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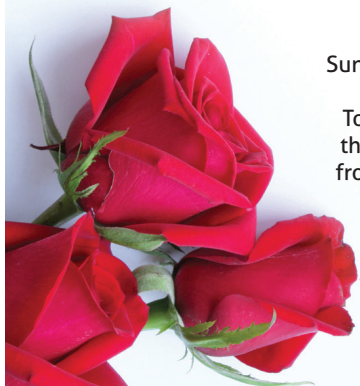
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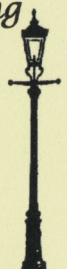
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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends,
In the parish where I grew up the rector decided to have a service of Holy Communion at 8.30am each Sunday, which was rather unusual in those days (this was in the 1960s!). As a bit of a joke some parishioners called those who regularly attended the service "The Early Christians". This month I want to say a word or two

about the real early Christians, the first believers in the Resurrection, because I think they may have something to teach us about our attitude to discipleship in the present.

From the very beginning of its existence the Christian Church has had to try to work out how to live in relation to the world around it. For those first Christians the task was in some ways more difficult and in other ways less difficult than ours.

It was more difficult because they were the first communities of the Holy Spirit and were pioneers, although they drew a great deal of inspiration from how God had guided Israel by the law and the prophets. It was less difficult because they were not in a position to get involved in power or politics, which the church has done since, and not always wisely. Sometimes since those early days we believers have been more politicised than we have been Christianised.

However, like Christians in all ages we have to decide, maybe on a daily basis, how we are to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.

If you had stumbled across one of those early Christian communities what would you have noticed?

Possibly first, that like the Jews, the Christians were exclusive. They did not mix much in society and certainly did not take part in the popular games or festivals which were so important to public life in the ancient world. They would not even pay the conventional homage to the Emperor, even though it only involved casting a pinch of salt before a statue. It was one of the things that men of the world found rather odd and sometimes shocking about the Church.

In those days each Christian community was a small isolated unit, meeting privately in an upstairs room in an out-of-the way street. Although they seemed cut off from the rest of society, at the same time there was a great deal of coming and going between them, from one city to another, and all the members felt that they belonged to one family. In

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fact they felt that they were the first members of a new race, living a new type of community life, to which all people were called.

In that sense they were unusually inclusive, welcoming people who would not normally mix together or who were usually opposed to one another: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, Greeks and barbarians, slaves and free people; and all given equal status.

Next, perhaps you would have noticed that they were a socially very unimportant group; they had no influence whatsoever on political or economic affairs. They probably would never have dreamed that in a few hundred years the whole West would have become Christian and that the emperor himself would be one of their number. But the first believers were powerless and without any prospect of power.

And yet they had a dynamism which was unmistakable. They believed that they had some of the power of "the age to come" which meant that although their morality was very austere it was also joyful and deeply attractive. They were for the most part simple and uneducated people, yet had incredibly active and perceptive minds. Although contemptible to many clever people in their own day, they understood and treasured the long and difficult letters from Paul and the other apostles which circulated among them, and which have proved such a puzzle to many scholars since.

An acute observer could hardly have failed to notice the intense liveliness and hopefulness that they had was in sharp contrast to the dullness and weariness of the world around them.

Last of all you might have noticed that these early Christians were both quite authoritarian but also quite free. "Obey" and "obedience" were words they used often and it was not unusual for them to talk about themselves as servants or even slaves. They were people under authority.

They went out of their way to honour the authority of civil government and continued to do so even when it began to persecute them. And yet they spoke of their experience as people who had been set free from all oppressions, both from within and without. No doubt if you had asked them, they would have had no theory about how authority and freedom were reconciled, but it was how they experienced life, rather like Paul when he said about Jesus "Whose service is perfect freedom".

That is not to say that such communities were perfect. A quick reading of any of the Letters in the New Testament would show the tensions and

strains and failings. But I think that the description I have given above is nevertheless a fair summary of those little communities that had sprung up by the end of the first century.

Since then many things have changed. As its numbers grew the Church of necessity had to organise itself as a great institution and in doing so it faced much more subtle and possibly formidable temptations. That need not have been damaging. However forgetting that the Holy Spirit does its healing and restoring work by persuasion and conviction, the Church turned to political and coercive methods. Also forgetting that it had a distinctive and authoritative ethic, too often it slowly and imperceptibly began to conform to the moral code of the surrounding culture.

However in every age the Church has infuriated those who believe that it should be a sort of "Liberty Hall" where everything and everyone is welcome and no questions are asked. One of the greatest theologians of any Church and any age, PT Forsyth said early in the last century "Everything, it is now said, is more or less true; and so everyone is more or less good, and we know not under what king we are."

But the Church has to witness that in God there is a final truth, and that men and women can indeed know under what king they are. The Church's attachment to traditional forms and its refusal to automatically fall into line with the spirit of any age or the changing phases of human culture, is not simple awkwardness or reactionary stiffness. The Gospel and its ethical consequences are not the fluctuating product of history but are the finality of God and his Law and of his work in Christ for every age.

I find myself writing these reflections at this particular time for a number of reasons. The first is that the Feast of Pentecost falls in May and the principal cause of the Church's failures throughout the ages has been that it has forgotten that it is the agent of the Holy Spirit who, with patience and suffering, will lead it into all truth and keep it in the truth.

The second is that there are two significant political events happening in May; a General Election in Northern Ireland and the Marriage Referendum in the Republic of Ireland.

The first thing I want to say is that it is not for the Church or for any individual Church of Ireland bishop to tell people how to vote, nor in my view to unduly influence how they should vote. Certainly in the Church of Ireland (and I do not have sufficient knowledge of how other Christian traditions address these matters today to say anything useful) there is a strong emphasis on the duty of private judgment - that each person has both a right and a duty to make up his or her own mind on how to vote in the light of an informed conscience.

General Elections are immensely important, because they determine what sort of government will be in power for a full five years, and in the United Kingdom are pretty well the only formal means we have of influencing that decision. They

are also immensely complex, and we can only do our best to decide which party's/candidate's policy will be most likely to deliver the good ordering of society and provide most hope for the future across a very wide range of areas such as the economy, justice, the family, health and wellbeing and many others.

On the other hand usually a Referendum concentrates on one well defined issue, although any single issue can in itself present many complexities. General Elections and Referendums were two things the early Christians hadn't to worry about, as they simply didn't exist then.

But what has the Church of Ireland to say about the current Referendum in the Republic of Ireland? Well, the only body that can talk with the full authority of the Church of Ireland on any subject is the General Synod; and the General Synod has not specifically addressed the issue which will be put in the Referendum.

However, in a Resolution in 2102 (printed at the foot of this letter) about the nature of marriage, the General Synod has said some things which have considerable bearing on the matter. This was a very contentious issue at the 2012 Synod and a difficult debate to be a part of, but in the end the Resolution passed by a pretty conclusive majority. It is also worth noting that the same Resolution did not say that the whole matter was now closed. In fact it formally committed the Church in general to further exploration and dialogue.

In my opinion (and it is only the opinion of one person) I do not think that the General Synod is likely to change its position on the nature of marriage as expressed in the first part of that resolution in the foreseeable future.

