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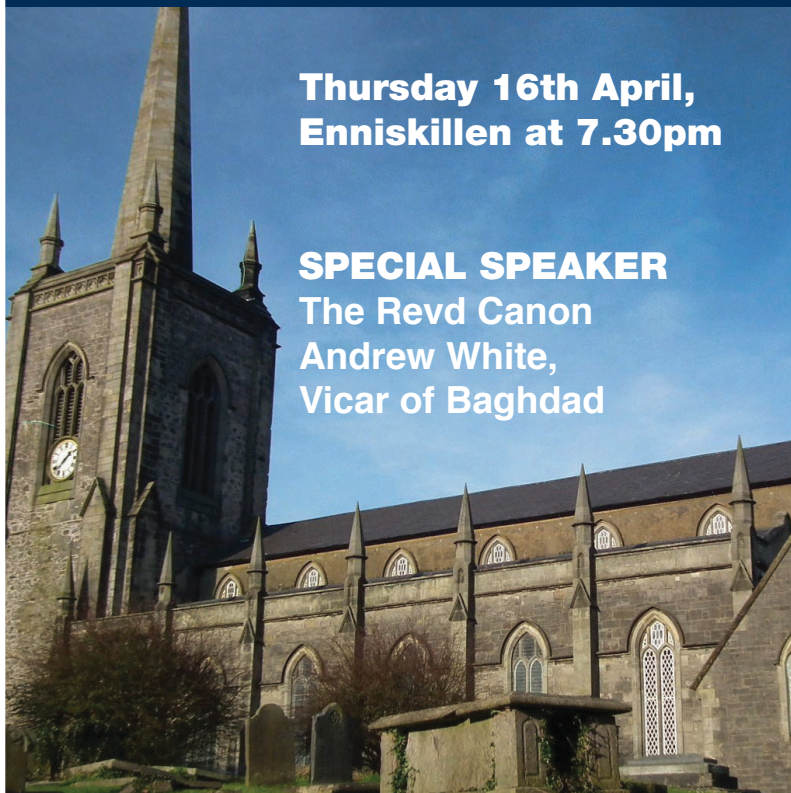
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The Revd Canon
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"Early in the morning on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb"

St Mark 16:2

Top - A cross with a crown of thorns in Dedham Parish Church, Essex. Photo courtesy of Miss Frances Boyd.

Bottom Left - The Revd Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad, who will be the special speaker at a service in Enniskillen Cathedral on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm.

Bottom Right - The Ven. Helene Steed (Archdeacon), The Revd Chancellor John Stewart (Diocesan Registrar), The Rt Revd John McDowell (Bishop), The Revd Dr Ian Ellis (Rector of Rossorry Parish), The Revd Canon David Skuce (Rural Dean of Enniskillen), and the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Lord Eames OM (Preacher), pictured at Dr Ellis' Institution in Rossorry Parish Church on Friday 20th March. Photo courtesy of The Impartial Reporter.

PENTECOST SUNDAY Ecumenical Gathering

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering
at
The Round Tower, Clones at 3.00pm

Led by the Bishops of Clogher,
The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid
and the **Rt Revd John McDowell**

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,
As I have written in every Eastertide letter since coming to Clogher, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is at the core of the proclamation of the Gospel. It was following his encounter with the Risen and Glorified Christ that St. Paul began his travels around the peoples of the eastern Mediterranean telling

them that they could share in Jesus' Resurrection life, which was nothing less than the same life that Jesus himself shared with his Father. However, very early on in his ministry he had also to remind the church in Corinth not to abandon this understanding and experience of Resurrection regardless of how attractive the alternatives may be: "if it is only for this life we have hope, we are more to be pitied than all people"

Believers will only experience Resurrection life in all its fullness in the age to come, but in the meantime we have been given what St. Paul called a "down payment" of that life, in the form of the Holy Spirit living in us. We can experience some anticipations of Resurrection here and now although they are very incomplete, still impeded by our resistance to the Spirit and the imperfect condition in which we still live.

In this world, at least in Paul's experience and thinking, our sharing in the Cross can be much more prominent than our sharing in the Resurrection. But that sharing is not only for St. Paul. At the present time Christians from those ancient churches in the Middle East which I wrote about last month are carrying a very heavy cross indeed. And it is our calling, in the Body of Christ, to help them bear what looks like an unbearable load.

The Middle East is very far away and it is a place which relatively few of us know well. The places which we people from the West visit on holiday (places like Dubai) are very unlike the reality of life in most of the region. It is tempting to shrug our shoulders and look away from a place which seems to have known nothing but war and heartache for hundreds of years. The causes of conflict are too deep and the nature of the quarrel too complex for us to readily understand. Yet we were all baptised into the same Body and when one part of that Body is undergoing immense pain and suffering then the other parts of the Body will be affected. And the suffering of the Christians of the Middle East has so maimed the Body of Christ that it almost amounts to an amputation.

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It is for these and other reasons that I would encourage as many people as possible to come to hear Canon Andrew White as he comes to be with us at a service in Enniskillen Cathedral on Thursday 16th April at 7.30pm. And bring your friends. Andrew has had a remarkable ministry in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq, where he has ministered for over 20 years and where he is the sole remaining Anglican priest.

Not long ago we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and marvelled that a young man who had been kidnapped and held in slavery for many years in Ireland chose to return after he had escaped from his slavery. In many ways Andrew White has had a parallel experience. Living under constant threat he returns again and again to places of great danger, as an ambassador of reconciliation in the name of a Jesus.

He maintains strong relationships with mainstream Islamic leaders as well as the Christian communities who he helps. He is constantly on the move in the Middle East but also in frequent journeys to the West to remind the church here of what is happening in the lands that were the cradle of Judaism and Christianity - from where Abraham, the man of faith, set out at God's bidding to a strange land to be the forefather of all believers.

Andrew has had to struggle under all sorts of difficulties. He was diagnosed with MS many years ago and undergoes regular treatment to slow down the progress of the disease. He needs many body guards when he travels. After years of diplomatic and military activity there seems to be no resolution to the massive problems of the region where he works; in fact things seem to be getting worse. Yet he has been faithful to his calling, just as Patrick was to his.

Andrew White has a ministry of apostolic character and it is only rarely that we have an opportunity to hear from someone who has been so closely involved in events which are significant on a world scale. I do hope you will be able to come and meet this dedicated servant of the Kingdom of God.

+John



A sign at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, pictured during the recent Holy Land pilgrimage

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS



Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya

Anglican women feature on “We Will Speak Out” panel

Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya, who recently preached in Enniskillen Cathedral, of the Anglican Church in Swaziland talked about the Church’s role in responding to violence during the “Global Faith

Perspectives on SGBV” panel discussion at the 59th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York.

Constance Mogina, HIV/AIDS Development Officer for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, brought the unique perspective of a field practitioner working to raise awareness on prevention and intervention for HIV/AIDS and gender based violence. In Papua New Guinea, 67 percent of women are beaten by their husbands, she said. One of the challenges she faces is that services don’t trickle down in rural communities, and government leaders aren’t interested in learning about how to intervene.

Representing a faith leader’s perspective, Bishop Ellinah Wamukoya highlighted key theological points upholding equality for women. In Swaziland, as elsewhere, she said, culture and tradition are used to justify discrimination against women—despite Biblical teaching and legal rights. “Liberation from sexism must be one of the major preoccupations of the church in the 21st century,” she stated. “If the church recognizes that people are made in the image of God, it cannot accept or perpetuate discrimination!”

The UN Commission on the Status of Women is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. The CSW is instrumental in promoting women’s rights, documenting the reality of women’s lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.



The Cross in the College Chapel of the Church of Ireland College of Education

Archbishop Makgoba appeals for prayers and aid for South Pacific



An appeal for prayers and for practical aid for the people of the South Pacific Ocean in the wake of Cyclone Pam has been issued by Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Chair of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. In a statement he said: “Having just hosted a meeting of eco-bishops from around the Communion, including Bishop Api Qiliho from Fiji, the network is particularly aware of the threat posed by climate change to the people of the South Pacific. We have been shocked by the devastation wrought by Cyclone Pam, particularly in Vanuatu in the neighbouring Province of Melanesia. Our prayers go out to the families of those who have died, to those who have been displaced and to those who have lost their homes and property. We pray too for Bishop James Ligo of Vanuatu and his people, and for those providing shelter and helping to relocate the homeless. We urge Anglicans to respond to appeals for practical help.” Eco-bishops are 16 Anglican Communion bishops from

various countries impacted by climate change. They met in Cape Town in February to draw up a strategic plan to address climate change and raise awareness throughout the global Anglican Church.

Archbishop Welby addresses funeral for Pakistani Christians via mobile phone

The Archbishop of Canterbury spoke via mobile phone to mourners at the funeral of Christians killed in church bombings in the Pakistani city of Lahore.

Twin attacks outside Christ Church and St John’s Catholic Church in the eastern city killed 17 people and left many more injured.

Archbishop Justin Welby, who was on a St Patrick’s Day pilgrimage to Northern Ireland, had been trying to make phone contact with the Bishop of Lahore, since the attacks.

He succeeded when Bishop Jamil answered his phone during the funeral service in Lahore.

Bishop Jamil held his phone up to a microphone so that those gathered could hear directly from the Archbishop. He translated as Archbishop Welby spoke to the mourners and prayed for them.

Directly after the attacks, Archbishop Welby and the Interim General Secretary of the Anglican Communion, Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, sent condolences to Bishop Jamil and assured him of the support and prayers of the Anglican Communion.



Relationships and Care in Church Life

LONG + TERM CHURCH

Shaping to serve

Readers who follow Standing Committee News may have read earlier this year of work which has been carried out on developing policies on dignity in church life.

For years the Church has worked on the basis that commonly understood Christian principles and general decency will govern behaviour and lead to good practice in church life and relationships; however, as we all know, sometimes not everyone fully appreciates the impact of their behaviour on others and on occasions things go wrong – sometimes markedly so. When situations do go awry, where are the people – clergy and lay – to seek protection?

Concerns on this front led the bishops to initiate exploratory work around the development of policies and procedures to underpin the support of bishops for their clergy and to make plain best practice in managing the working relationship between bishops, clergy and people in a way that safeguards all and works towards the betterment of the Church of Ireland. At last year's General Synod, the Archbishop of Armagh articulated a vision for 'Long Term Church' which, among other ambitions, included the need to take these issues seriously.

A Church House team, supported by a professional external HR development consultant, was set up to review legislation and policies and procedures in workplaces as well as those being introduced in Anglican and other Churches in the UK and Ireland. Its research was shared with a reference group consisting of a bishop, two archdeacons, the director of the Theological Institute and two diocesan secretaries. A result of their work and discussions – underscored by a firm grounding in Christian thinking – has been the development of an over-arching statement, termed a 'Dignity in Church Life Charter'.

This Charter speaks about how church membership implies a commitment to relationship with the Gospel inviting people into relationship with God and relationship with all who are part of the life of the Church. As such, the pattern of Christian discipleship points to how Christian people are expected to behave in their relationships with one another. It speaks of how church life should be underpinned by respect, valuing everyone's human dignity under God and the pursuit of reconciliation when conflict arises. In this context and in the knowledge that relationships in church life, as in all life, can be imperfect, it calls for the adoption of a commitment to building and supporting harmonious relationships in church life across all its structures; respecting the equality of all before God; upholding the right of all to be treated with dignity, respect and understanding; and seeking reconciliation where there is disagreement or conflict.

In addition to the Charter, a drafting process has got underway to develop policies relating to bullying and harassment; clergy grievance and clergy long-term illness. Over recent months, the Secretary General of the RCB with the guidance of the project team and expert reference group, has undertaken widespread consultation on these with the archbishops and bishops, the Commission on Ministry, the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod, and at a number of diocesan consultation meetings held across the island. At the January 2015 meeting of the Standing Committee support for this process and for a principle of care in church life and clergy welfare was clearly indicated and the next step is to present Bills on these issues to the General Synod in May 2015 for debate. If the required legislation is passed policy documents will be put in place by the RCB and Standing Committee for implementation during 2016.

Further information about the draft Charter and policies and their development is available as a slide presentation on the Church of Ireland website (www.ireland.anglican.org/hrpolicy) and an extended article by the Secretary General, Mr Adrian Clements, also appears in the Spring edition of Search – A Church of Ireland Journal.

Re-Pitching the Tent

Re-Ordering the Church Building for Worship and Mission

A Colloquium organized by Search: A Church of Ireland Journal & the Church of Ireland Chaplaincy at TCD, with the support of Ecclesiastical Insurance will take place in The Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 18th April 2015. The Keynote Speaker, Richard Giles holds degrees in town planning and theology. As canon theologian for the Diocese of Wakefield, he worked extensively with parishes to rethink and redesign their buildings as part of mission strategy. His particular expertise in the design of liturgical space bore fruit in the publication of *Re-Pitching the Tent*, now in its third edition. From 1999 to 2008, as Dean of Philadelphia Cathedral, he oversaw the radical renovation of the cathedral to become a place of transformative worship. In 2008 he became a Visiting Fellow of St John's College, Durham. He continues to work as a facilitator of creative worship and a consultant in liturgical design. Prior booking essential, to register email searchjournal@ireland.anglican.org

The Archbishop of Canterbury Visits Downpatrick for St Patrick's Day

The Most Revd Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, joined with The Rt Revd Harold Miller, Bishop of Down & Dromore, The Most Revd Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, and other pilgrims from across the world and various Christian traditions

at the traditional St Patrick's Day pilgrimage walk from St Patrick's Church, Saul to Down Cathedral, Downpatrick.

The pilgrimage got underway after an early morning service of Holy Communion at Saul at which the preacher was Dom Mark-Ephrem of Holy Cross Monastery, Rostrevor. Along the pilgrimage route, walkers stopped to pray for reconciliation in our broken world, in this land and between churches.

The third pilgrimage stop was outside Downpatrick Methodist Church at which the Archbishop of Canterbury launched a report to the Anglican Consultative Council and the World Methodist Council by AMICUM, 'Into All the World: Being and Becoming Apostolic Churches'.

At Down Cathedral, Archbishop Justin Welby preached on a theme of Reconciliation at a festival service with contributions from Sullivan Irish Music Group, the cathedral choir, the McCartney School of Irish Dance and the Down & Dromore Year of Mission choir Kerygma.



Archbishop Welby based his sermon on the reading from Ephesians ch.2: 'So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.'

Drawing on contemporary concerns over human trafficking and the parallels with St Patrick's life story, as well as recent events in Lahore, in Sudan and in the history of Northern Ireland, he said that 'the best choice any person or society can make is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ'. He went on to say that God reached out and made us one with him, putting hostility to death so that those who are reconciled to God 'light up the world by the radicality of the Gospel ... [so that] gripped with Jesus the Church speaks of peace and reconciliation'. He continued by saying that 'the world needs the witness of those who've made the journey from enemy to friend ... reconciled to reconcilers from whom reconciliation flows lavishly'.

While acknowledging that there remain many challenges in Northern Ireland, the Archbishop praised the work of reconciliation 'embarked upon with courage – a gift of God to you for the world [to be] held in your hands as a treasure'. Finally, the Archbishop called for Christian people to proclaim peace politically – 'full of energy to change our world', changing it 'not by power but by

vulnerability and love' – and to be 'at peace with God, at peace with each other and at peace with the world,' continuing 'to call for peace till the Lord returns, as Patrick did'.

Following the service, Archbishop Welby, accompanied by an ecumenical gathering of local clergy, as well as civic and political representatives, laid a wreath on the grave of St Patrick in the grounds of the cathedral before joining with 800 people for a lunch of Irish stew and apple pie.

The Archbishop of Canterbury continues his St Patrick's Day visit to Northern Ireland with participation in a Peace Party for young people and young adults at Belfast's Waterfront Hall, concluding with prayers at Belfast City Hall, organised by Summer Madness and Church Army.

Historic Linkage Agreement between CICE and DCU

On 27th January 2015 the Church of Ireland College of Education (CICE) and Dublin City University (DCU) signed an inter-institutional linkage agreement. Reflecting the growing partnership between the two institutions, this signing means that CICE becomes a college of the university and that DCU will become the sole accrediting body for all CICE's undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. CICE and DCU welcome this agreement which arises against the background of the incorporation of the Church of Ireland College of Education, Mater Dei Institute of Education and St. Patrick's College Drumcondra into Dublin City University. The incorporation will lead to the creation of an internationally-significant Institute of Education that will become the fifth faculty of the university.

The Church of Ireland General Synod has endorsed unanimously four core principles of the Board of Governors of Church of Ireland College of Education regarding the College's future in a university setting.



Professor Brian MacCraith, President of DCU, and Archbishop Michael Jackson signing the agreement

British Ambassador Addresses St Patrick's Cathedral Patronal Service

St Patrick is a symbol of British and Irish relations, the British Ambassador, Mr Dominick Chilcott, said at the Patronal Eucharist of St Patrick's Cathedral on St Patrick's Day.



The British Ambassador to Ireland, Mr Dominick Chilcott and his wife, Jane, with Dean Victor Stacey in St Patrick's Cathedral

The Ambassador delivered the address at the service and said relations between the two countries were "better than ever" although the sensitive history could not be ignored. The large congregation was welcomed to the cathedral by the Dean, the Very Revd Victor Stacey, who also welcomed the Ambassador, the Friendly Brothers of St Patrick and visitors from around the world. The service was sung by the Cathedral Choir. Noting that he was standing where Dean Swift had once stood, Mr Chilcott quoted Queen Elizabeth who spoke on the goal of modern British Irish relations during President Michael D Higgins' State visit last year: "It is that we who inhabit these islands should live together as neighbours and friends. Respectful of each other's nationhood, sovereignty and traditions. Co-operating to our mutual benefit. At ease in each other's company. After so much chequered history, the avoidable and regrettable pain of which is still felt by many of us, this goal is now within reach." He added that there was a high level of respect and considerable trust between the two governments. The Ambassador suggested that St Patrick was symbolic of the relationship between Britain and Ireland. Acknowledging that historical sources were not what they might be, he said it seemed that Patrick was from Wales and came to Ireland, first as a slave and later to bring the word of God. Like Patrick, people have travelled back and forth between these islands since before recorded history, he said. But modern transport and technology made that travel much easier. No other patron saint enjoyed such broad appeal as St Patrick, Mr Chilcott said adding that many involved in building brands stood in awe of Ireland's success with the St Patrick's brand which resulted in the greening of many buildings worldwide, including the British Embassy in Ballsbridge. He concluded that both St Patrick and Dean Swift would be greatly pleased by relations between Britain and Ireland today.

New Dean of Kilmore, Revd Nigel Crossey

The Revd Nigel Crossey, Chaplain, St Columba's College, has been appointed Dean of Kilmore. A native of Belfast, Nigel read Classics at Christ College, Cambridge before studying for ordination.



Revd Nigel Crossey

He subsequently completed his Master of Theology degree in Cardiff University.

Nigel was ordained for Drumglass Parish, Dungannon, in 1984 before becoming Rector of Magheraculmoney Parish, Kesh, in Clogher Diocese. Since 1993, Nigel has served in chaplaincy roles in the UK and Europe, most recently as Chaplain to St Columba's College since 2009. Nigel is married to Yvonne (currently an Assistant Housemistress in the College) and they have four children in their twenties.

Nigel will take up his appointment in September, after the end of the current academic year.

Speaking of his appointment, Nigel said that he was delighted to be appointed to this new chapter in ministry and that he and his wife were looking forward to their move to Cavan:

'My wife Yvonne and I both look back with great fondness to our time in rural ministry in Fermanagh. It is equally clear that there are many opportunities and possibilities to be explored with the people of Kilmore and Ballintemple, and in the wider Diocese. We look forward as Christ leads his people and us in faith together.'

Church leaders address Mission in Northern Ireland in 2015 at Church of Ireland Theological Lectures at QUB

The 58th Annual Church of Ireland Theological Lecture at Queen's University, Belfast took place in the Great Hall at QUB last night, Monday 16th February 2015. In order to mark the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Chaplaincy Centre at Queen's, the event departed from the normal pattern of hearing from one guest lecturer but instead heard from four leading Church figures from the Church of Ireland, the Methodist, the Presbyterian and the Roman Catholic Churches in Ireland, each addressing the subject of The Mission of the Church in Northern Ireland in 2015: Obstacles and Opportunities.

Following a welcome from the Bishop of Connor, The Rt Revd Alan Abernethy, and the Vice Chancellor of Queen's, Professor Patrick Johnston, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, spoke from the Church of Ireland perspective; the Revd Dr Heather Morris (former President) from the Methodist Church; the Revd Dr Stafford Carson (former Moderator and Principal of Union Theological College) from the Presbyterian tradition and the Revd Dr Eddie McGee from the Catholic

Diocese of Down & Connor (representing Bishop Noel Treanor).

Each spoke about the significance of discipleship, disciple-making and the mobilisation of Church members across the Christian traditions in a markedly changed cultural landscape where church members now find themselves in a minority position.

The event was in two parts: the individual contributions were followed by a lively and engaging hour-long Question and Answer session chaired by the Revd Barry Forde, Church of Ireland Chaplain at QUB. Addressing a wide range of topics from engaging with the issues of our day and clashes between liberal and secular culture with faith-based viewpoints to the economy and exploitation, the panellists spoke about the need for Christian people to show grace, love, compassion and courage, to build relationships across society and with individuals and to find better ways to communicate intelligibly and intelligently. In a pre-lecture reception, former Church of Ireland Chaplain Canon Edgar Turner who inaugurated the Theological Lectures at Queen's said a few words to mark the special event, recalling that the lectures were established to convey 'all that is best in the Church of Ireland and Anglicanism', criteria which he felt they had tried to stick to faithfully over the subsequent 58 years.



A stone at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, pictured during the recent Holy Land pilgrimage

March 2015 Standing Committee News

The Standing Committee of the General Synod met on 10th March 2015 and was chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh and by the Archbishop of Dublin. Mrs Ethne Harkness led the meeting in a scripture reading and prayers before business commenced.

Priorities Fund

The Chairman of the Priorities Fund Committee, Mr Roy Totten, presented its report and recommendations for 2015 grants. Mr Totten outlined how the Fund recommended 54 grants totalling €566,202, having received 82 applications requesting grants of c. €1.9m. In order to try to keep level with inflation, it was agreed that the diocesan targets for contributions to the 2016 fund should be increased by 1%. The Archbishop of Armagh expressed sincere thanks to Mr Totten, the members of the Priorities Fund Committee and to its Organiser, Mrs Sylvia Simpson.

Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures

Mrs Ethne Harkness provided a verbal update on the work of the Commission on Episcopal Ministry and Structures. The Commission intends to present information flowing from its work to date in the form of a report and a leaflet at General Synod in

May. Central Communications Board The Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare, was elected to the Central Communications Board to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Rt Revd Trevor Williams last year.

'Long Term Church' and General Synod 2015 Bills

Mr Adrian Clements, Secretary General of the RCB, gave an update on two projects being undertaken under the heading 'Long Term Church': parish financial development and sustainability and human resources issues. Following this, the Standing Committee approved draft Bills on a Clergy and Ministry Protection Fund; a Bill on Permanent Incapacity of Clergy on Medical Grounds and a Bill on the Adoption of the Dignity in Church Life Charter and referred these to the Bills Committee for further consideration before they come before General Synod. The Standing Committee also approved a draft Bill on Charitable Purposes and Objects and Statement of Public Benefit and referred it to the Bills Committee for further consideration. Under charities legislation in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, every organisation seeking charitable status must have charitable objects and purposes. Both jurisdictions also have public benefit requirements but in the Republic of Ireland's charity act it is presumed, unless proved otherwise, that a gift for the advancement of religion is of public benefit. The Charities Registration Monitoring Group is, therefore, recommending the adoption of a statute to specify Charitable Purposes and Objects and (in Northern Ireland) a Statement of Public Benefit for Church of Ireland Select Vestries, Cathedral Boards and other equivalent bodies seeking to register as charities.

St Matthew 27: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

General Synod 2015

It was resolved that the General Synod this year will start on Thursday 7th May 2015 with a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh followed by the beginning of Synod business at 12 noon in Armagh City Hotel. The change to the time of the Synod service follows feedback about previous arrangements for the service falling after the first day's business and reflects a desire to begin General Synod with an act of congregational worship. The Standing Committee approved reports for the Synod Book of Reports, a draft rota for issuing invitations to other churches to send representatives to the General Synod and also requested the Honorary Secretaries to issue an invitation to the Religious Society of Friends to send a representative to the General Synod 2015.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Institution of new Rector of Rossorry



Bishop McDowell, Revd Dr Ian Ellis, Mrs Heather Ellis and Lord Eames

A large congregation filled Rossorry Parish Church in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh on the evening of Friday 20th March 2015, to mark an important milestone in the life of the parish, as they welcomed their new rector, the Revd Dr Ian Ellis, who was instituted by the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Prior to taking up the position in Rossorry, Dr Ellis served as Secretary to the Church of Ireland Board of Education NI. The preacher at the service of institution was the former Archbishop of Armagh, the Rt Revd Lord Robin Eames OM.

Ian comments: 'I am really pleased and honoured to be appointed to Rossorry parish and look forward to getting to know the parishioners. It will be a great privilege to live and serve God in the beautiful surroundings of Enniskillen.'

Commenting on Ian's appointment, the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, said 'I am delighted that Dr Ellis has become the rector of Rossorry. He brings many gifts to the parish and to the diocese. Along with his many friends throughout the Church of Ireland I wish him well as he and Heather settle into parish life.'

Assisting the bishop at the service were the Venerable Helene Steed, Archdeacon; the Diocesan Registrar, the Revd Chancellor John Stewart; and the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean of Enniskillen. The Bishop's Chaplain was the Revd Sampson Ajuka, the Organist was Mrs Catherine Irwin and the parish choir along with the parish praise band led the singing. Guests from other Churches included Monsignor Peter O'Reilly, Fr Brian D'Arcy and Mr Gareth Hayden. Mr Tom Elliott MLA represented civic Society.

The processional hymn was Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, which was authored by Henry Francis Lyte who was educated at Portora Royal School, which is located within the parish of Rossorry. Mr Denzil McDaniell, a parishioner, read the Old Testament reading from Isaiah chapter 6. The praise band led the singing of Psalm 23, and Dr Ellis' son Mark read the Epistle from Ephesians chapter 4. The gradual hymn was Be still, for the presence

of the Lord, and Mr Alan Houston, a parishioner, read the Gospel reading from St John chapter 10.

The Archdeacon, the Venerable Helene Steed presented Dr Ellis to the bishop for institution, after which all joined in the well known Irish hymn Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

During the commission all sang the hymn Lord, you give the great commission. Garry Clarke, representing 1st Rossorry Scout Group, read a sentence of scripture from Psalm 122 at the church door; Carol Livingstone, representing Rossorry Sunday School read from St Matthew 28 at the font; Lorraine Simpson, representing Rossorry Mothers' Union read from Philippians 4 at the prayer desk; Avril Armstrong, representing 1st Rossorry Guide Group, read from 2nd Timothy 3 at the pulpit; and George Elliott, representing the Select Vestry, read from 1st Corinthians 11 at the Lord's Table.

After the commission and prayer, the newly instituted rector introduced the Peace and then all joined in the hymn Ye servants of God, your master proclaim. The rector led the prayers, the offertory hymn was From heav'n you came, helpless babe, and the final hymn was We have a gospel to proclaim.

Everyone was invited for refreshments after the service to Rossorry Parish Hall, during which a number of speeches were made. Master of ceremonies was the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, and speakers included Mr Malcolm Dawson, from Loughgall and Grange parishes where Dr Ellis previously served as rector; Mr Gareth Hayden representing the Methodist Church; Mrs Dorothy Wilson, Parish Honorary Secretary on behalf of Rossorry Parish; Monsignor Peter O'Reilly on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church; Fr Brian D'Arcy on behalf of the Graan Passionist Monastery; the Revd Dr Ian Ellis and finally the Bishop. The evening concluded with all joining in Third Collect of Evening Prayer.



Dr Ellis served as Secretary to the Church of Ireland Board of Education NI before taking up the appointment in Rossorry. He graduated from Queen's University Belfast in 1979 with a BSc in Physics, completed a PGCE and taught in Antrim Grammar School until 1986 when he began training for the ordained ministry in the Church of Ireland. He graduated from Trinity College Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological College in 1989 with a BTh and was ordained to serve as curate assistant in St Mark's Armagh from 1989-1991. He was then appointed rector of the grouped parishes of Loughgall and Grange also in Armagh diocese, where he remained until taking up his current position in 2002. He completed a Doctorate in Education at the School of Education at Queen's University Belfast in 2013 and his topic was a study of

the relationship between pupils spiritual development and school ethos.

In his previous role he advised the Board of developments in education in Northern Ireland and represented it at all levels of education in Northern Ireland. He worked closely with the education secretaries of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches through the Transferor Representatives Council (TRC) of which he is secretary. He also provided advice to parishes and dioceses on the implementation of Safeguarding Trust - the Church's child protection code. His work also supported children's ministry including being a member of the organising group for the Building Blocks Children's ministry conferences.

His other interests include: being an occasional contributor to BBC Radio Ulster 'Thought for the Day', sketching/watercolour painting, travel and music playing the guitar in an amateurish way!

Ian is married to Heather and they have three grown up children: Mark, Timothy and Naomi. Mark and Timothy are solicitors working in the City of London. Naomi is in her final year of studies in Durham University. Mark is married to Judith who is an optometrist.

Heather and Ian lived in Portadown and worshipped in Seagoe parish in the Diocese of Dromore. Heather is a Human Resource professional and has retired from the Southern Health and Social Services Trust. Heather is currently Coordinator of Fund raising and Communications for Down and Dromore Diocesan Mothers' Union. Her other interests include: Rotary International, volunteering with: the Trussell Trust Food Bank, and 'Roots of Empathy' - a classroom programme for primary school children.

New rector appointed for Lisbellaw Parish with Coolbuck



Revd Stephanie Woods

The Revd Stephanie Woods had been appointed as Rector of Lisbellaw Parish in the Diocese of Clogher. The vacancy arose during the summer when the previous incumbent, the Very Revd Bryan Kerr, took up the position of Dean of Dromore.

Commenting on Stephanie's appointment, the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John

McDowell, said "I am delighted to be able to welcome Stephanie back to her home Diocese and look forward to working with her in the future. Stephanie will bring many skills to her ministry in the parish and in the diocese, not least her strong work ethic and her pastoral warmth."

Stephanie comments: "I am thrilled and delighted to be appointed rector of Lisbellaw with Coolbuck and look forward to working closely with all the parishioners."

Since August 2012 Stephanie has served as Bishop's Curate in the Drung Group of Parishes, County Cavan, in the Diocese of Kilmore. Prior to this, she served her Deacon internship year in Rossorry Parish Church. Stephanie is married to the Revd John Woods, who

is Bishop's Curate currently serving in the Kildallon and Swanlinbar Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Kilmore.

Stephanie's home parish is Drumkeeran Parish, her training for ordination included a Masters of Theology through Trinity College, Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, where she was awarded the Moncrieff Cox Prize for Preaching.

Prior to ordination she completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Children with Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties at the University of Birmingham, and a Bachelor of Education (Honours) with Theology at Westhill College, University of Birmingham.

From 2003 – 2009 Stephanie taught a composite class of 4-7 year olds at Belleek Controlled Primary School, where she also had responsibility for music and performing arts. From 1992 – 2003 she taught at various schools in Birmingham.

Stephanie is particularly interested in pastoral care, especially for the elderly and those in difficulty, and also has a special interest in children's ministry and youth work. Her vision for the church is a place where those of all age groups and backgrounds feel welcomed and cared for and where all are challenged and encouraged to become true disciples of Jesus Christ expressing itself in both an individual and corporate ministry response to the local community and beyond.

Stephanie will be instituted in Lisbellaw Parish Church on Friday 28th August.

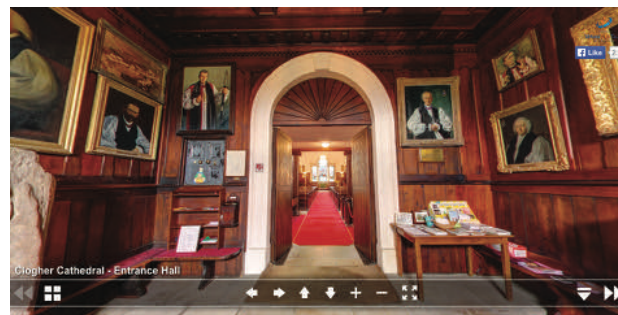


Vicar of Baghdad

The Revd Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad, will be the speaker at a special service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Thursday 16th April

at 7.30pm. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come along and hear from this inspirational speaker who has been ministering in the most difficult of circumstances.

Virtual Tour of Clogher Cathedral



A virtual tour of St Macartin's Cathedral is now available online at www.clogher.anglican.org/Cathedrals/

Clogher Pilgrimage 2015 "Finding God in Holy Places"

Friday 20th February – Travel to Tel Aviv via Istanbul from Dublin Airport.

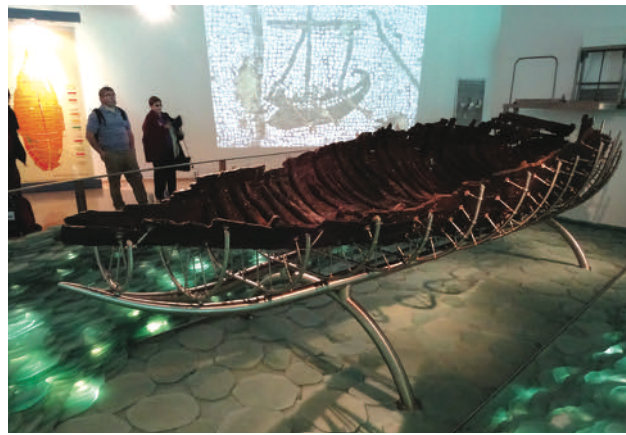
Saturday 21st February - Caesarea Martima (A Port and Herod's Palace); Mount Carmel with views of the Jezreel Valley and the mountains of Galilee; Zeppori; and Cana (The Wedding Church) (photo below).



Sunday 22nd February - Boat trip on Lake Galilee with celebration of Holy Communion (photo below);



The Ancient boat (the relict of a 2,000 year old fishing boat found in the Sea of Galilee) (photo on top right);



Mount of Beatitudes (the Sermon on the Mount); Tabgha Valley (loaves and fishes - feeding of the multitudes (photo below), and the primacy given to Peter for the second time);



Capernaum (photo below);



Mount Tabor (Church of the Transfiguration); Yardenit (baptismal site on River Jordan where the renewal of Baptismal vows took place) (photo below).



Monday 23rd February - Nazareth (Church of Joseph built over the house of the Holy Family) (photo below);



Jericho; Mount of the Temptation (photo below);



Tuesday Tuesday 24th February - The Dead Sea; Masada; Sodom & Gomorrah (Lot's Cave); Eilat.

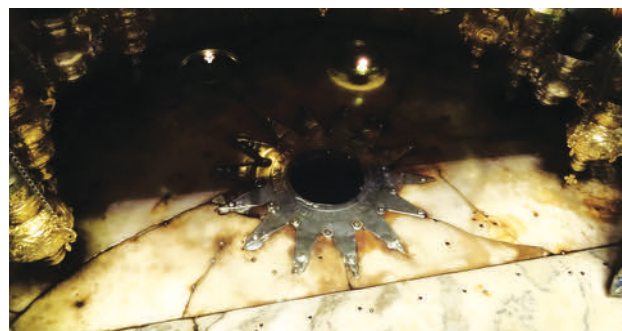
Wednesday 25th February - Solomon's Copper Mines (photo below);



Timna Valley; Eilat underwater observatory.

Thursday 26th February - Central Negev and Ramon Crater; Travelling through Negev towards Jerusalem (viewed Bedouin camps);

Bethlehem (Church of the Nativity) (photo below),



Manger Square, and Field of the Shepherds; Haas Promenade; Jerusalem.

Friday 27th February - YadVashem Holocaust Memorial; Dead Sea Scrolls; Israel Museum; Garden Tomb (photo below);



Damascus Gate (walk through the gate and into the Old City).

Saturday 28th February - Mount of Olives; Church of the Pater Noster (Latin for 'Our Father'); Garden of Gethsemane (photo below); The Church of the Tomb of the Virgin Mary; Church of St Anne (Built by the Crusaders and dedicated to Anne, mother of Mary); Pools of Bethesda; The House of High Priest Joseph Caiaphas; The Via Dolorosa (the Way of the Cross); Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



Sunday 1st March - Temple Mount and Dome of the Rock; Western Wall Tunnels; The Wailing Wall; Mount Zion and Room of the Last Supper; Emmaus; Jaffa.

Monday 2nd March - Travel home from Tel Aviv via Istanbul to Dublin Airport

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2015

Wednesday 1st April – **Wednesday in Holy Week** (red or violet)

Thursday 2nd April – **Maundy Thursday** (red or violet/white at HC)

Thursday 2nd April – **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Chrism Service with Clogher Clerical Association** in Clogher Cathedral at 11.00am. Celebrant: Bishop McDowell.

Thursday 2nd April – **Enniskillen Cathedral Messy Easter: a Messy Church event** for all the family from 4.00–6.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen.

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

Saturday 4th April – **'Vigil' youth night** in Enniskillen Cathedral from 7.30–9.30pm. Music, games, activities, food and maybe even a bit of Zumba! Organised by Clogher Diocesan Youth Council.

Saturday 4th April – **Dromore Parish Cake Sale** at 10.00am in the Church Hall.

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter (white or gold)

Sunday 5th April – **Easter Dawn Service** at Aghavea Parish Church at 6.30am.

Sunday 5th April – **Easter Dawn Service** at 6.00am at the Lough shore behind the Priory Church, Killadeas. Followed with breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Friday 10th April – **Gospel Concert in Aughmullen** Parish Church at 8.00pm featuring The Ballybay Country Gospel Group and other artists.

Saturday 11th April – **Galloon Parish Auction** at 12.00 noon in the Church Hall, Newtownbutler.

Contact William Little on 028 67738676 for more details.

Sunday 12th April – The Second Sunday of Easter (white)

Monday 13th April – **Re-launch of Newtownbutler Guides** in the Church Hall.

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

Wednesday 15th April – **"Fewer Ladies and more Women"** - a talk on women and the First World War and showing of Revd Taylor's DVD of old times in Killadeas by John Deering in Killadeas Church Hall.

Thursday 16th April – **Evening Service** in Enniskillen Cathedral at 7.30pm. Special speaker: The Revd Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad.

Friday 17th April – **5K/10K Fun run/walk** from Clabby Parish Hall. For more details contact Colin on 07901678180 or Alan on 07810258481. Proceeds in aid of Clabby Restoration Fund.

Saturday 18th April – **Model Display** for Inishmacsaint Parish at 10.00am in the Reade Hall, Monea.

Saturday 18th April – **Coffee Morning & Cake Sale** in St John's Parish Hall, Fivemiletown from 9.30am–12.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Missionaries & GFS Branch funds.

Sunday 19th April – The Third Sunday of Easter (white)

Tuesday 21st April – **Lay Ministry Bible Study meeting** in Christ Church Parish Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Thursday 23rd April – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in Enniskillen Cathedral from 1.05 – 1.35pm.

Friday 24th April – **Diocesan Fun Night** in St John's Parish Hall, Fivemiletown.

Saturday 25th April – **Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale** in the Church Hall from 11.00am–1.00pm.

Saturday 25th April – **Aghadrumsee Parish Auction** at 12.00 noon in the Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea. Wide variety of items for sale. Refreshments available.

Sunday 26th April – Christian Aid Service at 11.30am in Derryvullen North Parish Church, Irvinestown to mark 70 years of Christian Aid. Special visiting speaker. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Sunday 26th April – **The Fourth Sunday of Easter** (white)

Sunday 26th April – **Praise Service in St Laebhan's Parish Church, Killeevan** at 3.30pm. Music led by Mr Glenn Moore, organist.

Wednesday 29th April – **Deadline for submission of entries for the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize 2015 and Bishop's Medal 2015**. All entries should be left in the Diocesan Office, Enniskillen. Rectors and Sunday School Superintendents have copies of the relevant entry forms.

May 2015

Friday 1st May – **Mothers' Union Festival Service** in Monaghan Parish Church at 8.00pm. Preacher: The Rt Revd John McDowell.

Sunday 3rd May – The Fifth Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 3rd May – **Colebrooke Annual Friends Service** at 3.30pm.

Monday 4th May – **Deadline for submission of Easter Vestry Returns, including Annual Financial Returns and Accounts.**

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.

Wednesday 6th May – **Drummully Parish Gardening Evening** in the Church Hall at 8.00pm. Tickets £5 or €6.

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

Saturday 9th May – **Vintage Bike Run** from Clabby Parish Hall. For further details contact Jim on 028 89521167 (after 6pm) or 07751803660. Proceeds in aid of Clabby Restoration Fund.

Sunday 10th May – **Diocesan GFS Service** in Donacavey Parish Church, Fintona at 4.00pm.

Sunday 10th May – **A Night of Favourite Hymns** in Christ Church Parish, Maguiresbridge at 7.00pm.

Thursday 14th May – **The Ascension Day** (white or gold)

Thursday 14th May – **Adult Confirmation Service** in Portora Royal School Chapel, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Any adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at that service – please contact your rector for details.

Saturday 16th May – **Coffee Morning in the School House**, Aughnamullen from 10.00am-1.30pm. Quiz sheets are available from George Montgomery and Marjorie Beattie. Draw for the Quiz will take place at 12noon.

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

Tuesday 19th May – **Lay Ministry Bible Study meeting** in Christ Church Parish Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

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 10.00am-8.00pm on Saturday and from 2.00-7.00pm on Sunday. The Ven. Helene T. Steed will officiate at the closing service at 7.00pm on Sunday. Walking tours of the grounds of Dartrey Castle and The Dawson Temple can be arranged by prior booking. 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.

Sunday 24th May – **Pentecost Sunday Ecumenical Gathering at The Round Tower**, Clones at 3.00pm. Led by the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Thursday 28th May – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in Enniskillen Cathedral from 1.05 – 1.35pm.

Thursday 28th May – **Clogher Clerical Association BBQ** at The See House at 6.00pm.

Saturday 30th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction** at 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

Sunday 31st May – **Deadline for Youth Mission Bursaries applications**: Bursaries are being offered by Clogher Diocesan Youth Council to young people involved in mission projects this summer.

Applications should be made in writing to Revd Gary McMurray.

Sunday 31st May – **Annual Friends Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher at 7.00pm. Preacher: The Very Revd Dr William Morton, Dean of Derry.

Sunday 31st May – **Service at Drumswords** Old Church at 3.30pm.

Sunday 31st May – **Group Service of Dedication** in Aughmamullen Parish Church at 11.00am with Bishop John McDowell to dedicate the recent renovations to our church and graveyard.

June 2015

Tuesday 2nd June – **Crosslinks Western Prayer Meeting** in Aghavea Church Hall at 8.00pm.

Saturday 6th June – **Fun Day** at Clabby Parish Hall from 12noon - 3.00pm. Proceeds in aid of Clabby Restoration Fund.

Saturday 13th June – **Galloon Sunday School Rooms Fundraising**: £10K for the 10K. Join us for the 10K - contact Dawn Hutchinson for details and sponsor forms on 07855 282113.

Sunday 14th June – **Annual Reunion Friends Service** in St Maeldoid's Parish, Castleblayney at 3.30pm. Preacher: Revd Neal Phair.

Sunday 14th June – **Sunday Group Service to celebrate 175th Anniversary** of the founding of Sallaghy Parish Church.

Tuesday 16th June – **Lay Ministry Bible Study meeting** in Christ Church Parish Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Thursday 18th June – **Clogher Clerical Association meeting** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am. Theme: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Feedback.

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June 2015 – **Holiday Bible Club** from 6.30pm-8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Halls. Theme: Junior Heroes, which will be focusing on some of the ‘young’ heroes of the Bible. Suitable for Primary School age children. Registration necessary therefore contact Mrs Ann Johnston on 028 8953 1596 to book. Concludes with a Sunday service on 28th June in Colebrooke Halls at 11.00am.

Thursday 25th June – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in Enniskillen Cathedral from 1.05 – 1.35pm.

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

July 2015

Saturday 25th July – **Colaghty Parish Barbecue** at 7.00pm.

August 2015

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th August 2015 – **Colaghty Holiday Bible Club** in the Parish Hall from 7.00–8.30pm.

Friday 28th August - **Institution of the Revd Stephanie Woods** in Lisbellaw Parish Church.

September 2015

Tuesday 1st September – **Board of Education meeting**; Glebes Committee meeting; Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall.

