Leader, Mrs Lavinia Woods, and the Bishop.

Mrs Foy was presented with a Long Service Certificate for 61 years, as she had been a member in Co Cavan before she moved to Tempo.



Mrs Anne Armstrong presenting Dr Knox with flowers.

Derryvullen and Garvary Visitors Night



YOUTH NEWS

CIYD ANOIS

The medieval city of Kilkenny nestled against the Nore river and beneath its imposing castle has been the site of the annual Church of Ireland's residential youth weekend for many years now. With its 6th century St. Canice's Cathedral and round tower the city boasts a truly historic experience. Narrow winding streets, many small shops and ancient buildings complete the unique experience of this place.

Kilkenny College, a large boarding school on the edge of the city is a perfect setting for the Anois residential. The college has excellent dormitory, sports, catering and activity halls that provide all the necessary facilities to allow for a variety of activities no matter what the Irish weather has in store. This year a group of our young people from the SNATCH and TAG groups from the Clogher and Clones rural deaneries travelled to the weekend.

The theme for the weekend was "Passion". The Mark Ferguson band led worship and the speaker, Jasper Rutherford from Summer Madness, spoke on the passion of Christ for us, our Passion for Him and our passion for the church. 1 John 1:3 "How great is the love of the father which he has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God" was Jasper's opening text as he spoke of God's love for us on the first evening. He followed this by looking at the story of the anointing of Jesus in Matthew 26. We were all challenged as we considered the cost of this anointing and how many were angered at the extravagance of the woman who anointed Jesus. The question for us all was how willing are we to be as devoted in our commitment and love of Jesus. Jasper's final session was focused on our need to love and respect the church. We all belong to each other as a body with many parts. When we disrespect the church we disrespect ourselves. All three sessions were followed by a time for small group reflection and discussion which were very beneficial as it gave an opportunity for the young people to develop their thinking on the theme. A time to listen to others, ask questions and pray together with their peers and leaders.

Set against this excellent teaching and small group work were the venues available late into the evenings and during the days. Young people could enjoy the games room; pamper zone, prayer space, chill zone, badminton, uni-hoc, rodeo bull and café. There was also a full afternoon of off site activities such as karting, high ropes, zip wire and abseiling, bowling and if you had still some time, shopping! With an excellent menu, all meals provided by the college catering staff and comfortable small dormitory accommodation all our needs were met. There was even staff en-suite accommodation for leaders! In all the weekend was a good example of how beneficial it is to take young people away on residential weekends. The opportunity to be taught and inspired to grow in faith along with exciting and enjoyable activities in a comfortable environment is vital. The CIYD youth department are to be commended for their efforts and we are already looking forward to Anois 2015 and an even

greater number of our youth groups joining the Clogher group travelling to the event.



Kesh Rural Deanery Social

Cast your mind back to when you used to be able to hear the rush of wind in your ears when you ran, when you bounced if you fell on the ground and being breathless lasted all of about ten seconds. Energy was an abundant commodity and its expenditure was just so much fun. Forget how hot and red you used to get. Being young and energetic was a wonder world of fun and enjoyment.

If you had stepped into St Tighernach's church hall at Derryvullan North on a recent Friday night to see the young people of the Kesh Deanery enjoying their Social evening all these thoughts would have flooded back to you. The wooden floor was like a drum beneath their feet. The air warm and heavy but filled with screams of laughter and joy. This was a scene of joy and exuberance. Led by the very capable Blair Boys from Kesh the young people enjoyed the Samba, Hoky Poky, Rock the Boat, Waves of Troy, The Bus, Long Way to Tipperary and of course Musical Chairs to name but a few.

When it seemed that the fabric of the building could take no more and even the night air was pulsating with the sounds of fun and laughter relative stillness and silence descended as thirsts were quenched and supper consumed. Now there was a chance to talk without having to shout above the hubbub. A time to catch up with friends, but above all to wait expectantly for the call to take partners once again.

And off the whole evening went again. The volume and gusto of this social only being exceeded by the enthusiasm of these young people. By 10:30pm even the

best and most eager had needed to sit out a number of times if only to enjoy watching friends having fun. The bus engine to take everyone back to their parishes broke into the still night air. Tired, weary but delighted teenagers climbed its steps or tumbled into family cars. In a matter of minutes the usual peace and tranquillity descended on Irvinestown. Within the hall youth leaders stood talking. The Blair Boys with energy still to pack away their gear and to stop and speak with the small groups as they reflected on such a great evening. Special thanks are due to Lindsey Farrell and the Comet Youth leaders who hosted the event but also to all the other leaders and their young people who supported the evening. It was particularly encouraging to see the Revd Canon Glenn West and Revd Alan Irwin attending and assisting throughout the evening. Visibility and participation like this does much to encourage both our young people and their leaders. We all look forward with expectation to seeing the Kesh rural deanery hosting their CDYC youth event in the new year!



CHILDREN'S SECTION

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. The theme this year is THE LORD'S PRAYER. When Jesus was asked by his disciples, in Luke 11 v 1, "Lord, teach us how to pray," he gave them the words which we now know as The Lord's Prayer.

Archdeacon Ruddell Prize 2015

Take either the traditional or the modern version of the Lord's Prayer, phrase by phrase, from Pages 112-113 of the Book of Common Prayer, and explain what it teaches us. Include some relevant illustrations.

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

Bishop's Medal 2015

Explain your understanding of each phrase of the Lord's Prayer as found in Matthew Ch 6 v 9 - 13. Give some examples of how you could put verse 12 into practice, bearing in mind Jesus' words in verses 14 and 15.

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

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

Relevant pictures, diagrams, photographs etc can be included. Entries should be on A4 paper.

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

All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday 29th April, 2015.

Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms. Please contact them for more details. Prizes will be awarded at the annual Synod in September.



A Harvest display in the Kilskeery and Trillick Group of Parishes.

COLOUR IN

Shepherds hear the Good News



READ

SHEPHERDS HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

(you can read this in Luke Chapter 2)

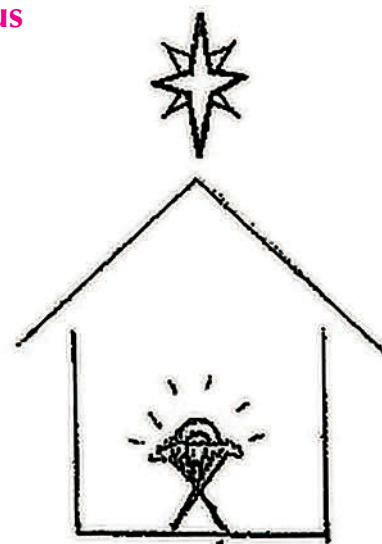
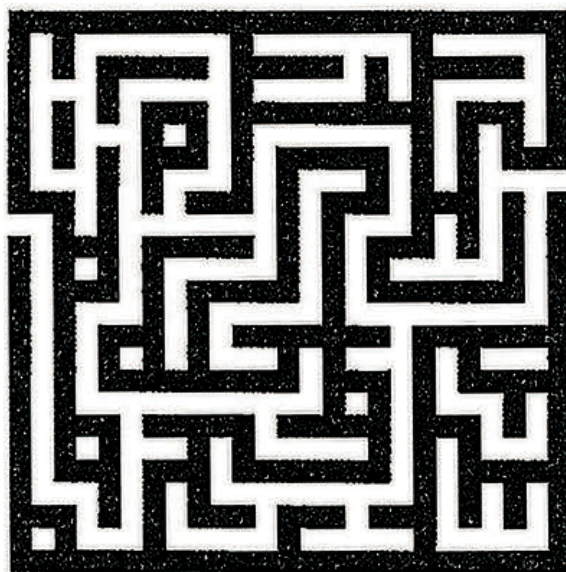
If a very special baby was born nowadays the news would be announced on the television and on the internet – and very important people would be the first to hear about it. Things were a little different when Jesus was born as a baby in Bethlehem...

Some shepherds who lived near Bethlehem, were out at night in their fields watching over their sheep. They were worried a bigger animal might come and hurt the sheep, so they sat on a hill watching their sheep together, trying to keep them safe. Suddenly there was a bright light in the sky. The light frightened the shepherds as they did not know what could be so bright and it had appeared so quickly. Then they saw an angel standing in the air just above them with his arms opened wide. The shepherds looked at each other in surprise, but realised it must be real, because they were all seeing the same thing. All at once they were very afraid, but they didn't run, they were too shocked to do anything.

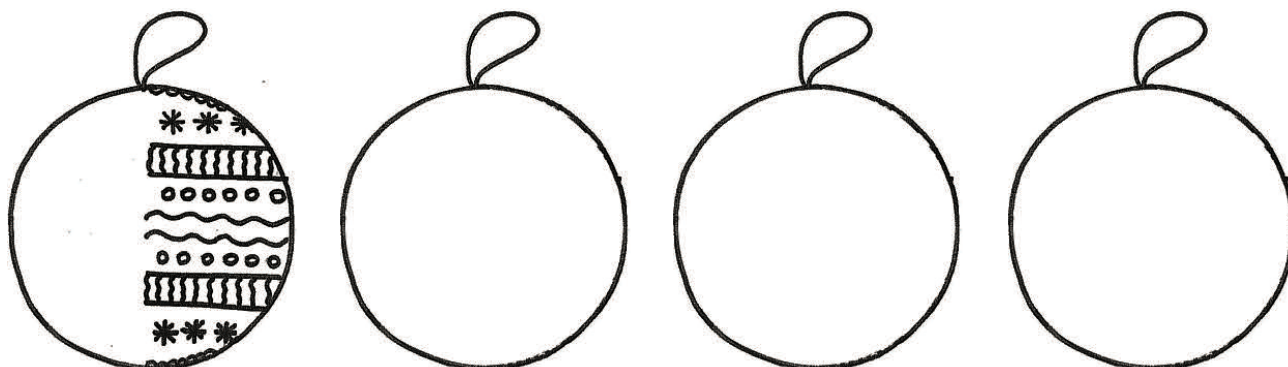
Then the angel spoke to them and said, "Do not be afraid. I'm here to bring you good news for all people. Today in Bethlehem a baby has been born, He is the one that will save the world. You will know the baby because He will be wrapped in cloths, and laying in a manger." Suddenly, just as quickly as the first angel came, there were a large group of angels, and they said together, "Glory to God, and peace to all people on earth." After they spoke, they went away. The shepherds were both amazed and excited. They had to go see this baby the angels were talking about. They ran as fast as they could. Maybe they brought some lambs with them. They soon found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. The shepherds were so happy and excited that they had found the baby and they fell to their knees and worshipped Him. The shepherds did not stay very long. As soon as they left they began shouting in the streets and telling everyone they met about what they had seen, and about the arrival of baby Jesus. Everyone was amazed when they heard what the shepherds told them.

Shepherds were not very important or very well educated people in Bible times but God chose to tell them the Good News first. This reminds us that God sent Jesus for everyone, not just people we think are important or clever. God loves everyone and He wants everyone to believe in His Son. If we believe in Jesus we will be as happy and excited as the shepherds were.

Help the Shepherd through the MAZE to find baby Jesus



Finish the PATTERN on the Christmas Bauble then draw some more of your own.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Churchmouse Lunch

The Soroptimist Churchmouse Lunch takes place in Enniskillen Cathedral Hall on Sunday 14th December from 12 –2pm, in aid of the 3rd world.

Horizon West Children's Hospice

The Children's Hospice in Killadeas is now helping local children with life-limiting illnesses. By sponsoring a light on our Christmas tree in memory of your loved one will help ensure we are able to carry on caring for these children over Christmas and throughout 2015. You are invited to an Open Evening & Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on at Horizon West, Killadeas on Tuesday 16th December at 7.00pm. Refreshments served and an opportunity to see around the Hospice. To find out more call Derek or Yvonne on 028 66 326164.

Bible Society Online Shop

The shop offers a very wide range of books in categories ranging from Theology and Biblical Studies to children's books, and many others. We also sell a range of attractive cards for every occasion as well as Christmas gifts. The Online Shop can be found at www.biblesociety.ie/online-shop

Fermanagh Rural Community Network

FRCN are holding a series of Advice and Training Workshops until February 2015 for Community & Voluntary Groups with a particular focus for those operating Halls within their Community. To attend any of these workshops please contact Frances on 02866327006.

Risk Assessment on Tuesday 20th January in Oak HLC Lite House, Cross Street, Lisnaskea from 8pm-10pm.

Risk Assessment on Tuesday 27th January in Cashel Community Centre, Cashel from 8pm-10pm.

Food Hygiene on Saturday 7th February in Cleenish Millennium Hall, Arney from 10am-4pm.

Food Hygiene on Saturday 21st February in Lisbellaw Parish Centre from 10am-4pm.

Clogher Historical Society

Talk in Lisnaskea Library on Tuesday 2nd December at 8pm. "Our Daily Bread" Monks as producers and consumers of food in Late Medieval Ireland by Brother Colmán Ó Clabaigh, Glenstall Abbey.

Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

Preparations have begun to set up the organisation to run the new Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 which will be responsible for distributing £8.29 million in the new Fermanagh and Omagh Council area. The target areas for spend are promotion of social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas which will focus on supporting business development, diversification and basic services. The funding will be administered by a Local Action Group known as a LAG. Public meetings have been arranged to inform anyone interested in being part of the LAG membership or sitting on the LAG Board which will be made up of Social Partners and Councillors.

Details of the meetings are as follows-

- 3 December 2014 Belcoo Community Centre
 - 4 December 2014 Castle Park Centre Lisnaskea
 - 8 December 2014 An Cregan Visitors Centre Creggan
 - 10 December 2014 Bawnacre Centre Irvinestown
 - 11 December 2014 Ecclesville Centre Fintona
- All meetings start at 7.30pm.

PARISH NOTES

Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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The annual Christmas Sale will be held in Clogh on Friday 5th December, so why not come along to sort out some of that Christmas shopping.

This year our Sunday School Christmas parties will be held in Clogh on Saturday 13th December 5pm - 7pm and in Aghadrumsee on Friday 19th December at 7.30pm, when we are expecting our usual visitor in his red suit.

Christmas Services

Clogh Children's Christmas Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 10.45 am, the Carol Service in Aghadrumsee will be held at 7.30pm on the same Sunday. Both services will be led by Captain Hamilton with the Sunday School children participating.

After the success of last year we are again planning to have a 'Crib Service' on Christmas Eve at 4pm, an event especially for young children. This year it will be held in Clogh Church.

A service of Holy Communion will be held on Christmas Morning at 10am in Clogh.

We conclude our services of the season on Sunday 28th December at 11am with a Group Service in Drumsnatt.

Bible Study

Starting Monday 26th January at the Rectory our Bible Study group will look at the six week course 'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat', by John Ortberg. It's described like this: 'Learning how to move beyond fear to discover God's unique calling for your life! Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well. But walk on water? What does that mean? If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat helps you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, and a new way of knowing how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brian and Ellie Annon of Aghadrumsee Parish on the birth of their first child a baby girl. Our best wishes and prayers go to them at this exciting time.

Happy Christmas

Finally can we take this opportunity to wish everyone reading this a very Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings for 2015.

Clogh Bowling Club

Clogh bowling club are in the thick of Erne Bowling League matches at present. This photo was taken at the recent home match with St Macartin's Cathedral where in another tight match the score finished level ten each.



Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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December

7 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion
14 11.00am Colebrooke Family Service
7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service
21 11.00am Cooneen Morning Service
7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service
24 11.30pm Colebrooke Holy Communion
25 10.00am Cooneen Christmas Family Communion
28 11.00am Cooneen Family Service

January

4 10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion
12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion
11 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer
18 11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke
25 10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Alan Mitchell and Emma McCombe on their wedding at St Ronan's, Colebrooke, on Saturday 20th September 2014. We wish God's richest blessing on this young couple as they begin married life together.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 12th October 2014, Justin Kenwell, son of Roy and Iris was baptised in Holy Trinity, Cooneen.

Bereavement

On Friday 14th November 2014, a service to celebrate the life of Mrs Ethel Foster was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke. Our condolences and prayers are with Brian and Arlene, Ian and Julie, Ethel's grandchildren and all your family circle at this time.

SNATCH

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

Christmas Party Sunday 7th December at 7.00pm in Aghavea Parish Hall
 All young people of secondary school age welcome.
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf
 Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.
 Squirrels (4 - 6 years)
 Beavers (6 - 8 years)
 Cubs (8 - 11 years)
 Scouts (11 - 14 years) Meet on Fridays at 7.00pm

Bowling Club

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

Mothers' Union

In October over 100 people (some men) joined our MU members to hear Lynda Bryans recount her journey through Mental Health issues. She articulated her story with clarity, honesty and humour. Lynda, a successful journalist, broadcaster, wife and mother to be, explained about the lonely road she walked at her darkest hours and how she tried to shut out everyone from her life. Thankfully, after the birth of her first son, she received professional help, as well as unending support from her husband and family. Her encouraging story gave much food for thought and a challenge to all gathered to look after their Mental Health as well as their physical health. Some ways to help your mental health is to meet people, join in activities and pursue a hobby. This sounds like a cue for joining MOTHERS UNION !!!

Members are looking forward to a 'hands on' night in November when Carol and June are planning to hold a Novelty Cookery Workshop. Chocolate is on the menu so definitely good for your health! Seniors, please keep Wednesday 10th December free for your party. A savoury supper will be served at 7.00pm, followed by entertainment and a special visitor!

The theme for 2015 is 'United in Prayer'. Our opening night of the year is planned for Wednesday 21st January at 8.00pm - A service of Holy Communion and some reflections on Prayer with Revd John McClenaghan. All ladies will be made welcome.

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December

Sunday 7th 10am Sunday School 11am Holy Communion 7pm SNATCH Christmas Party - Aghavea Hall
 Sunday 14th 10am Sunday School 11am Christmas Family Nativity 7.30pm Christingle Service - Brooke Memorial Hall
 Sunday 21st 11am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Carols by Candlelight
 Wednesday 24th December 11.15pm Christmas Eve Communion
 Thursday 25th December 10am Christmas Family Communion
 Sunday 28th December 11am Morning Prayer
 Wednesday 31st December 11.30pm Watchnight Service

January 2015

Sunday 4th 11am Holy Communion
 Sunday 11th 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Prayer
 Sunday 18th 10am Sunday School 11am Church Family Service
 Sunday 25th 10am Sunday School 11am Morning Prayer

Dear friends,
 Passing through an airport recently, we noticed that the chauffeurs have been upgraded. No longer do they hold a piece of paper with the name of their client. Now, they hold their iPad aloft, the name prominently displayed. They're waiting for someone, but they're being paid to wait around. There's no eager anticipation.

For that, you just have to look around the airport. Closer to the arrivals gate, as close as they can get to the luggage hall, are the family members waiting to see their loved one returning. A student who has been away at university for a whole term. A backpacker coming home after the adventure of a lifetime. A son or daughter who has moved away for work, bringing a baby to meet the grandparents for the first time. Eager anticipation. Watching and waiting. And then the moment comes. The loved one is seen, the waiting is forgotten, the smiles and hugs and laughter and tears come freely, all at the same time.

The scene is played out hundreds of times each day, in airports and train stations all around the

world. And those moments give us a glimpse of a moment that is still to come. A moment when we will find ourselves watching and waiting with eager anticipation.

The apostle Paul is writing his farewell to Timothy. He knows the executioner is at the door. He's on his way out of this world. Yet he's looking forward to the day when the Lord Jesus will return to this world. Here's what he says:

'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.' (2 Tim 4:7-8).