If I were a Church of Ireland voter in the Republic of Ireland, that Resolution, if not the starting point, would certainly form an important part of the context of my thinking.

It may lead some Church people to decide that they could not in all faithfulness to God, vote Yes, regardless of how that decision may be misrepresented or abominated by some. Some may vote No simply because the issue of the family is just too important to amend without much more consideration being given to the consequences.

It may lead some others to think that, with a good conscience, they could vote Yes, provided that the Church was permitted to retain for itself and of itself the right to be true to its own teaching on marriage for its own members. Still others may vote Yes because they conscientiously feel that the Church should change its views on the whole question of same-sex relationships.

At the very least, provided each view is arrived at with prayer and thought and expressed with compassion, each person who arrived at them is entitled to our courtesy and respect.

Whatever the case may be it was not the practice of Jesus Christ, and should never been the role of his Church, to relieve his disciples of the duty to wrestle with these matters for themselves.

+John

Church of Ireland General Synod 2012

Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief

The General Synod affirms that:

The Church of Ireland, mindful of the Preamble and Declaration, believes and accepts the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;

The Church of Ireland continues to uphold its teaching that marriage is part of God's creation and a holy mystery in which one man and one woman become one flesh, as provided for in Canon 31:

'The Church of Ireland affirms, according to our Lord's teaching that marriage is in its purpose a union permanent and lifelong, for better or worse, till death do them part, of one man with one woman, to the exclusion of all others on either side, for the procreation and nurture of children, for the hallowing and right direction of the natural instincts and affections, and for the mutual society, help and comfort which the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity'.

The Church of Ireland recognises for itself and of itself, no other understanding of marriage than that provided for in the totality of Canon 31. The Church of Ireland teaches therefore that faithfulness within marriage is the only normative context for sexual intercourse. Members of the Church of Ireland are required by the Catechism to keep their bodies in 'temperance, soberness and chastity'. Clergy are called in the Ordinal to be 'wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Jesus Christ'.

The Church of Ireland welcomes all people to be members of the Church. It is acknowledged, however,

that members of the Church have at times hurt and wounded people by words and actions, in relation to human sexuality.

Therefore, in order that the Church of Ireland is experienced as a 'safe place' and enabled in its reflection, the Church of Ireland affirms:

- A continuing commitment to love our neighbour, and opposition to all unbiblical and uncharitable actions and attitudes in respect of human sexuality from whatever perspective, including bigotry, hurtful words or actions, and demeaning or damaging language;
- A willingness to increase our awareness of the complex issues regarding human sexuality;
- A determination to welcome and to make disciples of all people.

The Church of Ireland is mindful that for all who believe 'there is no distinction' and that 'all have sinned and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:22 - 23) and are in need of God's grace and mercy. We seek to be a community modelled on God's love for the world as revealed in Jesus Christ. We wish that all members of the Church, through the teaching of the scriptures, the nourishment of the sacraments, and the prayerful and pastoral support of a Christian community will fulfil their unique contribution to God's purposes for our world.

That the General Synod requests the Standing Committee to progress work on the issue of Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief and also to bring a proposal to General Synod 2013 for the formation of a Select Committee with terms of reference including reporting procedures.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

'To God, no one is invisible': Anglican Alliance joins anti-poverty drive

The Anglican Alliance has joined more than 30 leaders from world religions and global faith-based organisations in a commitment to collective action to end extreme poverty by 2030.

The leaders have signed a declaration, Ending Extreme Poverty: A Moral and Spiritual Imperative, that sets out a vision for action: that humanity has both the responsibility and the capability to lift the last billion people out of extreme poverty in our generation.

This is a goal shared by the World Bank Group, which has convened a dialogue process with faith groups under the leadership of World Bank President Jim Kim.

The declaration highlights the gains made since 1990 in raising nearly a billion people out of poverty. It cites the evidence from the World Bank and elsewhere that the world now has the capacity to end the injustice of extreme poverty.

The declaration, drafted by a multi-faith committee, was discussed and shaped at the roundtable convened by the World Bank Group in February 2015. This was the first high-level meeting between President Jim Kim and leaders from religious communities and global faith-based organisations. The Anglican Alliance was represented at the meeting by Co-Executive Director, Rachel Carnegie.



"The Anglican Alliance will give its best efforts to connect and strengthen the response of churches and agencies across the Anglican Communion in collaboration with others to fulfil this vision of ending extreme poverty. Our scriptures speak of God's call for justice," said Carnegie. Recent years had seen millions lifted out of poverty, she said further. "We must complete this work, so no one is left behind. To God no one is invisible."

She said that the inequalities in the world should not be allowed to deepen and wound the very body of our common humanity and to undermine best efforts to eradicate poverty and injustice. "Our focus is on sustainable development, in which economic growth is balanced with the needs of the environment, so that all humanity can flourish in harmony with the planet."

Archbishop Welby visits Egypt to offer condolence for murdered Christians



His Holiness Pope Tawadros II and Archbishop Justin Welby

The Archbishop of Canterbury has visited Egypt to offer condolence following the murder of 21 Egyptian Christians in Libya.

Archbishop Justin Welby travelled to the country to express condolence and solidarity in meetings with religious and political leaders.

The 21 kidnapped migrant workers, all Coptic Christians, were beheaded by Islamic State militants in February.

During the two-day visit the Archbishop met with the head of the Coptic Church, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar. He also met with the President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. He preached at a joint Egyptian-Sudanese Eucharist service at All Saints Cathedral in Cairo.

The Archbishop was hosted by Bishop Mouneer Anis, Bishop of the Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa, and the Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Speaking to the BBC during the visit, the Archbishop said: "I believe Islamic State is deeply evil - even to its own supporters. Simply to turn our backs on people in such struggle and suffering is totally unacceptable. Equally, to say the simple solution is that 'you will leave that area and come to our place...' - we all know that that is, again, an invitation to ethnic cleansing on a grand scale."

In his Easter sermon the Archbishop highlighted the persecution of Christians in the Middle East and Africa, including the 148 people killed in an attack on a Kenyan university recently.

Nigerian bishop to be the Anglican Communion's next Secretary General

The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon has been appointed to be the next Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

Dr Idowu-Fearon, who has visited Clogher Diocese on a number of occasions, currently serves as Bishop of Kaduna in the Church of Nigeria where he has earned a global reputation in the Church for his expertise in Christian-Muslim relations.

He was selected out of an initial field of applicants from Oceania, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Since 1998 the Most Revd Dr Idowu-Fearon has been Bishop of Kaduna, and he is the current Director of the Kaduna Anglican Study Centre. Before that he served as Bishop of Sokoto, Warden at St Francis of Assisi Theological College in Wusasa, and Provost of St. Michael's Cathedral in Kaduna.



Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon and Bishop James Tengatenga

Responding to his appointment, Dr Idowu-Fearon said, "I am excited to take up the post of Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, and to continue the fine work undertaken by my predecessors in this office.

"It is a privilege to be so honoured and recognised by the Communion for this leadership position. I look forward to serving the Anglican family with my future colleagues at the Anglican Communion Office and the Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury."

Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council, Bishop James Tengatenga warmly welcomed the appointment saying, "I am delighted that Bishop Josiah has accepted the position. He will bring a vital new perspective on the Anglican Communion, its life and ministry. His experience and expertise in Christian-Muslim relations is particularly welcome at this time."