Tuesday 1st September – **Crosslinks Western Prayer Meeting** in Aghavea Church Hall at 8.00pm.

Thursday 17th September – **Clogher Clerical Association meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen at 11.00am. Speaker: Revd Roland Heaney on Pioneering Ministry in a Rural Context.

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

October 2015

Thursday 8th October – **Clogher Clerical Association Quiet Day in the Cleenish Centre**, Bellanaleck.

November 2015

Tuesday 3rd November – **Board of Education meeting**; Glebes Committee meeting; Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall.

Thursday 19th November – **Clogher Clerical Association Meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am. Speaker: Revd Dr Ian Ellis.

December 2015

Thursday 10th December – **Clogher Clerical Association Christmas Event**: Holy Communion at 11.00am followed by coffee and AGM and afterwards Christmas Lunch in the Westenra Arms Hotel, Monaghan.

January 2016

Thursday 21st January – **Clogher Clerical Association Meeting** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am. Speaker: Bishop Harold Miller on Funerals and Pastoral Liturgy.

March 2016

Saturday 12th March – **Rossorry Parish Dance**

April 2016

Sunday 3rd April – Special Service of Thanksgiving in Rossorry Parish Church. Preacher: Bishop McDowell.

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

Organ wanted for Kiltyclogher

Does your church have an organ for sale? A replacement organ is needed for Kiltyclogher Church, if you have an organ for sale please contact the Rector or Pauline Carson 02868658813 or Joy Graham 02868658756

Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund

In his 2015 Budget speech the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a further £40million to the Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund. This new money brings the total funding package made available to £55million. The initial scheme is now closed but has been extended by a further £15m, bringing the total

funding package to £30million, and allowing awards to go to more applicants than originally anticipated. All these awards were to be announced before the end of March 2015.

The Fund will then reopen to new applications later this year, making awards from the additional £25m allocation during 2016. Any applicants who were unsuccessful during the first round of awards will be required to reapply but the timetable will be more extended than that available for the 14-15 round. The National Heritage Memorial Fund on behalf of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) administers the Fund.

Information about the scheme will be available at www.lpowroof.org.uk

Easter Vestry & Financial Returns

The Easter Vestry and Annual Financial Returns must be submitted to the diocese by Monday 4th May 2015.

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Mother's Union's report highlights commercialisation of children

Parents remain concerned about the impact advertising and marketing are having, both directly and indirectly, on the lives of children and young people, a new Report published by Mothers' Union reveals.

Head of Faith & Policy Lucinda Hasell said, "the subject of the commercialisation of children has received a lot of welcome attention in the last few years, but our research shows that parents are still concerned about this issue, and only 51% of those we spoke to felt equipped to manage the influence of advertising and the commercial world on their family. Further steps need to be taken to ensure that children are not exposed to inappropriate advertising and marketing and that parents are empowered to manage the impact of the commercial world."

Mothers' Union will be continuing the Bye Buy Childhood campaign, and is calling on the Government to consider why parents are still concerned about the commercialisation of childhood. Chief Executive of Mothers' Union, Reg Bailey, whose own 14 recommendations to Government (Bailey Review 2011) have largely been met, agreed that more still needs to be done to maintain vigilance on the way commercialisation affects children. "We're not looking to wrap children up in cotton wool. We want to say to parents, government, industry and all those who support children, that developing emotional resilience is a key part of enabling our children and young people to deal with the challenges and pressures they face as they engage with the commercial world. Nevertheless, this shouldn't have to be an uphill struggle for parents – they too need to be provided with effective support. These recommendations are a vital step on the way." To read the report and to get involved in the campaign visit www.byebuychildhood.org

MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

Mission Bursaries

Parishioners from within Clogher Diocese who are involved in missionary work may be eligible to apply for a bursary to assist with travelling expenses. The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission welcomes enquiries or applications. Please contact the Dean of Clogher email dean@clogher.anglican.org

Youth Mission Bursaries

The Diocesan Youth Council are offering mission bursaries to young people involved in mission projects this summer. Applications should be made in writing to garymcmurray@gmail.com, and should include: Organisation/mission agency name; details of the project - place, dates, and planned work; and contact details for the applicant. Deadline for applications 31st May.

YOUTH NEWS

GIFT - Wells Project

In the autumn of 2013 after several meetings and much encouragement from Jonny Phenix, we agreed that a leap of faith was what was required in order to get our Wells Project up and running in the new year of 2014. We were very lucky not to miss the boat and got in right at the end this Diocesan Youth Project. In January past, Gwen Wilson came forward to help me, Alison Irvine, to lead the group and we have been ably helped by Rebecca Dane. So GIFT was launched. GIFT stands for Growing in Faith Together and is aimed at kids of secondary school age from our group of parishes, Garvary and Derryvullen South. We meet

fortnightly on Sunday in Garvary Church Hall during the school term from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. We are a small group but cover all ages from 11 years to 17 years old. Everyone mucks in together during the evening in choosing which games to play, helping prepare and clear supper and also in our fellowship through prayers and readings. Fun, food and faith is what GIFT is all about. Over the past year those in GIFT have grown in numbers and also in faith together in many ways. They continue to get more involved in the parish community and those who are confirmed take turns to read lessons during the services on Sunday. In preparation for Confirmation last September the candidates asked the congregation to remember them in their prayers over the summer months. During our Harvest Festival we decided to try and revamp our Friday evening service, which had been waning in its popularity over the last

few years. As a group the young people took on the challenge of turning that around.



They contributed to the whole service by reading the lessons, leading the prayers and singing the Anthems and hymns with the choir. For the address they performed a highly entertaining sketch on the theme of the Parable of the Talents. Refreshments were served in the church after the service. The whole evening was a great success for the members of GIFT as well as the parish with parishioners of all ages coming together in fun, food and faith. Our group may be small in

numbers but they contribute fully in all the activities run by Clogher Diocesan Youth Council. They have attended several Faith events run throughout the length and breadth of the Diocese, as well as a Social Evening geared towards their age group where games were played and dances danced with great exuberance and lots of fun. As a group GIFT hopes that in 2015 we will continue to grow bigger in size and deeper in our faith within the ethos of Clogher Diocese Streams Project, which aims to make our young people integral and important members of our parishes. If you are aged 11 years upwards, from our group of parishes or maybe you want to bring a friend along with you too, everyone is welcome. Alison Irvine

The Hub at Queen's University Belfast

Staring University this year? Why not live at the hub? Are you considering applying to live in the chaplaincy for the 2015/16 year? Have you already applied? This year, the Church of Ireland and Methodist Chaplaincy have decided to throw the doors of the Hub open on Saturday 18th April, from 12-3pm. There will be a chance to see around the residential houses, have a cup of tea or coffee in the Hub Café, and get the answers to any questions you may have. www.thehubbelfast.org

CHILDREN'S SECTION

READ

Peter and the rooster (you can read this in Mark chapter 14)

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, Jesus shared a meal with his disciples. We call this meal 'The Last Supper' as it was the last meal Jesus had with his disciples before he died. After the meal they went out to the Mount of Olives. Jesus predicted that his disciples would deny him. Peter said that even if the others disowned Jesus that he would never do that. However Jesus said, "Before the rooster crows twice today, you will deny me three times Peter." But still Peter insisted this would not happen.

Jesus then went to Gethsemane with his disciples. Jesus prayed to God. Then Judas, one of Jesus disciples arrived with some soldiers. He had betrayed Jesus and Jesus was arrested.

Jesus was brought before the Sanhedrin. Peter followed but kept at a distance. He sat in the High Priest's courtyard with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. The high priest, chief priests and teachers of the law decided that Jesus should die. They spat at him, blindfolded him and punched him. The guards took Jesus and beat him.

One of the High Priest's servants came into the courtyard. When she saw Peter warming himself at the fire she said, "You were with that man Jesus."

"I don't know what you're talking about," Peter replied and he went out of the courtyard. When the servant saw Peter in the entrance to the courtyard she said told everyone who was there that Peter was with Jesus. Again Peter denied it.

A little while later some people standing near Peter said, "You're one of the men with Jesus."

Peter was angry and he shouted, "I don't know this man Jesus that you are talking about."

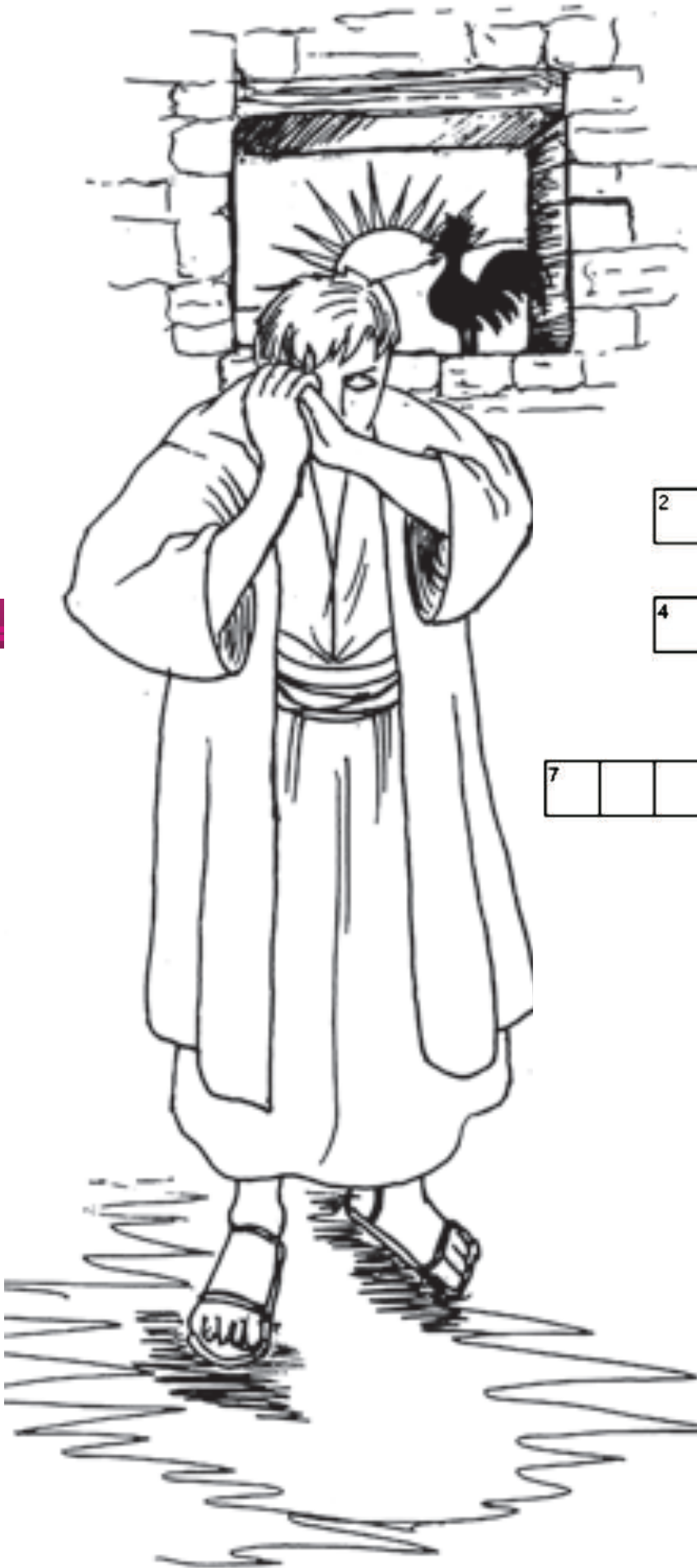
Immediately Peter had said this the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." Peter cried.

Peter cried because he felt guilty and was ashamed of what he had done. Peter realised he was not as good as he thought he was and in this moment he saw that he had done wrong. But Jesus was not angry with Peter. In fact, Jesus forgave Peter and chose to use him for great things. Peter became a great man of God who told many people about God and he even wrote some of the books in the Bible.

As Christians we too do things that make us guilty before God. But God loves us no matter what we do and he will forgive us – we just have to ask. God can use us for great things too. Are you willing to ask God to forgive you and trust Him to use you?

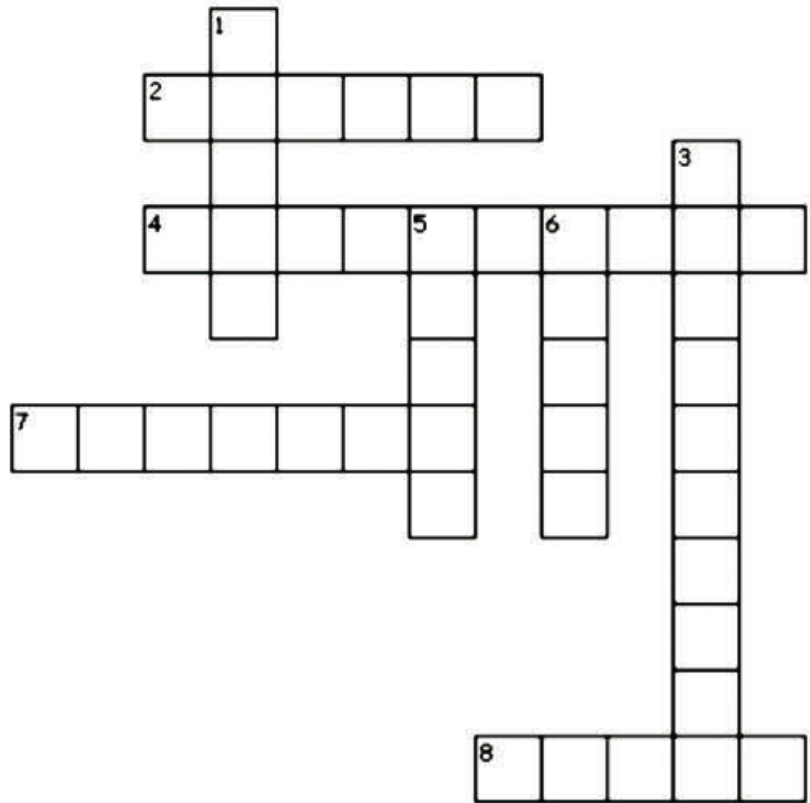
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Use the story to complete the CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS:
2. How Peter felt when he disowned Jesus
 4. Jesus shared this meal with his disciples
 7. When this animal crowed the second time Peter realised what he had done
 8. God _____ us

- DOWN:
1. This disciple betrayed Jesus with a kiss
 3. The garden Jesus went to pray in
 5. What we need to say to God to ask him to forgive us
 6. This disciple promised never to disown Jesus



PETER AND THE ROOSTER

COMMUNITY NEWS

Antenatal Nurturing Programme

The Old Courthouse, Newtownbutler from 16th April – 11th June 2015, 7.00pm – 9.00pm each week. The Antenatal Nurturing programme is a fabulous 9-week programme for mums and dads to be. It is ideal for those who are 20 plus weeks pregnant. The programme offers a range of benefits over the 9 weeks. For more information or to book a place on the programme please contact Cherish Surestart on 028 67738063.

Together One Voice

This long-running community choir with branches in Omagh and Enniskillen meets weekly and sometimes join together to sing at community festivals and events. The benefits of singing are well documented, and everyone in our choir has a story to tell of how singing has helped them. 'If you can speak you can sing'; we have a relaxed and informal approach that builds confidence in beginners and experienced singers alike. The Aisling Centre, Enniskillen for 8 weeks starting Monday 20th April 10.30am – 12.30pm. Contact 075 26534183 or email valwhitworth@btinternet.com.

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Prayer

As we celebrate this Holy season may we take a moment to remember in prayer those in our Group who are laid aside in sickness.

Services

Our Easter services begin with a service of Holy Communion in Clogh Church on Maundy Thursday at 8.00pm, then a Good Friday Meditation in Aghadrumsee also at 8.00pm, concluding with services of Holy Communion in all 3 churches on Easter Sunday at the usual times.

Easter Vestries

Easter Vestry Meetings were held in Aghadrumsee and Drumsnatt during March, they conclude on Tuesday 21st April in Clogh. A list of the 2015 / 2016 Vestries will be in the May edition of this magazine.

Ladies Guild

Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild will have their final meeting for the year on Thursday 16th April at 8.00pm.

Auction

Aghadrumsee Church are holding an Auction on Saturday 25th April 2015 at 12.00pm in Trinity Hall, Lisnaskea. There will be a wide variety of items for sale including boxed lots to suit car-booters and traders. All items have been donated by parishioners and friends. Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.

Bowling Club



Clogh Bowling club winners of Section C of the Erne Bowling league with their cup presented recently at the play offs for the Erne League Trophy which was won by Christchurch.

Baptism

On Sunday 1st March Katie Ann daughter of David and Kylie McCoy was baptized in Clogh Church.

Condolences

We were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs Angeline Chisim, Newtownabbey, although away from the area many years she remained a faithful supporter of Aghadrumsee Parish. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and to the family of the late Mrs Betty Chambers, Newtownbutler.

Easter

Finally may we wish you all God's Richest Blessing at this Easter time.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

Palm Sunday

11.00am Family Service Cooneen

Holy Week

Tuesday 8pm Cooneen

Wednesday 8pm Colebrooke

Maundy Thursday 8pm Cooneen

Good Friday 8pm Colebrooke

Easter Day 11.00am Family Celebration of Holy Communion in Colebrooke

April

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

19th - 11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke; 3.30pm Mullaghfad Holy Communion.

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

Special Services

19th April 3.30pm Mullaghfad Holy Communion.

3rd May 3.30pm Colebrooke Friends' Service.

17th May 3.30pm Mullaghfad Friends Service.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday, 8th March 2015, Madison Greaves, daughter of Janice and Andrew was baptised in St Ronan's, Colebrooke.

Christian Burial

On Monday 23rd February 2015, a service to celebrate the life of Mrs Sarah Primrose was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke. Our condolences and prayers are with Jack, Ann, William and Doreen, Sarah's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and all your family circle at this time.

Remembrance

On Tuesday 3rd March 2015, a service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of George Lynn was held in St Ronan's, Colebrooke. Our condolences and prayers are with Thomas and Wilma and all in George's family circle.

Bible Study

We continue with a new series of Scripture study looking at the 'Ten Commandments'. In a world which has increasingly turned its back on the commandments God gave for healthy living as a part of his family, we are going to look once more at them, and how they are so very relevant in today's world.

During this study we have been examining them in reverse order, beginning with commandment number ten.

Having taken a break over the Easter period, the sessions will at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd April and subsequent Thursday evenings in the rectory. Each week we will look at one of the commandments in its Old Testament context, and then Jesus' interpretation as found in the New Testament, and the impact that it should have on our lives. So far it has been a challenging and fruitful time studying God's word together. We aim to end by 9.30pm each evening.

Holiday Bible Club

We plan to hold a holiday Bible club on the last week of June, Monday 22nd to Friday 26th 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Halls, ending with a Sunday service on 28th June in Colebrooke Halls at 11.00am.

The title of the week will be Junior Heroes, which will be focusing on some of the 'young' heroes of the Bible, using music, drama, crafts, games and more.

The club will be suitable for Primary School age children, with maybe a year or two on either side of that age range. Registration is essential to allow for provision of crafts etc. If you wish to book a place for your child, please telephone Mrs Ann Johnston on 028 8953 1596.

Mothers' Union

Colebrooke Parish Church was transformed into a Bahamian scene for the annual Women's World Day of Prayer, prepared this year by the women of the Bahamas. Shades of blue formed the backdrop to the display of shells, flower petals, tropical fruit, leaves and flowers. The names of all the islands were displayed, highlighting the size and diversity of the island communities. A moving and informative power point, prepared by Reverend John McClenaghan and Carol, brought to life the atmosphere of the islands as well as the challenge of the message.

The theme 'Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?' was clearly taught through the beautiful hymns, prayers and reading from John 13, where Jesus washed the disciples feet.

Time for reflection and challenge gave each person present an opportunity to think how they could follow Jesus teaching and be disciples in their church, area and throughout the wider world.

Ladies from Aghavea Parish Church and Brookeborough Methodist Church participated in the service along with members of Colebrooke / Cooneen Mothers' Union. The organist was Isobel Little who gave of her time and talent to master new tunes and teach them to the MU members. The uplifting singing proved it was

time well spent. Sincere thanks to everyone who was involved in the service.

After the service all present were entertained to a themed supper which included Tropical Fruit Salad, Fruit Pavlova, Pineapple Delight and Fruit and Cream Sponge, after beautiful sandwiches and tray bakes. Valerie Crawford proposed a vote of thanks for the tasty supper. Sincere thanks to all MU members who contributed to the WWDP evening - preparing the hall and church, providing food for supper and serving and washing up.



The March meeting takes us to The Valley Fold in Fivemiletown, on 17th March, where members plan to serve lunch to the residents followed by a programme to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Some members plan to attend the "Praying Together" day in Clabby on 21st March.

Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday 22nd April, when we welcome Elizabeth Louden-Brown who will demonstrate Spring Flower Arrangements. The Diocesan Festival Service is being held in Monaghan on Friday 1st May at 8.00pm.

SNATCH

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

This term meeting at Aghavea

All young people of secondary school age welcome.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/snatchyf

Website: snatch.colebrookeparish.org

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

GFS

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

Bowling Club

The Bowling Club meet in the Parish Hall each Thursday at 7.45pm.

New members will be very welcome.

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Services

April

Sunday 5th - Easter Day 6.30am Easter Dawn Service; 11am Easter Family Celebration.

Sunday 12th - 11am Morning Prayer.

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

Sunday 26th - 10am Sunday School; 11am Confirmation with Bishop John.

May

Sunday 3rd - 11am Holy Communion and Sunday School.

Dear friends,

If you were asked what is most important in the Christian faith, how would you answer? Paul's First letter to the Corinthians tackles plenty of problems in that first century fellowship. In chapter 15, he says what is 'of first importance' - the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. To highlight the necessity of the Easter story, Paul invites his readers to follow the chain of logic 'IF' Christ has not been raised from the dead. What would happen if Jesus had not been raised?

- 'Then our preaching is in vain.' (15:14) If Jesus stayed dead, then all the words of every sermon are just hot air, a clanging cymbal. There's no point to listening to any preacher. So shut up the doors of church and have a lie in on a Sunday morning.
- 'and your faith is in vain... your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.' (15:14,17) If Jesus stayed dead, then you can believe what you like about him, but it's just a waste of time and energy. A dead Jesus who hasn't been raised isn't worth trusting. He can't help you or save you. His death was therefore meaningless, and not 'for our sins' (15:3).