Christians are those who 'have longed for his appearing.' We're watching and waiting, just like those people in the airport. We can't wait to see the face of the one we have loved. And on that day, the last day, we will see him, face to face.

In this season of Advent, we remember that Jesus will return. The question is this: how will we respond on that day? With delight, or with dread? Are you longing for his appearing?

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. Preparations are under way for the Christmas Family Nativity on 14th December. Plan to come along as the Sunday School remind us of the arrival of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our Christmas party is on Friday 12th December at 7.30pm.

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.

Mothers' Union

The December meeting of Aghavea MU sees us visiting Northwick House in Brookeborough, where we sing Christmas carols and distribute presents to the residents. This year our visit will be on Tuesday 9th December.

The new year of MU begins with a service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 14th January. Our preacher will be Revd Ngozi Njoku, and we look forward to welcoming Ngozi to share in our service. New members of MU are always welcome. More information can be obtained from the Branch Leader, Valerie Crawford; Secretary, Winnie Elliott; or Treasurer, Helen Rutledge.

GFS

Thank you to all who supported the craft stall at the parish Christmas Fair. 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

SNATCH finishes for the term on Sunday 7th December with our Christmas Party at 7pm in Aghavea Hall. We may well have a social event during the Christmas holidays - more details to follow soon!

In January we will be meeting in Colebrooke Hall. Dates and details of the new term will be available on the notice sheets and on the SNATCH website. New members are always welcome - parental consent forms can be filled in on arrival.

Bible Study

Having finished studying Paul's instructions to Timothy, there'll be a new short study beginning in January, taking us up to the Lent Midweek services (Wednesday 18th February). More details to follow.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Fair this year. After much hard work, we had an enjoyable evening.

Gospel Concert

Here's advance notice of our Annual Gospel Concert, which will be on Friday 27th February. We're looking forward to welcoming Kenny Archer, accompanied by other artists. Put the date in your new diary so that you can make it along!

From the Parish Registers

Marriage

Friday 31st October Alexander Rolston & Susan Johnston

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The best way of keeping up to date with what's happening at Aghavea is our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/aghavea There you'll find news, notices, sermons, photos, prayer points and lots more! Our sermon podcasts are now available on iTunes. Search for 'Aghavea Church' and subscribe to have them automatically delivered to your computer or device.

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It's strange how we sometimes put things, 'the event will start at 8pm sharp'. Now what's the difference between 8pm and 8pm sharp? Well we know what's being implied. When it's just 8pm it suggests that this is only a rough guide and the event will actually take place sometime after that hour when everything is ready or when enough people turn up. However 8pm sharp means that there will be no flexibility – on the dot of time things begin. Some people are more relaxed about time than others. Some are very punctual while others are always late. Most people know that the Irish have a reputation for being a bit more laid back. Many have seen the postcards with the picture of the man with his donkey and cart being held up on a little country road in West Cork because of 4 or 5 sheep in front of him, and the caption reads, Rush Hour in Ireland!!

Advent is about time – we think of the second coming of Jesus when he shall come again to judge the living and the dead. People may well be rather laid back as regards this coming. Oh yes we proclaim it in the creeds but since it has not happened in over 2000 years we hardly expect it to happen when it is going to effect us. The bible does not give an exact time but it does declare that we are to live our lives now as if his coming could be today. One of the great Advent words is NOW. Now we are to prepare for his coming – 'Cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now!' Here there is no ambivalent attitude to time – there is an urgency about action and response – the present moment must be used. The second coming will happen in some present moment even if we do not know which one. Remember also while the final coming may be withheld for some time, our God is a coming God. He came to us over 2000 years ago in Christ, He will come again in the last days but He also comes to us in the challenges and opportunities of the present day. In particular at Christmas time He comes to us in the cries of the poor and needy in our world.

Yes maybe that word sharp is important – it awakens us to time and alerts us to the present moment. Wishing you all a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Neal

Thank you

A big thank you goes to Canon Adam Johns and to Revd Charles McCollum for helping the Rector

out recently with services in late October and early November.

Club Diversity

The junior youth club in Christ Church Hall, Ballybay, has continued to meet on every second Saturday from 6-7pm and is attracting an ever wider range of children from all over the county. The youth club is for children up to 12 years of age. The parents are really enjoying it too where most of whom stay for tea, coffee, hot chocolate etc. and of course have a good chat and mingle! We will be having a Christmas Disco on Saturday the 6th of December at 6pm. Come and boogie the evening away!

The Senior Youth Club

The Senior Youth Club which has been held in Clontibret has discontinued till the New Year. A huge thanks to John Duffy for all his help in running the senior youth club and to Kenneth Dickson for helping John bring some equipment to the Church Hall.

Ladies Group

The ladies group met on Wednesday the 12th of November in the GR8 in Castleblayney for a bowling night. A great night was had by all. The next ladies event will be for a meal in Watters Restaurant in Castleblayney on the 10th of December at 8.30pm. The Ladies group is for all ages of ladies, so don't be shy and come along for an enjoyable night out! Please contact Victoria Maloney with numbers 0863917098

Toddler Group

The toddler group continues to meet weekly on a Wednesday at 10am in St Maeldoids Church. Any Mums, Dads or grandparents etc. who would like to come along with their little ones under the age of 4 are very welcome indeed. A healthy snack is provided.

Muckno News

Mothers Union

On Wednesday the 22nd October, the Mothers Union had a visitors night. Meriel Dean from Dublin came and spoke very enthusiastically about her work with the Mellon Trust. She was accompanied by her sister Denise and her little dog Natasha! Meriel spoke about a recent trip to South Africa where she went with a team of 200 other volunteers which always include a doctor and a nurse. On that occasion they went to build a house, hence the volunteers included roofers, block builders, electricians, cleaners etc. Meriel has since gone on another trip, this time to build a school. It was a wonderful night and it was great to see such a big crowd to hear of all the wonderful work that the Mellon Trust is doing.

As we write these notes we are looking forward to Wednesday the 19th November where Samita is coming along to talk about crocheting and knitting and also she will bring along some jewelry.

The Mothers Union was recently invited along to a visitors night in Braddox Presbyterian Church, where Mrs Valerie Stewart gave a talk. Valerie is the wife of Revd Stewart, the Presbyterian Minister of the Clones Group.

Birthday Wishes

Best wishes to our treasurer Mrs Janet Hill on a very special birthday she celebrated recently. We wish her many more years of health and happiness.

Illness

We wish Mrs Mary Hardy a speedy recovery who has been hospitalised recently. Also we continue to remember in our prayers Eddie Robinson and Ian Collie.

St Peter's Church, Laragh

St Peter's Church Laragh are holding a 'Thanksgiving Breakfast' where Santa will be in attendance on Sunday the 30th November. It promises to be a wonderful family event to get you in the festive spirit for Christmas.

Christmas Tree Festival

We are looking forward to our Christmas Tree Festival in St Maeldoids on Friday the 28th, Saturday the 29th and Sunday the 30th of November. It will be a great community event with lots of organisations from the community decorating Christmas trees and also groups from our own group of parishes. It will be brought to a conclusion with an Informal Community Carol Service in the Church and all proceeds will be divided between Castleblayney Cancer Society, MS Ireland and Parish Funds.

Ecumenical Carol Service

The annual Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St Maeldoid's Church on Thursday the 18th of December at 8pm.

St Mary's Hospital Carol Service

An Ecumenical Carol Service will take place in St Mary's Hospital Castleblayney on Thursday the 18th December at 2.30pm.

Ballybay News

Youth Club

'Club Diversity' is for children up to the age of 12 and is on every second Saturday in the Ballybay Church of Ireland Hall. All are very welcome for fun and games.

Baptism

A joyous occasion took place on the 2nd of November as we welcomed Ethan Maloney into the fellowship of Christ's Church through the sacrament of baptism.

Ethan is the son of Victoria and John Maloney. Canon Adam Johns officiated at the service.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Gillian Murray on the death of her Aunt Mrs Carnew.

Christmas Eve Service

The Christmas Eve Service this year will be at 11pm in Christ Church Ballybay.

Ecumenical Carol Service

The Ecumenical Carol Service this year is on Tuesday the 16th of December and the Ballybay Community Choir will lead the singing.

Combined New Year Service

The combined Service with our Presbyterian friends in Ballybay will take place on January the 4th at 12.15 in Christ Church.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes is extended to Sandra Moffett and Yvonne Forde on their recent graduation. (see photos)

Clontibret News

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the "Evening of Praise" held on 23rd October in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan. It was an amazing evening with a full house as over 140 children from schools throughout the county took part including the pupils at Clontibret National School. We tender our sincere thanks to the Musical Director, Ian Lovett, and to the organising Committee under the Chairmanship of Mrs Ethne McCord. We trust that their vision that all the schools will have a range of musical instruments available so that children can learn to play an instrument of their choice will be materialised. The project certainly deserves our support and we look forward to next year's event.

On Sunday, 9th November we held our annual Act of Remembrance to the supreme sacrifice paid for our freedom in the Great War by our fellow past parishioners Dr Robert Charles Irvine, Robert Curry and Robert Lynch. We remembered too the parishioners who served their country – James, John and Robert Brown, Joe and Thomas Curry, Sam Duffy, Henry and Joseph Finlay, Andrew and John Graham, Sam, William and James Johnston, Brophy, Charles, George and Robert Noble, Hamilton Tate, Thomas Wilson, Charles and Robert Wright and Lucas Scudamore. In this year when there is so much coverage in the media of the circumstances in which they served and fought we salute their courage.

On 16th November we were delighted to welcome a large congregation to join in our own "Praise Service" with Donagh Choir and Mrs Lynda Lindsay. Donagh Choir under the direction of Mrs Ethne McCord goes from strength to strength and adds so much to all the various events that they perform at. The choir is a great example of how our worship

is enriched when people are happy to give of their time and talents. Lynda Lindsay is a wonderful lady with an amazing voice which she uses to full advantage to witness her faith and encourage us in ours. Thank you to both parties. During the service a safety rail installed on the balcony and a curtain in the vestry were dedicated to the glory of god by family and friends of Robert Falls and Mr and Mrs Kenny Graham respectively. The congregation had the opportunity to chat over a cup of tea served in the church hall. The offering from the service will be put towards the development of a car park in ground adjacent to the church kindly donated by Messrs Jim and Robert Graham.

As we all get busy preparing for Christmas we look forward to having time to reflect on the reason for the season with our Carol Service at 3.30pm on Sunday, 14th December when the Bawn Silver Band will be in attendance. We look forward to the performance by the children which is always very entertaining and gets the Christmas message across in a very clear way. We are grateful of Mrs Alison Donaldson, Sunday School Superintendent, and her team of helpers who nurture the children with such care and attention. We trust that our visiting students Marta Silva from Spain and Marlene Palan from Austria are enjoying seeing how we celebrate Christmas here.

Congratulations Donna!

Tang Soo Do is a Korean martial art. At the world championships in Dublin in June, Donna Geary was up against people from America, England and Malta and she achieved a gold in weapons, silver in forms and a silver in fighting. In October at a local tournament held in Tyholland she achieved all golds. She is currently working towards getting her black belt. A woman definitely not to be messed with!

At this Christmas time we remember Mrs Esther Dunne who is in St Mary's, we send best wishes to Esther and to all our parishioners and friends. We send our very warmest wishes to our Rector and his family. We trust that Santa will make his way to the Rectory and to all the homes where the children will be eagerly awaiting his arrival.

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December

Sunday 7th December

The Second Sunday in Advent

Magheraclone 12 noon MP
Ardragh 1.15pm HC & Carols
Carrickmacross 7pm Community Carol Service

Sunday 14th December

The Third Sunday in Advent

Carrickmacross 10.30am HC
Magheraclone 12 noon HC

Sunday 21st December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Carrickmacross 10.30am MP
Ardragh 1.15pm MP
Magheraclone 3.30pm Community Carol Service.

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Magheraclone 8pm Joint Service HC

Thursday 25th December

Christmas Day 10am -Christmas Day

Joint Service HC

Sunday 28th December

The First Day of Christmas

Carrickmacross 10.30am
Magheraclone 12 noon

January 2015

Sunday 4th January

Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C
Magheraclone 12 noon MP
Ardragh 1.15 HC

Sunday 11th January

Carrickmacross 10.30am MP
Magheraclone 12 noon. HC

Sunday 18th January

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P
Magheraclone 12 noon MP
Ardragh 1.15pm MP

Sunday 25th January

Carrickmacross 10.30am MP
Magheraclone 12 noon MP

Harvest Services

Once again another year has almost flown and Christmas is just around the corner. We celebrated and gave thanks due to God for the lovely summer and the bountiful harvest of crops and fruit. We truly were able to sing "All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin" Hopefully the storms won't be too severe.

Work Parties

Thanks to those people who met together and tidied the grounds and trimmed the hedges around the rectory.

Mothers Union & Friends

The ladies had for their November meeting an outing to the Holy Family School to see the Farney

Players present "Wanted one body". One of our parishioners tested out his acting skills at the performance. As promised on the bill it certainly was a hilarious comedy with lots of laughs and quick witted humour.

Christmas Plans

Please see the above outline for carol services in the group.

We are delighted that the Farney singers have agreed to come and sing at our carol service in St. Finbars, Carrickmacross on 1st Sunday in December.

Bowls

The season is in full swing each Wednesday night at 8p.m.

So far there have been two home matches played in the Jackson hall.

Table Tennis

This continues each Friday night also in the Jackson hall. This is a good outlet for young people to meet to use up their energy and share in the fun

Cabra School

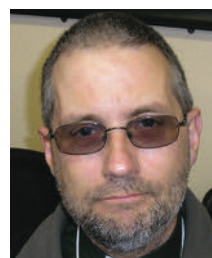
Once again I enjoyed going along to the Primary school and to share with the young people the topic of prayer during assembly time. I enjoy this as the young folk are full of enthusiasm and love to interact.

Advent Prayer

Father, all powerful and ever living God,
We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
When he humbled himself to come among us,
He fulfilled the plan you formed long ago and
Opened for us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day, hoping that the
Salvation promised will be ours when
Christ will come again in glory
And so with all the choirs of angels in heaven
We proclaim your glory and join in their unending
hymn of praise
Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR : Margaret B Pringle

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Church Services

Sunday 7th December

10:00am. Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

7:30pm. Liturgy Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 14th December

10:00am. Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

19:30pm. Carol Service, Mullaghduin Parish Church

Sunday 21st December

10:00am. Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

19:30pm. Carol Service, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 24th December, Christmas Eve

11.30pm. Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church

Thursday 25th December, Christmas Day

08:00am. Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

09:30am Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:00am. Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 28th December

10:00am. Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 4th January

10:00am. Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 11th January

10:00am. Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 14th January

10:00am. Holy Communion & Healing Service, Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

Sunday 18th January

10:00am. Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 25th January

10:00am. Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 1st February

10:00am. Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church

11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Cleenish Harvest Services

Prior to the Service commencing on Friday 17th October, there was tremendous heavy rain, resulting in those who attended, thankful for the modern motor car. Despite the inclement weather, there was a reasonably good attendance to hear the Revd Patrick Balmer from Sligo preach a very uplifting sermon. The choir sang two anthems, "The Wonder of it all" and "Thanks to God". A cup of tea was provided in the Hall, by the ladies, after the Service. On Sunday morning 19th October, the Church was packed to capacity to hear the Revd Sam McGuffin, Superintendent Minister, in Enniskillen Methodist Church give the address. The Choir sang two anthems, "Thanks to God" and "He sent for me". After the Service the ladies provided a soup & cheese lunch in aid of CMS Ireland. Thanks to Marion Keys and her team for providing the meal, and to Pauline Smyth for organising the event at which £430 was raised.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday evening service, when the special Preacher was Revd Richard Beadle, Swanlinbar. The Choir sang two anthems "The Wonder of it all" and "He sent him for me". The Rector conducted all three Services, and thanks again to the ladies who decorated the Church, to the Choir, and to Joan at the organ.

Remembrance Sunday Service, Cleenish

There was a good attendance in Cleenish for the Remembrance Day service, which was conducted by the Rector. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Security Forces by Dessi Smyth, on behalf of the Parish by Ian Crawford, and on behalf of the Brownies by Ashley Beaumont. The Last Post & Reveille was sounded by Kenny Humphries, and Joan Brownlee played the organ.

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. There is no Service on Wednesday 10th December, the next Service is on Wednesday 14th January.

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 Church-Wardens, and these donations will be forwarded to UCB.

Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 21st January, Cleenish Select Vestry
 Wednesday 28th January, Mullaghduin Select Vestry

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Tuesday 9th December 8pm, Cleenish Parish Hall, parishioners are welcome to join us for Christmas Celebrations.

Tuesday 20th January 8pm, Opening Service of Holy Communion in Mullaghduin Parish Hall. A warm welcome is extended to new members.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies took part in the Remembrance Day service in Florencecourt. They now continue with badge work before the Christmas break. New girls between the age 7 to 11 years will be welcome in the New Year on Wednesday evenings, at 6.45 to 8pm.

Parent and Toddler Group



Angel Carson, Mullaghduin Parish, with helper Eva Ewart.

The Parent and Toddler Group who meet on Tuesday mornings 10am - 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall. is now a tremendous success. Numbers of children have increased from twenty seven, to around forty.



Helper Helen Hoey, about to serve juice to a group of Derrylin ladies.



Barbara Smyth & Marina Gault, Cleenish Parish, with helper Ann Burleigh.

Under the control of Rosita Bridle, assisted by her team of willing helpers, parents/carers and children can interact and avail of play, craft and music activities.

Mothers



Mothers, Mrs Marion Keys & Mrs Shirley Sheridan, Cleenish Parish.

As we will soon reach the festive season, it is a time to thank our dear Mothers, or to reflect on those who have gone to the great beyond. We all have/had only one mother, who brought us into this world, reared and cared for us into adult life, hence the phrase "A mothers work is never done". Even at Christmas time she is the busiest person in the home preparing and cooking, washing and cleaning. To those fortunate enough remember our dear mother, and if still alive, may God bless her.

Invitation Gospel Praise Evening

Swanlinbar Parish Church is hosting a "Relaxing Gospel Praise Evening" on Sunday 7th December at 7.30pm. The evening features Kenny Archer, Crawford Bell, Robbie Pearson and Billy McFarland, and a warm welcome is extended to all who would like to attend. Supper will be served at the event, and a voluntary contribution will be taken up.

Cleenish Supper Dance

Keep free for the Parish Supper Dance to be held in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen, on Friday 13th February 2015.

Mullaghduin BBQ

Keep free Mullaghduin Parish BBQ to be held on Friday 26th June 2015.

Illness

We remember those who are ill at this Christmas time, and ask for God's help in their hours of need. Those with long term illness include Harry & Enez Carson, Cleenish Parish. Vera Gibson, William Lucy, Anne McConnell, Winnie McCauley and Joan Moffatt, Mullaghduin Parish.

We think of Robert Donaldson, and Mervyn Willis, Cleenish Parish, both recovering from recent Hospital surgery.

Holy Matrimony

Kelly Louise Gibson and Philip Ivan Jamison, were married in Mullaghduin Parish Church on Saturday 15th November. Following a spell of extremely wet and unpleasant weather, the rain ceased, and the sun even dared to shine, leaving Mullaghduin Church looking splendid to welcome Kelly and Philip's family and friends to celebrate this most pleasant occasion. Members of Mullaghduin Parish wish Kelly and Philip every Blessing for their married life together.