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said, "I warmly welcome the appointment of Bishop Josiah and look forward to working closely with him in the renewal of the Anglican Communion amidst the global challenges facing us today."

Bishop Josiah has a PhD (Sociology) and Postgraduate Diploma in Education from Nigeria's Ahmadu Bello University, an MA in Islamic Theology from Birmingham University, and a BA in Theology from Durham University.

He has lectured and been published widely on the subject of Christian-Muslim relations. He serves on a variety of national inter-religious bodies and has previously worked with the Anglican Communion Office and Lambeth Palace on several projects.

Bishop Josiah has been awarded the Officer of the Order of the Niger, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Cross of St. Augustine's Award, and is a Canterbury Six Preacher.

Bishop Josiah, who is married to Comfort and has two children, Ibrahim and Ninma, is expected to take up the role in July 2015.

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS



The Church of Ireland Gazette 1915

The RCB Library has now released in full the weekly editions of the 1915 Church of Ireland Gazette online, these will be available at www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

The 1915 editions add to those already available for the years 1913 and 1914, enabling further analysis of various aspects of the momentous changes that occurred in Ireland and now being marked in the Decade of Commemorations. The contents of the Church of Ireland Gazette provide an invaluable resource about the opinions and attitudes of members of the Church of Ireland through changing times. Written and read by lay and clerical members of the Church, north and south, access via the online search engine brings to life how unfolding political events in Ireland and abroad were communicated to and received by members of this significant minority community on the island one hundred years ago.

Last year the Library (which is the principal repository for Church of Ireland records) launched a sponsorship appeal to continue the work of digitization of this important resource. These efforts have come to the attention of the Irish government, and financial support from the National Commemorations Programme (managed by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) has made possible the work presented online for the first time covering the 1915 editions. It is hoped that further support from other individuals will enable the work to continue over the next few years, and sponsorship details are available on the presentation page.

The online exhibition highlights the Gallipoli Campaign by the Allied forces which began on 25 April 1915, and would continue for over 8 months until 9 January 1916. The paper's weekly war column "The War Week by Week" carried interesting analysis of the operation to secure the Dardanelles and indeed all the other theatres of war. By 1915, the initials "W.B.W." under the column reveal that the editor himself, Warre B. Wells, was author of their texts which drew on the latest bulletins issued by the War Office. Wells served as Gazette editor during the entire period of the First World War. A layman and Redmondite he clearly supported Irish involvement in the military effort by endorsing and publicising active recruitment at every opportunity in his editorials and columns.

A significant new feature introduced to the weekly Gazette from the 24 September 1915 was the "Roll of Honour of Clergy" which sought to illustrate the military service of clerical families, through publication of a series of portraits with accompanying biographical sketches of the sons, or near relations of Irish clergy who were either 'bearing arms', or had already 'laid down their lives in their country's cause'. The new feature began with the eldest son of the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John Baptist Crozier - Major Baptist Crozier - who served with the Royal Artillery. Alongside Crozier, and more poignantly appeared the picture of Robert Bernard, the younger son of the Rt

Revd J.H. Bernard, Bishop of Ossory, who, having served with the Royal Fusiliers in India, is reported as being killed in action on 26th April 1915 at Sedd-el-Bahr on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the day after the Fusiliers effected a landing on this beach at the beginning of the Gallipoli campaign.

Faithful Peacebuilding Conference in Belfast



Archbishop Richard Clarke with Terry Waite CBE, keynote speaker at the International Conference of the Irish Churches' Peace Project

Statement from Church Leaders: Against the backdrop of continuing political instability, the experience of the Irish Churches' Peace Project (ICPP) highlights the contribution of local leadership in rebuilding trust and overcoming remaining obstacles to peace in our society. Notwithstanding the considerable achievements of the peace process, seventeen years on from the Good Friday Agreement there is still significant untapped potential for the development of new relationships in local communities across Northern Ireland and the border region. We welcome the commitment of the EU to further peace funding, as advocated by the Northern Ireland Executive and the Irish Government.

Our pastoral experience makes us acutely aware that we cannot afford to be complacent about the enduring impact of division in our society, which manifests in multiple, often inter-connected, forms of exclusion. The threat to social cohesion arising from growing socio-economic inequality is a particular concern, notably in its implications for the younger generations. As the ICPP enters the final phase of its work we will be reflecting together on how we can continue to build on the new relationships that have been established to facilitate a truly inclusive dialogue about the kind of future we want for our local communities.

We have been greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm and openness local churches have brought to this project, building on existing models of good practice in partnership with statutory agencies, the Community and Voluntary sector and political leaders. With funding for peace-building work increasingly scarce, the time and energy of volunteers can make a crucial difference.

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of all those who have taken up the challenge of the Irish Churches' Peace Project. The work of peace is central to the Christian call to love of neighbour and as Christians we have a particular responsibility to be agents of reconciliation in our communities, seeking to bring a message of hope and healing to those who are suffering.

New CIYD base at Church House Belfast officially opened

A new meeting space and offices for the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) on the ground floor of Church of Ireland House, Donegall Street, Belfast were officially opened on Wednesday 25th March 2015. The President of CIYD and Chair of its Central Board, The Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath & Kildare, cut the ribbon after hearing a warm welcome to guests from the Revd Paul Whittaker (Chair of the Executive Committee).

The new facility offers an informal, relaxed and modern meeting space for youth-related workers as well as offices for CIYD staff based in Belfast and a hub for useful printed and multi-media resources.

At the opening, Bishop Pat Storey said that the space is 'a resource for the whole island'.

As well as thanking the staff of CIYD for all that they give to the youth work of the Church, she stressed that the purpose of CIYD was 'all about the challenge and opportunity of ministry to young people and encouraging them to meet with Jesus Christ', and concluded proceedings with prayer.

RCB Appoints New Synod Officer

The RCB is pleased to announce that Dr Catherine Smith has been appointed to the position of Synod Officer shortly to be vacated by Mr Garrett Casey, who is resigning to take forward his legal career.

Catherine is a graduate of University College Cork and is currently lecturing in English at the University of Limerick. She will be joining the Synod Department in time to attend this year's General Synod and is looking forward to meeting the members of the General Synod at the Armagh City Hotel in May.

The Ven George Davison, Hon Secretary of General Synod and Chair of the appointment panel said: 'We are delighted to welcome Catherine to the Synod team and look forward to working with her. We also thank Garrett Casey for his diligent service in the role and wish him well.'



DIOCESAN NEWS

Canon Andrew White speaks in Enniskillen

Those attending a special service in St Macartin's Cathedral in Enniskillen on Thursday 16th April, listened in awe as Canon Andrew White, dubbed 'Vicar of Baghdad' told of his ministry and life in the war torn country.

Canon White has suffered much hostility in Iraq having served as a minister in the only remaining Anglican Church since 2004.

He has also set up several schools helping children get the education they deserve, despite being taken hostage and suffering for the gospel.

However he said, "I will never leave my people. I will stand by them."

Before moving to Baghdad he had previously worked at St Thomas' Hospital London as a member of the cardiac arrest team.

Speaking on how he copes with the situations he witnesses, he said, "When you have lost everything, Jesus is all you have got left - faith keeps us going."