- 'We are even found to be misrepresenting God.' (15:15) If Jesus stayed dead, and Paul says that Jesus is alive, then he's telling lies, and making out God to be a liar as well.
- 'Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.' (15:18) If Jesus stayed dead, then he can't help anyone else who has died. He might be with them in death, but he can't rescue them from it. Another failure, another reason not to trust Jesus, leading to the big conclusion:
- 'If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.' (15:19) If Jesus stayed dead, then you might think you have hope in this life, but that's the extent of it. And if you only have hope for this life, but he can't affect or act for the world to come, then we need to be pitied.

If, if, if. The consequences of Jesus not being raised are stark. We may as well cease pretending and close the church for good. That is, of course, IF Jesus has not been raised. That is, IF Paul finished at verse 19. Thankfully he didn't. Here's how he continues: 'But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.' (15:20). Jesus has been raised. Jesus is alive. Because of this fact, we have hope, life, joy, peace, and a mission to fulfill to proclaim this good news. May you remember, or perhaps rediscover, this great truth this Easter. Jesus is alive and nothing will be the same again!
Yours in Christ, Gary

Easter Vestry

Preparations are underway for the Easter Vestry on Sunday 19th April. Following the Church Family Service, we will enjoy a light lunch, before beginning the Easter Vestry at 12.30pm. Please use the sign-up sheet in the porch to help with numbers for catering purposes.

Sunday School

Please pray for the seven candidates preparing for Confirmation on 26th April, and plan to come along that morning to support them as they declare their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus.

Coming soon

Coming soon - from Sunday 3rd May, Sunday School is changing, for a trial period through until Children's Day on 21st June. Sunday School will begin at 11am in the morning service, before moving over to the hall for age appropriate Bible teaching, activities and fun, finishing at 12pm.

Bowls

Aghavea Bowling Club have now finished their season, with the AGM held on Monday 23rd March. Thank you to all who have been involved this year, both playing and catering. The Club will reopen in September, and new members are always welcome.

Mothers' Union

Aghavea MU members were tired out at the thought of it, but we were glad to hear of how Alastair completed it - running around the island of Ireland, telling people about the good news of Jesus! In March, we welcomed Rev Alastair Donaldson, who spoke about his Run4Christ in the summer of 2013. He showed us pictures and videos, as well as sharing some of the stories of the people he met, in what was an enjoyable and encouraging evening. For our April meeting, we will be visiting Belle Isle Castle on Tuesday 14th April. More information is available from Valerie Crawford.

GFS

GFS has finished now, with the usual round of Bible studies, crafts, cookery, badgework and fun completed. Members are looking forward to the Fun Night in Fivemiletown on 24th April and the Diocesan Service in Fintona on 10th May. Members are reminded of the presentation of prizes and awards on Children's Day on 21st June. Thank you to the leaders Sharon, Nuala and Joanne for all their hard work this year.

SNATCH

SNATCH is our Youth Fellowship in partnership with Colebrooke and Clabby parishes, seeking to help young people grow in faith through fellowship. As we go to press the dates for the summer term haven't been decided yet - see the church notices for full details. All young people of secondary school age are welcome to join us - a consent form is required for new members.

Find us on Facebook and iTunes

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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Lenten Talks

As I write these notes in mid March we have had three speakers who gave very illuminating talks in Ballybay, Clontibret and Castleblayney. The speakers

were Archdeacon Helene Steed, Rev David Nesbitt and Canon Ian Berry. Archdeacon Steed spoke about the General Thanksgiving Prayer in the BCP and Rev Nesbitt and Canon Berry spoke on the topic of Prayer. Rev David Hagan had to pull out of the talks due to a very heavy workload, so in his place, I will give a talk on the 19th March in Ballybay on: God, Postmodernism and the Existential Dilemma. Captain David Hamilton will be our last speaker on the 25th.

Holy Week

There will be a Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service for our group of parishes in Christ Church, Ballybay at 8pm on the 2nd April.

Club Diversity

The junior youth club met on the 7th and 21st during March at the usual time of 6pm in the church hall. Numbers are growing with 25 children at our last event on the 21st. There is only one youth club session during April and that will also be our last one till the Autumn. It takes place on Saturday the 18th of April at 6pm and it will be a special 'Film Night' and there will be special refreshments served for adults and children. All welcome to come along!

Senior Youth Club

The Senior youth club has changed venue from Clontibret to Ballybay Church Hall. A huge thank you to Kenneth Dickson and those who helped him bring over the table tennis table and the snooker table etc. from the church hall in Clontibret. The Senior youth club which is for secondary school age and upwards will meet again at 7.30pm on the 18th April in Christ Church Hall, Ballybay.

Dalkey/Ballybay Group football match!

The Rector and the Rector of Dalkey Parish, Dublin, Rev Bruce Hayes, have remained good friends since theological college. We both enjoyed playing rugby for Trinity College and indeed playing football on the theological college football team. Hence we have decided to have an annual football game between our two parishes where the winners would be presented with a trophy. We will go to Dalkey this year with a team of primary school age and then they will come to us next year. Hopefully this will be the start of new friendships and cooperation between the two parishes.

Ballybay

Birthday Celebrations!

Congratulations to Mrs Crawford who celebrated her 90th birthday on the 16th of March. On the day of her birthday celebrations, the Rector and Elizabeth Gray, Church Warden, presented Mrs Crawford with a bouquet of flowers and a card signed by all the

parishioners at her home in Springfield. She is wished many more years of health and happiness.

Lenten Talk

On Wednesday the 25th February, Archdeacon Helene Steed, Rector of the Clones Group of parishes came and gave a very informative talk about the 'General Thanksgiving Prayer' in the Book of Common prayer as part of the Lenten talks. All who came along really enjoyed this event and had lots of questions for the Archdeacon. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

A wonderful event was held on Saturday the 7th March at Springfield Ballybay to enable Alice Crawford to raise funds for ASHA – whom Alice will be going with to New Delhi, India, to work in the slums there. The event took the theme of a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and everyone who came had to wear a ladies hat (even the Rector!). The amazing sum of €2,500 was raised on the day and we wish Alice every blessing as she prepares for her trip to India. (in the 1st photo -Mrs Crawford, Alice Crawford and Pearl Morrison) (2nd photo - George Montgomery & Alice Crawford)



Illness

We remember all those ill in the parish at this time, thinking especially of Mrs Susan McGregor. Also we continue to pray for Mrs Harkness.

Club Diversity & Senior Youth Club

The youth club will meet only once in April for our last youth club session until the Autumn. It will be a special 'Film Night' on Saturday the 18th of April with refreshments served. The Senior youth club will meet afterwards around 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome.

World Day of Prayer

This years world day of prayer for the Ballybay area took place in 2nd Ballybay Presbyterian Church. Several parishioners from Christ Church were in attendance and there was a good turn out from all the churches in the Ballybay area.

Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st April at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

Muckno

World Day of Prayer

A World day of Prayer service took place in the Church Hall, Castleblayney on Friday 6th March 2015. It was led by Mrs Ethel Coulter. We were delighted to have Mrs Wendy Sloan as our guest speaker and organist. Janet Hill decorated the hall with posters of the Bahamas and other tropical items as this year the women from the Bahamas prepared the service. The theme was "Do you know what I have done to you?" John 13 1-17. There was 22 in attendance, each taking some part in the service. At the end of the evening a lovely supper was provided by members of the Mothers Union.

Lenten Talk

On Tuesday evening 10th March, as part of our Lenten talks Canon Ian Berry came and spoke about Prayer.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Audrey Hill on the sad passing of her Aunt, Muriel Cromie.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Fr Pat McHugh, PP of St Mary's Church, Castleblayney on the death of his father James Mc Hugh of Ederney, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh. We pray that Fr Pat and the McHugh family will know something of the peace of God now and in the time that lies ahead.

Sunday School

The Muckno Sunday School children have been very busy learning new stories and making something special for all the Mums on Mothers Day.

Prayer for those who are ill

We continue to pray for Ian Collie and Eddie Robinson and for all those known to us in Care Homes or Hospital at present.

"Heal me O Lord, and I will be healed"

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr John Montgomery on the birth of his 20th Grandchild. A son to David and Fiona.

Annual Reunion Service

The Annual Reunion Friends Service at St Maeldoid's will be held on the 2nd Sunday in June, 14th June at 3.30pm where the Rector, Revd Neal Phair, will conduct the service and preach. Tea afterwards and everyone welcome.

Clontibret

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Lowey and Coyle families on the death of Dorinda's father Maurice Coyle a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. We remember them in our prayers and trust that they will know Gods love in their mourning.

Easter Vestry

Our Easter Vestry Meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th April at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

Holy Baptism

On Monday the 23rd February, Lilymae Sarah Moorehead was baptized in St Colman's Church, Clontibret. Lilymae is the daughter of Daniel McGuigan and Michelle Moorehead and we welcome her into the fellowship of Christ's Church.

Illness

We continue to remember in our prayers Leslie Lowey and Ester Dunne. We pray also for all others who are ill in the parish.

Clontibret Vestry Book

St Colman's Vestry book (1871-1923) somehow appeared for sale on ebay and as a result the RCB Library had to purchase it at quite a considerable cost. It is now in the RCB library in Dublin.

Lenten Talk

On Thursday the 5th March, as part of our Lenten talks Rev David Nesbitt, former Presbyterian Minister of Drumkeen and 1st Ballybay, came and spoke about the topic of Prayer. A question and answer session followed and refreshments were served afterwards.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh



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Church Services for April 2015

Maundy Thursday 2nd April Carrickmacross Joint Service 8pm. Celebration of The Last Supper.

Good Friday 3rd April.

Sunday 5th April Easter Day The first Sunday of Easter (White) - Carrickmacross 10.30am HC; Magheraclone 12noon HC; Ardragh 1.15pm HC.

Sunday 12th April The Second Sunday of Easter (White) - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP; Magheraclone 12 noon HC.

Sunday 19th April The Third Sunday of Easter (White) - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP; Magheraclone 12 noon MP; Ardragh 1.15pm EP.

Sunday 26th April The Fourth Sunday of Easter (White) - Carrickmacross 10.30am MP; Magheraclone 12 noon MP.

A Meditation for Good Friday

(John 3:1-21, Luke 22)

By Bob Hartman

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow,
The star is dimmed that lately shown:
'Tis midnight in the garden now,
The suffering Saviour prays alone.

It's midnight, and at midnight things happen. Thirty-three years on, and the baby whose first breath disturbed Bethlehem's sleep is less than twenty-four hours from his last. One of his closest friends has betrayed him. There is a crowd coming to arrest him. And the followers who have sworn to defend him are asleep. There are no shepherds on the way, no guiding star above. For all practical purposes, he is alone.

What the angels sang about so joyfully all those years ago must now come to pass. He must be the Messiah, Redeemer and Saviour, but in a way that not even the angels could have imagined. He smiles at the irony of it. To be the Prince of Peace has little to do with living a peaceful life. There has been plenty of bother and misunderstanding and controversy- and now, finally, this. There is a part of him who wants to run off- off into the darkness. But he is confident, because he has prayed, that nothing but his death will bring that darkness to an end. He can see torches now, slicing through the night in his direction. He is a torch, as well, about to be consumed for his father's sake, and for the sake of the world.

As the arresting soldiers obey their orders, they have no idea what they are doing- and understand even less what God is doing. For it's midnight, and he is up to something again. He sent the baby to Bethlehem, the rabbi to the religious leader, and now he sends his own son to the cross, that those soldiers and a world just like them might have their darkness turned to light.

Because it's midnight. And at midnight, things happen.
One day ends. And a brand new day is born.

Lenten Services

In preparation for the celebration of Easter we have been moving around the three churches in the group and as part of the Lenten services have been focusing our thoughts on the devotional 'The cries from the cross' which is a blend of spoken words and music featuring Bible readings with Selwyn Hughes.

World Day of Prayer

The order of service was prepared this year by the Christian women of the Bahamas and had as their theme "Do you know what I have done to you" This service for us in the Carrickmacross group marked a significant milestone as we met for the last time in the St Louis Convent. Over the past twenty years this service has been alternated with St. Finbars and St. Louis Convent. There are nine retired nuns remaining in residence there and feel they no longer are in a position to host the Day of Prayer. Our thanks to Sr. Bernadette and Pat Carrol for liaisoning with Florence Collins who is a Parish Reader in St. Finbars.

Cabra Central School

I enjoy meeting with the young folk there for assembly. At our last class we had fun dressing up one of the senior boys as St. Patrick. With the help of a DVD we looked at the history of St. Patrick and explored the meaning of the shamrock.



Birthday Wishes

All birthdays are milestones, but there is something special about becoming eighteen. There are also great expectations at eighteen that you become an adult and have to step up to the mark. No pressure Lorna! Congratulations.

Water Treatment Plant

It was an honour to be asked by Monaghan Co. Council to assist in the Ecumenical blessing at the recent opening of the new water treatment plant in Carrickmacross.

Mothers' Day

The young folk took part in the service and used their talents to make little gifts for the ladies on the day. Thanks to the Sunday school teachers for organising this contribution. Unfortunately I was unable to be there due to a virus. I am most grateful to Roy Crowe who stepped in at short notice to officiate at all three services. Thanks Roy.

Future Events

Please note there will be a group service on Maundy Thursday at 8pm in St. Finbar's Carrickmacross.

Wedding

The marriage of Gillian Rea and Colm O'Duil will take place in St. Finbar's Carrickmacross on 11th April. We wish the couple every blessing on their forth coming marriage.

Mothers' Union and friends

On Thursday 16th April there will be a historical walk for members around the town of Carrickmacross.

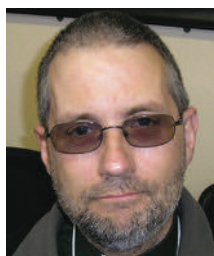
Bowls

It's hard to believe that another season of bowling will soon be coming to an end when the finals will be played early in April.

Confirmation

Sunday 3rd May will be a group Confirmation in St. Patrick's parish church in Monaghan. Please pray for all young folk as they prepare for this important occasion in their lives.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for April

Sunday 12th April 10.00am MP Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11.30am MP Cleenish Parish Church.

Wednesday 15th April 10.00am HC & Healing Service Mullaghduin Parochial Hall.

Sunday 19th April 10.00am MP Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11.30am MP Cleenish Parish Church.

Sunday 26th April 10.00am MP Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11.30am MP Cleenish Parish Church.

Sunday 3rd May 10.00am HC Mullaghduin Parish Church; 11.30am HC Cleenish Parish Church.

Evening Service, Enniskillen Cathedral

Thursday 16th April at 7:30pm (Special Preacher): The Revd Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad.

Annual Easter Vestry Meetings

Cleenish Friday 24th April.
Mullaghduin Monday 20th April.

Mothers' Day Service

This Service was held in Cleenish Church on Sunday 15th March. Four DVD'S filmed in the Democratic Republic of Congo, entitled "Little Lights" were shown on the screen. Members from the Sunday School under the supervision of Rosita Bridle, read from the bible, and sang short items. Mothers, Sharon Elliott and Rosemary Forde, also read portions from the bible. The Service was conducted by Parish Reader, Rowena Sheridan, who also gave the address. Joan Brownlee played the organ and piano. Missionary boxes for CMSIreland were handed out, to be returned for Childrens' Sunday in June.

Monthly Service of Holy Communion

This Service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from September to June. It combines a shortened form of Holy Communion with an opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time to chat. The next Service is on Wednesday 15th April.



Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

The next meeting is our visitors' evening which will be held on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm, in Mullaghduin Parish Hall. The speaker will be Jacqui Armstrong, MU All Ireland Faith & Policy Co-ordinator.

Parishioners and friends will be most welcome.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies are at present on a two weeks Easter break. After their return, they will be taking part in the Annual Sponsored Walk, which takes place this year on Saturday 18th April at Castlecoole Estate.

Parent and Toddler Group

On Tuesday 10th March the Group supported the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal. £75 was raised and forwarded to Opportunities of a Lifetime. This gives families around the world opportunities by helping them to learn to read and write, start businesses and save together to increase their income.

This Group is proving very popular at present with capacity numbers attending. The Group meets Tuesday mornings 10am – 11.30am during term time, in Cleenish Parish Hall. Parents/Carers and children can interact and avail of craft, play and music activities.

Mullaghy Flute Band Concert

Our local Flute Band in Cleenish Parish, are holding their Annual Variety Concert, on Easter Tuesday 7th April at 8pm, admission £5, in Granshagh Hall. This is one of the few marching flute bands in the Province who play the silver flute, and is trained by a professional tutor. The evening also includes a number of other entertaining items.

Mullaghduin BBQ

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

Visit to Cleenish Island

Bellanaleck Local History Group is planning to have a conducted tour around Cleenish Island, and to the site of the original Cleenish Church, sited on the Island. Date to be confirmed, possibly late summer.

Congratulations

We are delighted to note that Victoria Watterson from Mullaghduin Parish, was awarded the Juvenile Sports Personality of the Year for rock climbing in the 2014 Fermanagh Sports Advisory Committee Sports Awards. The Awards, which are sponsored by Fermanagh District Council, recognize the outstanding sporting performance of local sports men and women.



Bertha Vance

Bertha Sheridan was born on 15th July 1931 in Glasmullagh, Knockraven. She was one of a family of four, two boys and two girls. Baptised and confirmed in Derrylin Parish Church, she attended Teemore

Primary School. After leaving school she took up employment in Taylor Woods factory, staying overnight in Enniskillen.

Bertha met the late Stanley Vance at a dance in Spa Well Orange Hall. They married in 1955 in Belfast, after which Bertha worked the family farm, as Stanley went to his alternative daily work. Bertha was always a keen gardener, growing flowers and vegetables until recent years.

The couple reared two children, daughter Sandra (Mrs Elliott) and son Freddie, who now works part time on the home farm. Her late husband passed away on 4th July 1991.

Bertha now a grandmother of four girls, lives alone in a new bungalow just across the road from the farmyard at Derryleck, Letterbreen. Regular in attendance in Mullaghduin Church, she also enjoys the regular monthly Communion Service, followed by a cup of tea in Mullaghduin Parish Hall. Committed to the Mothers' Union, she was presented with a 56 years attendance certificate last year. Her hobbies also include growing potted plants and tomatoes, reading, and watching television.

Illness

At time of writing, a number of Mullaghduin parishioners are currently receiving Hospital care. We prayerfully wish at this Easter time, a speedy recovery for better health to Ethel Collum, Willie Elliott, Celia Hazlett, and Caroline Little. We also remember those in our Parish who are unable to be out and about at present due to the effects of illness or infirmity. These include Florrie Benson, June Corr, Dick Cutler, Doris Cutler, Vera Gibson, John Graham, William Lucy, Annie McConnell, Winnie Macauley, and Joan Moffatt.

Obituary

George Scott, Rosscairn, passed away peacefully in the South West Hospital, on Friday 6th March. Along with his brother Carleton, he farmed the home lands all his life. A man of deep religious faith, his main outgoings was to attend Gospel and Faith Missions around the local area. To his brother Rev Harry Scott, and sister Ina, members of Cleenish Parish send their deepest sympathy.

Cleenish Centre



March has been a busy month with Groups from Cookstown and Co Cavan.

It is an honour for the volunteers to serve the Lord in facilitating these Groups, so that they can concentrate on the programmes they have prepared, for the development of their young people in their Christian life.

Over these years many people have begun their Christian journeys, and others have been encouraged and developed in their faith. We give thanks to God for all of this, and we look forward to where he is leading us this year. We all want to congratulate George and Avril Johnston (Director) on the birth of a daughter, Ruth a little sister for Andrew. May God bless them all as a family.

Bookings are coming in fast for day conferences, weekends and week long camps. The staff at the Centre are looking forward to the privilege of serving these Groups from all over Ireland. Email enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the monthly meeting of the Group, on Wednesday 25th February, the local PSNI Community Representative gave an update of the current security assessment. In particular about the upsurge in theft in many parts of the Province, although thankfully our local area remained peacefully quiet.

The problem of cold callers particularly the elderly and vulnerable could be at risk, a quantity of leaflets and stick on labels was distributed to those present. Secretary Owen reported that the lease of the allotments in the Community Garden was now moving forward, and an application form with covering letter is being distributed to all households within the Village catchment area.

Some outstanding issues need to be resolved within the Community Garden, however it was anticipated the toilets opening period would be extended this year.

Since the meeting, Planning permission for the Multi Use Games Area has been approved, and once again the Group send their thanks and appreciation to the staff in Fermanagh District Council, for their full and continued support. Next meeting Wednesday 22nd April. See Community notice board at Cathcart's shop, or Facebook, Email bellanaleck@gmail.com.

Christian Burial

Sunday 8th March 2015, Cleenish Parish Church
William George Scott, Rosscairn, Culkey, aged 88.

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Services for April

Sunday 5th April Easter Day - 9.00am Newtownsaville HC; 10.00am Augher HC; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC.

Sunday 12th April - 9.00am Clogher HC; 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

Sunday 19th April - 10.00am Errigal Portclare HC; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral Confirmation.

Sunday 26th April - 9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC; 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP; 11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP; 10.00am Augher MP; 11.30am Newtownsaville MP.

Easter Vestries

Tuesday 7th April Augher 7.00pm & Errigal Portclare 8.30pm.

Wednesday 8th April Clogher Cathedral 8.00pm.
Friday 10th April Newtownsaville 8.00pm.

Confirmation

Please remember our sixteen confirmation candidates who will be confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday 19th April in Clogher Cathedral. This is an important step in their lives as they take on the vows pledged on their behalf by their godparents, we wish them every blessing and hope they will continue to grow in faith and in the life of the Church.

Bereavements

Newtownsaville Parish and the entire community of Eskra were stunned into silence at the news of the untimely death of Drew Jordan. Drew was the proprietor of the quarry at Eskra where he had built up a thriving business and provided much needed employment in the area. He was a modest man who was highly respected by the entire community and over a thousand people attended the funeral service in Newtownsaville. Together with his wife Ann he was constant in his observance in the parish church, served on the select vestry and was always obliging when called upon for help in any way. Drew lost his footing when checking on the water levels in one of the ponds in the quarry. This was his place of work where he had toiled diligently from the age of fifteen. To his wife, Ann, sons Andrew and Matthew, daughter Sarah, son-in-law Sam and Andrew's fiancée Sarah we extend our very sincere sympathy.

Friends Service

The Annual Friends Service will be held in Clogher Cathedral on Sunday 31st May at 7pm. The preacher is The Very Revd Dr. William Morton, Dean of Derry. Fivemiletown community choir will be in attendance and refreshments will be served after the service.