Obituaries

Marion Frazer Mullaghduin Parish extends deepest sympathy to the family of the late Marion Frazer, who died in the South West Acute Hospital on Sunday morning 2nd November, following a period of declining health. Marion was a devoted farmers wife of the late George Frazer, and had resided at the Millcroft Nursing Home for the past number of years. She was the dearly loved mum of Freddie, Maud, Dorinda, Selina, William, and Glenda. She is also survived by ten Grandchildren. Mullaghduin Church was filled to capacity for the Funeral Service on Tuesday 4th November. The Service was conducted by the Rector, a piper from Moybrone Pipe Band escorted the remains from the Church, and Mrs Elizabeth Hazlett played the organ.

Emily Truesdale passed away peacefully at home during the early hours of Tuesday 11th November, after a long illness. Born and reared at Derryinch, Bellanaleck, she was the third eldest of eight children, whose parents were Jim & Bella Nixon. During her early life she attended Jones Memorial Primary School, before moving to Enniskillen High School, and thence to Enniskillen Technical College. She then took up a position as typist in the local SCWS, before meeting her future husband David. As parents they had three children, Sharon, David and

Andrew. After moving home a number of times, the family finally settled into their new home in Enniskillen, where Emily became a keen gardener. She attended Enniskillen Cathedral, and Dean Kenneth Hall gave a very fitting address to a packed congregation in Cleenish Church on a very wet afternoon, Thursday 13th November. Emily is survived by her husband David, her three children and their respective families. She is also survived by her brother Jim, sisters, Mary, Margaret, Christine & Jennifer. She was predeceased by sisters Gertie & Eva.

The Service was conducted by the Rector, and Joan Brownlee played the organ.

Members of Cleenish Parish send their deepest sympathy to the entire family circle.

Mina Stinson passed away peacefully in The Rathmore Home, Ballyclare on Tuesday 11th November. Known as Mina, Margaret Ruth Boles, came from County Monaghan to Fermanagh as a young woman with her sister Mary, and brother William. After leaving school she followed her sister Mary to a nursing career in Edinburgh, before going to work in a munitions factory during the war. On return to Enniskillen she met and married the late Thomas Stinson. They reared five children in Bellanaleck, but life was not always easy for Mina as her second son Morris was tragically killed in a road traffic accident during the early sixties. She was also predeceased by her third son Ivan. However Mina carried on with life, and in the winter evenings she was a prominent badminton player with the Bellanaleck Club. In later years she enjoyed dancing in the Royal British Legion Club, in Enniskillen. As her health deteriorated she went to live with her daughter Vera McWilliams in Ballyclare, spending her final weeks in a Nursing Home.

Her funeral service in Cleenish Church was conducted by the Rector, at which her granddaughter Heather Watts spoke at length about Mina's life. The Revd Robert Bell, Presbyterian Minister in Ballyclare attended the Service, and Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ.

Mina is also survived by her sons William and Robert, and a number of Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Members of Cleenish Parish send their deepest sympathy to the entire family circle.

Cleenish Centre

Our last Group in the Centre this month, was a Methodist Church family weekend away, which we enjoyed hosting. However we had an extra surprise and joy when we realized that their minister, who was present, played a large part in our very first, and very successful fundraiser for the Centre some twenty years ago. This was a barn dance and barbecue which took place when the Centre was still a vision during the Decade of Evangelism in the Clogher Diocese.

What a faithful God we have, and what faithful volunteers we have, who have carried this vision forward to the Centre we have today. To contact The Centre enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the monthly meeting of the Group on Wednesday 22nd October, members spent a great deal of time discussing plans for the Christmas event, to be held on Saturday 6th December.

The upgrade of the old Quarry site was again discussed, however the allotments will not be available for lease until the New Year.

On the date of the meeting members were informed the Multi Use Games Area was still going through the Planning process, however the unanimous opinion is there is tremendous support within the Village area for this facility. It was also stated a pedestrian gate is now being provided from the Loughshore path into The Moorings restaurant.

Once again members expressed their appreciation to Fermanagh District Council, for the manner in which they kept the Village neat and tidy during the summer period.

Next meeting Wednesday 28th January. See Community notice board at Cathcart's shop, or Face book, bellanaleck@gmail.com.

Christian Burials

Mullaghdund Parish Church

Tuesday 4th November 2014

Marion Maud Frazer

Gardrum, Letterbreen

Aged 82 years.

Cleenish Parish Church

Thursday 13th November 2014

Emily Arabella Truesdale

7 Coole Drive, Enniskillen

Aged 67 years.

Friday 14th November 2014

Margaret Ruth Stinson

3 Mallard Heights, Bellanaleck

Aged 92 years

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December 2014

Sunday 7th Dec.

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

Sunday 14th Dec.

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

Sunday 21st Dec.

9.00am. Clogher Cathedral HC
10.00am. Errigal Portclare Carol Service
10.00am. Augher Carol Service
11.30am Newtownsaville Carol Service
7.00pm Clogher Cathedral Carol Service

Wednesday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve

7.00pm Newtownsaville HC
8.30pm Augher HC
11.30pm Clogher Cathedral HC

Christmas Day

9.00am. Errigal Portclare HC
10.00am. Clogher Cathedral HC

Sunday 28th Dec.

11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP United Service

January 2015

Sunday 4th Jan.

10.00am. Errigal Portclare HC
11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC
10.00am. Augher M.P
11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday 11th Jan.

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

Sunday 18th Jan.

10.00am. Errigal Portclare MP
11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC
10.00am. Augher M.P
11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday 25th Jan.

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

Holy Baptism

Clogher Cathedral

Oct 19th Finlay Aaron Brian Stevenson, son of Aaron and Emma Stevenson.

Oct 26th Montgomery Edwin Lynn Boyd, son of Creighton and Charlotte Boyd.

Nov 2nd Charlie Andrew McKenzie, son of Alan McKenzie and Sheryl Stafford.

Harvest Thanksgiving

The last of the Harvest Services in the group was held on Friday 17th October in St Mark's Newtownsaville. As always the church was beautifully decorated and excellent hospitality provided in the church after the service. On this occasion the preacher was the Revd Aonghus Mayes. Special thanks to the organist, Mrs Lorna Stewart and the choir for their preparation for this service. Also thanks to our guest soloists, Elaine and Rachael.

Good Wishes

We extend greetings and best wishes to Isobel Orr and her husband Colin Gilmore who were married earlier this year. Isobel is the secretary of the Friends of Clogher Cathedral and a member of the Carntall Presbyterian Congregation.

Remembrance Services

This being the Centenary of the Commencement of the First World War a special effort has been made by both church and state in honour to those who served and especially those who made the supreme sacrifice. An Act of Remembrance was observed in all our churches and wreaths laid where appropriate. The annual Royal British Legion service was held at the cenotaph in Clogher and was led by the Rector and the Revd Roy Campbell, Presbyterian Minister. The wreath laying ceremony took place to the strains of Roughan Silver Band who also led the parade to St Macartan's Cathedral for the Remembrance Service. It was gratifying to see such a good attendance. The names of the forty-eight men who died and are recorded on the cenotaph were read in the Cathedral and then placed on the Holy Table. This was followed by the Act of Remembrance and wreath laying. A joint address was delivered by Precentor Noel Regan and Fr. Noel McGahan. Prayers were led by Canon David Skuce and Mr Walter Pringle and the lessons were read by Mrs May McKeown and Mr Brian Fegan. A special thank you to the organist Mrs Diane Whittaker, trumpeter Andrew Gordon and the choir whose contribution always adds so much to all our services.

Feed the Minds

On Sunday 19th October Mrs Katy Newel Jones spoke in three of our churches including the Cathedral on the work being done by 'Feed the Minds'. Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of York and later of Canterbury launched the Feed the Minds fundraising appeal at St James Palace in 1964. The appeal aimed to provide books for adult education in developing countries and was supported by the Prime Minister and the Queen Mother.

Black Santa

On Saturday 20th December the Rector will hold his Black Santa appeal in Clogher. This year the

collection will be divided between Feed the Minds and Bishops' Appeal.

Youth Club

The Youth Club has re-commenced and meets each Tuesday evening in the Carmichael Hall in Augher.

6.45 – 7.45pm Juniors

7.45 – 8.45pm Seniors

New members welcome from all the parishes.

Cancer Focus N.I.

The annual Community Carol Service is being held in the Cathedral on Thursday 4th December and as has been the tradition the proceeds are in aid of Cancer Focus N.I. Refreshments served from 7.00pm and switching on of the 'city lights' just before the services commences at 7.30pm. This year we are acutely aware of the bereavement of the chairperson of Cancer Focus, Mrs Fiona Wilson by the death of her husband Paul, who died on Thursday 30th October in hospital in Newcastle. Paul was a highly respected member of the community and his passing caused great sadness. We extend our deepest sympathy to Fiona and her daughters Kathryn and Selina, son James and the extended family. We pray that God will comfort them in the days that lie ahead.

Illness

Many people in our group of parishes have been ill and some are still undergoing treatment. This is always a worrying time for those who are ill, their friends and families. We also remember those who have had to leave their homes and move to residential care. This is in some cases a difficult transition and a visit from a friend, family member or neighbour is always welcome. Please continue to remember those who are ill in your prayers.

Confirmation

Confirmation takes place in the Cathedral on Sunday 19th April 2015 at 11.30am Classes commence in January (date to be arranged later). Would those who wish to be confirmed please contact your rector or 'Sunday School teacher.

Christmas Greetings

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy"

We are now in the dark days of December and another year is coming to a close. Each year tells its own story and this has been no exception. The usual mixture of joys and sorrows and everyday life in between. Christmas is seen as a time for families to be together, however it is not so for everyone. It can be a very lonely time for those living alone, and those whose family have emigrated and are living on the other side of the world. It is also a time of high expectation, everyone is expected to be happy and to be able to celebrate the 'happy holiday'. In the present economic climate not everyone is so fortunate

and this can heighten a sense of inadequacy. Please bear a thought for those who may be struggling to get through this season, and in doing so you will help keep the 'Christ Child' in Christmas. Can I take this opportunity of thanking you all for your work and commitment in the past year and may the peace of Christ reign in your homes and in your hearts this Christmas time and always. Noel.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

7th December

11.30am Newbliss MP

3.00pm Clones (Carol Service)

14th December

10.00am. Currin MP

11.30am Killeevan MP

21st December

11.00 a. m. Newbliss MP (Group Service)

24th December (Wednesday)

8.00pm Clones HC

25th December (Thursday)

10.00 a. m. Killeevan HC

28th December

11.00am. Currin MP (Group Service)

4th Jan

10.00.Clones. (Holy Communion)

11.30. Newbliss (MP)

11th January

10.00. Currin(Holy Communion)

11.30. Killeevan (MP)

18th January

10.00.Clones. (MP)

11.30. Newbliss (Holy Communion)

25th January

10.00. Currin (MP)

11.30. Killeevan (Holy Communion)

1st February

10.00. Clones (Holy Communion)

11.30. Newbliss. (MP)

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to Mrs Shirley Smyth and family on the sudden death of her brother Harry McCullough after an unfortunate accident. Please pray for them and all those who have been recently bereaved.

We sympathise with the family and relatives of Mrs Dinah hall who passed away on Monday 10th November after a long illness.



St. Tighernach`s Parish Church
 Christmas Fayre
 Saturday 13th December
 In The Creighton Hotel Ballroom
 from 10..00am until 12.30pm
 Christmas Cakes ,Puddings &
 Homemade Wreaths etc.
 Come and join your friends for tea .
 Everybody welcome.
 The draw for the Hamper will take place.

Currin Floral Arrangement Demonstration

We had a most successful and enjoyable flower demonstration in the Community Centre by Timothy Elliott whose floral creations were simply stunning.

Special thanks to all those who helped in so many ways, ladies, gentlemen and teenagers, to those who attended and to all who bought tickets.

A special to the local businesses who sponsored prizes in our raffle or gave donations –Clones Credit Union Ltd, Hickey`s Pharmacy, Supervalu Clones, Dowlers & Costcutters of Lisnaskea, Monaghan Co-Op Creamery, McCrystals Pharmacy, Lennon`s Drapery, Foy`s Supervalu, Pricewise and Nice & Natural Cootehill.

This was a fund raising event in aid of our Church Repairs.

Currin Quiz Sheets

Thanks to all who sold and those who bought the quiz sheets in aid of our Church Repairs.

The winners were as follows:

- 1 Joseph Wilkin, Drum.
- 2 Florence Graham, Smithborough.
- 3 Edie Graham, Derrylin.

Carols and Communion

The Senior Citizens carol singing and Holy Communion service will be held in The Protestant Hall on Monday 15th of December at 3.00pm.

Christianity explored course

The present Bible Study course ends on Monday the 1st of December. They start again on Monday January 12th at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre. All are welcome.

United Service

The united carol service with the Presbyterian and Church of Ireland congregations will take

place on Friday the 19th December in Newbliss Presbyterian church at 8.00pm.

Coffee/Tea Morning

On Wednesday the 21st January there is a coffee/tea morning in Scotshouse rectory between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon The visiting speaker is Mrs Liza McMeakin who will speak on the work of the Postal Bible School. There will be a freewill giving in aid of this project.

A Significant Birthday Celebration

On Friday 7th November we celebrated the eightieth (80) birthday of our beloved organist May Leech. A wonderful evening was had by all her friends. The evening was organised by her son Nigel and daughter Sandra who also had a slide show of her many friends throughout her earlier years.

May was the recipient of a gift of a plaque in recognition of her service as an organist in the Diocese from the Bishop and this was presented to her by our Rectors husband Christopher Steed.

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December

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

January

- 4th Morning Prayer, 11.30am
- 11th Family Service, 11.30am
- 18th Morning Prayer, 11.30am
- 25th Morning Prayer, 11.30am

Christian baptism

26th October 2014

Joeleen Lilly Joan Evans, daughter of Sharon and Raymond, Lack

Christian burial of ashes

25th October 2014

Sidney Winfred Mach (Nee Robinson) 7 Millburn Ave, Renfrew, Scotland.

Remembrance Sunday

Whilst there have been many programmes, events, etc. which have called to attention the events surrounding World War 1, and as the coming years will have more significant commemorations, it is good to remind ourselves of the human sacrifice that inevitably comes as a result of war. However, there are still those whose hatred of all things British still mar those acts of remembrance and in doing so, ignore the hurt and loss felt by all religions and none who died for the freedoms they now enjoy and sadly openly scorn. Sincere thanks to all who participated in the service of remembrance, the dignity and solemnity of the occasion, quietly brought to mind that human sacrifice as wreaths were laid and as the children paid their tribute. May the freedoms win never be squandered by us or by the selfish lustful desires of those who ignore the human sacrifice of lost generations of 'man's inhumanity to man'. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." John 15: 13

Kesh Rural Deanery

The church-to-church social held in Derryvullen Parish church hall Irvinestown were all in attendance had an enjoyable evening. Thanks to the organisers for arranging this event and for their forward thinking in developing youth events within the area. This is the third such event within the rural deanery, with plans in place for future activities.

Young@Heart

Activities are well underway within the club at present, Stitch and Chat on Tuesday nights 8.00pm, while a number of members along with others from the locality have undertaken a 6-week art class in conjunction with SEFF. The regular monthly meetings prove a valuable outreach to the mature within our parish and beyond. Plans are well under way for a Stew Night in the parish hall on Friday 12th December 2014 from 7.30pm, with music by Martin Robinson (Glenside Country). For more details of this event contact Gertie Graham, 028 68631614, everyone is welcome to this evening regardless of age etc. Tickets on sale £7.50

Woman's Fellowship

The November meeting, which the men of the parish were invited along, continued the theme of remembrance, with a talk on World War 1 by David Keys, who has diligently researched much of the local history and of those from the parish and neighbouring parishes who served and those who died in that war. On display were a number of pop up banners depicting relevant information regarding those who had paid the supreme sacrifice. The religious aspect of the pocket testaments carried by soldiers in the First World War was also highlighted. The next meeting on 8th December will have a

festive theme with flower arranging with Heather and Muriel.

Bowling Club

The club continues to meet weekly on Thursday nights, with members participating in the Erne Bowling League with reasonable success. The forthcoming member's singles and doubles competition matches to be held during December.

New Year's Eve

The New Year's Eve Social, starting at 8.45pm, is well in hand with Committed providing the music with guest speaker. The usual refreshments and games will follow the time of worship, and the New Year will be welcomed in with pipers. Please endeavour to come along and join in the fellowship as we welcome in 2015.

Dates for your diary

27th February 2015, Concert in Parish Hall with Thiepval Memorial Pipe Band and others.

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

December 2014

Wed 3rd Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen North 7.30pm
Sun 7th Morning Prayer
Tue 9th Tuesday Club – Holy Communion 2.30pm
Sun 14th Sunday School Nativity and Gift Day
Tue 16th Monthly Quiet Holy Communion – Derryvullen North 11.30am
Sun 21st Service of Lessons & Carols

Tues 24th Christmas Eve – Holy Communion
 Derryvullen North 9.00pm
 Castle Archdale 11.00pm
 Wed 25th Christmas Day – Holy Communion
 Castle Archdale 9.00am
 Derryvullen North 10.30am
 Sun 28th Service of the Word (6)

January 2015

Sun 4th Holy Communion
 Wed 7th Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen
 North 7.30pm
 Sun 11th Service of the Word
 Sun 18th Morning Prayer
 Tues 20th Monthly Quiet Holy Communion –
 Derryvullen North 11.30am
 Sun 25th Morning Prayer

February 2015

Sun 1st Holy Communion
 Wed 4th Monthly Evening Prayer – Derryvullen
 North 7.30pm

Diary Date

Thursday 22nd January – Senior Citizens Christmas
 Dinner at 6.30pm in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge

Mothers' Union

As there will not be a meeting in December, the next meeting is on 28th January at 8pm and will take the form of an informal evening which will include an auction to help branch funds.

Derryvullen North Harvest

Our Harvest Thanksgiving services began with the Children's Harvest on Sunday morning 19th October in which the Sunday School children took a major part. The singing was accompanied by Mrs Rachel Giles and Mr Richard McGonigle. There was also appropriately a baptism.

The speaker was Jenny Smyth from CMS Ireland. A cheque was presented to Jenny on behalf of the Sunday School. Revd Eleanor Hayden from the Methodist church was the special preacher on Sunday evening and the choir sang 2 pieces accompanied by Mrs Florence Barrett. At the end of the service a presentation was made to Mrs Winnie Neville who had retired from the choir after a long and devoted membership.

On Monday evening the preacher was Revd Caroline Mansley from Ardess Parish. The choir again sang 3 pieces accompanied by Mrs Florence Barrett. We express gratitude to all those who contributed to the decoration and to Mrs Hazel Johnston for co-ordinating this. A special mention has to be made of the display of items relating to various seasons of the year, particularly with farming in mind. This was the work of the Anchor Boys under the direction of their leaders especially Mrs Edith Humes. On the Monday evening supper was served following the service by the Mothers' Union members.



Displays depicting the seasons prepared by 1st Irvinestown BB – Anchor Boys – for the harvest service in Derryvullen North Church

Tuesday Club

There will not be a meeting in January; members along with other Senior Citizens are invited to the Annual Dinner in the Woodhill Hunting Lodge on Thursday 22nd January 2015.

British Legion

The British Legion Service of Remembrance took place on Sunday 9th November in Derryvullen North Parish church. Following the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial, the parade, led by Drumharvey Pipe Band gathered in the church. The service was led by the Rector Revd Canon Glenn West who was also the preacher. Revd Eleanor Hayden from the Methodist church led the prayers. The Role of Honour was read out by Mr David Robinson and the Exhortation and laying of the wreath was done by Mr Bill Thompson. Lessons were read by Mr Marcus

Hunter and Mr Lesley Wilson, the Call and Response by Mrs Adeline Virtue. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Mr Alastair Cooke and the piped lament by Jason Irvine. Standards were presented by the RAF Assoc, British Legion, USC, UDR along with the Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade. We thank the choir and organist Mrs Rachel Giles for leading the singing. We were pleased to welcome TV presenter Mr Paul Clarke in the congregation.