The Right Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, welcomed Canon White to the Diocese adding that it was a "privilege" to listen to his experiences in the Middle East.

He said, "the stories Canon White tells are both heartbreaking and heart warming - especially at this time of Eastertide they bear out this truth that darkness can never quench the light."

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. Flower arranging and potting demonstration by Elizabeth Allister. Plants for sale by Billy and Jeanette Cassidy. Tickets are £5 or €6 payable at the door.

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 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (white)

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 – Ascension Thursday

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.

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

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

Friday 15th May – St Matthias (red)

Saturday 16th May – **Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** in the School House, Aughnamullen from 10.00am-1.30pm. Quiz sheets are available from George Montgomery (047 57752) and Marjorie Beattie (042 9741094). Draw for the Quiz will take place at 12noon.

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

Sunday 17th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter (white)

Sunday 17th May – **An Evening of Song and Praise** led by Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir in Aghabog Parish at 7.30pm.

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 3.30pm. Led by the Bishops of Clogher, The Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid and the Rt Revd John McDowell.

Sunday 24th May – The Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday (red)

Sunday 24th May – **Clogher Rural Deanery Vestry Members Service** at 7.30pm in Clabby Parish Church. Preacher: Mr Dermot O'Callaghan.

Thursday 28th May – **Lunchtime Healing Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral from 1.05 – 1.35pm.

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

Friday 29th May – **Parish BBQ and Dance** in Colebrooke Parish Hall at 7.00pm. Entertainment provided by the Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band from 9.00pm - 1.00am. Adults £12; Children £5. To obtain tickets contact Mrs Ann Johnston on 028 89531596.

Saturday 30th May – **Colaghty Parish Auction and Cake Sale** at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Viewing from 11.00am.

Saturday 30th May – **Service to mark the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo** at 10.30am in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen.

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 – **Clogher Cathedral Friends Service and AGM** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Clogher at 7.00pm. Preacher: The Very Revd Dr William Morton, Dean of Derry.

Sunday 31st May – **Trinity Sunday (white)**

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

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

Sunday 31st May – **Friendship Service** at 3.00pm in Holy Trinity Parish, Clogh.

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 6th June – **Annual Car Boot Sale with Strawberry Teas and Cake Sale** at Drummully Parish. Gates open at 8.00am. Cars and small vans €10; Large vans €15. Proceeds to Church roof repair fund.

Thursday 11th June – **Barnabas Cup Football Tournament** at Fisher Park, Ballinamallard. Local churches are invited to enter a 7-a-side team. The first half is a mini-league and

then a knock out for the league winners. If you wish to enter contact Canon Brian Harper, rector of Magheracross Parish on 028 66 388238.

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 – **175th Anniversary Sunday Group Service** to celebrate 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.

Thursday 18th June – **'Dress up for Dinner':** an evening of good fun in good company in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen at 8.00pm. Speaker: Revd Willie Nixon, Rector of Drumbeg Parish. Music by young Gospel Group 'Radiant' from Omagh Academy. Tickets £25.

Saturday 20th June – **Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** in Aghabog Parish Hall from 11.00am - 2.00pm.

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, using music, drama, crafts, games and more. 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 St Macartin's 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

Sunday 2nd August – Opening of the 2015 Carleton Summer School with a lecture and recital in Clogher Cathedral at 7.30pm. Internationally acclaimed harpist Kathleen Loughnane (Galway) will give a recital with a lecture by Fr Patrick Ryan, author of the new biography of Miler Magrath, the infamous first Protestant Bishop of Clogher and later Archbishop of Cashel.

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

September 2015

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

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

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

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

Sunday 6th September – Special Diocesan Commissioning Service with a Celebration of Holy Communion for all Sunday School teachers and helpers to mark the beginning of a new school year at 7.00pm in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. Preacher: The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

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 Halls 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** in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall at 10.00am.

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

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

Tuesday 3rd November – **Crosslinks Western Prayer Meeting** in Aghavea Church Hall at 8.00pm.

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: Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

MOTHERS’ UNION NEWS

Clogher Diocesan Mothers’ Union

‘Praying Together Day’ took place on Saturday 21 March in St Margaret’s Parish Church, Clabby. The day was led by Bishop Ken Clarke, former Bishop of Kilmore. There was a record number of members present. The programme began with refreshments served in the ‘Welcome’ area of the Church. This was followed by a service of Holy Communion, after which Bishop Clarke gave us a wonderful reflection on Psalm 23, which was appreciated by all present: this was Psalm 23 as we had never heard it before! A soup/sandwich lunch was provided; this allowed time for chat, renewing friendships and a visit to the Enterprise stall. Bishop Clarke did a further session

in the afternoon – again this was very interesting; the serious nature of his talk was interspersed with several humorous little stories.

Mrs Valerie McMorris, Faith and Policy Unit Co-ordinator brought our time together to a close with a short reflection and some prayers.

Dr Margaret, Diocesan MU President, thanked the Bishop, also Canon Maurice Armstrong and his wife Jean. Thanks were also expressed to all who took part in the service and to the members of Tempo/Clabby Mothers’ Union for their help. We all joined together in saying the Grace. This was a really special occasion, well worth the effort and the best event of its kind for many years.



Valerie McMorris, Dr Margaret Knox, Bishop Ken Clarke, Geraldine Beattie, Diane Whittaker

NEWS FOR VESTRIES

On-line RB General Unit Trust Valuations Calculator

Unit prices for both RB General Unit Trust (RoI) and the RB General Unit Trust (NI) have been verified and added for Quarter 1, 2015 to www.ireland.anglican.org/valuations.

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

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

AccessNI

From 1st April 2015, AccessNI are introducing online applications for all Disclosures. The applicant must register an account at www.nidirect.gov.uk/accessni and complete the Disclosure application online using the PIN number of the Board of Education. The completed pin notification and id validation form must then be submitted to the Board of Education before the application will be processed.

The completed application will be lodged automatically and immediately to the online account of the Board of Education for processing.

For a limited period paper applications will still be processed by AccessNI but it is proposed that a charge for these will be introduced where organisations continue to submit them. The Board of Education will no longer accept nor process paper applications after Friday 15th May 2015. Any forms received after this date will be returned to the Rector.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Leader Training Evening

Clogher has been chosen to pilot a youth leader training evening! Youthlink have launched an initiative to bring training for youth ministry volunteers to local venues. The first of these will be on Wednesday 6th May in the McArthur Halls, Enniskillen 7.30-10.00pm. There will be 4 workshops on the evening which will be run twice to allow leaders to have a choice of 2 on the night. The workshops are:

1. Group Development - A look at youth group dynamics;
2. Programme Development - How to plan & resource;
3. Engaging Activities - Fun and games to build relationships;
4. Spiritual Development - Creative devotional ideas for teens.

There are a limited number of free places available so please contact dyo@clogher.anglican.org as soon as possible to book a place.

VIGIL

Clogher Diocesan Youth Council - Enniskillen Rural Deanery Youth Event

Smoke, multi-coloured lights, drama, a thought provoking message, interactive games, hot food, Zumba and a whole lot of fun! In short that's what the latest rural deanery event looked and sounded like.