Various projects have been undertaken by the Friends over the years including the entrance gates and recently their restoration. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Friends who give generously to the Cathedral's upkeep and our only way of acknowledging their generosity is by our presence at this service. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.00 am but no 11.30. service that morning. This is to encourage parishioners from the Cathedral and also the group to attend and show their gratitude.

Mothers' Union

The members of St Macartan's Cathedral Mothers' Union had a very interesting meeting in February when one of their members, Mrs Sylvia McClung, gave an account of her experiences in the Women's Royal Naval Reserve based on HMS Caroline, now in the process of restoration to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Jutland in 2016.

Our members also attended and took part in the Women's World Day of Prayer in St John's, Fivemiletown.

Our March meeting, following the Lenten Service in St Mark's, Augher, will be addressed by Mrs Joan Watson who will tell the Easter Story in poem and song.

Mrs Iris Moffett, Branch Leader, along with Secretary, Mrs Keys and Treasurer, Mrs Domer, then gave details of the proposed MU Outing to the Argory on 23rd May.

Stamp Appeal

We had a great response to the 'Stamp Out Leprosy' Appeal and your used stamps have been kindly forwarded to the Leprosy Mission HQ in Lisburn by Mrs Jean Bell. Please continue to collect your stamps throughout the year as the sale of stamps greatly benefits the treatment of leprosy patients.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services in April

2nd April: Maundy Thursday - 8.00pm Newbliss HC.
3rd April: Good Friday - 8.00pm Clones Evening service around the cross
5th April: Easter Sunday - 11.00am Currin Group Service HC, followed by Easter Egg hunt in the rectory grounds and tea.
12th April: The Second Sunday of Easter - 10.00am Currin MP; 11.30am Killeevan MP.
19th April: The Third Sunday of Easter - 10.00am Clones HC; 11.30am Newbliss MP.
26th April: The Fourth Sunday of Easter - 10.00am Currin MP; 3.30pm Killeevan Praise Service.
3rd May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter - 10.00am Clones HC; 11.30am Newbliss MP.

Prayer

'Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'
(Collect ii – Third Sunday of Easter)

Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale

On Saturday the 25th of April at 11.00 am – 1.00pm you are all warmly welcome to the Killeevan Parish and Missionary Sale in the Hall. As usual, there will be many different stalls, something for the children, and refreshments will be served. We look forward to meet you there!

Fun Run and Walk

You are all welcome to participate in a fun run - walk arranged by the Parent's Association at Monaghan Collegiate School on Saturday the 18th of April. You have the choice to participate in a 5 km or a 10 km event. Registration at 11.00am, start 12noon. Please support this fundraising initiative either by participating or sponsoring someone. Refreshments available. For more information, please contact the school: 047-82060.

Praise Service

You are all heartily welcome to St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan to a Praise Service on Sunday the 26th of April at 3.30pm. We will sing many much loved hymns and listen to moving organ music. The music will be led by Mr Glenn Moore, organist in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Refreshments served after the service.

Clothes collection

Clones parish is having a clothes collection. If any of you have some old clothes, linen, bags, shoes... that you longer need, please contact Mrs Christine Rusk, tel: 047 – 20801. The goods will be collected the week after Easter.

Service at Drumwords Old Church

On the last Sunday in May, 31st at 3.30pm there will be a service at Drumwords Old Church. All welcome.

Illness

Please pray for those from our parishes who are in hospital or are unwell at home.

Bereavements

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend. Pray for them.

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Services

April

2nd Maundy Thursday 8.00pm
3rd Good Friday, 8.00pm
5th Easter Sunday, Holy Communion 11.30am
12th Morning Prayer, 11.30am
19th Morning Prayer, 11.30am
26th Morning Prayer, 11.30am

May

3rd Holy Communion, 11.30am
10th Family Service, 11.30am
17th Morning Prayer, 11.30am
24th Morning Prayer, 11.30am
31st Morning Prayer, 11.30am

Concert



An evening of musical extravaganza was the experience at the concert featuring Thiepval Memorial Pipe Band from Convoy, current Champion of champions and Supreme champion of champions in Grade 3b in 2014, with the band now competing in Grade 2 in 2015. They were supported by Glassmullagh Accordion band, Blue Thistle Highland Dancers, together with Rebecca and Grace was a huge success. The packed audience enjoyed an evening of musical excellence in piping and drumming, accordions and singing, enhanced by the highland dancers who had a range of ages and abilities on stage. Thiepval opened the concert with a mix of great piping tunes, many familiar traditional tunes played by the local pipe bands together with a range of other tunes, and some less known, 3/4 and 6/8 marches. With a mix of slow airs, solo's and a magical drum salute by three talented young drummers. They brought the evening to a close as they showcased their MSR for the Grade 2, 2015 competition season. The local Glassmullagh Accordion band impressed the packed audience with a repertoire of well-known marching tunes and a waltz and jig performed by Stacey Moss, which thrilled those listening.



The Blue Thistle Highland Dancers from Drumquin performed a range of dances including the sword dance, with various ages of girls taking part from novice through to competition level. Rebecca and Grace brought their particular style of music as they sung a few Scottish pieces, among them Flower of Scotland, Caledonia, and the Dark Island where they were accompanied by Pipe Major Alyson

McKnight. The compare for the evening was Mr Wesley Graydon and with his witty comments, jokes and recitations kept the audience entertained between acts, ensuring the smooth running of a very successful night.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks are due to our artists, compere and all who helped with the preparation before and after, and to those who supported the concert financially. All proceeds going to the parish maintenance fund to carry out remedial repairs to the bell cote and parapet stones.



Women's Fellowship

Women's fellowship meets monthly on 2nd Monday of the month. Recent meetings included Mr Joe Keys speaking on Crime Prevention, incorporating how God's overarching protection when we trust and believe in Him can give us peace of mind and spirit. Stephanie Allen from Ballymena spoke on Cancer focus awareness and of her time out with Habitat last year in Ethiopia. This was the 'bring and buy' sale and visitors night, which added to a very enjoyable and interesting evening for all.

Young@Heart



The group continues to meet monthly with additional classes being run throughout the month, with senior Zumba amongst others. A number of men took part in creole making, sponsored by SEFF, which proved a big hit with the men who are looking forward to other nights still to come.

Dates for your diary

Friday 8th May, Sponsored walk, CE/Sunday school,
Saturday 30th May, Parish Auction, 12 noon
Sunday 7th June Confirmation, 11.30am
Saturday 25th July Parish Barbecue, 7.00pm
3rd – 7th August, Holiday Bible Club, 7.00 – 8.30pm

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

Services

April 2015

Easter Day – Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Sun 5th - Holy Communion Castle Archdale at 10.15am; Holy Communion Derryvullen North at 11.30am

Sun 12th - Service of the Word 3

Sun 19th - Morning Prayer

Tues 21st - Quiet Holy Communion Derryvullen North at 11.30am

Sun 26th - Morning Prayer (Castle Archdale); Christian Aid Service (Derryvullen North); Special service to mark 70 years of Christian Aid. Special visiting speaker and loose collection to Christian Aid.

Richard Verschoyle – An appreciation 4th March 2015 (Devon)

Richard writes that he is so glad the portrait and address book of our former Rector are now back where they belong. He is very complimentary of the pictures of the display cabinet we sent him.

He remains in good health but one of his two dogs, Bagshot died suddenly on Christmas Day.

He includes a couple of photographs of Daimler cars which were used in the film 'The Wilderness Years' about Winston Churchill and a number of other films including, 'One of our Dinosaurs is Missing'.

He points another interesting feature in his family history: His grandfather Major General HBH Wright was in fact a brother of Sir Almroth and the third brother Sir Charles Theodore Hagbert Wright catalogued the collection of the National Library of Ireland and was later librarian to the London Library until his death in 1940. Some might argue that the achievements of these Wright brothers were of more value to mankind

than those of their more famous namesakes Orville & Wilbur, one of whom was responsible for the first fatal flying accident.

New Appointments

We are delighted to hear of two appointments in which we have an interest:

Revd Stephanie Woods to Lisbellaw (husband John is the Bishop's curate in Swanlinbar)

Revd Alison Seymour Whitley who will be introduced to Templemore on March 20th (husband Richard is to be instituted as Rector of Rathdowney Union on March 22nd, Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory).

Both Stephanie and Alison spent time with Canon West in our parishes as part of their ministry training. We wish them well in the future.

Tuesday Club

16 members of the Tuesday Club shared in their Easter Communion on 9th March. The service was followed by a lovely afternoon tea. We were pleased to welcome Miss Isobel Stewart, Pastoral Assistant for Castle Archdale parish on this occasion.

Mothering Sunday

We look forward to the Sunday School participation at the Mothering Sunday service. All ladies are invited to 'Muffins for Mums' coffee morning before the service. We thank our Sunday School teachers and children for their efforts.

Diary Dates

Tuesday Club – Tues 14th April at 2.30pm. Speakers from members of Ardess Parish who visited Footprints orphanage in S. Africa last summer.

Wed 15th April – Women's Group at 8.30pm

Tues 21st April – Faith & Friendship in Mahons Hotel at 8.00pm

Wed 22nd April – Mothers' Union at 8.00pm. Speaker Miss Elizabeth Conn will speak about the Titanic from a Christian perspective.

Marriage

28 February 2015 - Raymond Hunter and Gillian Crawford in Pettigo Methodist Church

Christian Burial

24th February 2015 - Edward Clarke, Ferney, interred in Townhill Cemetery.

Prayer

A number of our parishioners have been ill in hospital. We prayerfully remember all those who are unwell at home, in hospital or nursing home.

We also remember all those who have been bereaved in recent weeks. May Christ's presence and peace be with each one.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, we remember the shame and suffering which Christ endured, but also celebrate His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday signifying His power and victory over death. In response may the words expressed in Isaac Watt's lovely hymn be ours

*"Were the whole world in nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all".*

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Christian Burial

On Monday 9th March 2015 the funeral service for Ronald Victor Wilson, Garvary, took place in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, followed by the interment in the adjoining churchyard. And on Saturday 14th March 2015 the funeral service for Mae Elizabeth McClean, nee Simpson, Garvary, also took place in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, followed by the interment in the adjoining churchyard. Ronnie, aged 62 and Mae, aged 83, were son and mother. Their sudden and unexpected deaths, especially within such a short space of time, has been a shock to the family and the community.

Ronnie had developed diabetes at the age of 3 yrs resulting in the need for daily injections, for many years given by his devoted mother, Mae. Their lives were so much intertwined that it was hard to imagine one without the other. After an apprenticeship as a joiner, Ronnie joined the civil service to which he gave faithful service for 43 years. His passion was his cattle and it was while attending to them one evening that he died suddenly. Mae had spent her life as a cook in various schools and finally retired as cook at the government training centre, Killyhevlin. Her first husband, Victor, died but she found happiness for a short time with her second husband Ken McClean alongside whom she has been laid to rest. We extend sympathy to Stewart, Dorothy, Stephanie, Gareth and the wider family circle on their tragic loss. "I am the resurrection and the life" John 11:25

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to those who have been bereaved recently including Muriel Haskins, Killyvilly, on the death of her brother in law William Graham, England.

Bowling Tournament



Bowling tournament winners 2015

On Monday 2nd March the 2015 bowling tournament commenced in Garvary parish hall and continued each evening with the finals being played on Friday evening. The winners were Gillian Stevenson and Caroline Scott, Rossorry. The runners up were Ivor Armstrong and John Breadon, Wellington. A total of 96 entries meant that each evening was fully booked. Players came from both parts of the island, Antrim, Tyrone, Donegal and Monaghan. Sydney Parkinson was umpire each evening. Our thanks to him along with Hilda our secretary for all her work preparing for this successful event; to the ladies for an enjoyable supper provided each evening; to the gentlemen for their help and to the select vestry for permission to use the hall.

Easter Vestries

Our Easter Vestries will take place on Monday 13th April 2015 at 8.00pm in Derryvullen South parish hall, and on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 8.00pm in Garvary parish hall. These meetings are open to anyone to attend and we would encourage you to do so, but only those on the list of General Vestry are entitled to vote in the new vestry which will act on your behalf for the incoming year.

Sunday School

The Sunday schools will be off on Easter Day and the following Sunday and will resume on Sunday 19th April.

Mothers' Union

This year there will not be any area services. In place of these the Mothers' Union in the diocese is holding a festival service which takes place every three years and will be held this year on Friday 1st May 2015 at 8.00pm in St Patrick's parish church, Monaghan. The preacher will be the Bishop, the Right Rev F J McDowell.

Happy Easter

Chancellor and Mrs Stewart wish all our parishioners a very happy Easter.

Devenish and Boho



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Burial

Friday 13th March 2015 Vivienne Wilson Drumcoo Road, Cherrymount Road, Enniskillen.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held in Ballycassidy House Funeral Home followed by the Burial in Devenish Parish graveyard.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Vivienne's sons Trevor and Christopher, daughter Jenny, sisters June and Renee and the wider family circle.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Monday 30th March - Holy Week service in Boho Parish Church at 8pm

Wednesday 1st April - Holy Week service in Devenish Parish Church at 8pm

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday service in Boho Parish Church at 8pm

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday service in Devenish Parish Church at 8pm

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day Service in 10am Boho Parish Church and 11.30am Devenish Parish Church.

Mother's Day Service

The Mothers Day Service took the form of a family service with the Sunday School children taking the readings and prayers and singing the song 'Two little Houses in the sun'. The service was conducted by Revd Sampson Ajuka assisted by Mrs Joan Cathcart and the organist was Avril Crawford. The Sunday School children presented cards to their mothers and other ladies in the congregation. The men folk presented a variety of gifts to the ladies in the congregation.

Mothers Union

It was lovely to have a good attendance at our meeting in March and to welcome our guest speaker, Mrs. Val Irvine. Val gave us a very thought provoking insight into 'The Pantry' food bank service which she provides from her Oasis Christian Bookshop in Lisnaskea. She explained that this was a much needed service in the community and made reference to our bible reading for the evening from Matthew 25 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me." Thank you Val for sharing with us your journey of faith and may God continue to bless you.

A number of our parishioners attended the Women's World Day of Prayer in Inishmacsaint Parish Church on Friday, 6th March 2015. Thank you to the ladies of Inishmacsaint for making the service so meaningful and afterwards for the lovely tea.

Easter General Vestry Meetings

Boho - Tuesday 16th April at 8.00pm in Boho Parish Church.

Devenish - Thursday 16th April at 8.00pm in the Reade Hall.

Monea Guides Coffee Morning



On 7th March, Monea Guides hosted a Coffee Morning in the Reade Hall. There was overwhelming support from the local community and over £650 was raised which will be used to support 3 senior members who are travelling abroad this coming summer to participate in various events and activities, as well as 2 guides (Lauren Ferguson and Eve Pedersen) who will be doing their Baden Powell Challenge which will complete their BP award, the highest award a guide can attain.

Two girls, Rebecca Irwin and Leah Pedersen, are travelling to 'Our Cabana' in Mexico where they will work with girl guides and girls scouts from all over the world, in a service project working with local disadvantaged children, many of whom are severely handicapped. Sarah-Kate Brown will travel to Denmark where she will attend an international camp and take part in many outdoor activities with various global guiding and scouting groups.

In order to complete a peace project that the guides started at the Ulster International Camp, Xplore14, in summer 2014, we had to do something for our community. The unit decided to make bookmarks for the use of the choir in Devenish Parish, and these were presented during the coffee morning. The leaders and girls from the unit are extremely grateful for all the support received from the parish and the wider community.

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Forthcoming Events in the Reade Hall

Saturday 18th April at 10.00am Model Display for Inishmacsaint Parish.

Friday 24th April Band Concert for Magheraboy Flute Band.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar for April 2015

Sunday 5th April, The First Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am – Celebration of Holy Communion & Holy Baptism

Tyholland 12.00noon – Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 12th April, The Second Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Errigal Truagh – Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April, The Third Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am – Morning Prayer

Tyholland 12.00noon. – Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th April, The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Donagh 10.30am – A Service of the Word – Family Service

Errigal Truagh 12.00noon - A Service of the Word

Holy Week Services

2nd April, Maundy Thursday – Tyholland at 8.00pm

3rd April, Good Friday – Donagh at 8.00pm

A Service of Hymns, Prayers and Reflections for Good Friday

Healing Service

On Sunday evening the 1st March a Healing service was held in Donagh Parish Church. It was well attended and it was a very meaningful service with prayers and laying on of hands. The Donagh choir sang special anthems and Ken Atkinson played the violin. Thanks to Ethne and the choir and Ken for their input into this special service.

World Day of Prayer

This was hosted by Donagh Parish Church this year on Friday 6th March. It was a very enjoyable occasion with representatives from the churches in the community. Diane Wright-Kendrick led the service, ladies from the different churches read the prayers and the Revd Betty gave the meditation. Thanks to Ian the organist for the very uplifting music. A delicious supper was served in the church hall. Thanks to everyone for their input and for making it a memorable occasion.

Mothers Union Visitor's Evening

On Wednesday 25th February the monthly meeting of the Mothers Union was held in the church hall. It was

the visitors evening and the guest speaker was The Very Revd Raymond Thompson. It was very interesting and everyone enjoyed the occasion. The members of the Mother's Union served a delicious supper.

Mothering Sunday

This is a special day to say 'Thank you to Mums'. The children played a leading role in the service and Mother's Union members were presented with their Service Awards.

Girl's Brigade

On Saturday 21st March the senior girls from the company are taking part in the GB National Choir Competition in Dublin. We wish them and their Captain Margaret Dudgeon a successful and enjoyable day.

On Saturday 28th March the Girl's Brigade Annual Display will take place and this will be held in Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church Hall at 7.30pm. At the conclusion of the evening there will be a cake sale to raise funds for the Company. Everyone welcome.

Annual General Vestry

Donagh Parish Annual General Vestry will take place on Wednesday 15th April at 8.00pm. in the Church Hall.

Tyholland with Errigal Truagh Annual General Vestry will take place on Thursday 16th April at 8.00pm.

Illness

We remember those in our parishes who have been unwell during the past month and we also remember those who are in Nursing/Residential homes.

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HOLY TRINITY DROMORE
Sowing seeds, Growing Community

Services

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

As I sit down to write this my thoughts are focused on Holy Week and Easter. As we move from the reflection of Lent through the pain and turmoil of the week to the

HOPE of Easter Sunday we are reminded that the final victory belongs to God.

This year in Holy Week we are hearing inspirational stories of what faith means to ordinary people who live in our community and sit in our pews every week. As well as hearing a message from Billy Graham on Good Friday we will be challenged to consider faith for ourselves.

At the finish of it all FAITH is the cornerstone of a life eternal. Salvation is through faith not earned by us but freely given by grace through the sacrifice of a Saviour. Have you received it? Do you recognise your need for God?

Everyday faith is being worked out in Holy Trinity Dromore as Sow Seeds and Grow Community. Let's play our part in God's amazing plan.

In His service

James

Cake Sale

A cake sale will be held in the hall on Saturday 4th April from 10.00am. There is always a great selection of goodies and funds are being raised for a very worthwhile cause.

Parent Talk



Parent Talk starts on Tuesday 21 April at 8.00pm in the Rectory - spaces are limited so book your place early to avoid disappointment. Contact James or Shirley 82898246.

The problem with parenting is that normally by the time we get the hang of it – we're redundant! Parenting is a mixture of highs and lows ... and everything in between. It can bring some of life's biggest joys, but also its greatest challenges. For most of us, a bit of encouragement and a reminder that we're not alone can make a real difference.

During this event, we'll look at key issues such as communication with our children, setting boundaries, helping them grow in independence while keeping them safe and, above all, building strong bonds with them that will help us weather those teenage storms. We'll share practical tips that you can take away and put into action at home straightaway. It certainly won't be dull – there will be lots of humour and you may even shed a tear or two. The aim of this event is to have you leaving inspired and empowered as a mum or dad.

Easter General Vestry

A General Easter Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday 19 April 2015 at 1.30pm in Holy Trinity Dromore, for the purpose of electing Churchwardens, Glebewardens and Select Vestrypersons, for the current year, and further to transact such business as is within

their cognisance, connected with the Management and Sustentation of the Parish.

Lunch will be provided after the morning service to enable as many people as possible to stay for this important meeting.

Regular Organisations

Tots Powerhouse - Crèche 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

Burial

Friday 20 February - Nigel Cunningham

Friday 6 March - Thomas (Tom) Armstrong - Committal in Sixmilecross

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
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Calendar for April 2015:

5th Easter Day	10.00am	Muckross HC
	11.30am	Drumkeeran HC
13th	10.00am	Muckross HC
	11.30am	Drumkeeran MP
20th	10.00am	Templecarne HC
	11.30am	Drumkeeran MP
27th	10.00am	Muckross MP
	11.30am	Drumkeran HC

No Sunday School on 12th April, resumes on 19th.

Annual Easter Vestry

The Easter Vestry meetings will be as follows. Wednesday April 15th, 7.30 Muckcross. 8.30 Templecarne. Thursday April 16th, 7.30 Drumkeeran.

BB and GB Display

Pettigo BB, which is attended by many of the boys from the group of parishes, is holding its Annual Display on Friday 20th March. The GB is holding its Display on Friday 27th March. Our good wishes to both organisations and appreciation of their service to a number of young people from this group of parishes.

Baptism

On Sunday 15th February Leah Eva Gillian Stronge was baptised in Drumkeeran Church. It was good to have the large gathering of family and friends for the occasion. We pray that God will be with the little lady in days and years ahead, with her parents and family and with all who will have an influence on her upbringing.

Marriage

Good wishes to Richard Fleming and Claire Robinson who were married in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard, on Saturday 7th March. Richard has grown up in Templecarne Parish, Claire in Magheracross. We wish them well as they settle in to living in Kesh. The wedding was a great event, full church and enjoyable refreshments in Corrick House afterwards. May God be with them both in the days and on the way ahead.

Lent

The attendance at the Ash Wednesday service, marking the beginning of Lent, was smaller than expected, perhaps in some way due to the unfavourable weather on that evening. However it is always good to have events that bring together parishioners from the three churches in the group, particularly on the occasion of marking the first day of Lent.

Lough Derg

As has been the custom for a number of years, a Day of Friendship and Prayer was held at Lough Derg on Ash Wednesday. The speaker this year was the Revd Dr. Heather Morris, a former President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. There was a good gathering of people from a variety of church backgrounds, including a number from the Drumkeeran group of parishes.