Holy Baptism

Derryvullen North 19th October Charlotte Alice daughter of Gary & Kimberley.
 Castle Archdale 26th October Annie Grace daughter of Gary & Kelly.

Prayers

We remember in prayer all who are sick, bereaved or in any difficulty – may they find healing and wholeness and a real sense of God’s presence.

Prayer for Advent – Christmas

Lord, in this Holy season, our thoughts turn to the coming of the Christ-child. Give us ever thankful hearts, filled with compassion, love and understanding that we may in return share these gifts with others.



Revd Richard Verschoyle who recently visited Derryvullen North Parish pictured with Canon West. Full report in next edition.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Calendar

14th December

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

21st December

10.30 Carol Service Garvary
 12.00 Carol Service Derryvullen South

25th December

8.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South
 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary

28th December

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

4th January

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary
 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

11th January

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

18th January

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary
 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

25th January

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

1st February

10.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South
 12.00 Holy Communion Garvary

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 19th October 2014 in the parish church of Derryvullen South, the sacrament of holy baptism was ministered to Jamie Shane, son of Gary and Caroline Malone, 9 Meadowvale, Tamlaght. We continue to remember them in our prayers.

Quiz

The answer to the question posed by the rector in last month’s magazine is 23rd October 1985 in relation to Derryvullen rectory. The prize goes to Mae Eames who was the first person to give this answer. By a fascinating coincidence the 23rd October is also the Wedding Anniversary of the Rector and Mrs Stewart. In relation to Garvary rectory no-one has given a date and as far as the rector is aware, no daughter of Garvary rectory has ever been married during the time that her father was a serving cleric in the parish.

Our thanks to John Irvine who has circulated a Christmas Quiz for £1 each, to go towards internal re-painting of Garvary Parish Church.

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who are bereaved including Ted Haskins, Killyvilly, on the death of his sister May Haskins, Coleshill.

Auction at Derryvullen

The parish auction this year in aid of hall repairs, held in Derryvullen South parish hall on Saturday 18th October, realised a total after expenses of £6500. This was a very substantial figure but one which was only achieved after much hard work by a small group of people who cut and bagged timber, kindly donated, along with a large quantity of homemade produce. We are grateful to everyone who made the day such a success including all who gave subscriptions.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will take place in Derryvullen parish hall on Monday 8th December which will take the form of festive desserts and carols. The January meeting will be held in Garvary parish hall on Monday 19th January. Being the first meeting of the new year it will begin with a service of Holy Communion in the parish church followed by the AGM in the parish hall. Derryvullen branch will be marking their 60th anniversary next year with a service in Derryvullen South parish church on Sunday morning 25th October 2015 and will be followed by a special tea in the parish hall.

Auction in Garvary

A parish auction is being organised in Garvary for parish funds. A preliminary date of 14th February 2015 has been fixed by the select vestry for this event and details will be circulated early in the new year.

Revision of the Register of General Vestry

In line with our church's rules the annual revision of general vestry members will take place at a meeting of the select vestry in the month of January in each parish. Members of the select vestry in 2015 will be elected from this list at the Easter Vestry. Anyone who is 18 yrs or over and subscribes at least £50 to the sustentation fund are entitled to be general vestry members and are also entitled to vote in the new vestry. The rector will be happy to make available a declaration form which requires to be signed.

Flowers in Derryvullen South

A new cleaning rota and flower list for the church is being organised by Doreen Woods for the incoming year. We would welcome new names to go on the list. Even when a person may not be on the cleaning rota for a particular Sunday, if anyone would like to donate flowers on that Sunday in memory of a loved one or to mark a particular event, we would like to give them the opportunity to do so. Doreen's telephone number is 66387168.

Happy Christmas

Canon J W and Mrs Stewart wish all our parishioners an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Devenish and Boho



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Christmas Services

Sunday 14th December at 7.30pm Boho Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 11.30am Devenish Sunday School Service

Sunday 21st December at 7.30pm Devenish Carol Service

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December at 9.00pm Holy Communion Devenish

Christmas Day Thursday 25th December at 10.00am Holy Communion Boho

Christmas Day Thursday 25th December at 11.30am Holy Communion Devenish

Sunday School Party

Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 15th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall.

Remembrance Day Services

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka and assisted by Mrs Joan Cathcart. The readings in Devenish were read by Clive McKee, David Scott and Sarah Kate Brown and the organist was Gill Spence. Stuart Brooker read the names of the fallen and Dr John Graham read the Exhortation. Wreaths were laid by Wesley Scott and James Kells (Parish), David Ferguson and Herbert Johnston (RIR/UDR), Gerry McDermott and Glenn Parkes (PSNI) and Lauren Ferguson and Rebecca Irwin (Girl Guides). The last post and Reveille was played by Andrew Gordon. Angus McKee read the poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

Devenish Parish Sale and Auction which was held on Saturday 8th November raised a total of £4034.32. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.

Devenish Bowling Club



Devenish Bowling Club Tournament was held recently in the Reade Hall, Monea. At the conclusion of the tournament David Ferguson, the chairman of Devenish club thanked all who had supported the tournament gave donations and the club members who had organised the tournament. Tommy Cathcart, President of Devenish Bowling presented the winners of the tournament, Stuart McSorley and Catherine Beattie from St Marks Parish in Portadown and runners up were Caroline Scott and Norman Noble with their prizes.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar for December/January

Sunday 7th December, 2014 The Second Sunday of Advent

Donagh 10.30am A Celebration of Holy Communion – Tyholland Parish Church at 3.00pm the Community Carol Service will take place. Light Refreshments will be served in Tyholland Community Centre after the service.

Sunday 14th December, 2014 The Third Sunday of Advent

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer - Errigal Truagh Parish Church at 3.00pm the Community Carol Service will take place. Light refreshments will be served in the Blackwater Centre after the service.

Sunday 21st December, 2014 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Donagh 10.30 A combined Carol Service with the Children playing a leading role.

Sunday 21st December, 2014 COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE – Held in the village Square at 4.00pm This is a tremendous community occasion and light refreshments will be served after the service and we usually have a special visitor.

Wednesday 24th December, 2014 Christmas Eve – A Celebration of Holy Communion will take place at 9.00pm in Tyholland Parish Church.

Thursday 25th December, 2014 Christmas Day – A celebration of Holy Communion for Christmas Day at 10.30am in Donagh Parish Church. This will be a combined service for the three parishes.

Sunday 28th December, 2014 The First Sunday of Christmas – A combined service at 10.30am in Donagh Parish Church.

Wednesday 31st December, 2014 Watch - night Service in Donagh at 9.30pm This is an ideal way to see out the old year and bring in the New Year.

4th January, 2015 The Second Sunday of Christmas Donagh 10.30 and Tyholland 12.00 - A Celebration of Holy Communion

11th January, 2015 The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon A Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 18th January, 2015 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00 noon Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th January, 2015 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Donagh 10.30am Family Service
12.00 noon Errigal Truagh Morning Prayer

Mother's Union

Elizabeth Garland one of our members is giving a floral Demonstration of Christmas Decorations at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. This will be an evening of fun and fellowship and everyone will be made welcome.

Winter's Tale

Will take place in Donagh Parish Church on Monday 22nd December at 8.00pm This has now become an annual event and sets the scene for Christmas. It is a evening of music and verse with guest organist Glenn Moore and the Donagh Choir. This was a great success last year and no doubt it will be a resounding success this year. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

Tickets will be available from Diane, Ethne, Eileen Coulter or any of the choir members.

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 9th November a Service of Morning prayer was held in Donagh Parish Church. This was well attended and the Very Revd R. Thompson gave the address. At the conclusion of the service everyone gathered around the War Memorial in the church grounds for the Act of Remembrance. 38 names were read out of those from the parish and community who fought and died in the Great War. A wreath was laid in their memory and two minutes silence was observed. Sir Jack Leslie who is now in his 98 year and lives at Castle Leslie in Glaslough, was unable to lay the wreath due to failing health. Sir Jack was 22 and fresh out of Cambridge when he joined the elite regiment, the Irish Guards. He had his own valet and they were entrusted to guard Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. In the first months of the war he was captured in Boulogne and dragged on foot to a camp near Salzburg where he lived for five years, at times with 3,000 other prisoners. He has many memories of war and the horrors of war. When asked what kept him mentally strong during those terrible days, he answered "I trusted in God". A Service of Morning Prayer with an Act of Remembrance was held in Errigal Truagh Church. During the Act of Remembrance five crosses and poppies were placed on the Communion Table in remembrance of those who gave their lives in the war. After the service the crosses were placed on the respective family graves in the adjoining graveyard.

The Girl's Brigade

As I write these notes we are looking forward to the Girl's Brigade Enrolment Service which will be held on Sunday 16th November. The theme this year is God's Promises – Faith. The Girl's Brigade plays a vital role in the community and in the Parish. The girls meet on a Tuesday evening and through the dedication, encouragement and leadership skills of the Captain Margaret Dudgeon and her team of helpers the company is going from strength to strength as they seek to serve and follow Christ.

Wedding Congratulations

Beulah-Ann Wallace and Michael Sinton were married on the 1st November, 2014 in St. Salvator's Parish Church. We wish them God's Richest Blessing as they begin married life.

Congratulations

To Robert and Denise Jordan on the birth of a lovely Baby Boy also to Deborah and Gavin Treanor on the birth of a lovely baby boy.

The Rectory

Work is being carried out at the Rectory to upgrade the interior and tidy up the grounds. Thanks to everyone who is giving of their time and talents to have this work completed.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers those who have been in hospital and are recovering at home and those in nursing and residential homes.

Happy Christmas

Raymond and I wish the parishioners a very Blessed and Happy Christmas and prosperous 2015 and thank them for their support during 2014.



Included in the photograph are five crosses which represent the parishioners who served in both World Wars. From one family in the parish all seven sons served in WW1 and three were killed.

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Service Times

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

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

Over the last number of weeks we have been studying 1 Peter as we have shared out what our vision is

in Holy Trinity Dromore. This book of the Bible has brought direct challenges to many areas of our lives, commitment, relationships, serving, community to name but a few.

Like the Israelite people we have used the repetition of one of the Psalms of Ascent - Psalm 126 as each week we have repeated it until we are now able to say it from memory. This abiding sense that God's word is being written on our hearts is incredible. God's living, active word is becoming a part of who we are.

We have been casting our thoughts forward because where we are is never the fullness of what God has for us. We have been looking forward because we believe that God is calling us into a new session in the life of this parish.

And we pray that by the grace of God we can leave down those things that have entangled us and held us back in order that we step forward in the strength and will of God. As we look forward we do so in HOPE - Christ in you the hope of glory - Colossians 1:27.

My prayer is that we each play our part to bring the small jigsaw piece that is our life forward in order that when we put them together we get the whole picture. Without you the picture will be incomplete. God's plan for Holy Trinity Dromore is HUGE its our vision that is small.

So lets lift our eyes heavenward seeking that the God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace this Christmas. In His service

James

*Kilskeery Silver Band will lead our singing and Revd Brian Harper will be our preacher

Annual Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner hosted by the Mothers Union will take place on Saturday 13th Dec 2014 at 1pm

Theological Placement

Sadly on Sunday 23 November we said goodbye to Dennis Christie the second year ordinand who was on placement with us. We wish Dennis and his family all the best and God's blessing as they continue to travel the journey they are on.

During his time Dennis participated fully in Sunday services and many people got to meet him in their homes during the weekdays that he was with us. He has left a mark on us that will never be forgotten. His humour and warmth drew people in but it was his integrity that stood out. His forthright challenges when preaching and graceful leading of the liturgy have drawn us all deeper in our understanding of who God is.

Our thoughts and prayers are with him and we know that God will use him for the advancement His Kingdom here on earth.

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 2 + 4 Saturday nights 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

From the Parish Register

Baptism

02/11/14 - William John Bond

Marriage

01/11/14 - Fiona Roberta Crawford and Clarke Gary Forrest

Keeping up to date

There are a number of ways that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on in the parish: Get a recording of the service on CD every week Visit our website www.holytrinitydromore.org Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore

HOLY TRINITY DROMORE
Sowing seeds, growing Community



Christmas Services

You are very welcome to join with us as we explore the HOPE Christmas brings and celebrate the birth of a Saviour.

Sunday 21st December

11.30am Family Celebration

7.30pm Carols & Lessons*

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Celebration with Holy Communion

Sunday 28th December

10.30am Morning Prayer

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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'I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord' In this month of December we look forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. Like the shepherds of old, in heart and mind we also plan to go to Bethlehem, to see and to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Calendar for December

Sunday 7th

11.00 Group Children's Carol Service in Drumkeeran followed by light lunch and presentations in the Hall.

Sunday 14th

10.00 Muckross Carol Service and Holy Communion.
11.30 Drumkeeran Carol Service.

7.00 Carols by Candlelight in Dernasesk. Revd R Logue

Sunday 21st

10.00 Templecarne Carol Service
11.30 Drumkeeran Morning Prayer.

Christmas Eve

10.00pm Drumkeeran Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10.00am Templecarne Holy Communion

There will be a special collection for the Bishops Appeal for World Hunger at both Christmas Communion services.

At this Christmas time I would ask all our parishioners to make a special effort to join in worship and to meet around the Lord's Table, either on Christmas Eve in Drumkeeran or on Christmas morning in Templecarne. If neither of the above are suitable, then try to join with us in Muckross on 14th at 10.00am

Emergency Pastoral Cover 26th to 30th December will be provided by the Revd Henry Blair, 68631820.

Sunday 28th

11.00am, MP in Muckross, group service. Dean R Thompson

Sunday 4th January

10.00 Templecarne MP
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Sunday 11th January

10.00 Muckross HC
11.30 Drumkeeran MP
7.00 Dernasesk

Sunday School resumes on 11th January.

Sunday 18th

10.00 Templecarne HC
11.30 Drumkeeran MP

Sunday 25th

10.00 Muckross MP
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Sunday 1st February

10.00 Templecarne MP
11.30 Drumkeeran HC

Confirmation

We were delighted to welcome our bishop for the service of Confirmation and it was great to have such a large gathering of parishioners and friends. The following young people were confirmed: Samuel Frazer, Victoria Martin, Nathan Kerrigan, Zara Frazer, Jason Johnston, Meghan Thompson, John Fitzpatrick, Morgan Aiken, Stephen Johnston-Martin, Kirstie Harron, Ben Mawhinney and Aaron Thompson.



Our good wishes to the young people. We pray that God will be with them and with their families in the days and years ahead. The prayer on the Confirmation Card would be a useful prayer practice day by day. "Confirm me, O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that I may continue to be yours for ever; and daily increase in your Holy Spirit, until I come to your everlasting Kingdom. Amen."

Dernasesk Harvest

The Harvest service was held in Dernasesk Church Hall on 19th October. The preacher was the Revd Alan Irwin, rector of Colaghty. Thanks to all involved. The speaker at the November meeting was the Revd Caroline Mansley.

Templecarne Concert

This annual event was held on 6th November in the local Youth Hall, kindly granted by the Methodist

Church. Thank you to our Methodist friends for the use of their refurbished hall. Despite the weather, and it was most unpleasant on that evening, the hall was nicely filled. Thank you to all who came, to the artists, musicians and technicians, to those who provided supper and to David and Hilda Johnston who year by year organise this event. And it is great to have such community participation.

Remembrance Sunday

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

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

By the beginning of December all the shoe boxes for this year's appeal will be loaded and dispatched. No doubt there will be a good response. A generous tribute to Irene Boyd, and to her band of willing helpers, for this marvellous annual effort on behalf of less fortunate children. And a big 'Thank You' to all in and beyond the parish make this great effort year by year.

Church to Church Youth Social

Thank you to the Rural Dean, Canon Glenn West, and his helpers for organising the even for young people from all parishes within the Kesh Rural Deanery. Efforts to bring together young people from a wider area than their own parish are most useful and are to be commended.

Safeguarding Trust - Child Protection

A refresher course for Youth Leaders and Parish Panel Members was held in Derryvullen North Parish Hall, Irvinestown, on 12th November. The majority of Sunday School teachers and Panel Members from this group of parishes were present. It is a legal obligation to keep up-to-date with the regulations and practices where young people are involved. And an appreciation of all who help in this area.

Trainee Evangelists

On 26th October two trainee evangelists took part in the services, David Charleton in Muckcross and Janet Fleming in Drumkeeran. We wish them well in the outreach work for which they are being trained. And thank you to those in the two parishes who did an assessment as requested.

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Letter from Captain Sir Edward Hulse



"My Dearest Mother, Just returned to billets [quarters] after the most extraordinary Christmas in the trenches you could possibly imagine. Words fail me completely in trying to describe it, but here it goes!" So began an amazing letter dated Monday, December 28, 1914, by British soldier Captain Sir Edward Hulse in the midst of World War I. The letter received wide circulation both in England and in the U.S. Sadly, the captain was killed in action two and a half months later in France.



It was Wednesday, December 23, when the captain and his troops were ordered to the front line against German troops. The exchange of fire between the warring armies was intense. However, early Friday morning, on December 25, the shooting by the Germans began to subside.

By 8:00am., they were not firing at all. At 8:30 Captain Hulse was startled by an unexpected sight. Unarmed, four Germans left their protected positions and began walking toward the British side. Unsure of their intentions and not wanting them to get too close, the captain and one of his men headed out to

meet them. Weapons from both sides were pointed at them.

As the men huddled together, Captain Hulse questioned their purpose. "What orders do you have from your officers?" "None," the Germans replied. They came out from their trenches out of goodwill. They wanted to wish their British counterparts a merry Christmas. This is why the German soldiers ceased firing. They said that unless ordered otherwise they were going to withhold their fire.

After thirty minutes, the English party escorted the Germans back to their line of barbed wire. They parted after a friendly exchange of British cigarettes and German cigars. Then Captain Hulse went immediately to headquarters to report the incident.

Returning at 10am., he couldn't believe what his eyes saw in the open space between the two armies: "I saw, to my amazement, not only a crowd of about 150 British and Germans ... in front of my lines, but six or seven such crowds, all the way down ... extending toward the 8th Division on our right." The only things left in the trenches were the weapons. Stunned, Hulse observed that the soldiers "were fraternizing in the most genuine possible manner. Every sort of souvenir was exchanged ... photos of families shown, etc." The captain exclaimed, "It was absolutely astounding, and if I had seen it on film I should have sworn that it was faked!" A British soldier captured the prevailing sentiment. "It's only right that we should show that we could desist from hostilities on a day which is so important in both countries."

The captain went on to describe the day itself. "From foul rain and wet, the weather had cleared up the night before to a sharp frost, and it was a perfect day, everything white, and the silence seemed extraordinary, after the usual din. From all sides birds seemed to arrive, and we hardly ever see a bird generally. Later in the day I fed about 50 sparrows outside my dug-out, which shows how complete the silence was."

During this lull in hostilities, an agreement for the care of the dead was reached. Soldiers who had been killed near the opposing side were carried out to the halfway line where they were honoured and buried. Personal effects of the dead were exchanged. The sounds of war were stilled, and shalom peace emerged for a day among soldiers who were otherwise locked in a struggle for life and death.