In the cool of an early April evening groups of young people and their leaders from throughout the

diocese pressed into the smoke filled atmosphere of a transformed St Macartin's Cathedral. Revd Rob Clements and Miss Alison Irvine along with their young people had put energy and creative instinct into creating an environment, which engendered expectation and excitement in the young people as they entered. Immediately they engaged in a number of light entertaining challenges like knocking down skittles with air balloons and generally getting to reacquaint with each other since the last diocesan youth event.

Soon everyone was caught up in further challenges with the theme of beat the leader. Stockings were put on heads. Empty coke cans were to be knocked down. Tissues were to be scattered and of course the young people beat the leaders every time!



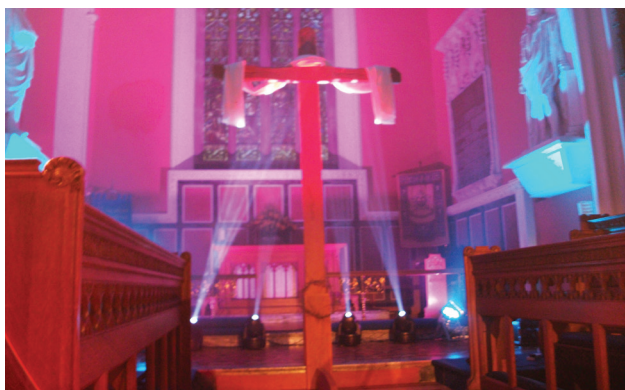
Having laughed heartily at all the merriment we turned to a more serious side of the gathering. Amy Hayes from Derrylin led the group in some interactive worship. She showed the group a video of marines singing, "These

are the days of Elijah” and then encouraged the young people to join in. The actions and lyrics worked well allowing for some fun praise. The Revd Rob Clements supported Amy on the guitar and Alison added vocal support. It was good to see the young people enjoying worship and feeling less self conscious as they did so. A short drama followed with Amy and Alison, which focused our minds on the Easter story. How the disciples were perplexed, as their master had been crucified. What was going to happen now.....was all lost?



Revd Rob then took the stage to deliver a short message on the challenge of Easter. He spoke of how things can often seem to be going horribly wrong. He had a basketball stand and basket in the centre of the cathedral aisle and had the young people imagine a game of basketball. It was the final seconds of a game. The score difference a point. One score from either team would settle the win. Could the leading team hold out? Could the losers score and win? Then he demonstrated that winning shot and score with team players from the young people gathered. When all seemed lost in the final moments the score was transformed. The team that seemed beaten won! And so it was at Easter. Jesus seemed to be defeated....all was lost! And then He rose from the grave! The dejected disciples transformed from grief to joy, dejection to delight. Revd Rob had clearly indicated how Christ could transform us also. When we think all is lost He can be our Saviour our Redeemer our Friend.

Having been entertained, challenged and inspired the young people made their way to the nearby cathedral halls for hot food and Zumba dancing for the rest of the evening! It was encouraging to see such fun and fellowship along with a clear call to trust Christ all in one evening.



As their feet stepped onto buses and back into cars to return home the young people looked back on a very successful and enjoyable evening. There was a satisfaction that at the end of five rural deanery events the youth council had found a plan that could be continued and developed for the coming season in September.



The Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade

The weekend of 20th to 22nd March was a hugely important one for the Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade. For the past year the Brigade has been preparing to commemorate those from within its ranks who bravely fought for King and Country during the Great War.

The Mayor of Lisburn, Andrew Ewing, hosted a Presentation and Book Launch at the Island Civic Centre. Four lads, one from each of the Brigade's four sections, were presented with their prizes as winners of a Commemorative War Badge Design Competition. Calvin Patterson's entry was chosen as the overall winner and his design has been made into a woven badge that will be worn on uniform until 2018.



Winning war badge design by Calvin Patterson from Ballinderry. Entries were also received from Fivemiletown.

A new book, 'Ready and Willing – Irish Church Lads in the Great War' was presented to the Mayor by Dean Robert Townley. The purpose of the book is to create a permanent record of the remarkable contribution made to the Great War by Irish Church Lads.

Details of how to obtain 'Ready and Willing' can be viewed on the CLCGB Ulster Regiment website.



Dean Robert Townley and the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke and the new War Memorial Banner remembering men from right across Ireland including from our former Enniskillen (with Trory) and Lisbellaw Companies.

An Anniversary Dinner was held in the Brownlow Hotel, Lurgan. Several Anniversaries were being celebrated – the Ulster Regiment, the 2nd Battalion and the Seagoe Girls Company were all marking their 70th Birthdays. The Archbishop of Armagh was Guest of Honour; also in attendance from England were the CLCGB Governor, Liz Butterfield, the Brigade's CEO, Audrey Simm, and The Hon. Treasurer, John Smith. The highlight of the weekend was the Annual Parade when hundreds of lads and girls marched to Seagoe Parish Church for a Service led by the Rector, Canon Terence Cadden. This was the biggest parade for many years and during the Service a new War Memorial Banner was dedicated by the Archbishop, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke. The Mayor of Craigavon, Colin McCusker, and his family were in attendance.



Andy Little from the St John's, Fivemiletown Company, carrying its Standard.

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On 26th June 2015

At Church of Ireland Hall, Letterbreen, Enniskillen
Tickets £15 per head. Everyone Welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCSP Call Blocker Initiative Date

Fermanagh & Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) can provide 107 call blocking devices for vulnerable people in Fermanagh. The devices allow users to block unwanted calls. Contact PCSP Development Officer 0300 3031777 Ext 21178.

Parents Helpline

Parents Helpline is a free confidential service offering support and guidance to parents/guardians. To make an appointment or to find out more about Parenting NI services contact freephone 0808 8010722.

Counselling for Men

Men's Action Network offer counselling for men from the age of 14 in the Enniskillen area. They offer counselling in all areas including addiction, grief, anger, depression and any other issues men face. This is a one-to-one service. Contact Anne on 028 66328898.

DARD Rural Micro Capital Grants

DARD has announced funding open for applications until noon on Friday 22 May 2015. Grants of between £200 and £1,500 are available to constituted rural community organisations for equipment and minor capital works. Contact 02866327006.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