Hospitality

A number of ladies from the group of parishes attended the annual Women's World Day of Prayer service held on the first Friday of March. This year it was held in Magheraculmoney Church, Ardess. Readers in the service included representatives from each of these three parishes. Appreciation of the hospitality received.

Mothering Sunday



Young people who distributed gifts in Drumkeeran Parish (Tubrid) on Mother's Day morning during the service

The services in both churches on 15th March, 4th Sunday in Lent, had the theme of Mothering Sunday. In Drumkeeran towards the end of the service four of the Sunday Children came back into church to present gifts. Thank you to the children but particularly thank you to Mandy Aiken who organised the effort and prepared the gifts. It was a most pleasant experience at the end of the service.

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Peter and the Resurrection

Profound sadness coupled with terror wrapped Peter's stomach and clenched it into tight, painful knot.

Yes, Jesus had told his disciples that he would be killed, even that he would be crucified. But Peter hadn't believed it. When you see daily miracles and hear incisive teaching from a confident public figure, you refuse to acknowledge that anything could ever change.

But overnight, Peter's world collapsed. They had eaten Passover together on Thursday night. But only few hours later, Jesus was under arrest. A hasty trial lit by flickering lamps in the high priest's palace condemned Jesus. Then early-morning shuttles to Pilate, then Herod, then back again to Pilate sealed his fate. By 9am soldiers were pounding nails into his hands and feet, jerking him upright on a cross to let him hang in the sun until the sun itself hid its face and left the onlookers to watch the Master die in the eerie chill of this very black day.

Peter had fled. In fact, none of the Twelve remained to see him buried. Only Mary Magdalene and a couple of wealthy followers were left to take his body down, carry it outside the city, and entomb it. If you've ever felt despair at the pit of your stomach, then you know what Peter felt. When he did go out, he would walk in a kind of daze, utterly disorientated and shattered, the centre of his world now a black hole, an empty void.

How could the Messiah, the heir of David's throne, be executed? It went against all logic. It was impossible — yet it had happened, and oh so swiftly!

Peter slept fitfully on Saturday night and when his eyes opened Sunday morning, the doom of death was heavy upon him. He pulled his cloak over his eyes, hoping he could fall back to sleep, but knowing he wouldn't.

All of a sudden someone was banging on the door. Soldiers! Peter got up with a start. How can I escape? Then he heard Mary Magdalene's voice, and his terror fell back into depression. Mary was breathless, troubled, her face stained with tears.

Peter grumbled, "Why did you have to wake me so early?"

Mary blurted out: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb!"

Peter pulled his fellow-disciple John to his feet, slammed the door behind them, and began to run through the narrow streets, out the city gate, and then on to the tomb.

The great stone that had sealed the tomb stood open. As they entered, the sepulchre was empty, except for some folded grave clothes. The body was gone.

Folded? That was strange. Folded grave clothes but no body. Hardly what you'd expect from grave robbers.

John seemed convinced by the grave clothes that somehow Jesus had been resurrected or something, but Peter wasn't so sure. How could he believe that after so much had happened? He walked slowly back towards the city pondering, thinking, wanting to believe, but afraid to hope.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared. Peter, the so-called "rock," had publically betrayed him. He had shouted, "I don't know the man!" He was so unworthy. And yet here was Jesus before him. Peter fell to his knees and wept for joy.

Peter never said much to the others about this meeting — what had been said, what had transpired. But after that you'd sometimes see Peter deep in thought, pensive. Then he would nod his head and traces of a smile would begin to transform his face into one written with thankfulness and joy and peace.

Peter had been whipsawed from his pit of despair and pulled by the Master into peace. Life had changed for the good. And since then many have found this same peace, this same smile of wonder at Jesus' amazing grace. Maybe you too. Jesus had risen — and Peter never doubted him again.

Revd George

Blaze and Shine

Blaze and Shine is nearly finished for 2014 - 2015. We had another great year. There are 34 kids aged 4 -12 on the shine register and 6 aged 11 + on the Blaze register. Shine had the pleasure of having Jonny and Janet Phonix along with a group of people that are starting their own group up shortly. They were keen to see how we run our group. We also had Walter Pringle visit us that night and they thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas party night followed by a take away and a visit from Santa. We held our annual Beetle drive on Saturday 7th March, 78 attended and a great night was had by all. We thank Aghabog Parish for the use of the hall and to all families that helped prepare and serve the supper and brought spot prizes. I think we had nearly a spot prize for everyone. Also a big thanks to Maureen Howe for helping us out. We will finish up on Thursday April 2nd by bringing the kids to Gr8 Entertainment. I hope the kids have enjoyed the club as much as the leaders have. We look forward to starting back in September for the 2015-2016 term. Hope to see all the kids back and hopefully will have a few new faces.

Aughnamullen

Our Table Quiz held on Friday 27th February was well supported both by those who came and those who gave donations.

Thanks to Mrs Alice Forde and Latton Resource Centre for granting the use of the centre for the event. Thanks to those who provided food for the supper and to all who provided spot prizes.

Thanks to Harold Weir who set the questions. Unfortunately he was unable to act as quizmaster on the night due to illness.

Mrs Helen McMurray stood in at very short notice and did an excellent job asking the questions. To those who marked the board and went around the tables collecting the sheets – thank you.

Illness

We remember in our prayers all who are ill at present, especially Mrs Fox, mother of John Fox and Revd Margaret Pringle.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. Willie Vincent who recently celebrated his 80th birthday and we wish him many more happy years.

Forthcoming Events

Gospel Concert

On Friday 10th April we will be presenting a Gospel Concert in the parish church at 8pm featuring the Ballybay Country Gospel Group and other artists.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th May Coffee Morning in the School House from 10am to 1.30pm. Quiz sheets are available from George Montgomery and Marjorie Beattie. Draw for the Quiz will take place at 12noon.

Group Service of Dedication

Sunday 31st May at 11.00am Group Service of Dedication with Bishop John McDowell to dedicate the recent renovations to our church, and the graveyard.

Dartrey/Rockcorry



Dartrey Flower Festival 22nd - 24th May

What a weekend it promises to be! No stone is being left unturned to ensure that it will be a wonderful experience for all who visit.

As well as viewing the magnificent floral arrangements by Monaghan Flower Club we are delighted to announce that the Carleton family has very kindly given permission to provide tours of the lake shore, grounds surrounding the site of Dartrey Castle (within walking distance of the church) which was built in the 1840's by Lord Cremorne, 1st Earl of Dartrey.

Although the Castle was demolished in 1946, the grounds still provide an impressive reminder of what was one of Ireland's best - known country mansions. Some of the original out-buildings, such as the stable yard and pumping house, still remain.

As these grounds are strictly private throughout the year, this affords a rare opportunity to our visitors to take part in a guided walking tour of this beautiful part of the former Dartrey estate. Tours are free of charge and will be conducted by Noel Carleton from the churchyard.

Best Wishes

Congratulations and every good wish to Warren Clarke and Deborah Stewart on their recent engagement.

Illness

We send our best wishes to all who have been unwell - at home, in hospital, Nursing Homes and wish them a speedy recovery to good health.

Condolences

Sympathy to all those who have been bereaved.

Easter Services

Maudy Thursday - Group Holy Communion in Drum at 8.00pm

Good Friday - Group Holy Communion in Rockcorry at 8.00pm

Easter Day - Group Service in Aghabog at 11.00am

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April Services

Wednesday 1st April, 7.30pm – Holy Week Service

Maudy Thursday, 11.00am – Holy Communion

4.00pm **Messy Church** in Cathedral Hall

7.30pm – **Maudy Thursday Service**

Good Friday, 7.30pm – Service of Meditation

Easter Saturday, 7.30pm – Vigil Youth Event

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 9th April, 11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12th April – The Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Thursday 16th April, 11.00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April - The Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd April

11.00am – Holy Communion

1.05pm – Healing Service

Sunday 26th April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.00am – Holy Communion

11.00am – Morning Prayer

7.00pm – Confirmation & Holy Communion

Thursday 30th April

11.00am – Holy Communion

Holy Week Services

Monday to Friday – The Things He Carried
The theme is ‘The Things He Carried’ based on the book by Stephen Cottrell. Have you ever wondered about the things he carried? Not just the cross, but the crown of thorns he was forced to wear, the seamless robe that was taken from him, the other burdens we laid upon him, the hopes and fears that he carried in his own heart. We hope this series will stimulate thought, provoke discussion, and create space for contemplation.

Holy Week - Wednesday

7.30pm Service - The Seamless Robe

Holy Week – Maundy Thursday

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

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

The congregation scatter in silence!

Holy Week – Good Friday

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

Holy Week – Easter Saturday

7.30pm – Vigil – On the 4th April at 7.30pm there is a youth night in the Cathedral called Vigil. There will be music, activities, drama, food, and maybe even a bit of Zumba. If you would like to go you need to sign in through your own youth group, or contact the cathedral church office and we can sign you up through the Cathedral’s Youth Groups.

Easter Sunday

9.00am – Holy Communion (Traditional Form)

11.00am – Holy Communion

7.00pm – Evening prayer

Holy Week – Visitors welcome!

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

Holy Baptism

30th November - Lola Annabelle Armstrong

30th November - Alice Adeline Lindsay

30th November - Victoria Lisa Lindsay

30th November - Jessika Lorraine Lindsay

1st March - Phoebe Amie-Louise Glass

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

Christian Burial

20th February - Sarah Louise (Louie) Glass, The County Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

3rd March - Edward Henry Cromie, 17 Coleshill Park, Enniskillen.

10th March - Barry Lister, 137 Teemore Road, Derrylin.

16th March - Ethel Maud O’Neill, The County Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

18th March - Albert Wesley Hicks, The County Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

Confirmation

Sunday 26th April at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Adult Confirmation

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

A service to confirm adults will take place in Portora Royal School Chapel on Ascension Thursday (14th May) at 7.30pm. Any adults throughout the Diocese are welcome to be confirmed at that service – please contact your rector for details.

St Lucia Day Service

The Annual St Lucia Day service will be held on Saturday 23rd May in the St Macartin’s Regimental Chapel at 11.00am.

Pilgrim

In March we launched our day time pilgrim group at Tuesday at 11.00am. While numbers are still small, we have had a lovely time meeting to talk about faith, and enjoy a bowl of soup and a chat. If you would like to be involved, it’s not too late.

Cook It!

Good food? Bad food? Cook it! has the answer!
Since last October, the Cook it! programme has been running in the Cathedral Hall on Thursday evenings. Cook it! is a healthy eating course where participants can learn how to choose and prepare healthy food. Games, quizzes, displays and demonstrations are used to explain what makes up a healthy diet as well as simple food hygiene at home. Everyone gets a chance to cook together some of the delicious Cook it! recipes which use ordinary, everyday ingredients. The results, naturally, are always eaten at the end of each session!
Cook it! is a real ‘fun with food’ programme and there is the added benefit of getting answers to questions about food. Are carbs bad? Why should we eat five portions of fruit and veg? Which foods contain fibre? How do I read food labels? Can I cut down on salt and still have nice food? These questions and more are answered at the Cook it! programme.

So why is it running at the Cathedral? I have worked with Cook it! and other nutrition education programmes for the past fifteen years. I always felt that the Cathedral Hall would make a great venue to run Cook it! but until I retired from the NHS last August, I didn't really have time to devote to it. I see an intense need for people to understand that food is good. There are so many myths about food going around on social media, on television and in magazines that somewhere the message that food is good for you seems to have been lost.

Of course, not all foods are of equal nutritional value and so understanding some simple nutrition is the key to choosing a mixture of foods that can help to keep you – and your family - healthy. This is what Cook it! does – shows how to choose a healthy diet, how to prepare and store food safely and gives confidence to cook healthy, tasty and economical meals.

At the Cathedral, however, Cook it! should do more than just tick the 'healthy eating' box. It should be a way of welcome, to show that we care about individuals and people, to witness that the love of Christ means putting that love into action – even if that is simply making it possible for someone – a student heading to university, a young parent, an older person - to cook an affordable and nourishing meal. I hope that Cook it! will prosper, that other food programmes will be added to it (the next one I have in mind is Food Values which is about budgeting for food) and that St Macartin's will become known as the place where food (physical as well as spiritual) shows the love of Christ.

Claire Holmes



Easter Messy Church

There will be a special Easter Messy Church on Thursday 2nd April at 4:00pm. There will be lots of Easter crafts and games, and a time for all the family to sit down and enjoy some food together.

Invitation is free and open to all! Keep your eyes opened, there will be an Easter egg hunt.

Vicar of Baghdad



The Reverend Canon Andrew White, Hon PhD DD Hon, University of Toronto 2014 is vicar of St George's Church, Baghdad, the only Anglican church in Iraq. He has thus been dubbed the "Vicar of Baghdad". He is also President of the Foundation for Relief and

Reconciliation in the Middle East. He was previously Director of International Ministry at the International Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, England. At the age of 33 years he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a condition which for many years affected his mobility and his speech. He is also an anesthesiologist and has been undergoing a new stem cell treatment for MS at a clinic in Baghdad that utilizes his body's own stem cells and he has said, "It

had completely transformed my life." He is married to Caroline and they have two sons.

Canon Andrew White the Vicar of Baghdad will be speaking at a special service in the Cathedral on the 16th April 2015 at 7.30pm.

What then makes this Anglican Canon want to work in Baghdad?

When he is captured by terrorists in Iraq and threatened, what makes him stay?

What makes him sacrifice the comfort of home life?

How does he cope with this demanding lifestyle and live with MS?

We all have seen him on TV and asked "What is the driving force behind his ministry?"

What makes a medical doctor give up his work and go back to university to study theology?

In the midst of all this violence and terror he brings God's love to hurting people.

Come along to the service and hear the answers to all these questions.

Meet him yourself and find out the enormous heart he has for the Middle East - A heart for reconciliation.

A collection will be taken up to support his work. All welcome.

Mothers' Union

The Visitors' Evening on 9th March opened with a short service, the music was provided by Mrs Angel Nawn.



Estelle, Branch Leader, welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. Denzil McDaniel, journalist with the Impartial Reporter for forty one years, seventeen of those as Editor. The first publication was in 1825. Denzil related experiences of events and recalled the interesting people whom he interviewed during the course of his career.

The committee served a delicious supper. The next meeting is on Monday 13th April when Bethany Blair, Sophie Coulter and Lara Todd are invited to give accounts of their rewarding experiences in America with the 'Ulster Project'.



Three new members of Mothers' Union Gillian Stevenson, Sally Masterson and Fiona Hawkes were enrolled by the Curate Revd Rob Clements on Mothering Sunday. Also in the picture are Estelle Latimer and Revd Olie Downey.

Tuesday Club

Dean Hall welcomed members to the February meeting. Revd Rob followed with prayers and Revd Olie read a Psalm. The guest speaker was Dr William Holmes, a parishioner, and his subject was 'General Health'. Aided with slides he gave a detailed account of treatments and also those advertised for many ailments. Questions and answers followed. Members were given a comprehensive insight into good and bad treatments for many ailments. The meeting closed with afternoon tea.

The next meeting is on 28th April and is 'Gentle Exercise' with Mrs Ruth Blair.

Prayer

God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose arms stretched wide on the cross to embrace us, by your spirit stretch us to welcome and embrace others more freely in our parish, our community and our land. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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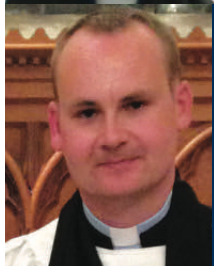
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Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35.

Recently Bishop Harold Miller produced a new prayer book and accompanying guide to help with prayer and worship during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It is very worth reading and can be sent to you by Richard who runs the Book Well, in Elmwood Avenue, Belfast: info@thebookwell.co.uk. I mention it because, along with some very particular observations of the devotional

habits and practices in parishes best known to him, Bishop Harold notes how the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus is eclipsed by what now passes for Christmas. He notices the busy habits in parish life in the run up to Holy Week, and the poor attendance at services on Easter Day, which he considers to be one of the most important days in the Christian year. I did find myself smiling both inwardly and outwardly at what I thought were some 'home truths' about the wider church family. But I will leave you to read and smile for yourself. 'Busy habits' and the general bustle in church leading up to Easter don't always lend themselves to time to pray, or space to reflect on the meaning and purpose of those days.

Remembering Jesus' habit of slipping away to pray and spending time with the heavenly Father can be an important reminder to us in this Easter-tide. Surely time spent alone with God, and in prayer with other brothers and sisters should be essential in the doing of the faith. Yet is it very difficult often to 'make space' to pray. I hear Christians saying that they cannot find the time. I observe a church that finds prayer difficult, outside the set piece on Sundays. I cannot remember anyone during twenty years of ministry, echoing the words said to Jesus, 'teach us to pray.' Why do we seem to keep busy for God, and yet struggle to spend time with Him? Is it possible that we could be avoiding God?

One of the most hopeful times here, I think, in recent months was the time set aside during Lent to pray at the service called 'A Celebration of Wholeness and Healing.' Dr Pat Mollen and Rosie McCorkell from the Church's Ministry of Healing, based in Belfast, spent several hours with us one quiet Wednesday evening, at the invitation of the Mothers' Union. We had previously used this service both in Kiltermon and in St John's. It is a very moving and meaningful thing to kneel together with other people and to pray for God's wholeness and healing. People coming forward for prayer are often carrying very great sickness or distress, and it is no time for false promises or misdirected faith. Only God is able to respond to the many needs in individual lives, and both Pat and Rosie led the prayer with great faith and respect and tender care for those who were present. It was, I think, a sign of the church doing and praying as it should. Dr Mollen is based at the centre in Belfast and the ministry offers appointments for prayer, listening and spiritual direction. Details of their work are available from the parish office.
Kyle Hanlon.

Mothers' Union

The March meeting hosted a Service of Healing and Wholeness. The guest speaker was Dr Pat Mollan, Director of Ministry, The Church's Ministry of Healing. She was accompanied by Rosie McCorkell. There was a time of prayer for healing with the laying on of hands and this was availed of by many of the congregation.

Eight members are attending the Quiet Day entitled "Praying Together Day" in Clabby Church on Saturday 21st March. This is being led by Bishop Ken Clarke.

Cookery books for "Mums in May" in aid of Mothers' Union projects at home and overseas were on sale at £3 each.

Interest was expressed in having our summer outing on 6th June. We are hoping to have a trip on The Inish Cruiser on Lower Lough Erne followed by a meal in The Share Centre.

Branch Leader, Elvina Funston thanked Dr Mollan for being with us and presented her with flowers. Revd Hanlon closed the meeting with Grace.

Girls Friendly Society

We have been busy over the last couple of months with our Bible Study, Flower Art Badge and Handcraft. The girls have just completed their Bible Study Projects and are busy finishing off their Competition Handcraft at present. We are looking forward to the next couple of months and all the activities that are planned both at Diocesan Level and Branch Level. We are hosting A **Coffee Morning & Cake Sale** in aid of Missionaries & Branch funds on Saturday, 18th April in St John's Hall. Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm. Please come along for a cuppa, a chat & give us your support. We would be grateful to any of the bakers in the parish who would be willing to bake a cake for this event.

Friday, 24th April – Diocesan Fun Night in St. John's Hall, Fivemiletown

Sunday, 10th May – Diocesan GFS Service in Donacavey Parish Church, Fintona @ 4pm

Saturday, 16th May – Branch Trip

Wednesday, 20th May – Parent's Night

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).

Mothering Sunday



The Combined Sunday School Choir on Mothering Sunday

A large number of families from the three parishes attended the Group Service in Sallaghy on Mothering Sunday. The service opened with the singing of "Honour Christian Mothers" to the tune of Onward Christian Soldiers. The readings were by members of the Sunday Schools, Alan Kelly, Holly Hutchinson and Cameron Smith. The prayers were read by Mothers' Union members, Jennifer Little, Pearl Wiggins, Elizabeth Johnston, Eileen Hall and Noreen Little. The combined Sunday school sang a piece entitled "Supermum". Rebekah Clingan read "Rebecca's Story", which was based on the Mothers' Union's Literacy & Financial Education Programme. This story provided the background for Rev Anita's address and the loose offering was for the 'Make a Mother's Day Appeal'. We were delighted to raise £266 for the Mothers' Union's Literacy & Financial Education Programme. At the end of the service all ladies present were given a small potted plant and Mother's Union bookmark.



Young people who read at the Mothering Sunday Service

What's on in the Galloon Group!

'Youth 'N' Christ'

We are delighted to have our Diocesan Youth Officer Jonny Phenix and his wife Janet with us in our Group of Parishes. Jonny has been working with our Young Adults to discover what part they are going play in God's Amazing Plan for our Group of Parishes.

It is with great joy we announce that God has blessed us with two very special new youth leaders for our parishes, Darren Morrow and Stephanie Wiggins. Stephanie and Darren are already well known in our Group, Darren is co-ordinates our Scripture readings for Sunday worship in Galloon and Stephanie is an extremely talented photographer and responsible for all the wonderful photography we see in magazine. Stephanie and Darren will both lead and disciple our young people aged from 15-25 year olds. The name they have chosen for this emerging part of our church family is 'Youth 'N' Christ'. We pray that God will bless Darren and Stephanie in God's call on their lives and Jonny and Janet as they minister with us.

Worship Services

29th March Palm Sunday Group Service 11:00 St Mary's Parish Church Drummully.

5th April, Easter Sunday: 08:00 Galloon - Holy Communion, 11:00 - Sallaghy Praise Service.

31st May, 5th Sunday Group Service: 11:00 - Galloon Parish Church.

14th June 15.00 - Sunday Group Service 175th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Sallaghy Parish Church.

Sunday School Rooms

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." Psalm 127

There is great excitement in Galloon parish as the new Sunday School rooms are progressing rapidly!

There are also wonderful plans for fundraising. The Fireside quizzes have been flying out the window and were due in by the 17th March. It is hoped these toned up our 'little grey cells' for the Table Quiz on Friday 20th March. Many thanks to all the companies who have sponsored rounds of questions and at the time of writing we are looking forward to a good night of quizzing.

Saturday June 13th sees our £10k for 10k Mini Marathon and we would like to encourage all those currently 'in training' and also those raising sponsor money for this very worthwhile cause. There are 29 children in our Sunday School in Galloon and we are looking forward to our Autumn term when we will all be together on one site. Thanks to the Sunday School Committee and everyone in the parish for their dedication and support of this project.