I was hunting around the First World War history and found this letter and thought that it would be worthwhile reprinting it and adding my own thoughts as follows –

We live in a hostile, violent world. Yet the message of Christmas is still one of peace. What this means is that there is no heart which cannot be softened, no marriage which cannot be restored, no division which cannot be bridged through a spirit of unity centred on Bethlehem's babe. May the peace that He brings be yours and your family's this season and a very Merry Christmas to all.

Revd George

Aghabog

Get well wishes to Willie Norris who has been hospitalised recently, and to anyone else who is unwell at home or in hospital at this time.

Carol service will be held on Sunday 21st December at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards and everyone is welcome.

Children's Christmas Party

The Parish Group Christmas party this year will be held in Aghabog Parish Hall on Saturday 20th December at 7pm. Our thanks to Mr Walter Pringle who is coming along to help on the night. Please remember this is not only for children but also for the adults as well. All are welcome.

Aughnamullen

Our Congratulations to Tristan McMurray, who has graduated in Religious Studies at Maynooth University and Geography at Trinity Collage Dublin. Sunday 7th December at 3pm the annual Carol Service in Crossduff Parish Church. All are welcome and refreshments after the service in the refurbished old stables.

Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm Carol Service in Christ Church Aughnamullen with guest soloist Mr Roy Crowe.

Drum

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.



Rockcorry/Dartery

I regret the omission in last month's Parish Notes by not thanking the organists at the Harvests in Rockcorry Miss Audrey Doogan and in Dartery, Mrs Agnes Phair, also Mrs Dorothy Hawthorne as Soloist. Their contribution to the services was much appreciated. Revd G

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brian & Lynn Little on the birth of their daughter Sophie Annabel on the 23rd Oct. Best Wishes to all who have been ill during the month, at home, in hospital and Nursing homes

Christmas Tree Festival 13th to 14th December

Diocesan Magazine readers will have had an opportunity of reading about our forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival in last month's edition. A huge amount of interest has been shown by potential exhibitors and our grateful thanks to all who have offered to provide and decorate trees. So do come along, admire the trees and Rockcorry Church in all its festive splendour and enjoy Morning Coffee/Afternoon Tea in Sexton's House. Church will be open for viewing from 11am to 6pm on Saturday 13th Dec and again on Sunday 14th from 3pm to 7.30pm concluding with Carol Service at 7.30pm. Admission as follows:-

Viewing of Church Adults €5
Children (Accompanied) Free.
Morning Coffee/Afternoon Tea €5

Dartrey/Rockcorry Upcoming Events

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, 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 086 3976840 or marionfannin@gmail.com.

Christmas Carol Services

Drum: Friday 5th December at 8.00pm
Crossduff: Sunday 7th December at 3.00pm
Aughnamullen: Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm
Rockcorry/Dartrey: Sunday 14th December at 7.30
Aghabog Sunday 21st December at 7.30
Childrens Christmas Party Saturday 20th December at 7.00pm In Aghabog Parish Hall

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion Rockcorry @ 10.00pm

Christmas Morning

Holy Communion Aghabog @ 9.45am

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Services in December

Thursday 4th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 7th December: Advent 2

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

3.00pm – Service at Breandrum Cemetery (for those bereaved by suicide)

7.00pm – Community Carol Service (begins St Michael's ends Methodist)

Thursday 11th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 14th December: Advent 3

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Nativity Service

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 18th December

11.00am - Holy Communion

4.00pm – Messy Church

Friday 19th December

2.00pm – Portora Royal School Carol Service

Sunday 21st December: Advent 4

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

7.00pm - Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

11.00pm - Holy Communion

Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day

9.00am - Holy Communion

10.30am – Holy Communion (Family Service)

Sunday 28th December: Christmas 1

9.00am - Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

Services in January

Sunday 4th January: Christmas 2

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

Thursday 8th January

11.00am - Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 11th January: Epiphany 1

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

Thursday 15th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 18th January: Epiphany 2

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Holy Communion
7.00pm – Next ten of Top Fifty Hymns

Thursday 22nd January

11.00am - Holy Communion
1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 25th January: Epiphany 3

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am – All age Family Service
7.00pm - Holy Communion

Thursday 29th January

11.00am - Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

2nd November – Mollie Anne McDaid

16th November – Emily Grace Scarlett Drugan

Christian Burial

13th November – Emily Arabella Truesdale

14th November – Helen Whittaker

15th November – Evelyn Marjorie Lunny

Hong Kong Visit

Last month I had the privilege of being the guest preacher at St. John's Cathedral in Hong Kong by invitation of the Dean, The Very Revd Matthias Der. The Cathedral stands in the heart of the city's financial downtown district. Deeply rooted in the traditions of Anglicanism and yet at the same time exercising ministries which reach out into the wider life of the community, the Cathedral is a much used and much loved building. There are two services on a Saturday evening and six services on a Sunday (8.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 11.45am, 2.00pm and 6.00pm). I preached at the 9.00am service, said and sung in English, to a congregation of about 600 and also attended the 10.30am service for another congregation of about 400, said and sung in Cantonese. The benefit of being an Anglican is that we have a set liturgy, and the beauty of the Anglican liturgy shines through all languages and even though I did not understand a word of the language of the 10.30am service I could follow each moment of it! Both of these services were identical except different languages and also exactly the same

for both said parts and sung parts as we do at our 11.00am service on the third Sunday of a month. St John's Cathedral is a fascinating building and looking in through the great West Door the eye of the visitor is drawn to the East window and its depiction of the crucifixion of Christ. There, in stained glass, the Gospel is proclaimed and the arms of Jesus are seen outstretched in welcome and blessing.

I had also the privilege of delivering a lecture on 'Dialogue with the other side' to a very attentive audience who were keen to hear about ways of promoting reconciliation as the way forward in Northern Ireland. The Queen's visit to Enniskillen and 'The Crossing of the road' from St Macartin's Cathedral to St Michael's Roman Catholic Church featured high among the topics! Most of the audience was aware of this - it is amazing how news travels 5000 miles! Hong Kong does have its own difficulties at present, and while as 'an outsider' I would be reluctant to comment on the internal politics of another county they were keen to hear of reconciliation processes in Northern Ireland and gestures of goodwill shown to those of different opinions and different ways of life!

I received the warmest of welcomes, and I saw much of the humbling and inspiring work of the Anglican Church there. The Anglican Church is growing and it is committed to both spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and to reaching out to those in need. As an example, over sixty percent of the congregation at St John's Cathedral is now comprised of foreign domestic workers from the Philippines. There were literally hundreds of Filipina women there to worship! St. John's has an outstanding counseling centre that offers support and legal assistance for those in need. This cathedral and the many other churches, including All Saints Cathedral which I also visited are making a real difference in the communities they serve.

Our deepest hopes and dreams are essentially the same—to show the light of Christ to a world that desperately needs to receive it.

Remembrance Day



It was a great pleasure to welcome back An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD to St Macartin's Cathedral Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 11th November, accompanied by Mrs Arlene Foster MLA, the Stormont Minister for Enterprise, Trade

and Investment. This year we were also privileged to have the Northern Ireland Office Permanent Secretary, Sir Jonathan Stephens and his wife the Revd Penny Stephens. Also in attendance was Miss Gabrielle Moseley, Deputy Consul General, US Consulate Belfast representing the USA Government and Her Majesty's Vice Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, Mr Roland Eadie accompanied by his wife Mrs Lois Eadie. All four government representatives conducted the prayers. The lessons were read by Mr John McCusker, Chairman of the British Legion, Mr Roland Eadie and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.

Cathedral Website

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

Book launch

The 18th of November was a particularly special day for our Curate the Revd Rob Clements as his Master's thesis was published through the Church of Ireland Publishing House. It was published as part of the 'Breamor Series' to facilitate a broader understanding of significant, and at times complex, contemporary theological themes. The hope is that these publications may stimulate fresh thinking across the Church. The title of the book is 'Occupy Faith: The movement of movements and its implications for Christian practice' and a short abstract of the topic can be read on the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI) website http://www.theologicalinstitute.ie/courseinformation/Dissertation_Abstracts_2013.php.

Congratulations Revd Rob who we are very blessed to have at Saint Macartin's Cathedral.

The Season of Advent

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

Mid Week Advent Services

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

60+ Parishioners' Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm. All those with a 'bus pass' are welcome!

Nativity Play

The Sunday School will have their Nativity Play on Sunday 14th December at 11.00am. At this service we ask children (& parents) to bring a new Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility's Christmas appeal. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and sex. Thank you.

Tuesday Club

Revd Rob opened the October meeting with a scripture reading and prayer remembering especially those members unable to attend. He then introduced Mrs Maureen Farrelly who demonstrated her talents with beautiful floral arrangements. Each member then got a container with oasis and a bunch of flowers to try their skill at flower arranging. Members enjoyed putting their skills to task. A delicious tea concluded the meeting.

The next meeting is on 25th November when the guest Mrs Stephanie Hamilton will share some of her cooking skills. Members are invited to the 60+ Christmas Party on Tuesday 9th December.

Mothers' Union

Estelle, Branch Leader, opened the November meeting with a bible reading and Dean Hall followed with prayer.

The guest speaker was Mr John Deering who works in a voluntary capacity with the Enniskillen Museum. Mr Deering recalled the dramatic changes for the role of women during the 1st World War, both in employment and in fashion. As well as raising families it was necessary for the women to take on the jobs of the menfolk who were off to fight in the war. Dresses and skirts proved unsuitable for the tasks undertaken, so for the first time ladies wore trousers. Plumbing, engineering, tram clippies, land girls, ammunition factories were amongst jobs to be done; but the coping of losing loved ones killed in action was the greatest endurance of all.

It is good to remember on this 100th anniversary of World War 1, how life was at that time. A visit to the Museum is highly recommended.

Teas will be served by the M U at the Parish Sale.

The next meeting is a visit to the Ardhowen theatre to see the musical 'Grease' on the 8th December. Please meet at 7.30pm at the theatre.

Messy Mums!

The first gathering for Messy Mums was on the 7th November in Lough Erne Cakes. It was a great night! Eighteen mums gathered for coffee, tea, cake, good conversation, craft, and a bit of 'Momastery'. Normally when the mums meet there are dozens of messy church children running around our feet. Messy mums is all about mum time. The format is really simple. There is an adult craft item. In November we made hanging ornaments. You don't

have to be artistic to participate, it is more about the fun than the finished article. There is a short video clip presented by an author and blogger called Glennon Doyle Melton (we are big fans). Glennon manages a blog called Momastery and shares her thoughts on faith, life and parenting. Her book *Carry on Warrior* is on the New York Times best seller list. A number of copies were made available to our mums who wanted to find out more. Reports back are that people just can't put it down. The next one is on 4th December at 7.30pm. If you can, bring a few jam jars, preferably with the labels soaked off. Come join us, and let's do something beautiful together.

Messy Church Christmas Birthday Bash

We plan to pull out all the stops for Messy Church this Christmas!

What better way to celebrate that birth of Jesus than by having a birthday party. There will be birthday games, crafts, snacks, and maybe even a cake (and some mulled wine for the grown ups). There will also be a special celebration in the Cathedral under candlelight. Families, children, parents, grannies, granddads, aunts and uncles, you are all invited, but we would ask you to dress up in something Christmassy. Christmas fancy dress could involve your favourite Christmas jumper, or the person from the nativity who you didn't get to be this year. As always, it is from 4.00pm – 6.00pm on the third Thursday - 18th December. Come join us!

The following Messy Church will be on January the 15th.

Ready to Lead?

Many of our organisations have young people involved formally or informally in leadership. That's something we fully support and want to resource. Young people are not just followers, they can be leaders also. In the New Year we plan to run a course called 'Ready to Lead'. The course explores what it means to be a young Christian leader in all kinds of settings - church, school or even at home.

Maybe you are a young person involved in assisting at youth group, scouts, Sunday school, etc.

Maybe you are a young person helping lead at your school SU or at a summer camp.

Maybe you don't quite see yourself as a leader yet, but there is something inside you that wants to find out more. Leaders come in all sorts of shapes, sizes and types.

Why not get involved? Have a chat to Revd Rob Clements, or chat to your youth leader and we'll get you signed up. Ready to Lead is a fun activity based, 8 week course which we will run fortnightly. We'll gather over food and we'll make sure it's fun and worthwhile. Final dates are still to be confirmed. A final call out to all adult youth leaders. Have a think about who might be a young leader in your organisation, or who shows leadership potential.

Encourage them along! We think your young leader will be more equipped by being there.

Pilgrim

Pilgrim continues to be a growing part of our church life. The first pilgrim group have now completed the first two pilgrim books. A second pilgrim course started in November with 18 new participants. Feedback from this course has been extremely positive. An important part of pilgrim is simply getting to know other people from the church at a deeper level. Often when we go to church we simply enter and leave without talking to anyone bar perhaps those in front of us or behind us. The blessing of pilgrim is that we stop over tea and coffee and talk with one another. There will be more pilgrim adventures in January. The first pilgrim group are now moving onto the third pilgrim book which looks at the Commandments. If you have not been involved so far, but would like to participate, talk to Revd Rob Clements and we'll find a way of connecting you.

Tree of Light Service

On Sunday 9th December at 3.00pm a short service will be held in Breandrum Cemetery. This is a repeat of the service held last year for the support group "Fermanagh Forget Me Not Bereaved by Suicide Support Group". It was very well attended, supported by the four main churches, and a good way to remember loved ones at Christmas (when some normally find it difficult).

Carol Services

Sunday 8th December at 7.00pm – a Community Carol Service beginning in St Michael's Church and end in the Methodist Church. All our parishioners are welcome to attend.

Wednesday 17th December at 10.30 am – a Carers' Carol Service will be held in the Lecture Theatre (Level 2), Medical Education Centre at South West Acute Hospital – All Carers are welcome.

Friday 19th December at 2.00pm – Portora Carol Service

Sunday 21st December at 7.00pm – St Macartin's Cathedral Carol Service will be held on Sunday.

A special collection will be made in aid of the Dean of Belfast's 'Black Santa Charities'.

Carol Singing

The Youth Groups will be out Carol Singing on Wednesday 17th December and then back to the Deanery for refreshments.

Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am

and at 10.30am Children are asked to bring a toy that Santa brought to the 10.30am service which may be a little bit noisier!

Confirmation Classes

These begin on Monday 1st December at 6.30pm in the Hilliard Room. Confirmation is a very serious commitment with vows and promises made before Almighty God, and a continuation of the Christian journey of life which began at Baptism. The Clergy will give every encouragement and help to all who want to be prepared for Confirmation, but they do need the full support of the candidate and their family, and their presence at church!

Adult Confirmation

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

Home Holy Communions for Christmas

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

Parishioners' Favourite Recipes

We are grateful to Mrs Ruby Elliott who has compiled a cookery book of Parishioners' Favourite Recipes. Copies are available from the Parish Office – it would make an ideal Christmas present for a friend.

Church Mouse Lunch

Soroptimist International - Enniskillen & District are holding their annual Church Mouse Lunch in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday 14th December from 12.00 noon - 2.00pm. Everyone welcome (all ages). No entry charge but they will gratefully accept donations towards the Developing World charities. Please support this event.

The Shoebox Appeal

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil. Brazilians, who have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups, are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable. The logic that undergirds this kind of behaviour is competition for the religious market. Increasingly, in Brazil, some Christian groups compete with one another for a place on the mass media, for new members and for public funds.

The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition. Although the competition between churches is less obvious in our islands, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women.

This year's service will be held in Saint Michael's Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd January. All are welcome to attend.

Favourite Hymns

Favourite Hymns from number 41-50 will be sung on Sunday 18th January at 7.00pm. This has proved to be a very popular event with a story behind each Hymn. Please come and bring a friend!

All Age Family Service

Sunday 25th January at 11.00am. In October we launched a new liturgy for our all age/family service. We were happy with the response we got from parents, children, and from some of the older folk (many of whom seemed to enjoy it as much as the kids). We continue to build on that this year. Our hope is that the fourth Sunday of the month is a church service that families are excited to be at. The service itself is no more than 45 minutes long. It is fairly informal and spoken in a tongue people of all ages can understand. There is also a cup of tea, coffee or juice after in the side chapel. Stay behind and get to know some of you brothers and sisters in our church family a little bit more. 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.

Brother Cuthbert

During Thursday morning Holy Communion on 20th November, an unexpected visitor joined the service. Brother Cuthbert of the Order of St Cuthbert is making his way around all Cathedrals

in the UK, carrying a large wooden cross bearing the words "The peace and prosperity that you desire can only be found by believing and trusting in the one whom God has sent." While visiting Brother Cuthbert undertakes a prayer walk in each Cathedral town, whilst carrying the life-size cross.



Dean Kenneth Hall, Brother Cuthbert and the Revd Rob Clements

Season Greetings

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

Fivemiletown (including Kiltermon)



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Intern Deacon
Revd Alastair Donaldson

Confirmation

Continue to pray for the young people who recently were confirmed.

Greg Farrell, Joshua Fegan, Aaron Graham, Nicholas Graham, Scott Johnston, Jason McCoy, Ben McNeill,

Simon Warrington, Regan Wilkinson, Hannah Bracken, Shannon Cathcart, Hayley Corbett, Louise Cowan, Anna Downey, Jane McCutcheon, Lucy Mills, Eve Reynolds and Jenna Wright.

Call His name Jesus

Friday 12 - Sunday 14 December 2014 St John's

God willing, the parish is planning to host a festival of flowers and music to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Lots of preparation is underway and we hope you will join us during this time.

Flower Festival Picture

Two special events are:

7pm Friday 12 December in St John's

An evening of music with local schools and young people

7pm Sunday 14 December in St John's

A Carol Service with Bishop John McDowell
Our guest of honour for the weekend is SAMS mission partner from Paraguay, Claire Holmes. and we hope you will join us during this time.

Revd Alastair Donaldson

My name is Alastair Donaldson and I was ordained to the diaconate by the Bishop of Clogher John McDowell on 7th September 2014. Since then I have been serving as an intern deacon within the Parish of Fivemiletown under the supervision of the Rector, Revd Kyle Hanlon and the intention is for me to be here till the end of June 2015.

I come from a small village in County Armagh called Crossmaglen and have been a member of the Church of Ireland my whole life. I grew up with my Mum and Dad, 2 older brothers and a younger sister. My early experiences of church and faith were with two rectors, Canon David Clarke and Revd Mervyn Kingston. This was within the border parish of Creggan. Whilst usually enjoying church and being aware of how we were a churchgoing family, my personal faith was not any more developed. Due to a very small congregation there was not much more to Church than the Sunday morning service and so my faith didn't get much more exercised. Myself and my brothers attended a local Presbyterian church youth club and I always remember the short epilogues usually containing a gospel challenge although my interest was minimal at this point.

Many of the familiar experiences for a teenage boy were to follow and although I still liked going to church other pursuits took precedence. Earlier than was wise I started taking alcohol and later on I started smoking and going to live in Sheffield for University allowed these pursuits to develop independent of family supervision. Although I did look for a church initially I was quickly put off by my lack of understanding of the English scene. So without any church or Christian influence my experiences in Sheffield were pretty wild and irresponsible.

Following graduation I returned home and for the next 6 years I worked for a couple of construction companies in Northern Ireland on a number of big projects which were very rewarding in many ways

although I must admit that the industry at large was very challenging and sometimes it involved a lot of pressure. I was doing a lot of soul searching at this point and in tandem with a long term relationship that showed no signs of stability, I started to read the Bible more and my God consciousness was returning. I was desperately missing something in life that subconsciously I knew could only be found in God but my ability to articulate that at the time would have been little. The way I was living and the way I wanted to live were on a collision course and whilst working in Cork City I began to come under steady conviction of my sin to the point where I asked God to forgive me and save me which he duly did. My relationship with God thus came full circle from one of general understanding to one of personal intimacy. That was in 2004 and in the time since God has done much work within me and I believe through me for His gospel. I have grown as a Christian and have undergone many other challenges including changes of career and relationships ending. Throughout God's love has been constant. At times my faith has been weaker than other times but God has protected and kept me close through the cross of his Son my Saviour.