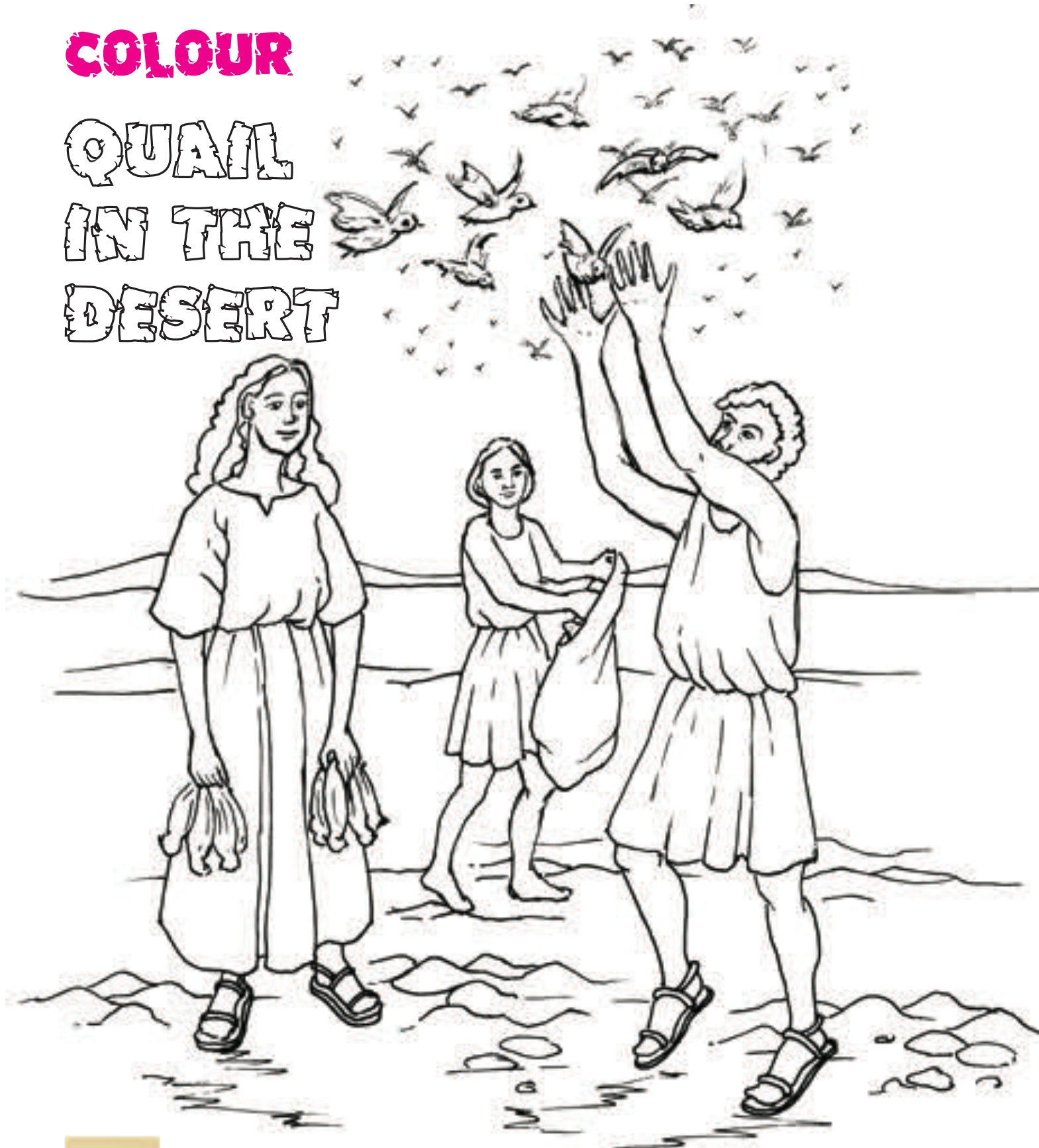
Special Diocesan Service for Sunday School Teachers

A special Commissioning Service to mark the beginning of a new school year has been arranged for all Sunday School teachers and helpers at 7.00pm

on Sunday 6th September in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen (kindly granted by the Dean). The Service will be a Celebration of Holy Communion with special preacher, the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Further details of the service will be made available over the next few months.

COLOUR

QUAIL IN THE DESERT



READ

Quail and manna in the desert (you can read this in Exodus chapter 16)

Moses had led the Israelites out of Egypt. A while after they had come out of Egypt all the Israelites started to grumble and complain to Moses and his brother Aaron and thought they would have been better staying as slaves in Egypt. They said, "If only we had died in Egypt! In Egypt we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve us all to death."

God told Moses that he would give food for everyone but he would also test them to see if they followed his instructions. The people were to go out every day and collect enough food for that day and on the sixth day they were to gather twice as much food as the other days. Moses told the people that they had really been complaining against God but that God was going to send them food - bread in the morning and meat in the evening.

That evening quail (a type of bird) came and covered the camp and when the dew disappeared in the morning thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared. Moses

explained that this was the bread (the Israelites called it 'manna') God had sent for them to eat and they were to collect only what they needed. Moses told them no one was to keep any of it until the next day but some people did not obey and they kept some. But the next morning it was full of maggots and it was smelly – it was not good to eat. Moses was angry. On the sixth day everyone gathered twice as much as normal. This was the day before the Sabbath, a day of rest. Moses told them to cook the bread and quail and save whatever was left until the morning. This time there were no maggots and the food did not smell – it was good to eat. Moses told them to eat the food because there would be none on the ground that day. He said, "Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any."

But some people went out anyway but they found no food. Moses told them again that God would provide the food for six days and on the sixth day he would send enough for two days, no one was to go out looking for food on the Sabbath.

God provided everything the Israelites needed. God provides all the things that we need. Do you take these things for granted, or do you remember to thank God for the great things He has done for you? Do you complain if things don't go your way? Try remembering that God made a great sacrifice for us and all he wants from us in return is a faithful Christian.

WORDSEARCH

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Find these words from the story in the wordsearch

- DESERT
- GRUMBLE
- HUNGRY
- MOSES
- GOD
- PROVIDE
- MANNA
- QUAIL
- GATHER
- TWICE
- SABBATH
- OBEY

(They might go up, down, forwards, backwards or diagonally)

MAKE A QUAIL

Follow this web link to find a template and instructions on how to make this fun quail. <http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mplate-quail.htm> Display your quail. Use it to remind you to thank God every day for giving you everything you need.



PARISH NOTES

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Once again we ask you to remember in your prayers all our fellow parishioners who at this time are unwell.

Study Group

Thank you those who turned up each week and took part in this year's Lent study group. 'If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat.' Particular thanks must go to Capt David for his hospitality and research each week.

Auction

Aghadrumsee Parish once again held a very successful Auction on Saturday 25th April. Thanks must go to all those who donated items, provided transport, provided refreshments, purchased items and last but by no means least Mr William Little for his auctioneering skills and advice.

Bowling Club



Congratulations to Clogh Bowling Club on winning Section C of the Erne Bowling League. They were presented with the cup at the Play Offs on Thursday 12th March at Aghavea. The club held their final evening of the season and invited some friends to share in a tea including the Nelson family. Jamie was a great member of the Bowling Club and will be missed. The adult tournament wasn't played but the Junior tournament was played earlier and the winner Cleone Egerton was presented with the shield.

Friendship Service

Holy Trinity Clogh invite you to their Friendship Service on Sunday 31st May at 3.00 pm.

Baptism

On Sunday 12th April Lexi Nicola daughter of Derek McCordick and Lindsay Nelson was baptized in Clogh Church.

Sympathy

It was with great sadness we learnt of the sudden and untimely death of Jamie Nelson, his life tragically cut short in a road traffic accident. Our sincere condolences to his parents Raymond & Valerie, brothers and sisters: Melanie, Gemma, Kyle, Ashley and Jordan and the wider family circle. Sympathy is also extended to Mr & Mrs Edwin Keenan and family on the death of Linda's Aunt and to the family of the late Miss Peggy McAuley laid to rest in Clogh.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

3rd May

11.00am Cooneen Holy Communion
 3.30pm Colebrooke Friends' Service

10th May

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

17th May

11.00am Family Service at Colebrooke
 3.30pm Mullaghfad Friends' Service and picnic

24th May

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer
 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

Holy Matrimony

On Friday 27th March 2015, Victoria Smith and Philip Howe were married in St Ronan's, Colebrooke, with a reception in the Manor House Hotel. Congratulations and God's richest blessing on the happy couple.