Work on the new Sunday School Rooms is well under way

Galloon Parish Auction

There will be an Auction on Saturday 11th April 2015 at 12noon in The Church Hall, High Street, Newtownbutler. To make this auction a success we need donations of all kinds of items for sale. Items can be new or used, modern or antique, should be complete and in serviceable condition. Collection and storage of items can be arranged if necessary. Contact William (028) 67738676. No fees or VAT charged, admission is free, refreshments are on sale and everyone is welcome.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

A service will be held in Drummully Parish Church on Monday April 27th conducted by the Rev Anita who will also speak. This service will be followed by supper and AGM meeting in the adjoining hall.

Burials

The Funeral Service for Betty Chambers took place on Wednesday 25th February 2015. We extend our sympathy to the Chambers and Moran families on the loss of their mother and grandmother and to the wider family circle. The burial of Mrs Ethel Maud O'Neill, wife of the late Canon Neville O'Neill, took place in Galloon graveyard on Monday 16th March 2015. This followed a funeral service in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Canon O'Neill and his wife Maud, daughters Janet and Caroline were a much loved part of the parish life in Galloon and Drummully for many years. We extend our sincere sympathy to their only surviving daughter Caroline, her husband Matthew and sons Sam and Alexander.

Sallaghy Parish

Mothers' Union

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 9th April at 8.00pm when the guest speaker will be Val Irvine who will speak about 'The Pantry', a food bank for those in need.

Dance

A successful dance was held in the Church Hall in early March raising £600 for parish funds. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and particular Wray Whittendale for his organisation.

Irish Stew Night

An Irish Stew Night was held on Saturday 14th March in the Church Hall. A good group of parishioners and guests enjoyed supper followed by a short table quiz and some musical entertainment. Thanks to Rebekah Clingan and Howard Crawford who organised the table quiz, Roisin Kerr who played the harp, James Clingan who recited a poem about the former Sallaghy School and Howard who played the guitar and sang. Thanks to everyone who prepared the food and helped to serve it. Finally, thanks to Howard who co-ordinated the event which raised approximately £400 for parish funds.



Howard Crawford, Roisin Kerr and James Clingan who performed at the Irish Stew Night

Drummully Parish

Gardening Evening

The annual Gardening Evening will be held in the Church Hall on 6th May at 8.00pm. Everyone will be made very welcome. Tickets are £5 or €6.

Photographs courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins and Wray Whittendale

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Easter Day 5th April Service of HC in Slavin at 9.30am
Easter Family Celebration Service in Garrison Church at 11am

Followed by Easter Egg Hunt at 12 noon.

Sunday 12th April Kiltyclogher 10am HC
Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 19th April Garrison 10am MP & FS
Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 26th April Kiltyclogher 10am MP
Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 3rd May Garrison 10am HC
Slavin 11.30am HC

Mothers' Union

The February meeting welcomed Marina Hassard from Churchill Methodist as the guest speaker in Garrison Church Hall. Marina showed slides and described her fabulous trip to the Holy Land in 2014 with her friend Hope Fawcett who accompanied her to the meeting. Marina's presentation was excellent and brought the images with her Bible texts very close to our hearts. The April meeting will be a closing service and is due to be held on Wednesday 15th April in Kiltyclogher

Church @ 7pm. Following the service a meal will be served in the Church Hall in Garrison. The festival service is being held in Monaghan this year on Friday 1st May.

Easter Vestry Meetings

The first meeting for the group was due to be held on Monday 16th March @ 8pm in Belleek Parish, followed by Kiltyclogher on 26th March, Slavin on Thursday 26th March and Garrison on Thursday 9th April. A full account of all the meetings and any changes to Office Holders will be given next month.

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 Florrie Hamilton, Mrs McCordick and Arianne McCordick from Garrison Parish who have been in hospital recently.

We also remember those who have been unwell at home and pray for their good health in the weeks ahead.

Memorial Service for the Late Johnny Fletcher

A special service to honour the memory of a dear friend to many will be held in Melvin View Orange Hall on Friday 10th April at 8pm. A memorial photograph will be unveiled in his memory in the Hall. Everyone welcome.

Organ wanted for Kiltyclogher



Does your church have a church organ for sale? A replacement organ is needed for Kiltyclogher Church, if you have an organ for sale please contact the Rector or Pauline Carson 02868658813 or Joy Graham 02868658756

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 emailed 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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Lenten Observance

It is hard to comprehend that we are now in the season of Lent as it is only a few weeks since Christmas.

Lent is a time to learn and reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of Christ for us on the Cross.

We all lead busy lives but it is important for us to stop, reflect and take time for God.

Our Lent Midweek Services began on Ash Wednesday and continued at 8pm every Wednesday evening through the Lenten season.

Illness

Your prayers are requested for those who are ill at home or in hospital the housebound and their families.

Womens World Day Of Prayer

Inishmacsaint hosted the Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March at 8pm in the Parish Church.

Rectory Open Morning

Following the completion of some renovation work on the Rectory, we opened it for viewing and sharing a cup of coffee, on Saturday 7th February. There was a great attendance and everyone was most impressed with the work that had been done. Thanks to those who provided the refreshments and to everyone who attended. The event raised £313 for which we are very grateful.

Happy moments - Praise God

Difficult moments - Seek God

Quiet moments - Worship God

Painful moments - Trust God

Every moment - Thank God

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Services in Holy Week

Services will be held at 8.00pm
Holy Thursday in Trillick Parish Church,
Good Friday in Kilskeery Parish Church.

On Easter Sunday, a celebration of Holy Communion:
Trillick Parish Church at 10.00am
Kilskeery Parish Church at 11.30am.

Burial of the Dead

'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'

Mr. Douglas Armstrong, Kilskeery

It was with great sadness that we learned of Douglas' death on March 2nd, and we again extend our deepest sympathy to Robert, Minnie, Winnie, Barbara, Ethel, Ivy, Wilfred, Evelyn, Bill, John, Elizabeth and his many friends at both Kilskeery Parish Church and Trillick Methodist.

O God our Father, we pray for those whose life is saddened by the death of a relative or friend and we remember in our prayers all those in our parishes who have recently been bereaved, thinking especially of Bill and Winnie Wilson and Evelyn and Robert Armstrong on the death of their sister-in-law, Vivienne.

Holy Baptism

Larissa Karla, daughter of Keith and Leona Carrothers, Kilskeery, on Sunday, February 15th 2015.

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

Thank you for the gift of Larissa entrusted to our care.

May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and forgive, that in our love Larissa may know your love. May she learn to love your word and the whole family of your children;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Youth Activities

At the time of writing, Girls' Brigade are preparing for their Annual Dinner, Boys' Brigade for their Parents' Night and Messy Kids to hearing about Biblical Heroes (March) and God's Forgiveness (April) – courtesy of 'Veggietales'. A Family Fun Day is planned for June 20th.

USCA

USCA, Omagh Branch are making final preparations for a Service of Remembrance and Dedication of Memorial Stone – Special Constable Samuel Laird, whose death occurred on March 20th, 1922 at Glengeen Lodge, Trillick. S/Con. Laird was, at the time, a Special Constable in the Trillick Sub-District and had served in France during the Great War with the 9th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He was buried in Kilskeery Church Yard with full police honours.

Faith Mission

Faith Mission looks forward to its Annual Conference in Trillick Parish Church, with guest speaker Mr. Gary Tutty.

Mother's Union

MU Members look forward to hosting a joint Mother's Day Service at Kilskeery Parish Church – greeting folk with light refreshments as they arrive, helping with the readings and prayers, distributing MU gift to the congregation and accepting donations to 'Make a Mother's Day 2015' Campaign.

The guest speaker at Mothers' Union February meeting was Doreen Earls, the World Wide representative from Mothers' Union Trustee Body. Doreen gave an interesting talk and Power Point presentation explaining how and where the World Wide Money we give is used by Mothers' Union to help those most in need around the world.

After Doreen's presentation we had a presentation of a different kind – the presentation of long service certificates.



Doreen Earls, the World Wide representative from Mothers' Union Trustee Body (Front row, centre) with Kilskeery and Trillick Mothers' Union (Photo by Sharon Kee)

The Leader gave a short résumé of our Mothers' Union since its inception in 1942 after which Doreen presented certificates for 30+ , 40+ and 50+ years of membership - Mrs Gertie Edgar, our longest serving member for 57 years and Mrs Evelyn Armstrong for 52 years.

The following were awarded certificates for 40+ years membership: Mrs E. Brunt, Mrs J. Funston, Mrs. A. McQuaid, Mrs. M. Morrow, Mrs. W. Neville, Mrs. R.



Mrs Gertie Edgar and Mrs Evelyn Armstrong (Photo by Sharon Kee)

Orr, Mrs. G. Pattison, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. W. Wilson.

30+ years membership: Mrs. S. Armstrong, Mrs G. Crozier, Mrs. H. Griffin, Mrs H. Hutchinson, Mrs. C. Knox, Mrs M. Lawder.

After the presentation everyone was entertained to a celebratory supper by Ruth Crean and Helena Thompson.

Kilskeery Bowling Club

Kilskeery Bowling Club held a very successful tournament with 110 pairs competing. The final saw 12 pairs returning, K. McGowan, J. Shaw, H, Wilson, H. Gawley, M. Rutledge, S. McGlincy, J. Teague, A. Brown, A. Curtis, G. Brian, I. Hobson and B. Keys and

after very competitive bowling Norman and Marcus Rutledge proved outright winners, Gary Brian and Stuart Cochrane worthy runners-up!

Thanks was extended to all who helped in any way, with special thanks to Mills Oil, Trillick who, once again sponsored the tournament and to Jonathan Mills who presented the prizes.



Jonathan Mills, centre, presenting prizes to Gary Brian & Stuart Cochrane (runners-up) and Norman and Marcus Rutledge, winners.

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

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) 8.00pm Holy Communion

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) 8.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday) 11.00am Holy Communion, 3.00pm Holy Communion (Coolbuck)

Sunday 12th April 11.00am Morning Prayer, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 19th April 9.45am Holy Communion, 11.00am Morning Prayer, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 26th April 11.00am Morning Prayer, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 5th May 11.00am Holy Communion, 3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Deaths

Mrs Maude Nawn

News of the passing of Mrs Maude Nawn was received with huge sadness by all in the village, the parish and further afield. Having reached the wonderful age of 91 in January, she died peacefully in the South West Acute Hospital on Friday February 20th after a short period of illness. Though originally from Aughnacloy in Co. Tyrone Mrs Nawn first came to Lisbellaw over seventy years ago, simply to cover a period of maternity leave in the local primary school ! She subsequently met and married Bobbie Nawn, and they made their home first



Mrs Maude Nawn, pictured on her 90th birthday last year.

on Main Street, then at Fortmount and latterly at Ashdene. Their three children, Rod, Helen and Anthea were all born and grew up in the village. To them, to her grandchildren and great grand-children and to the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

At the core of Mrs Nawn's life was her strong but quiet Christian faith and she immersed herself in the life of the parish church. She sang in the Choir, was a Sunday School Teacher and superintendent and was a founder member, in 1952, of Lisbellaw Mothers' Union. She was also the first woman to serve on the Select Vestry and was a trusted confidante and eager helper to the succession of clergy who served here. She was a faithful and regular church attender and her genuine interest in and concern for others was quite remarkable. Her gentle presence each Sunday morning is already hugely missed.

Her other key interest was in the Guiding Movement, assisting first with the Brownies and later becoming Guide Leader. The Trefoil Guild, which meets regularly to maintain links between former guides and the current movement was a source of huge enjoyment for her. It was particularly poignant that her funeral service on Sunday 22nd March, should be followed immediately by the Annual Thinking Day Parade and Service for the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts. She had said earlier in the week that she would have loved to have been able to attend as she always did, but that instead she would look forward to hearing all about it afterwards!

Huge numbers attended the Service of Thanksgiving, for a life that had touched so many. The service was conducted by Archdeacon Cecil Pringle, and her daughter Anthea and grandson Matthew both read from the Bible. Her son Rod delivered a warm personal tribute on behalf of the family, on which this account is largely based. On a miserably wet, windy and cold Sunday it was remarkable that the sun shone brightly in the churchyard for the committal of one of its best known and loved parishioners.



Down Memory Lane. Pictured ten years ago at Lisbellaw Flower Festival were Mrs Maude Nawn, Mrs Peela Gamble, Mrs Lettie Russell and Mrs Renee Elliott.

Mrs Pearl Crawford

Less than three weeks later, on the morning of March 10th, all in the village were again deeply saddened to learn that Mrs Pearl Crawford, dearly loved wife of Ronnie and mother of Mandy, Mark and Gareth had passed away peacefully in her home, Hollybank, Lisbellaw, aged just 66, after a long battle with illness. The huge numbers who attended a Service of Thanksgiving for her life on Thursday 12th in the Parish Church was a tribute to the high esteem in which she was held.

Speaking of Pearl, the Revd John Beacom, a family friend for over thirty years, who had been invited to conduct the service, spoke of her loving devotion as a wife, mother and grandmother, and of the roles she carried out so quietly and efficiently at home and behind the scenes in the family business. Reading from Proverbs 31, he applied this well known passage to Pearl.

'A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.'

He also reminded the congregation of Jesus' claim in John Ch 14, 'I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Pearl's nephew, Ian Moore, who had frequently read the scriptures to her at home during her time of illness read from Psalm 103 and from John Chapter 14. Her love of boating was reflected in the choice of "Will your Anchor hold?" as one of the hymns.

To her husband Ronnie, daughter Mandy, sons Mark and Gareth, to her sisters Jean and Flo to the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to a number of parishioners who have been recently bereaved. Mr Jim Nixon's sister Eileen died, aged 94, in England in January and Mr Winston Hick's brother Albert died in March. Sympathy too, to Mrs Betty Reynolds on the death of her brother-in-law and to Mrs Rosemary Forster and her family on the death of Mrs Forster's sister in law, Mrs Maud O'Neill. Mrs Harriett Kirkpatrick and Mrs Millie Crawford have also lost family members recently.

Illness

A number of parishioners are currently ill in hospital and at home. To all of them and to their loved ones we extend our prayerful good wishes. It is good though, to hear of those who are now at home and who are recovering well after surgery. Thanks as always to Archdeacon Pringle and to Sue Hogg for their regular visits and pastoral care.

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service this year, written by the women of the Bahamas was hosted by Lisbellaw Methodist Church on Friday 6th March. Well attended by women from a number of local churches, the theme was 'Do you know what I have done to you?' based on Jesus words

in John 13. The speaker, Mrs Adele Moore, reminding the ladies of Jesus' act of humble service when he washed the disciples' feet, urged them to follow His example as we serve and care for others.

Mothering Sunday



Young ladies who sang on Mothers' Day.

The service for Mothering Sunday on 15th March was well attended and conducted by Dean Raymond Thompson. Thanks to all from The Bridge who took part: to Jodie and Jess Hamilton, Matthew Kerr and Rhys Irvine for their Bible Readings and to Alice Lindsay and Sophie Carson who sang. From the Sunday School, thanks to Ben Hamilton and Kaitlin Nicholl who read poems and to Kerry Graham, Ben Irvine, Jean-Anna Gordon and Aaron Young for their prayers. Thanks too to Lynda for her solo and to Wendy for her help in preparing the readers.



Pictured with Dean Raymond Thompson who conducted the Service on Mothers' Day are Sunday School Teachers Audrey Potters, Sarah Forde and Desiree Dunlop.

Finally warmest thanks to Sunday School Teachers, Audrey, Desiree and Sarah who spent hours preparing beautiful gifts of flowers for all the ladies. These were hugely appreciated.



Ruth Hood and her son Mark, pictured with Audrey Potters on Mothers' Day.

Appointment of New Rector

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of the Revd Stephanie Woods as new rector of Lisbellaw. Currently curate in the Drung Group of Parishes in Kilmore Diocese and married to John, who is Bishop's Curate in Swanlinbar. Stephanie's priorities in ministry are pastoral care for all, but especially for the elderly and those in difficulty, prayer, preaching, teaching, children's ministry and youth work. Her vision for the church is a place where those of all age groups and backgrounds feel welcomed and cared for and where all are challenged and encouraged to become true disciples of Jesus Christ. Her interests are animal welfare, swimming, walking, reading and having a good laugh over a cup of tea! Her Institution as Rector will take place on Friday 28th August. We look forward to that, very much.



Revd Stephanie Woods

Thanks

Thanks to all clergy and Diocesan Readers who minister Sunday by Sunday in Lisbellaw and Coolbuck during the vacancy and to Ruth in the Diocesan Office who facilitates this.

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Services for April

Maundy Thursday 2nd 8.00pm Holy Communion
Good Friday 3rd 8.00pm Evening Prayer
Easter Sunday 5th 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th 11.30am Morning Prayer Speaker: Allan Bruce
Sunday 19th 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th 11.30am Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism
(Collection for World Vision sponsored children)

Founder's Day

A good number of young people from the various Scout & Guide groups in our parish attended the morning service on 22nd February to mark Founder's Day & Thinking Day. Thanks to our readers Emma Shaw & Jessica Meikleham and all the children and their leaders who took part. Also to Lisnaskea Silver Band who led the parade and some of the hymns.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Thanks to all the ladies from our parish who attended and participated in the Women's World Day of Prayer which was held in Holy Cross Church on March 6th. Next year it will be our turn to host the service.

Ballyclare Choir

It was a great pleasure and privilege to welcome Ballyclare Male Voice choir along with their wonderful organist and soloist Sheila Greer to perform for us in our church on 8th March. The church building itself along with its great acoustics made a lovely setting for what was a truly entertaining evening.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise this and all who came along to support it. Donations given on the night will be divided between three local charities.

Mothers' Union

February has been a busy month for us. We had a good attendance at our Visitors Night and we all really enjoyed Barbara Clarke's talk on her experiences in her role as Young Women's Representative. She urged us to continue trying to encourage young women to join our Branches. She also encouraged us to be proud of the title Mothers' Union, as in some countries the skills taught and the support given to the members can sometimes really mean the difference between life and death for them and their families.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely supper provided by the members and we appreciate the number of members of other Branches and Organisations who joined us.



Bishop John McDowell, Mrs Diane Whittaker, Dr Margaret Knox, Mrs Doris Johnston (Branch Leader), Mrs Evelyn Bell (longest serving member), Mrs Mary Forster (Branch Secretary), Rev Lorraine Capper, Rev Alan Capper (Rector)

On Wednesday 11th February we celebrated our 60th Anniversary at a dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Special guests were Bishop John McDowell, Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan MU President, Rev Alan Capper, Rector, Rev Lorraine Capper and Diane Whittaker, Diocesan MU Secretary.

The first meeting of the branch was held in Lisnaskea on 14th February 1955. Unfortunately the one remaining founder member, Mrs Florence Lowry was unable to attend our 60th Anniversary dinner and the honour of cutting the cake was given to Mrs Evelyn Bell, who has 58 years membership in the Branch.



Mrs Winnie Morton chatting to Bishop John McDowell

We were delighted that Mrs Winnie Morton was able to attend. Winnie is a long standing member of our Branch and as well as being Branch Leader for a number of years she also was active in the MU at Diocesan level.



Branch members with certificates - ranging from 5 years to 58 years membership

A very enjoyable evening was had by all looking back over the years with laughter and some sadness as faces and events were recalled. Membership Certificates were presented to all as souvenirs of the evening. A number of members were unable to attend due to illness and best wishes were sent to them as well as to our Indoor Members Mrs Winnie Smyth and Mrs Charlotte Downey.

Thanks to the Management and Staff of the Killyhevlin Hotel for the excellent meal which was enjoyed by members and guests.



Mrs Florence Creighton presenting a bouquet of flowers to Dr Margaret Knox, Diocesan President

General Vestry

This year's General Vestry will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 8.00pm in The Archdale Centre. All parishioners are very welcome to attend and everyone who is registered as a vestrymen may stand for election and vote.

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Holy Week and Easter

We will be observing Holy Week in close cooperation with Ballinamallard Methodist Church as usual, but with a slightly different routine this year:

Palm Sunday 7pm Evening worship in the Methodist Church

Tuesday 31st 7pm Youth and children's service in Church of Ireland

Wednesday April 1st 8pm Evening worship in the Methodist Church

Thursday April 2nd 8pm Holy Communion in both churches

Good Friday Service begins at 8pm in Methodist Church and concludes in the Church of Ireland

Easter Day United Dawn Service (location to be decided!) 9:30am and 11am Holy Communion in Church of Ireland and 11:30am in Methodist Church. 7:00pm Easter Praise in Church of Ireland

Annual General Vestry

The Annual General Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday April 13th at 7.30pm.

Mothers' Union

The meeting on the Thursday 5th March was attended by 31 members when Gwen Egerton spoke and demonstrated the art of candle decoration. The draw for candles was won by Wilma Graham, Pearl Knox, Heather Ogle and Margaret Kerr. There will be no meeting in April as branch members will attend the service in church for Maundy Thursday on 2nd April. The annual diocesan festival service will take place

on Friday 1st May in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan at 8.00pm – the preacher is the Mothers' Union Chaplain for Clogher, Bishop John McDowell. Anybody wishing to attend this event should contact Linda Hamilton or Linda Tisdall by the 14th April.

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The one thing that, as Christians, is probably the biggest challenge that we face is to be able to hear from God. We talk about wanting to hear from God when we are facing a problem or challenge in our life, or just looking for direction and purpose. You might say that in this moment you have a desire to hear from God. Rick Warren, in his blog, suggests that hearing from God starts with a desire, that leads to a want, that ends in action!

Habakkuk 2:1 says, "I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the LORD says and how he will answer" (NLT). Habakkuk begins with these words: "I will." In other words, he's saying that he is deciding to listen to God. It's a choice, that leads to action.

You're never going to hear God unless you want to hear God. It's just that simple. God speaks to those who decide in advance that they're going to do whatever God tells them to do before he even tells them. He does not play games. He wants you to desire communication with him and for you to say, "God, you tell me what to do, and I'll do it."

Once you decide you want to hear from God, you have to withdraw to a quiet place. Habakkuk 2:1 says, "I will climb up to my watchtower," which is a Hebrew expression that means to get alone.

You cannot hear God's voice if you're surrounded by noise. That's why you've got to find a quiet place. It can be a challenge to find that quiet place, particularly with a young family!

Susanna Wesley had 18 children, and two of her sons changed history. John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist church, and Charles Wesley wrote hundreds

of Christian hymns. Both of them attributed their love for God to their mom's passionate dedication to the Lord. She prayed every day. How do you find time to withdraw and pray every day when you have 18 kids? Sometime in the afternoon, she would sit down in her rocking chair and pull her long apron up over her head. All the kids knew that if they disturbed mom when the apron was over her head, they were in for it! Jesus gives us some very specific advice in Matthew 6:6: "Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace" (MSG).