In April of 2010 I commenced a foundation course in ministry through the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin as a potential first step towards full-time ministry and this was very enjoyable but also gave me the opportunity to further discern the will and call of God upon my life. Running concurrently with this, I started a two-year ministry apprenticeship at Kilhorne Church of Ireland in Annalong and this allowed me to further discern that calling leading to the commencement of studies at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in 2012. I look forward to a lifetime of serving the Lord and an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer and reading of his word. That said I need to continually strive to work out my salvation but with the wonderful assurance of knowing that he who began a good work in me will continue with it till the day of Christ Jesus.

God bless,
 Revd Alastair Donaldson

MOPS

Mops ministry to young women, met on Monday the 13th October, by welcoming Jenny, a volunteer speaker with the Molly and Mia Foundation. Jenny shared the story, and the work behind the Molly and Mia Foundation, in supporting families who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death and the vision behind the beautiful community garden in Fivemiletown.

The theme for Mops 2014-15 is "be you bravely" and that is exactly what Jenny was with us on Monday morning in sharing her own story of the loss of her still born son Matthew, and how getting involved with the foundation has helped her come to terms with this loss. Part of the many challenges in been a volunteer is going around women's groups like Mops sharing the amazing work the Molly and

Mia Foundation do around the country helping, and supporting families through the loss off a child through miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death. Afterwards we had an opportunity to walk the short distance to the Molly & Mia Garden and planted some spring bulbs in memory of loved ones.



Sandra Farrell receiving her award for winning first prize in a fun competition on home safety from Joanne Smith, Crime Prevention Officer from Dungannon division of the PSNI on Monday 27th October.



We had great fun at Mops on the 10th November, when we discovered an easy and fun way to make fragrant pine cone firelighters that could be made as a Christmas gift. Kathryn Wilson, who is a member of the Mops Steering Group who earlier this year came 3rd in the All Ireland Homebaking Championship at Tullamore Show, led the young women at Mops by showing them how to decorate a mini Christmas cake with fondant icing.

Mothers' Union

The Treasurer reported that £538. 35p was raised at the cake sale on 1st November –in aid of Mother's Union Relief Work overseas.

Mrs. Deborah Hanlon, representing Woman's Aid, attended the meeting and accepted a large amount of items for emergency use in Woman's Aid - baby,

children and adult clothing and toiletries and household items. Mrs. Hanlon answered many questions about Woman's Aid and said how grateful the Centre was for our gifts.

A delicious Christmas supper was provided by the committee.

Next meeting -Opening Service for 2015 – Wednesday 7th January 2015

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Service Times

09:00 Drummully
10:30 Sallaghy
12:00 Galloon

Sunday School Times

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church Hall
Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am in Sallaghy Church Hall
Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Church Hall

Monthly Cycle of Services

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

A Family Service 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).

Remembrance Service

This year the centenary of the First World War the Galloon Group of Churches gathered together to remember all those whom we have loved and lost and to honour their memory. The theme of the service was taken from the book of Joshua 'Choose this day who you shall serve' and the presence of so many different generations created a real sense of community. The Group Service in Galloon Parish Church was shared as always with our friends from the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Newtownbutler. The service was conducted by Revd Anita Kerr, along with Mr Ian Graham, Methodist

Lay Pastor and Mr Charles Crawford, Diocesan Reader. The standards were received from the Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, The Mothers' Union banner and the Union Jack. The lessons were read by a former UDR soldier, a serving PSNI officer and Andrew Kelly, a confirmation candidate. There was great significance in having these three generations side by side as we reflected upon the Great War which cost so many lives. Wreaths were laid by Darren Morrow, on behalf of the parish at the War Memorial Tablet and representatives of PSNI and UDR Association at the Memorial Window. As always Binyon's words were recited, silence observed and the Last Post and Reveille sounded. We were joined again this year by Mrs Marina Elliott, her daughter Emma and the children from Newtownbutler Primary School choir and we thank them for their beautiful singing of Abide with Me which brought a very meaningful and special service of Remembrance to a fitting conclusion.

Acts of Remembrance were held in Sallaghy and Drummully Churches the Sunday prior Remembrance Sunday.

The Loft



Early work in progress

The Loft (over the Trinity Hall, High Street Newtownbutler) is a space for the post- Confirmation generation and Young Adults, from all the parishes, to meet up to extend God's fellowship and friendship. Everyone is welcome!

An excellent team of workers from Galloon Parish have been working on converting The Loft from a storage space into a cosy, comfy, sociable room and separate games room with a Table Tennis table. Following expert renovation squads, painting teams and even a furniture removal crew we are delighted to announce that this work is nearly finished! A big thanks to everyone who helped to convert the loft, without your continued dedication and time it would not have been possible! The group plan to catch up in the loft after film nights, sports evenings with badminton, indoor hockey and table tennis followed by tea.

- * Wondering where to go on a Friday/ Saturday evening?
- * Are you between the ages of 18-25ish!
- * Do you feel the need for some super sports, fabulous films or simply to meet some new people?
- * Look no further than The Loft!

As many of our young people are in full time education/work we hope to meet up on a Friday/Saturday evening every couple of weeks. There will be a Facebook page for The Loft with photos, upcoming events and information.

If there is anything else you would like to do all suggestions are welcome!

Everyone is very excited about the possibilities this new space will bring!

The photographs show how the work progressed. *Photographs courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins*



Ready to use

Confirmation

There will be a Group Confirmation Service with Holy Communion on Sunday 7th December at 11:00am in Galloon Church. It is a very special day in the lives of our young people, when they will take one of the most important decisions of their lives. We encourage all our parishioners in the Group to support the young people who represent the future for their church.

Christmas Home Communion

Revd Anita will be visiting the housebound and elderly with communion before Christmas. Please let her know of anyone who needs a home visit.

Christmas Services

Sunday 14th December: Individual Carol/Nativity Services in each Church. Please note that on this Sunday the Service in Drummully Parish Church is at 3.00pm followed by the Christmas Party in the Church Hall.

The Christmas Week Services are all Group services as we visit our church family in each of their houses. We will do as Christ commanded and 'remember him' as we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We begin on our Church Family Christmas on: Sunday 21st December, the Fourth Sunday in Advent with a Candlelit Carol Service in Drummully Parish Church at 7.00pm. After the service everyone is invited to stay for mulled wine and mince pies.

Wednesday 24th December, Christmas Eve: Sallaghy Parish Church at 10.00pm. This is the night we reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas, the coming of Christ into our world and our lives.

Thursday 25th December, Christmas Day: Galloon Parish Church at 11:00am. Our children are encouraged to bring something from Santa with them to the service, preferably not remote control!!!!

Sunday 28th December, First Sunday of Christmas, Drummully Parish Church at 11:00am. This is a service of Morning Prayer and everyone is welcome for a cup of tea after the service.

Christmas

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

Group Family Service

The next Group Family service will be in Sallaghy Parish Church at 11.00am on Sunday 18th January 2015.

Galloon Parish

Holy Baptism

Nathan baby son of Michael and Julie Hawthorne, Galloon Gardens on Sunday 19th October 2014. We welcome Nathan and his parents into the family of Galloon and look forward to their presence with us Sunday by Sunday.

Illness

We extend our good wishes and prayers to all who are sick in hospital, nursing homes or at home. Please let Revd Anita know of anyone in need of pastoral care.

Christmas Craft Fair

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. The movie 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' will be shown in the 'Loft'. Grace and the young musicians will play your favourite Christmas Carol on the keyboard (for a small donation!). 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.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

For the December meeting the branch is holding a Christmas dinner in the Donn Carragh Hotel, Lisnaskea on the evening of Monday 8th December. This evening is open to everyone and if you would be interested in attending please contact either Joan Wiggins or Myrtle Allen (07 872 600 474) for details. We look forward to an enjoyable evening. On 26th January 2015 at 8.00pm there will be a branch meeting in the Trinity Hall when Mr Simon Wiggins is the invited speaker. Simon will be speaking on "The Holocaust" and on his recent visit to Auschwitz in Poland. Again this meeting is open to everyone. Your attendance will be most encouraging not only to Simon but also to the branch. You will be made most welcome.

Sunday School

The Sunday School party will be on Saturday 13th December, 3.00pm to 5.00pm in The Church Hall. Santa has been informed of the date and time.

Sallaghy Parish

Dance

The Old Time Dance held on Friday 14th November was once again a very successful event with a large number of people in attendance. Over £700 was raised for parish funds and thanks to everyone who supported the event and in particular Wray Whittendale for his organisation.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union monthly meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 11th December at 8.00pm and will be a Christmas Celebration of readings and carols followed by supper and a Bring and Buy Sale.

Sunday School Outing

The children are going to the Ardhowen Theatre in Enniskillen on Saturday 10th January at 3.00pm to see the production, Mother Goose.

Drummully Parish

Illness

We continue to pray for Daphne Moore as she is recovering at home from her recent operation and also 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 Euro.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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December Diary

Sunday 7th December

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 14th December

11am Group/Family/Nativity Service

Sunday 21st December

Kiltyclogher 7pm Group Service: Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve: Wed 24th December

Belleek 7pm Group Service of HC

Christmas Day: Thur 25th December

Garrison 9.30 am Group Family Service & HC

Sunday 28th December

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am MP

January Diary

Sunday 4th January

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Sunday 11th January

Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 18th January

Garrison 10am MP & FS
Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 25th January

Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 1st February

Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Christmas Services

Like other years there will be one "Special" service in each of the churches over the Christmas period.

This begins with the Nativity service with the children from all Sunday Schools taking part in Slavin Church on Sunday 14th December at 11am.

Carols by Candlelight will be held in Kiltyclogher Parish church on Sunday evening 21st December @ 7pm.

Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion in Belleek Parish Church @ 7pm

Christmas Day, family service with Holy Communion in Garrison Parish Church at 9.30am Everyone is

encouraged to come along with their families to all of the special services.

Holy Baptism

The Rector conducted the following Baptisms in the parishes :-
 Saturday 1st November in Belleek Parish Church Leura Rebecca Harris daughter of Geraldine (nee McBride) & Daniel Harris, Sydney, Australia.
 Saturday 8th November in Slavin Parish Church Oscar William Gregg, son of Gareth & Mary Gregg, Belleek.

Marriage

The Rector conducted the wedding ceremony of Craig and Isobel McBride in Belleek Parish Church on Wednesday 5th November.

Remembrance Service

A special service of Remembrance was held in Garrison Church on Sunday 9th November at 5pm. Richard Earls from Slavin Parish laid the wreath and Paul Barton delivered the exhortation. We were very pleased to welcome members of the Regimental Association and other visitors to the service

Christian Burial

Mrs Mary Jane Alexandria Carson, known fondly as Lexie died on Wednesday 5th November. Her removal took place from the Tilery Nursing Home to Kiltyclogher Parish Church on Friday 7th November. The funeral service took place on Saturday 8th November followed by burial in Garrison Churchyard. The Rector Revd Ngozi presided at the services and burial.

Lexie passed away peacefully in the Tilery Nursing Home, Florencecourt surrounded by her family. Lexie was in her 104th year and spent most of her life at the family farm at Kilcoo?

She was devoted to her church and was a lifelong member of the Mothers' Union. Always with a smile, she made many friends in her lifetime and was a very devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time, including Linda, Gordon & Pauline and all the grandchildren & great grandchildren.

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 Neville Elliott & Laura Thompson Garrison who have been in hospital recently.

Sunday School Party

The annual Sunday School Party will be held on Friday 19th December from 7-9.30pm in the Wark Hall Belleek.

MU Coffee Morning



The Mothers' Union Coffee morning on Saturday 18th October raised £415. Thank you to all who helped, gave donations of money, cakes, raffle items and food.



Presentations & Thanks

Presentations were made in Belleek Parish Church on Sunday 26th October by Helen Thompson & Rachel Love to Alice Johnston, Betty Johnston & Elizabeth Ovens.

Alice has retired as Church Warden for many years. Betty has helped out as Treasurer, whilst the post was vacant and Elizabeth has helped Belleek Church, with the Parish accounts.

Revd Ngozi paid tribute to the work done by all three ladies.



Mothers' Union

Many of the Branch Members travelled to Derryvullen South for their October meeting where the All Ireland President Mrs Phyliss Grothier was the guest speaker for the evening. We were treated to a lovely supper by the the Derryvullen ladies and thank them most sincerely for their welcome and hospitality.

The November Meeting will be held on Monday 24th 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.

Happy Christmas

The Parishioners of the four Parishes extend God's richest blessing to the Rector at Christmas and express their thanks for all her hard work and pastoral care throughout the year .

Parish Website

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

Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

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 For December

Sunday 7th December

11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 14th December

11.30am Family/Children's Carol Service

Sunday 21st December

11.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

9.00pm Holy Communion

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th December

11.30am Morning Prayer

Illness

We remember in prayer those who are ill, in hospital, or recuperating at home, that they may soon be restored to good health.

Bereavement

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Love and Gibson family circle on the sudden death of Mr Victor Love.

Also to Michael and Evelyn Skuce on the death of Evelyn's father Mr Eric Hassard.and to the Hassard family circle.

Service of Commemoration and Remembrance

A Service of Commemoration and Remembrance was held on Sunday 16 November at 7:30pm in Derrygonnelly Orange Hall and was conducted by Brother Revd M Watson, County Grand Chaplain. The purpose of this service was to mark the hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War and was coupled with the Act of Remembrance in appreciation of all those who served from the local area, Church hill, Derrygonnelly and Boho, and an all-inclusive list of names was read out during the service.

A World War 1 and (Operation Banner) exhibition presented by Lisbellaw World War One Society was held the following night (Monday) Guest speaker local historian Frank McHugh gave a talk on how to research and gain information of relatives who served in The Great War, World War One. Local people were encouraged to bring along personal memorabilia for display and discussion.

Special thanks to David Bailey and Roger Corrigan for organising these events.

Choir Practice

The first of our practices was held on Tuesday 18th November at 8pm, It would be great to see some new faces, anyone who can make a contribution come along and get in practice for our Christmas Carol Service.

Christmas Event

The switching on of the Christmas lights in the village and Christmas craft fair is planned for Thursday 4th December at 7pm. Christmas carols will be led by Church-Hill Silver Band

Bag Packing

Asda Bag Packing has been arranged for Friday 2nd January 2015. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks

Our thanks to all those Clergy and Readers who assisted in our Harvest Services, and the services during November.

Valuing The Lives Of Older People / First Aid

Week 3 of this course continued on Tues 18 November 2pm - 4pm. Week 4 is Defib Training. This is a very worthwhile course for which there is no charge. Please come along. The tutor will be Mr Davy Watson. Everyone is welcome.

Craft Fair

Derrygonnelly Primary School PTA will hold a Craft Fair on Saturday 6 December from 10:30am until 12:30pm in the Reade Hall. The school children will also sing a few Christmas songs.

On a lighter note

After the Church Service a little boy spoke to the new Minister, When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money! Well thank you the Minister replied, But Why? Because my Daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had.

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Holy Matrimony



Jemma & William with Jemma's parents, Jimmy & Gwen Crozier

Jemma Crozier and William Milligan, Kilskeery Parish Church on October 25th.

Congratulations and all best wishes.

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 Jemma and William 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.

Holy Baptism

Oscar William and Kacey Louise Johnston, son and daughter of Christopher and Kirsty, Trillick, on Sunday November 16th.

God our Creator, thank you for the waiting and the joy,

Thank you for new life and for parenthood.

Thank you for the gifts of Oscar and Kacey entrusted to our care.

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

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All-Age Halloween Event

All-Age Halloween Event on October 30th was really Spectacular, as evidenced by our 'pics' and a big thank you to all – Omagh District Council especially for their help with funding!

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club hosted another very successful, very well attended Annual Tea Dance on November 11th and we congratulate and thank all concerned, Emily (Given) and George (Lawder) especially, our much valued Treasurer and Secretary respectively!

'Christmas Dinner' is the next 'big outing' – December 9th.

Boys' Brigade

Enrolment Service took place at a very uplifting Remembrance Day Service at Kilskeery Parish Church - we thank our boys and their leaders!

Christmas Party – December 17th!!

Girls' Brigade

Girls' Brigade Enrolment planned for a joint Advent Carol Service in Trillick Parish Church on Sunday, November 30th (First Sunday of Advent).

Girls are holding a fund-raising Coffee Evening and Table Top Sale on December 1st at 7.00pm in Trillick Hall – All warmly welcome!

GB are again, this year, in conjunction with parishioners at Trillick and Kilskeery, taking part in 'Operation Christmas Child' (Shoe-Box Appeal) and we thank, most sincerely, all those who so generously help each year!!

GB District Praise Service (2015) will take place on February 22nd in Letterbreen Church.

Mothers' Union

Our Christmas event, to include a talk and demonstration by 'Lakeland', is planned for December 8th at Kilskeery Hall at 8.00pm.

(see pew sheet for more details).

Annual Dinner: January, date and venue to be agreed.

Dates for the Diary

November

Sun. 30th Advent Carol Service (Joint), Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am

December

Tues. 2nd Choir

Wed. 3rd Advent Preparation Service, Kilskeery Parish Church at 8.15pm

Fri. 5th Hall Decoration, Kilskeery from 7.30pm

Sat. 6th Switching on of Christmas Lights, Trillick

Mon. 8th Mothers' Union talk and demonstration by 'Lakeland', Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.00pm

Tues. 9th Senior Citizens' Dinner Choir

Wed. 10th Advent Preparation Service, Trillick Parish Church at 8.15pm

Sat. 13th Joint Sunday School Party with switching on of Christmas lights and a visit from

Santa Claus Kilskeery Parish Hall

Sun. 14th Carol Service (Joint), Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.00am (You are invited to bring gifts, for distribution to the 'needy' at this service).

Tues. 16th QEII PS Concert, Kilskeery Parish Hall

Wed. 17th Boys' Brigade Christmas Party

Fri. 19th Girls' Brigade Carol Singing (to be confirmed)

Sat. 20th Messy Kids – 'Happy Birthday Jesus' (Party) 11.30 – 1.00pm

Sun. 21st Carol Service (Joint), Trillick Parish Church at 11.00am

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

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

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

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

Sun. 28th Morning Prayer (reflecting on the new year), Trillick Parish Church at 10.30am

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

Missionary Boxes

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

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

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

Which Christmas?

Coming up to Christmas and the nearer shopping and postal deadlines come, the question begins to form in our minds; 'What is all this for?' 'What is Christmas about?' It all depends, of course, on what you mean by 'Christmas'. You see there are many kinds of Christmases. The most frequent one is the 'quiet' Christmas, used in response to the eternal query: 'Well how did you find/get over Christmas?' There's the Christmas of the first-time parents, all excitements, love and newness, anything but quiet, where you pray that the patience will outlast the batteries in the toys.

Then there's the Christmas where the love has died or dimmed at least and only the silence remains, as everyone goes through the Christmas motions.

The Christmas of children, with expectations always seeming to stretch beyond what the family budget can stand. We shouldn't forget the Christmas where someone is missing and missed. On the other side of the coin there's the homecoming Christmas, with crowded airports, terminals and roads. For a moment the pain of the inevitable January departure is forgotten. So many hungers of the heart, but the unchanging Christmas story feeds them all. It's a celebration of truth, goodness and togetherness in a world that knows too much falseness, evil and brokenness.