There are two words that will motivate your decision to withdraw and get away with the Lord: God cares. God cares about what you're going through. If you don't realise that he cares, why would you want to spend any time with him? Once you realise how much he cares, how much grace he has to give to you, then you'll make the decision to withdraw and be with him. Blessings,
Revd Henry

Regular Events

Prayer Opportunities

Revival Prayer Monday 8-9pm in the Moffitt Room, Parish Centre

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

Healing Prayer Fridays 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish Centre

24 hour prayer each month

Prayer for Mission monthly Prayer Ministry is available at our 11am Sunday service

Friends in the Afternoon

Meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday in month at 2pm in the Moffitt Room at Ardess Parish Centre:

Tuesday 14th April, Youth With A Mission (YWAM) Young parish missionary, Claire Ross, will be talking about, and showing pictures of, her discipleship training and subsequent mission work in parts of the world.

Also we will be singing your favourite hymns with Helen Blair at the keyboard.

Tuesday 28th April, Flower Arranging, Irene Armstrong will be demonstrating.

Mothers' Union

Meets 3rd Thursday in month at 8pm in Ardess Parish Centre.

Thursday 16th April - Open Night - Cooking Made Simple. Ethel Johnston will be teaching us how to cook good food using simple techniques. Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome.

Friday 1st May - Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service in St Patrick's Church Monaghan.

Book Club

Meets fortnightly on Mondays at 10am in Liz Crook's house. Next meeting - Monday 6th April.

Full information from Ardess Parish Office.

Fountain Centre Activities

Thursday Youth Club

6:30-8pm every Thursday

Friday Youth Club

7-9pm for 1st to 3rd years

9-11pm for 4th year plus

Connect YF

7-9pm for year 8 plus

Badminton Club

Wednesdays at 9pm

In Stitches



Thursdays at 8pm - for an evening of easy crafts and good craic. This group of enthusiastically industrious ladies carrying out an array of crafts including knitting, crochet and needlework has maintained its numbers for six months now. There is no fee - just a small donation, if possible, to cover costs. If you would like to join us for an evening of craft, craic and fellowship please come along any Thursday at 8pm in The Fountain Centre, Kesh where a warm welcome awaits.

For further information please contact Dee at Ardess Parish Office in The Fountain Centre on 028 6863 2695 / office@ardess.org

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes in the Fountain Centre 8-9:30pm on Wednesdays 15th April & 22nd April.

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! Be a part of this annual Christian celebration! go online at www.newwineireland.org for further information.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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Easter Day

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge and at 12.00 noon in St. Michael's Paris Church, Derrybrusk.

Together in Prayer

Following the questionnaire to all the parishioners a number of people requested for time to be set aside for prayer. We are delighted that Abraham Storey is willing to lead it. During lent, before the 8.00pm service, we had time for people to gather together for 'Together In Prayer'. It gives people an opportunity to reflect and pray for our own needs, the needs of others, the Church and the world.

Evening of Hymns



On Sunday 10th May at 7.00pm we will be having an 'Evening of Hymns'. Last years' evening was very enjoyable and proved a great success. If anyone has a favourite hymn they would like sung, would they please let the churchwardens know.

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

Members attended the Women's World Day of Prayer which was held in Lisbellaw Methodist Church on Friday 6th March.

At our March meeting we were delighted to have Helen Humphries speak to the group about her experience of healing through prayer and the laying on of hands. Scripture from St Mark chapter 5 was read.

Members attended the 'Praying Together Day' in Clabby on Saturday 21st March and the Ladies Breakfast on Saturday 28th March in the Valley Hotel hosted by Fintona Presbyterian Women.

The April meeting will be held on Monday 13th April at 8pm and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Pauline Corrigan who will speak to the group about her products 'Beneficial'.

Services

5th April Easter Day

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

12th April Second Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

19th April Third Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's 11am Confirmation & Holy Communion

Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on the 19th of February in the Hall, there was a good attendance of members and friends to hear a talk by Ms. Collette Connolly on the importance of vitamins for good health, and she answered questions from those present. The evening concluded with refreshments.

The April meeting will be on Tuesday 21st April and will be their annual general meeting and election of officers for 2015/16.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met in the Hall on Tuesday 3rd April in the Hall when Mrs. Ruby Heasty gave a demonstration on flower arranging, and then helped members with their arrangements. The evening concluded with supper and fellowship.

The April meeting will be on Tuesday 7th at 8pm in the Church when contributions for overseas will be received.

Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service

The Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service will be hosted by St. Patrick's Church on the 1st May at 8pm. The guest speaker will be Bishop John McDowell. The local Branch of Mothers' Union would appreciate support from across the Diocese for this service.

Easter Vestries

The Easter Vestries for the group are as follows:
St. Patricks Monday 20th April 8.30pm in Church
Dates for Kilmore & Ballinode will appear in News in the Pews.
Please make a date for your congregation and plan to attend what is the Annual General Meeting of your church.

Lenten Services and Bible Study

Lenten Services and Bible Study took place on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings, respectively, throughout lent. For individual study, members were encouraged to purchase copy of "Journalling The Bible" by Corin Child.

Illness

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are ill or recovering, the housebound, and those in residential care and their families.

Vortex Youth Fellowship

Vortex Youth Fellowship continue to meet, on the 14th March St Patrick's Bowling Club will host the young people for a night of bowling. They plan to go to a youth event in Enniskillen called Vigil - there will be music, food and games. Then on Wednesday the 8th April, they take to the ice at Dundonald Skating Rink. We will report more fully on these events in the next issue.

Condolence

We express prayerful sympathy to Mrs. Frances Ebbs and family on the death of her uncle.

Christian Burial

It was with much sadness that we learned of the death of Herbie Brown at his home on Monday 2nd March. In his 102 years, he led an active life in farming, was a keen gardener, and a good baker – his apple pies were legendary.

The esteem with which the deceased and his family are held in the community was much in evidence at his funeral service and burial in Kilmore Church on Wednesday 4th April conducted by the Rector.

No words can adequately express his loss to those who loved him – we offer prayerful sympathy to his wife Ruby, daughter Ann, sons Robert and Jim and their families, and the wider family circle.

Please uphold them and all who have been recently bereaved in prayer.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer was held in the Methodist Church Monaghan on Friday 6th March. The guest speaker Mrs. Beulah Robinson, gave an inspiring address on the theme: "Do You Know What I Have Done For You".

Rossorry



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175th Anniversary of the Church at Rossorry in April 2016

Work is continuing apace to get ready for this momentous occasion. The Diocesan Architect is finalising plans for a major refurbishment and redecoration of the Church this summer which will require the closure of the Church building for 3 months (June, July and August). Services will be held as normal in the Parochial Hall.

The work, which will include replacing some of the ceiling plaster panels and pinning the plaster mouldings, is necessary as the original lath and plaster has become unsecure in some areas. There is also some work to do in the bell tower with replacing steelwork. The work will finish with a redecoration of the whole building to ensure that we can pass it on to the next generation in good repair.

Wednesday Club News

As usual the folks of Rossorry Wednesday Club have been ever so busy with meetings and outings.

The Club held an "Open Evening" on Friday 20th February 2015 at 7pm in Rossorry Hall to showcase the work and organisations in the Parish.





There continues to be a very interesting selection of guest speakers at the meetings. So far this year the Club has heard about Deaf Awareness, ShopMobility and Road Safety from the Police, amongst others.

There was also been a very successful Coffee Morning on 11th February to raise funds for The Childrens Heart Foundation. The event was well supported and £550 was raised for the Charity. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us on the day, by bringing food along or donating prizes. A special thank you goes to Tesco as well for the great hamper they donated for the prize draw.

The meetings of the Club are every Wednesday at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome there is always room for new members .If you want to know more give Ethel Oldcroft a ring at 66 326339

Institution of the new Rector at Rossorry

Plans are well in hand for the Institution of our new Rector at Rossorry on Friday 20th March at 7.30pm. The service will be conducted by our Bishop, the Rt. Revd John Mc Dowell. We are delighted that the preacher on that evening will be former Archbishop Robin Eames .

Music and readings have been selected and we look forward to a new chapter in the history of Rossorry Parish.

The whole congregation will be entertained to supper in the Parochial hall afterwards, hosted by Rossorry Mothers' Union.

Parish Register

Bereavements

14th February 2015 Mrs Blodwen ESPLEY, a parishioner of Rossorry, passed away in her 95th year. A very large congregation heard Canon Desmond Kingston talk about her lifetime of charitable works. She was best known to people as the lovely lady in the Outpatients Dept of the Erne Hospital, who made sure that everyone knew where to go and had a cup of tea and a bun to ease the stress of a hospital visit. Condolences go to her family and friends but also thanks for her lifetime of service.

16th February 2015 Ms. Lilia WALSH, a long time parishioner from Culkey passed away, aged 91, The

funeral service and burial were held at Rossorry on Wednesday 18th February. Canon David Skuce officiated. Sincerest condolences to all the Family and friends of this colourful and gentle lady.

7th March 2015 Mrs Molly BOYD of Henry Street passed away on this date. Her funeral and Burial were held at Rossorry on Wednesday 11th March 2015. Archdeacon Emeritus) Pringle conducted the service. Condolences to her family and friends are extended from the Parish to this gentle lady. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Robert, in October last year.

Baptisms

1st March 2015 The baptism of Pippa Alexa ELLIS, infant daughter of Darren and Elaina Ellis was held in Rossorry. Canon Desmond Kingston officiated.

8th March 2015 The baptism of Carly Evelyn Isobel CORR, infant daughter of Jonathon Corr and Victoria Love was held in Rossorry. Dean Raymond Thompson officiated.

Congratulations and welcome to these newest members of the Christian family at Rossorry.

Rossorry Parish

The name Rossorry (Ros-airthir) has been linked with monastic and church history in Fermanagh since the 5th Century. At that time the name was linked to a convent set up by St. Fanchea, who was born of noble birth at Rathmore, Clogher. Rossorry at that time was in the townland of Lisgoole (Lisgabhail) and the names remained linked through a series of monasteries on the site. In 1626 a new church was built of cut stone with a thatched roof. Some of this stone survives until the present day, incorporated into the small building on the south side of the church, known as "The Stables". At this time the Estate of Lisgoole was in the hands of the Jones family and passed to Robert Johnston, who along with his mother, Mrs Henrietta Field, became the chief patrons of the Parish in the 20th Century. In 1841 the new Church was built at Mullinacaw (where it presently stands) to replace the old building at Lisgoole which was "beyond repair and too small for the use of the 2,232 souls of the Parish."

Rossorry Parish lies in central County Fermanagh, located on the outskirts of Enniskillen town. It has a wide age of parishioners totaling 1,138 with many involved in the local community. Within the parish there is a close fellowship with an active and thriving farming community. Recent Incumbents have had a strong working relationship with our neighbours at the Graan Passionist Monastery. There are ongoing efforts to open and sustain dialogue to enhance good community relations in the area.

The Parish comprises a Church, Church hall, Stables meeting room, Rectory and sizable Parish office. The Church accommodates approximately 400 people. Rossorry Parish promotes and supports a varied and thriving range of activities and groups. These include Church Choir and Praise Band, Prayer Group, Sunday school, Crèche and Pastoral visitors. Organisations

include Scouts, Guides, Beavers, Brownies and Rainbows. Adult groups include Mothers' Union, Wednesday Club, Bowling, Mother and Toddler group, Menzone and Arts and Craft.

A Parish Stewardship campaign was completed in 2014, focusing on Time, Talents and Treasures. This campaign has been successful in involving more parishioners and engaging more volunteers to assist in most aspects of parish life.

The Parish maintains close links with Jones Memorial Primary School, with the Incumbent usually serving as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Other schools located within the Parish include Portora Royal School and Willowbridge School.

The Parish is blessed with the services of two recently admitted Parish Readers, a retired Non-Stipendiary Minister and retired Canon. There is also a group of Church Readers and a number of others who assist with the chalice during Holy Communion.

Tempo and Clabby



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Clabby Church Restoration Fund

The Rector and Select Vestry are deeply appreciative for the generous interest free loan by a parishioner of £14,760 which paid off the outstanding bank loan of £90,000 taken out in February 2014.

We are also very appreciative to the family of Miss Sarah Morrow for kindly donating the contents of her home to raise money for the Restoration Fund as she has gone into a care home. The house clearance auction raised £1010.

The Modern Day Tractor Run

The run which was held on Saturday 7th March was well supported and raised £1463 towards the Restoration Fund. Thank you to the team of people led by Mr. Jim Monteith who organised the event. Also thanks to those who provided items for prizes and auction, also to the caterers and stewards. Especially to all the entrants in the event.

5K/10K

The further planned fund raising events are Friday 17th April 5K/10K Fun run / walk from Clabby Church Hall. There will be prizes presented to winners in various categories. For further details contact Colin 07901678180 or Alan 07810258481.

Vintage Bike Run

Saturday 9th May Vintage Bike Run from Clabby Church Hall for further details contact Jim at 89521167 (after 6pm) or mobile 07751803660.

Fun Day

Saturday 6th June Fun Day at Clabby Church Hall 12noon to 3pm A variety of activities for all ages.

Tempo Parish Concert

Thank you to those involved in organising the Annual Concert, all who sold tickets and supported on the evening. The artists this year were Portadown Male Voice Choir. The total raised after expenses was £415.

April Diary

Monday 13th Tempo Annual General Vestry meeting 7pm
Tuesday 14th Mothers' Union Tempo Church Hall – Carole – Palace Experience.

Thursday 16th Visit of Canon Andrew White Vicar of St. George's Bagdad to St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen.

Monday 20th Clabby Annual General Vestry meeting 7-30pm

Sunday 26th Clabby Annual Friends Service 3-30pm
Preacher Dean Bryan Kerr, singers Corben Music Group.

Resurrection

In the post – Resurrection, pre Ascension and Pentecost days Jesus appeared on a number of occasions to His disciples. John (20:30) says "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book".

Paul (1st Corinthians 15) speaking of Jesus Resurrection "He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter and then to the twelve. After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born".

Jesus revealed himself physically to all these people, except Paul to prove he had literally and bodily risen from the dead.

He does not reveal himself to us literally or visibly, but He does reveal himself to us principally through the Bible.

The purpose of the Bible was clearly stated by John (20:31) "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name".

The Scriptures were given by God to provide us with a written record of his plan, will and purpose for our lives – our salvation and the way to live the Christian life. Through them we realise who Christ is and that by believing or trusting him as our personal Saviour we may have eternal life.

The disciples lives were transformed from doubt and fear to belief and confidence after they met the risen Christ. Our lives can be transformed continually when we meet with the risen Christ through the scriptures.

Revd Canon Derek Jupe

It was with much sadness and regret that we learned of the death of Revd Canon Derek Jupe Rector of Tempo and Clabby 1983-1992. He had suffered a stroke in July and died in a Care home on 3rd March. We were pleased that in retirement he had come back with his wife Margaret to take part in the Flower Festival in Clabby 2003 and then recently they both attended the rededication service in April 2014. He had exercised a faithful Gospel ministry during his years here and laid foundations for modern worship in Clabby.

I trust we will remember his wife Margaret and family in these difficult days and in the future as they re-adjust to life without his physical presence with them.

Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

What will we do if it rains?

This Easter day at 6.00am we will have our early morning service on the lough shore. It will be our ninth I believe. Each year I ask myself the question "what will we do if it rains?" The answer now is quite simple we will go to the parish hall. The service in its natural setting is wonderful but I am sure that no matter where we meet, its not the place but the people who attend who put a smile on the face of God. The gathered people of God who break the bread and share the cup. For Easter day or any day we turn to God and acknowledge his love for us is a reminder of the triumph of Christ over death. It does not matter where, rather it matters that we realise that Christ is risen in our hearts.

Holy Week Services

From Wednesday to Friday of Holy Week services at 8.00pm each night in the Priory. Friday night will be a service of Tenebrae.

Easter Day Services

Dawn service at 6.00am at the Lough shore behind the Priory. Hopefully we will have breakfast together in the parish hall after the service.

(As Killadeas parish are raising funds for restoration of the Priory, any donations given for breakfast are going to the restoration.)

10.00am Holy Communion in the Priory

11.30am Holy Communion in St. Michael's Trory.

A Bunch of Smarties

Both parishes are using Smartie tubes to raise funds this spring.

Trory gave out the sweets on the Sunday before Lent to be eaten and filled with 20 pence coins. Trory tubes should be returned on or around the first Sunday after Easter (12th April)

Killadeas gave out the Smartie tubes on Palm Sunday and these should be returned by Pentecost Sunday (24th May)

Please remember to attach your name and address to allow us to collect gift aid if you are a tax payer.

Priory Community Outreach

Events are being announced in Church and on the groups flyers. Forth coming events are a trip to Glenveigh, Co. Donegal, a visit to Newgrange and the Boyne valley and later in 2015 a visit to Dublin Castle and Christ Church Cathedral.

Visit of Dr Timothy Mang



Visit of Dr Timothy Mang, (LMI Myanmar, Mr. Thomas McClean (Director of LMI) to Trory on Sunday 15th March.

Dr Timothy Mang spoke on Sunday 15th March on behalf of Logos Ministries and their work in Myanmar. Dr Mang spoke of how the church in Myanmar is persecuted and yet told of how it was growing. He told of how an officer in the Chin forces, who are seeking independence from Myanmar, was brutalized to the point that he had become a cannibal, came to faith and believed in Jesus. He told how the man now works for the church and told of the change in him as a human being.

Annual General Vestry meetings

Killadeas: Tuesday 14th April at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall
Trory: Wednesday 22nd April at 8.00pm in the School House.

A NIGHT OF FAVOURITE HYMNS



**Sunday 10th May
7.00pm in Christ Church
Maguiresbridge**

Everyone Welcome

Fivemiletown Girls Friendly Society

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A Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

in aid of **Missionaries & Branch Funds**

on Saturday 18th April
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Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm



Please come along for a cuppa & give us your support

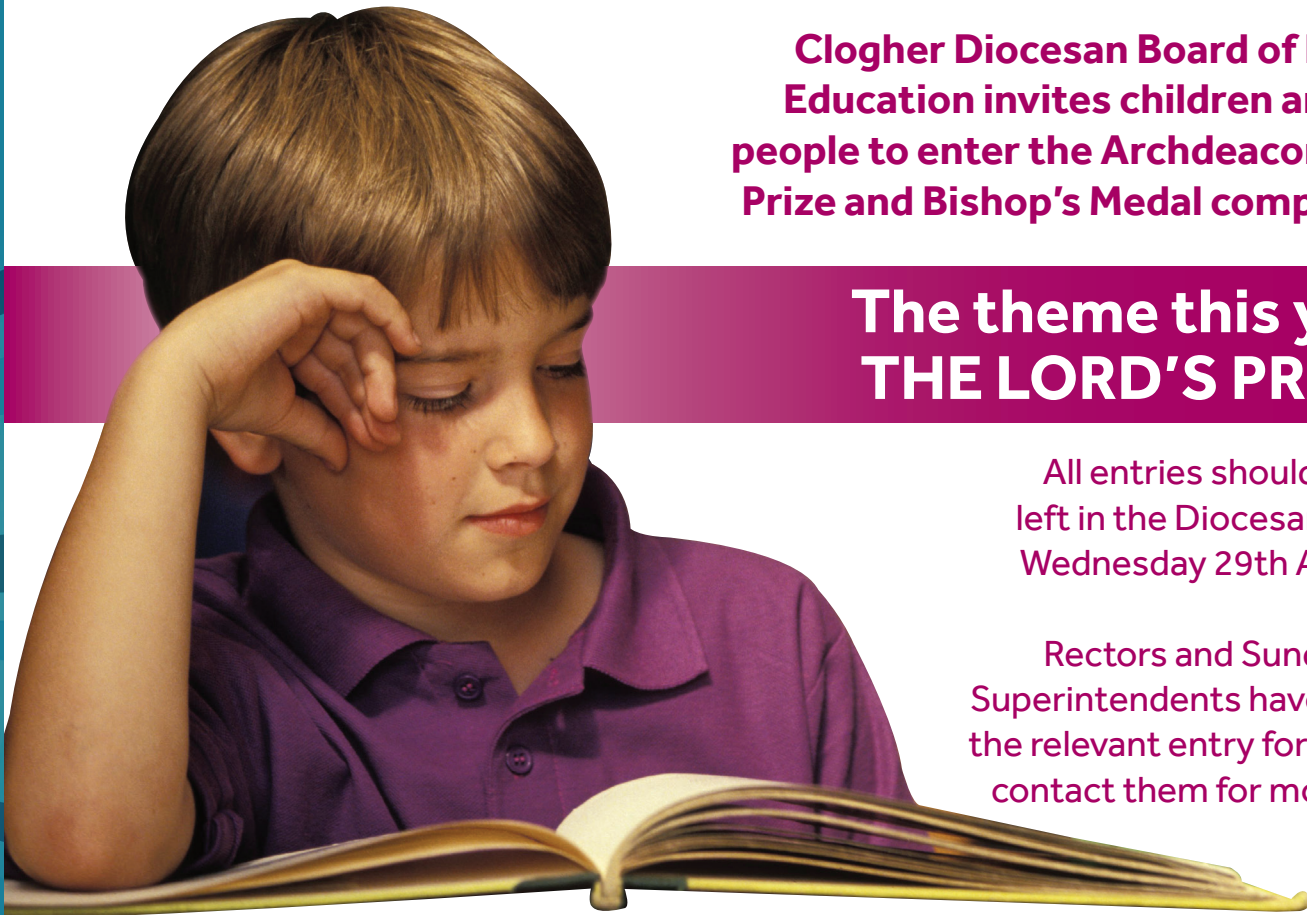
Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal competitions.

The theme this year is
THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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.



Vigil Clogher Diocesan Youth Council

Youth Night

St Macartin's Cathedral,
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April 4th 7:30 - 9:30

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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME:

Friday, 22nd May, 2015 – 3pm to 8pm

Official Opening at 3pm by Heather Humphreys, Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht

Opening Service at 8pm by The Rt. Revd. John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher

Saturday, 23rd May, 2015 – 10am to 8pm

Sunday, 24th May, 2015 – 2pm to 7pm
Closing Service at 7pm by The Ven. Helene T. Steed

Walking Tours of the Grounds of Dartrey Castle & The Dawson Temple can be arranged by prior booking

Friday, 22nd May – Sunday, 24th May, 2015

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