At times we'll wonder why we do half of the things we're at in our cards, calls, gifts and visits. But in our heart we know that it needs to be done, not so much for the recipient, but for our own sake.

Happy Christmas

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

Lisbellaw

(including Coolbuck)

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 14th December

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 21st December

9.45 am Holy Communion

11.00am Children's Christmas Service

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

7.00pm Carols by Candlelight (with supper afterwards in the Parish Centre)

Wednesday 24th December

5.00pm Children's Crib Service (Coolbuck)
 11.00pm First Communion of Christmas (Coolbuck)

Christmas Day

9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th December

11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th January

11.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 11th January

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 18th January

9.45 am 11.00am 3.00pm

Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 25th January

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 1st February

11.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Congratulations

Many congratulations to Mark and Georgina Young of Millbrooke on the safe arrival of their baby son, Jacob on the morning of Tuesday 4th November. We wish Mark, Georgina, Kirsty, Aaron and baby Jacob every happiness.

Baptisms

On Sunday 16th, a beautiful November day, there were two baptisms. At the Morning Service in Lisbellaw Maisie Anne Heather, the first daughter and third child of Keith and Deborah Irvine, of Shanco, Lisbellaw was baptised by the Very Revd Raymond Thompson.

In the afternoon, in Coolbuck, Dean Thompson also baptised Emily Violet Poppy, sixth child and fourth daughter of Keith and Sarah Forde of Lower Cavancarragh . Again we wish both children and their families every blessing in the years that lie ahead.



Four generations of the Carson Family pictured in October at the baptism of baby Alex. Alex is pictured with his father, Barry, uncles Darren and Stephen, his grandfather Donald and great- grandfather, Cecil.



The Very Revd Raymond Thompson pictured with Deborah and Keith Irvine after the baptism of their baby daughter, Maisie.



Dean Raymond Thompson with all the Coolbuck parishioners who attended the Service of Baptism for Emily Forde, baby daughter of Keith and Sarah, in November.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Stella Hetherington, Cloghcor Road on the death of her sister-in-law Mrs Una Noble on 13th November and to Mrs Joan Robinson, from Snowhill, Lisbellaw, whose father, Ivan Carson died in Enniskillen on November 15th.

As we approach Christmas we remember all from our parish, who during this year have lost close and dearly loved family members. We remember especially Mrs Ruby Brown, whose son Richard lost his life so tragically earlier this year.

Remembrance

Those from the Parish who died in both World Wars were remembered at the Morning Service on Sunday November 9th. There was a good attendance of ex-service men and women and of Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts.

The Service was conducted by Diocesan Reader, Mr John Irvine, assisted by Parish Reader, Miss Isobel Stewart.

Many thanks to all who participated, to the Standard Bearers, Tiana Grace Abbott (Brownies), Kirsty Moutray and Jodie Crawford (Guides), Jack Gordon (Cubs) and Joshua Forde and Ryan Elliott (Scouts) and to collectors Alysa McIntosh (Brownies) and Joe



Mrs Isabella Foster, who attended the Remembrance Day Service in Lisbellaw Parish Church

Hamilton (Cubs). Sincere thanks too, to Raymond Benson who played the Piper's Lament, to Mark Kelly from Tempo who played Reveille and the Last Post and to Mr John Orr who read the Old Testament Lesson. Wreaths were laid, on behalf of the Guides by Holly Johnston, on behalf of the Scouts by Joshua Forde and on behalf of the ex- service men and women, by People's Churchwarden, Roger Callow.

It was a particular pleasure to welcome to church, along with four of her children, Mrs Isabella Foster, now in her 93rd year, who served in France and Belgium with the Nursing Corps of the Army Territorial Service in the Second World War.



It was also good, on this the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War to see so many family members of those who served and who lost their lives in that conflict.

Leanne, Jodie, Ben and Jessie Hamilton were particularly welcome too. Stewart has just returned safely to Lisbellaw having just completed a tour of service in Afghanistan.



Roger Callow, People's Churchwarden who laid a wreath on behalf of Lisbellaw ex-servicemen

Operation Christmas Child- Shoe Box Appeal

Thanks to the efforts of the Sunday School and The Mothers' Union a total of 58 boxes have been sent from Lisbellaw to Mrs Irene Boyd in Drumkeeran, for the Shoebox Appeal . A filled shoe box will probably be the only Christmas Present that thousands and thousands of needy children will receive this year. A special word of thanks to Mrs Jeanette Abbott and her family for their contribution this year and to Mrs Jean McElroy for delivering them.

Parish Auction

Sincere thanks to all for your support of this event and especially to John Gordon, Rector's Glebewarden whose idea it was, and who put such time and effort into planning and organising it.

Sunday School

The Children's Christmas Party - with face-painting, craft activity, games, food and Santa will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 13th December from 2.00 - 5.00pm!

The children will also be taking part in a Nativity Play at a special Christmas service on Sunday morning 21st December at 11.00.

Following the Christmas break, Sunday School will resume on 11th January.

Thanks again to Audrey, Desiree, Sharon and Sarah and to the helpers for their weekly commitment

Mothers' Union

There will be no meeting of the Mothers' Union during December but the Annual Dinner has been arranged for Tuesday 4th January.

Thanks

Thanks to all clergy and Diocesan Readers for their ministry during the vacancy and to Mrs Sue Hogg who has now assumed the role of Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

Holy Communion for Christmas at Home

During December Archdeacon Pringle will be celebrating Holy Communion with those who are unable to attend church. If you, or someone known to you would like to receive Holy Communion at home please let Mrs Hogg or the Churchwardens know. Contact details are in The Rock.

A special Holy Communion Service has also been arranged for Thursday 11th December at 2.30 in the Parish Centre. You will be made very welcome.

Please continue to remember in your prayers all who are sick, in hospital, nursing homes or recovering at home. Also please remember their families and carers for whom this is a particularly difficult time.

Happy Christmas

Finally may we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings for 2015.

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Services for December

Sunday 7th 11.30am Holy Communion
Tuesday 9th 3.00pm Holy Communion in Trinity Hall
Sunday 14th 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st 11.30am Family Carol Service (Retiring collection for World Vision sponsored children)
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Holy Communion
Christmas Day 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 28th 11.30am Morning Prayer

Services For January

Sunday 4th 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 11th 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th 11.30am Morning Prayer (Retiring collection for World Vision sponsored children)
Marriage:
Saturday 25th October Victoria Johnston & Richard James Latimer, Station Park, Maguiresbridge. Congratulations to you both.

Burial

Monday 10th November
Iris Kenny, 14 Hillview, Lisnaskea.
Thursday 13th November
Roland Johnston, Hillmount, Lisnaskea.
Friday 14th November
Ethel Foster, Derryloman, Brookeborough.
Saturday 15th November
Evelyn Marjorie Lunny, Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

Our prayers and sincere condolences are with all the families who have been bereaved in recent times and at this Christmas season we think of all who are ill at home or in hospital and nursing homes. Also those recovering from surgery or waiting for an operation or treatment.

Christmas Events

Thursday 4th December until Saturday 6th December

The Christmas Market organised by Lisnaskea Tourism group will run in the Fairs & Market yard and The Archdale Centre.

Saturday 6th – Lisnaskea Silver Band are having a coffee morning and cake sale in The Archdale Centre from 10.00am. until 12.30pm This will be followed by a magic show from 2pm – 4pm. organised by Lisnaskea Chamber and the Christmas lights will be switched on at 4.30pm

Sunday 7th – "TAG" Christmas party in The Archdale Centre at 7.30pm

Saturday 13th – Children' Church Christmas party in The Archdale Centre at 3.00pm

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on 3rd and 17th December at 8.00pm in The Trinity Hall.

Remembrance

Our annual service of remembrance took place on 9th November and a specially adapted form of Morning Prayer was used to mark the centenary of World War 1. All the youth organisations were represented as well as the security forces and Lisnaskea Silver and Accordion bands lead the parade.

Readers were Karen McAlister, Girl Guiding Fermanagh County Commissioner and Gordon Kernaghan R.I.R. Lydia Kerr read a very poignant poem at the beginning of the service while the choir lead the singing of a beautiful hymn very appropriate for the occasion. Our piper was Walter Morrison and Helen Wilson played the Last Post. Revd Capper gave the address which concluded with everyone in the church joining hands in prayer for peace and unity in the world.

World Vision

Over the past number of years our parish has been sponsoring 5 children through the charity World Vision. It was therefore very interesting to have a representative come and speak to us at our morning service in November. Susie Hamilton came along and using power point told us how our donations each month were helping the young people in Africa which we currently support and how the charity generally helps out in many ways. As well as sending £75 each month from the parish we also send and receive Christmas cards and birthday cards throughout the year. It is important

to maintain this commitment and to remember all these children and their families who have so little compared to ourselves. Please give your support through our retiring collection generally on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Food Collection

This year our collection for food is ongoing throughout the month of December and into 2015 with all items being passed on to Val Irvine in "Oasis Book Shop" from where "The Pantry" operates. Val oversees the distribution of all the food and assures us it is very much needed and appreciated in our own home town and nearby.

Parish Ladies Group

This is a very loosely formed group with no rules or regulations and very much open to all ladies in the parish regardless of age. We have had a couple of very successful "nights out" in the last couple of months.

The last evening was a beautiful meal held in "Irvines" restaurant in Lisnaskea back in November. Over 20 came along and really enjoyed the fellowship and fun and especially the lovely food. Sixteen ladies hope to attend the musical "Grease" in the Ardowen theatre in early December and the Monday walking group will keep going for as long as weather permits.

Although most of us are very much thinking about the festive season an event has already been planned for March 2015. It is hoped "Ballyclare Male voice choir" will come along on the evening of Sunday 8th and entertain us with a wonderful evening of music in the church. Please put this in your diary as it is not to be missed!

Mother's Union

During October and November some of our members attended Visitor Nights at local branches and other Groups. These were all very enjoyable and the speakers at each one were both interesting and entertaining. Thanks to all who invited us and we hope to return the hospitality on our Visitors Night in February. Some of us attended the Autumn Council in Colebrook. It is good for members to meet together at all these events to get to know one another and to get ideas for running our Branches. At our meeting this month we had Christopher Emo to speak on his recent trip to Romania with a team from the Presbyterian Church. They worked with students who are learning English and Christopher and the team were there to help the young people improve their English and to bring them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is wonderful that these young people give their time to do projects like this and we should support them with our prayers.

Our December meeting will take the form of a Christmas Holy Communion service in the Trinity Hall. This will be hosted jointly by the Branch and The Friendship Club. All Indoor Members of

the Mother's Union and other senior members of the parish, who find it difficult to attend Holy Communion services in church, are warmly invited. There will be a cup of tea and some goodies so we are hoping that as many as possible will come. Members please note change of date. Tuesday 9th December. 3 00 - 4 30pm. Transport can be provided if needed. Please call Linda at Parish Office 028 67723977

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A very blessed Christmas to all our friends throughout the Diocese.

Our Christmas celebrations begin almost as soon as Advent. However, we will be marking Advent with the journey of our knitted Mary and Joseph (and little donkey) around the parish and beyond. Last year, they travelled as far as the Isle of Man and even paid a visit to Stormont.



They were photographed in a cowshed, on various tractors, in shops, factories, offices, and living rooms. In a truly contemporary style, their travels were posted on Facebook until they eventually arrived in the Parish Church on Christmas Eve.

Friday December 5th 11:30am **The seniors' Club and "at home" parishioners** from both the parish and Methodist churches will meet for a celebration

of Holy Communion in Magheracross Parish Church followed by Christmas lunch in the Archdale Hall. At 7pm on Friday 5th, the **Christmas lights** in the village will be turned on by the High Sheriff. This will be followed by the Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall, the Youth Club "special" in the Methodist Hall and, of course, a visit from Father Christmas.

The annual Mencap service for those with learning difficulties will be held on Sunday December 7th at 3:30pm. Everyone is very welcome to what has always been a very joyful event, followed by refreshments in the Archdale Hall.

On Tuesday December 9th, the **GFS Christmas Party** will be held at Johnny Rocko's in Irvinestown with bowling and soft play area, followed by sausage and chips etc!

The Mothers' Union will hold their Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th at Tullana on the Green, Lisnarick at 7pm.

A very enjoyable and relaxed meeting was held on Thursday 6th November. Sally Redmond the visiting speaker gave a demonstration on how to apply make-up using Jenny McHugh and Alison Gilmour as models. Everybody got some useful tips on skin care and some free samples of skin products. Alison Gilmour also won the prize of a handbag. A vote of thanks was given by Norma Scott.

The Sunday School will be attending an exclusive screening of Nativity 3 "Dude, where's my donkey?" at the Enniskillen IMC cinema on Saturday 13th.

Sunday 14th at 11am will be our **Nativity Service**.

Tuesday 16th at 7pm sees an historic event in Ballinamallard with the first ever semi-final league cup game in the County. **Ballinamallard United FC** plays Ballymena United for a place in the final of the WASP solutions League Cup.

Wednesday 17th is the day for the great **Sit Out and charity collection**. This year, the rector will be joined by the Revd John Beacom, Ballinmallard Methodist Church, in collecting donations for Fermanagh Mencap and the Bishops' Appeal (Ebola crisis). They will be sitting outside the Parish church on Main Street from 8am-8pm and all donations will be gratefully received. There will also be a half-time bucket collection for this event at Ferney Park on November 28th.

On Thursday 18th, **Ballinamallard Primary School** will hold their Carol Service in the Parish Church in the morning. In the evening, members of the Ballinamallard Youth Fellowship will be visiting some of the house bound members of both churches to sing carols.

Carol singing continues on Saturday 20th at Ferney Park with a Carol Service by the pitch following the game with Glenavon. (app. 5:15pm). Mulled wine/juice and mince pies to follow.

Our Carol Services with Ballinamallard Silver Band will be held on Sunday December 21st at 10:30am in the Parish Church and 7pm in the Methodist Church.

Christmas will be celebrated with Holy Communion at 11:15pm (24th) and at 8:30am and 10am on 25th. Children are particularly welcome at 10am with the gifts they have received overnight!

The **Watchnight Service** will be held in Ballinamallard Methodist Church.

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As I write these notes, I have just returned from a missions trip to South Africa and one of the questions that I had before I left was, do we need to do mission at home in our local community?

The mission of the church to the local community is key to the future of the church as the mindset of people changes and going to church is not automatically a part of their routine. It is not surprising that the Church of Ireland census undertaken in November 2013 has shown that on any given Sunday only 15% of the people who say they are Church of Ireland are at church. It makes you think that 15 people attend out of every 100 people who see themselves as Church of Ireland. There are myriad reasons for this but one of the greatest for many is that they have got out of the routine and find other things have taken hold of their time. The mission that faces the local church is to live lives that show the love of God in everything we do. As a church we are working through a course entitled Fruitfulness on the Frontline, where your frontline is where you meet and engage with the community outside of church.

We all have 168 hours in our week of which we spend 56 sleeping leaving 112 hours a week of which we spend 2 in church and 2 at a bible study or prayer meeting. This leaves 108 hours per week that we are engaging with people outside of the church and this is our frontline for ministry. What we say and do in these 108 hours each week will have the greatest impact on those around us and will determine if they will come to church on the strength of what they see in us.

Over the 6 weeks of the Fruitfulness on the Frontline course we have looked at the importance of our character and how we behave in every aspect of our life, as that is the frontline for God, and that by our actions we can change the culture around us as we stand up for truth and justice and the truth of the gospel.

As we come to the end of this time we look forward to seeing the difference this will make as we become people who stand up for God not just 4 hours a week but 112 hours a week.

Let us increase the number of people going to church over Christmas;
 who do you know that you can prayerfully encourage to join us in our Christmas celebrations?
 Let us make Christmas special.
 God Bless
 Revd Henry

Christmas Celebrations

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

Mullaghfarne Carol Service - Sunday 14th December
 We begin to warm up to the atmosphere of Christmas with the first of our carol services held in Mullaghfarne hall at 3pm. Everyone welcome.

Friday 19th December - Fountain Party

Family night for youth club and youth fellowship. This is a Christmas family celebration with puppet show, face painting, games, quizzes and prizes. Acoustic Cafe providing yummy seasonal refreshments. Much fun to be had celebrating Christmas together.



Saturday 20th Dec - Mens Christmas Party

In the Fountain Centre at 8pm. This is a night of fun for all men.

See you there!

Sunday 21st December

9:30am Morning Prayer

11am Children's Church Carol service is a very special occasion for our children and we trust that all the family will be in church to support them and their leaders.

7pm Carols by Candlelight in Ardess church. Please do come along and be part of the real meaning of Christmas.

24th December - Christmas Eve midnight communion.

Come along and join us at 11:30pm for the first Communion of Christmas Day.

25th December - Christmas Day 10am Family Communion.

We encourage all the children (and the adults) to bring along a present they received to show everyone what gift they got for Christmas.

Sunday 28th December - Everything returns to normal

9.30am Morning Prayer,

11.00am Family Worship.

Wednesday 31st December - New Years Eve party

Starting at 9pm in the Parish Centre. Do come along and join us for fun, food & fellowship and welcome in the New Year with us.

Sunday 4th January

9:30am Morning Prayer

11am Family Worship.

Christmas Present

Looking for a Christmas present for your children, grandchildren or godchildren?

Why not consider a great book 'Everything a child should know about God' by Kenneth N Taylor. The major bible teachings are taught in a brief and simple way on one page with good illustrations on the other. It is suitable for children from age 3 and upwards, and is a well-presented hardback book that makes a nice present. Great to use with family prayer times or why not after a family meal. £9.99 from the Real Life Bookshop, Enniskillen.

Fountain Centre

Thursday Youth Club

Finishes 18th December. Starts again 8th January.

In Stitches invites you to join in a night of easy crafts and good craic upstairs in The Fountain Centre on Thursdays at 8pm.

Sligo 15

New Wine Summer Conference 12-17 July

Join together with people of God from churches of different denominations, backgrounds & networks. The blessings that God bestows in one area of the land spill over and bless other parts of the land. God is stirring and people are responding. This is a brilliant week for all the family and I would really encourage you to think about going along. There are structured activities for all the family and everyone is catered for. What better way to spend a week of your holidays in the presence of God in sunny Sligo!

Prayer Opportunities

Revival Prayer Monday 8-9pm in the Moffitt Room

Wednesday Prayer 9:30-11:00am in the Moffitt Room

Healing Prayer Fridays 7:30-8:30pm in the hall

24 hour prayer each month

5th-9th January - Week of Prayer in the Parish Centre.

Come along and join us each evening as we seek God for His guidance and direction at the start of a

new year. Starting each evening at 8pm for worship, prayer & Bible teaching.

Alpha Course

Starting Tuesday 27th January
Please do consider coming along to this course that explains the basics of the christian faith & helps us to live a christian life.
See the parish website for further information.

Ardess Historical Society

Ardess Historical Society meets once each month (except December) in Ardess Parish Centre. Monday 19th January "The Resettlement of WW1 Soldiers on Cleenish Island" - Speaker is Marion Maxwell.

Ardess Dinner Dance

Friday 27th February 2015 in Killyhevlin Hotel.
Why not get friends / family together and book a table for your whole party. There will be a superb meal and dancing to your favourite tunes. A great excuse to don your glad rags and shake a leg! Come on - enjoy yourself!
Fortickets & info contact Pat Robinson - 07890594312 / Helen Maxwell - 02868633068

Guides, Scouts, etc. and their leaders in uniform. The singing of the hymns was amazing and the silences gave time to quietly reflect in prayer on those whose lives were lost to protect our freedom.

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Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Parish Register

Derrybrusk

Baptism

26th October, 2014 Emily Christine Read, 27 Kilmore Road, Lisnaskea

Burial

20th October, 2014 Elizabeth Audrey Beattie, Derryhurdin, Lisnaskea

We are delighted to welcome Emily Christine Read into the fellowship of Christ's Church and we would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Beattie family on the death of Audrey.

As you read these notes we will be moving through the season of Advent when we remember the two comings of our Lord and Saviour. The first time, in great humility when he took on our human form and was tried and tested as we are and in the second e will come in great might and majesty to judge both the quick and the dead,. Advent is a time of preparation when we get ready to celebrate the arrival of Jesus Christ.

Over the lead up to Christmas and after Christmas there will be a number of Christmas services as outlined below.

Sunday 14th Dec, Parish Carol service in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge @ 10.30am

Tuesday 18th Dec, Christmas Holy Communion in the Hall for the elderly and house bound @2.00pm

Sunday 21st Dec, The Nativity Story in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge @10.30am

Sunday 21st Dec, Morning Prayer in St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk at 12.00 noon

Sunday 21st Dec, Parish Carol Service in St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk at 7.30pm

Christmas Eve, 24th Dec, Holy Communion in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge @ 11.30pm

ARDESS
Parish Church

Parish Dinner Dance

Friday 27 February 2015
Kilyhevlin Hotel,
Enniskillen

7.30pm
dinner served at 8.00pm
Tickets: £27.50

Remembrance Sunday

There was a great turnout at Ardess Church for our 11:00am family Service of Remembrance on 9th November. It was quite a spectacle with all the

Christmas Day, 25th Dec, Holy Communion in St. Michaels's Parish Church, Derrybrusk @ 9.00am

Christmas Day, 25th Dec, Holy Communion in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge @ 10.30am

New Year's Day, 1st Jan – The Naming of Jesus, Holy Communion in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge @10.30 am

Sunday 4th January – The Christingle Service, Christ Church, Maguiresbridge @ 4.00pm. This is a service geared very much for young people and everyone is more than welcomed.

If anyone needs to have communion at home – please do not hesitate to contact the rector. With every good wishes for a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

7th December The Second Sunday of Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

14th December The Third Sunday of Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

21st December The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 7pm Group Carol Service

25th December Christmas Day

St Patrick's 9.30am Group Traditional Holy Communion Service

10.30am Group All Age Holy Communion

28th December Christmas 1

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

4th January The Epiphany

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

11th January The Baptism of Christ

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

18th January Epiphany 2

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

27th January Epiphany 3

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

The Ladies Group

The Ladies Group met in the Hall on Tuesday 21st October for a demonstration on Jewellery making by

Sammy Hawe followed by Supper and Fellowship. They will meet on 10th December for their Christmas Dinner – venue to be arranged.

The Ladies Group Interdenominational Carol Service will be on Tuesday 16th December in Monaghan Parish Church with refreshments in the Hall afterwards. Proceeds in aid of charities.

The Mother's Union

The Mother's Union met on Tuesday 4th November in the Church for an evening of knitting and crochet by members of the Mother's Union. They will meet on Tuesday 2nd December for their Christmas Party/AGM & a demonstration of Christmas Floral decorations by Ina Hagen. They will commence their new year with a service of Holy Communion in Ballinode Church on Tuesday 13th January at 8pm.

Monaghan Parish Sale

The Sale on Friday 17th October was a great success and the amount raised to date is in excess of €3000.00. We want to express grateful thanks to the Sub-Committee who did Trojan work in organising the sale, those who gave saleable items, donations, sponsored hampers and all those who helped on the day. We are as ever indebted to the wider community who turned out in large numbers to support our fund raising effort.

Condolences

We express sincere sympathy to Mrs Violet Henderson & Family on the death of her brother in law, and to Mr Albert Hall & family on the death of his brother in law Please uphold them and all who have been recently bereaved in prayer.

Christian Burial

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Isobel Ballentine, a member of St Patrick's church and a regular attender at church while her health permitted. The large congregation at her funeral service in St Patricks, conducted by the Rector and Mr Walter Pringle was testament to the esteem which the deceased and her family are held in the community. We extend sincere sympathy to her children, grandchildren and wider family circle.

Illness

A number of our Parishioners have been hospitalised in recent times – please remember them and their families, the housebound and those in residential care in prayer.

Department of Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

At the beginning of January our scheme was merged with Tyholland and we are grateful to the Supervisors

Mrs Elizabeth Murphy & Mrs Elaine Gunn O'Connor for the seamless integration of the two projects. We want to express grateful thanks to them and the participants for their valued work throughout the year.

Monaghan Collegiate School

Monaghan Collegiate prize giving was held in Monaghan Parish Church on Friday 24th October, the guest speaker was Dr Anne Lodge Principal Church of Ireland College of Education. We congratulate all the students from our grouped parishes who received prizes.

Christmas Service Arrangements

Sunday 21st December Group Carol Service in Ballinode Church at 7pm.
 Group Christmas Day Services in Monaghan Parish Church – 9.30am
 Traditional Communion Service followed at 10.30am by an all age Communion Service.

PSALM Praise Service

We hosted this service in St. Patrick's church on Thursday 23rd October. It featured almost all the protestant National Schools in County Monaghan along with Monaghan Collegiate schools. All the schools contributed separately with items of drama, poetry and music and then there was a combined choir of 180+ children to sing. We congratulate the PSALM committee and the schools on all their work for what was a very memorable night.

Gospel Concert

Ballinode Parish held a very successful fundraising concert on Friday 24th October featuring Monaghan Community Gospel Choir.

Christmas Greetings

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

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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Wednesday Club Outings

At a recent meeting of Rossorry Wednesday Club members enjoyed a Guy Fawkes tea party and

demonstrations on how to make aprons from a variety of coloured napkins. Isabelle Cleary from Neighbourhood links and the Red Cross talked to the group about what local work and help they provide, such as help with shopping and befriending services as well as lending wheelchairs to those in need.



Rossorry Mothers Union

Catherine Irwin welcomed everyone to the opening service on Thursday, 5 October. There was time to greet friends and catch up on the news. There was a warm welcome for the Revd Isobel Nixon who celebrated Holy Communion, as has become traditional at the opening meeting of the year.

On Thursday, 6 November, the ladies put their art work to the test when they had the experience of painting pottery pieces for Christmas. Andrea Rodgers from Polliwogs Pottery brought along blank pottery pieces for the ladies to purchase and painting ranged from Christmas tree decorations to ginger man plates. Everyone enjoyed this and are looking forward to seeing the finished articles when they are glazed and fired by Andrea and returned in time for Christmas.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 11 December when we look forward to having the Revd Desmond Kingston speaking about his 50 years in Church of Ireland ministry.

Special Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 9th November, the Service of Remembrance took place in Rossorry. This year, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War 1, the Parish adopted the service specially commissioned by the Royal School of Church Music for the event.

The poems, anthems and readings made for a very poignant and moving ceremony.

The service was led by Canon Desmond Kingston, supported by two readers, Nick Hambly and Helen Houston. The youth organisations paraded their flags and colours into church and for the first time Scouts (Rodney Phair) and Guides (Jenna Wilson) laid wreaths during the remembrance. The parish wreath was laid by Johnstone Erwin and the Royal British Legion wreath was laid by Tom Cranston and John Neill.

The packed church agreed it was a suitable and appropriate way to mark this important milestone, to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, especially the large number of Rossorry parishioners who fell.

“we will remember them...”



Parish Register

Bereavements

On 25th October 2014 the death occurred of Robert John BOYD of 43, Henry Street, Enniskillen at Millcroft Nursing Home, where he had been a resident for some years. A large congregation was present on 27th October at Rossorry for the funeral service and committal, conducted by Archdeacon, Emeritus, Cecil Pringle assisted by Canon Desmond Kingston. Bertie, as he was known, was a lifelong member of the parish and our sincerest sympathy goes out to Mrs Boyd, the family and all the friends at this time.

Christmas Services

Sunday 14th December 2014

3.00pm Holy Communion for the elderly and housebound

A special Christmas Service of Holy Communion will be held in the Committee Room of the Parochial Hall for parishioners who are elderly, housebound or have mobility difficulties. This service will be followed by afternoon tea kindly provided by the Mothers' Union. Transport can be arranged - please contact the Parish Office. This service provides an opportunity for those who, for whatever reason, cannot usually get to church to meet together in communion and fellowship, and enjoy a social time of friendship and chat together.

Sunday 21st December 2014

11.00am Children's Nativity Carol Service

This service will be led by the children of our Sunday School and will include a seasonal performance and many of our much-loved carols and Christmas songs.

7.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

This traditional Christmas service tells the Nativity story through scripture and song. Featuring many much-loved carols and seasonal pieces by the choir, this service is one of the highlights of the Christmas season, and we look forward to welcoming many parishioners, friends and neighbours. Seasonal refreshments will be served by the choir in the Hall after the service.

Christmas Eve - Wednesday 24th December 2014

10.00pm Service of Holy Communion

The first Eucharist of Christmas, at a time that is not too late for most, celebrates with anticipation the joy of the birth of the Christ-child. A traditional Holy Communion Service with music led by our choir and organist.

Christmas Day - Thursday 25th December 2014

10.00am Family Eucharist

Our main Christmas celebration. This service is for all ages, and celebrates what Christmas is all about – the birth of OUR Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - in word, song and prayer. At the Holy Communion families are invited to come to receive together, with younger children (those not yet confirmed) receiving a blessing. We would love to welcome all parish families to church, on Christmas Day.

Please note the time - 10.00am

Sunday 28th December 2014

11.00am Holy Communion

This will be a said service (no music) of Holy Communion

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Funeral

14th November 2014 Elizabeth Jane Emerson
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Mothers' Union

Tempo and Clabby branch celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a service in Clabby Parish Church on Tuesday 14th October. The service was conducted by the Rector. The Preacher was the Bishop. The service was introduced by the branch leader Mrs. Lavina Woods. The Bible readings were read by Mrs. Cynthia White and Mrs. Pamela Nixon. The prayers were led by Dr. Margaret Knox, Mothers' Union Diocesan President. There was a number of visitors from local Mothers' Unions, PWA'S and MWA'S.

At the reception in the hall afterwards Mrs. Anne Armstrong gave a brief history of the branches. Mrs. Lavina Woods thanked all who attended the service. An anniversary cake was cut by Mrs. Patricia Foy and Mrs. Nancy Allan. Dr. Knox spoke to the visitors and branch congratulating them on their special anniversary. Mrs. Foy was presented with a 61 year membership certificate, she had previously belonged to a branch in Cavan.

Healing Service

The Diocesan Healing Service was held in Clabby Parish Church on Sunday 2nd November. The service was jointly conducted by the Rector and Mr. John Irvine. The Lessons were read by Committee members Miss Helen Humphries and Mr. David Beare. Miss Isobel Stewart led the prayers. Our thanks go to Mrs. Ann Bloomfield and Clabby Parish Music Group for leading the very meaningful worship during the service. There were many positive comments on the music and also during the laying on of hands led by Katie, Ellen, Ann Bloomfield and James Armstrong. Sarah Armstrong spoke of her coping with Cancer which was diagnosed as a child and how she coped with the hospital visits. The Rector spoke during the sermon about his own sudden illness 14 years ago and how God carried him and the family through a very difficult time. He related this to Psalm 130 and 2nd Corinthians chapter 12 v 1-10. Also thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Armstrong for serving the tea after the service.

Restoration Fund

Thank you to Mrs. Irene McManus who collected tin cans for recycling and has raised £90-00 for the Restoration Fund. We appreciate her taking the time and the initiative to support our fund.

Dublin City Marathon

Congratulations and well done to Malcolm Browne and Alan Robinson who completed the Dublin City Marathon on Monday 27th October. We thank them for using it as a fund raiser for Clabby Parish Church Restoration Fund. The amount they raised through sponsorship was £1181-00 thank you to those who sponsored the event and to those who went to get sponsors.

Clabby Parish Auction

Thank you to all who helped make the annual auction successful once again this year. Our thank to all responsible for advertising the event around the area, those who collected items or those who contributed items and cakes for the auction and sale, also to everyone who helped and supported on the day. At present £2460-00 has been raised for Church funds.

December Diary

Sunday 7th S.N.A.T.C.H. Christmas Party 7pm Aghavea Church Hall.
 Tuesday 9th Mothers' Union Christmas Meal.
 Sunday 14th Young People's Carol Service.
 Sunday 21st Carol Services at usual times.
 Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve 10-30pm Holy Communion – Tempo
 Thursday 25th Christmas Day 10-30am Family Service and Holy Communion – Clabby.

No Sunday School 21st, 28th, December or 4th January.

January Diary

Thursday 8th God's Big Jigsaw Course continues.
 Tuesday 13th Mothers' Union Tempo Church Hall 8pm – Holy Communion.
 Saturday 31st Clabby Church Hall 10-30am – 12 noon, Coffee morning, Cake Sale and Carwash. Proceeds towards Church Restoration fund.
 Advance Date Thursday 12th February Table Quiz Tempo Church Hall. 8pm

Christmas

The month of December holds many different emotions for people of all age groups. For children in particular it is the excitement of Christmas morning. For others the break from a hectic routine prior to Christmas. There is the gathering of family who are away from home. For some people it is a sad time, memories of loved ones who have died at this time of the year or since last Christmas. In the world there is the expense of Christmas and the stress of all the buying of gifts.

In the midst of all of this the real meaning of Christmas can be and is so often lost. The greatest miracle of Christmas is that God came down into this world and took human flesh, but without our sin. He became Emmanuel – God with us. Christmas is not a sentimental story about the birth of a baby. Jesus – He shall save us from our Sins – was born for that purpose. Although many rejoiced at his birth, there were those who would reject him. This Christmas God offers a special gift – His only Son to all who will receive him by faith or trust in him alone for our salvation. This is a free gift, something we did not do anything to deserve. Because God loved mankind he sent Jesus to die in our place and take the punishment mankind deserved. We can receive God's forgiveness and the free gift of eternal life and a place one day in Heaven.

Take time this Christmas to reflect on its real meaning and receive God's free love gift of Christ. Then you will know in your life this year the joy of Jesus living in your life now and forever.

St. Margaret's Parish Church Clabby

Two men donned their running shoes in Clabby taking on the Dublin City Marathon last Monday, for a higher cause.

Mr. Malcolm Browne and Mr. Alan Robinson were running the marathon in aid of Clabby Church of Ireland restoration fund.

This is the second marathon the two men have ran to raise funds for the church. To date the men have managed around £1181. by putting their best foot forward.

However all the sponsor sheets are not returned at the time of going to press.

This year over 15,000 ran it, with an estimated 20,000 in the city to watch the marathon take place. "It was good and I enjoyed it" Malcolm Browne said, to which fellow runner Alan agreed, "There is a buzz about it. The crowd just keeps you going. You have your name and number on your sheet and people are actually shouting your name to keep you going."

The men explained how running for the Church really give them inspiration and a goal to complete the race on the day.

Another thing helped the men was their mindset as they tried to break down the marathon by looking at it as four 10k runs.

With this motivation in mind the men ran the marathon in very worthy times. Alan Robinson completed it in 3 hour 40minutes 24 seconds and Malcolm finished in a time of 3 hours 18 minutes 34 seconds.

Minister Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong thanked his road running parishioners, "I am so grateful for these men who have given up their time to raise money in this way for the Church.

It is great when people use their skill and talent for our Church and to help out in any way they can.

I regularly see these men out running and they have real dedication, running in all weather conditions and I want to publicly thank them for the commitment and all the money they have raised for our newly refurbished church."

The men extended their thanks to Enniskillen Running Club who helped them facilitate their training and organised their trip down south for the Dublin City marathon.



Malcolm & Alan who took part in the marathon.

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Rona, Samuel, Peter and myself may we wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Revd Mark

Parochial events and key services in December

Thursday 4th December at 10.00am

The Archbishop of Armagh The Most Revd Richard Clarke will address the Clogher Clerical and celebrate the Holy Communion in mThe Priory. We welcome the Archbishop on his first visit to the parish.

Tuesday 9th December at 2.30pm

Tuesday Club Christmas Holy Communion in Killadeas.

Trory Coffee morning and Wreath sale

This will take place on Saturday 13th December from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the parish hall.

Sunday School Christmas event

Parents will be notified directly about the Sunday School party details but the provisional date is Saturday 13th December from 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

On Sunday 21st December at 10.00am in The Priory and 11.30am in St. Michael's, Trory.

Thanks to those who supported the Kindfund Advent Carol Service on the first Sunday of Advent 30th November 2014.

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion in The Priory at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day

Holy Communion in Trory at 10.00am.

28th December

Sunday after Christmas (The Holy Innocents)
Holy Communion in The Priory at 10.00am. N.B. GROUPED SERVICE NO SERVICE IN TRORY.

St. Angelo Model Flying Club

We welcome for the winter season the local model flying club to Ballycassidy Hall on a Monday night. They meet from 7.00pm onwards and new members are most welcome.



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Tuesday 16 December 2014

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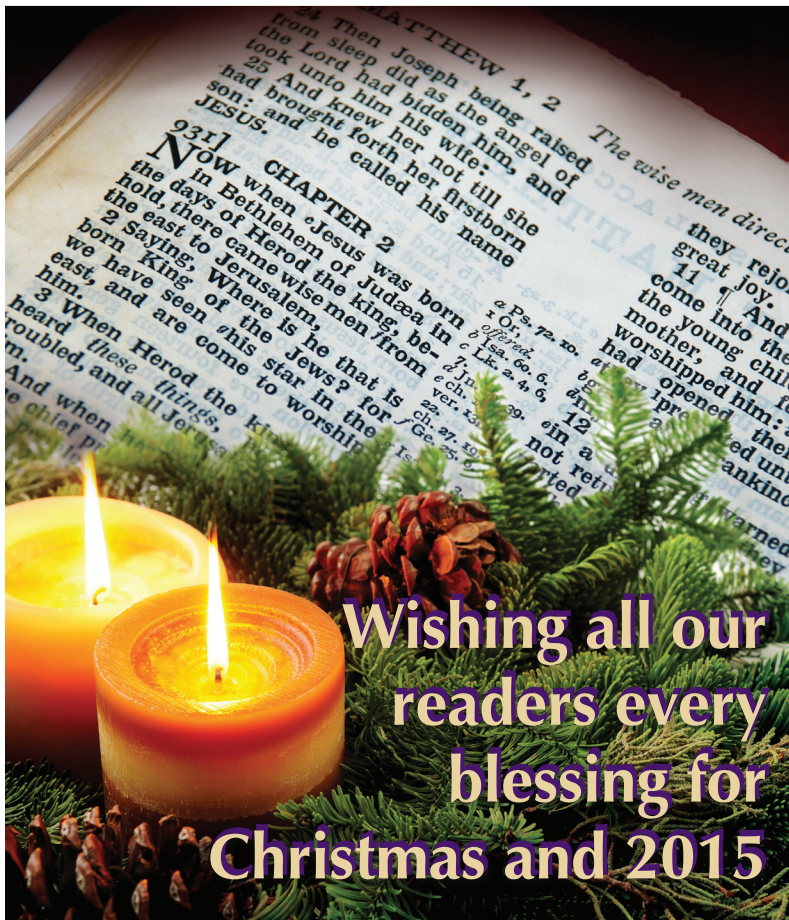
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