Holy Baptism

On 11th April 2015, Ava Leigh Kirkpatrick, daughter of Evanna and Maurice was baptised.

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 continue 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 at 028 8953 1596.

Parish BBQ and Dance

On Friday 29th May 2015, we will be holding a BBQ for the group at Colebrooke Parish Hall. Festivities starting at 7.00pm, the Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band will provide entertainment from 9.00pm, until 1.00am. Adults £12 each (including steak) and children £5 (sausages, burgers etc). Good buffet menu for salads, side dishes and sweets.

To obtain your ticket, please get in touch with Mrs Ann Johnston at 028 8953 1596.

Mothers' Union

Having just experienced the beautiful spring weather of early April, it was fitting that the MU meeting on 15th April was Spring Flower Arranging with Elizabeth Loudon Brown.

On Saint Patrick's Day eleven members travelled to The Valley Fold, Fivemiletown, to serve a traditional meal to the residents - Irish Stew, Apple Tart and Cream followed by Tea and Biscuits. The food was enjoyed by all present.

As food was a talking point of the day, Heather Robinson and Irene Boyd donned their aprons and green hats to make some Irish Soda bread. Many stories of baking in bygone days were discussed while the soda farls cooked on the griddle!

Violet read from Matthew 28 v 16 - 20, telling us of The Lord's command to go into all the world and make disciples. We were reminded of Patrick who heard that call and came to Ireland. Emma, Heather and Irene read a short drama about Patrick's life. Valerie and Maureen read poems 'Think it Over' and 'So I am Sending You', challenging us to our calling to serve the Lord and the excuses we make.

The letters of CONFIDENCE helped us to see that it is the Lord who equips us for service as He sends us out. To conclude, Hazel read the prayer 'Saint Patrick's Breastplate'.

Six members joined many others from the Dioceses for the Quiet day in Clabby. Bishop Ken Clarke led us on a challenging yet comforting journey through Psalm 23. The warm fellowship was complimented by tasty refreshments served by Tempo and Clabby MU. A big thank you to them for their hospitality.

The Festival Service is on Friday 1st May in Monaghan Parish Church at 8.00 pm. The preacher is The Rt Revd John McDowell.

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

GFS

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

Colebrooke/Cooneen Scout Group

The Group meet every Tuesday from 7pm-8.15pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)

Beavers (6 - 8 years)

Cubs (8 - 11 years)

Scouts (11 - 14 years) Meet on Fridays at 7.00pm

Bowling Club

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

New members will be very welcome.

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Services

Sunday 3rd May

11am Holy Communion and Sunday School 7pm SNATCH - Aghavea Hall

Sunday 10th

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

Sunday 17th

11am Church Family Service 7pm SNATCH - Aghavea Hall

Sunday 24th

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School
7.30pm Select Vestry Commissioning Service - Clabby Parish Church

Sunday 31st

11am Morning Prayer and Sunday School 7pm SNATCH - Aghavea Hall

Sunday 7th June Gift Day

11am Service of the Word and Sunday School 7.30pm Favourite Hymns Evening

Dear friends,

They say that school days are the best days of your life. But some school days were better than others. Non-uniform days were great fun, as were the last day of each term. The knowledge that there would be no work, and no homework, made them great days. But the end of each term brought with it trepidation as well. It meant that the school report was coming soon. One of my secondary schools gave us the brown envelope to carry home, addressed to our parents; the other sent it via Royal Mail, obviously not trusting us to deliver the contents! The school report reflected on the work that had been completed since the last one. The 'well done' or the 'must try harder' summarised all that had gone on in the preceding months.

In the opening chapters of Revelation we're given a progress report on seven churches in the Roman province of Asia Minor, modern day Turkey. John is brought face to face with the risen, ascended and glorified Jesus. The Lord Jesus is standing among the seven lampstands, representing the seven churches. He is not distant or aloof; he intimately knows what is going on in the churches. Chapters 2 and 3 are like a school report card for the seven churches. Each of them begins with 'I know...' Some, like Smyrna and Philadelphia are praised; others, like Laodicea are condemned; the rest, Ephesus, Pergamum, Thyatira and Sardis are given a mixed review.

If Jesus were speaking to your church, what would his verdict be? Which church would you identify with? As Jesus addresses his reports, they aren't just for the individual churches. Rather, there's something in each of them for all of us. As he says in each one: 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' Yours in Christ, Gary

Easter Vestry

At our Easter Vestry on Sunday 19th April, the following appointments were made: Rector's Churchwarden: Alan Johnston; People's Churchwarden: Frances Cartwright; Rector's Glebewarden: David Atwell; People's

Glebewarden: Kenneth Hall. Select Vestry: Blayne Cartwright, May Cooke, William Crawford, Wayne Foster, Linda Hall, Albert McClelland (Hon Treas), Norman McCoy, Shirley Morrison, Audrey Percival (Hon Sec), Leonard Percival, Ernie Thompson, Helen Woods. Thank you to all who prepared the hall and the lunch.

Holy Week and Easter

For Holy Week this year, we again joined with Brookeborough Methodist Church, sharing a special series of events, on the theme of 'Cross Words' - the words of Jesus from the cross. The messages from the week are available on our sermon podcast if you'd like to listen in. For Good Friday, we watched 'The Cross' message from Billy Graham, which was a powerful way to end our week together.



Easter morning started not so bright but very early, with over 50 gathering for our first ever Dawn Service at the empty tomb, with a brilliant breakfast afterwards in the Church Hall. Thank you to Reuben and the men for catering and serving the breakfast. Plans are already under way for next year's Dawn Service, so watch this space for details!

Sunday School

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.

Mothers' Union

Aghavea MU and friends enjoyed a visit and guided tour of Belle Isle Castle for our April meeting. A great evening was finished with tea and scones. Thank you to the staff for their kindness and hospitality. We're looking forward to our May meeting, when Roy Crowe will be our speaker. Tuesday 12th May at 8pm in the Church Hall. We'll also be heading off for our annual trip on Saturday 23rd May, to the Tannery, Moira, Newtownards, and St Mary's Comber Flower Festival.

SNATCH

SNATCH is our Youth Fellowship in partnership with Colebrooke and Clabby parishes, seeking to help young people grow in faith through fellowship. This term we're meeting in Aghavea Hall, on Sundays 3rd, 17th, 31st May and 14th June. All young people of secondary school age are welcome to join us - a consent form is required for new members.

Gift Day

Our annual Gift Day will be held on Sunday 7th June, with our Favourite Hymns evening at 7.30pm. Over the next few weeks we'll be compiling the hymns to sing - more details on the notice sheet. Everyone is invited to what will be a special evening, singing our favourite hymns as we praise our great God.

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Sunday 19th April Darcie Margaret Little, Skea, Maguiresbridge

Funeral

Sunday 19th April Fred Dunn, Lismalore, Brookeborough

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.

Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe



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Confirmation

We pray for James Lawson-Smith, Dylan and Robin Pratt-Clarke and Elijah Dixon who are to be confirmed on Sunday the 3rd of May in St Patrick's Church in Monaghan at 11.00am by the Bishop of Clogher. This is a special service for our three churches, hence there will be no services on the 3rd of May in the Group as we will all be going down to Monaghan to support Elijah, Dylan, Robin and James and their families

on this very important occasion in their lives as they continue on their Christian journey.

Club Diversity & Senior Youth Club

The youth club met on 18th April for our last youth club session until the Autumn. It was a special 'Film Night' with refreshments served. The Senior youth club met afterwards around 8pm.

Dalkey/Ballybay Group football match!

On Saturday the 16th May at 5.00pm in Dalkey Parish, Dublin, we will be having our first football match between the two parishes where the winners will be presented with a trophy. There will be refreshments afterwards supplied by our hosts. It promises to be a wonderful event for our young people who will be taking part from our three churches.

Muckno News


Mothering Sunday

On the 15th March, Revd Neal Phair had great help during this special Mothering Sunday service with the Prayers and Lessons been read by the Sunday School children. The children then had a special presentation of a hand crafted houses which contained a special Bible verse along with a lovely rose for all the ladies present. Thank you to the Sunday School teachers for all your work with the children.

Surprise Presentation

Also at this special service, Mrs Janet Hill, who has retired from teaching Sunday School was given a "surprise" presentation. Janet taught Sunday school from September 1979 until 2014. The Sunday school Children presented her with a gift voucher, The rector gave her a beautiful Pink Bible and the Parishioners presented her with a beautiful watch and bouquet of flowers. Mrs Janet Hill was overwhelmed by the occasion. She thanked everyone for their kindness through her tears.





Christine and Sandra
are holding their

ANNUAL COFFEE DAY

In aid of
"The Parkinson's Association"
&
"The Jack and Jill Foundation"

in
Clontibret Church Hall
from 10am - 5pm
on
Saturday 16th May 2015

PLEASE SUPPORT US IF YOU CAN!

Thank You Note

To Revd Neal Phair, the Parishioners of St Maeldoids and the past and present Sunday School children. Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts received on Sunday 15th March 2015. I was almost 16 when Revd Victor McMullan asked my mother if I would consider being the Sunday School teacher. Of course I would not have been allowed to say "no". So, in September 1979 a Sunday school was set up in St Maeldoids. Amongst my first pupils were the Beattie and Moorehead boys. Thank you it was my pleasure and a great honour to have been the Sunday School Teacher. May the Church and Sunday School grow and prosper. God Bless one and all. Janet Hill

Special Birthday Wishes

Mrs Margaret Crawford from Ballybay celebrated a very special birthday on the 16th March. A small presentation of garden flowers was made to her at her home by Mrs Christine Dickson, Clontibret and Mrs Ethel Coulter, Castleblayney.



Mrs Christine Dickson, Clontibret and Mrs Ethel Coulter, Castleblayney with Mrs Margaret Crawford, Ballybay (centre) at the celebration of her special birthday. Margaret is one of the longest serving members of the Ballybay Group Mothers Union

No Sponsored Walk!

The parishioners of St Maeldoids Church were very disappointed that there was no sponsored walk this St Patricks Day 2015.

Mothers Union

On Wednesday 22nd April the closing Mothers Union meeting took place with a walk around Clontibret. This was followed by a light supper with some fun and fellowship.

June Service

The Annual Reunion Service in St Maeldoid's Church will be on Sunday 14th June at 3.30pm. Revd Neal Phair will conduct the service. Tea will be served afterwards in the Church. Everyone is very welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bert Hill who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 27th March 2015.

Thank You

Thank You to Mrs Madge Harrison for her very generous donation to Church Funds.

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy to all those who have recently been bereaved. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Beattie family on the death of Jean Finnegan, Monaghan. We remember them in our prayers and pray that God will be a source of comfort to them and the Finnegan family at this time.

Thank You

Thank You to Canon Johns for taking the service on 12th April. It was nice to see the Montgomery family at the service to mark the 3rd Anniversary of Frances, a dear wife, mother and grandmother.

Finally it is great to see Mr Ian Collie out and about again. "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well." 3 John 1:2 (NIV)

Clontibret News

On Mothering Sunday the children read the lessons and led the prayers and all the ladies received a gift. Our Sunday School teachers and parents did a great job in preparing the children for the service. The Rector in his address to the children talked on the demonstration of a mother's love in caring for her children and ensuring their wellbeing.

The amalgamation of the congregations of the three churches for our Palm Sunday Service was a lively event with the Rector having organised a donkey and foal and the children waving palm leaves as the congregation gathered at the church hall to commence the service with prayer and the hymn "Ride on, ride on in majesty" as they made their way to church. The children will certainly remember the message of Palm Sunday and the triumphant arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem.

After the service we shared in fellowship over light refreshment. In the afternoon a number of parishioners attended the PW service in Castleblayney "Treasures of Easter" in bible readings and songs presented

by the United Choir of Bellasis, Cavan, Croghan & Drumkeeran Presbyterian Churches, with their minister, the Revd Jean Mackarel who directed the choir, the congregation, gave the address as well as playing the organ. What a wonderful woman – using her gifts and talents to God's Glory. May she know God's Blessing.

Best Wishes

We send our best wishes to Mrs Winifred Jordan for a full and speedy recovery following an accident and to Mrs Esther Dunne in St Mary's.

Thank You

We thank Canon Adam Johns for ministering to us on Sunday, 12th April when the Rector was on leave.

Girls and Boys Brigade

Over the years many of the children from St Colman's have benefited and enjoyed their membership of the Girls and Boys Brigade at Braddox and we are indebted to Mrs Jennifer Boyd and Mr Ivor Boyd the leaders and their team of supporting workers for their commitment. At the display nights Calum Donaldson, Anchor Boys Section attained a Red Badge, Thomas Donaldson and Luke Lowey – Junior Section both achieved Bronze Badges. In the Girls Brigade Zoe Dickson and Zoe Donaldson Explorer Section achieved Gold Stars, Emily Dickson – Junior Section achieved a 2nd Junior Circle, Vicky Donaldson – Tiny Tots Section gained a 100% attendance award. Congratulations and well done to all.

Annual Coffee Day

On Saturday, 16th May from 10am – 5pm Christine Dickson and Sandra Geary (nee Dickson) are holding their Annual Coffee Day in Clontibret Church Hall in aid of The Parkinson's Association and The Jack and Jill Foundation. Please support these charities if you can.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ethan Duffy on his selection for the Ulster Team in the Inter Provincial Tournament in Cork. This is the fourth year in a row that Ethan has represented the province of Ulster and we trust him continued success.

Ballybay News

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.

Sympathy

Deepest Sympathy
We extend our deepest sympathy to the Steele and Keenan families on the sudden death of Declan Keenan, very sadly missed by Gillian his fiancée, his sons Jack and Danny and his daughter Amy and the wider Keenan and Steele families. We remember them

in our prayers and trust that they will know God's love at this time and in the days to come.

Confirmation

We pray for Dylan and Robin Pratt-Clarke and Elijah Dixon who are to be confirmed on Sunday the 3rd of May in St Patrick's Church in Monaghan at 11.00am by the Bishop of Clogher.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh



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Church Services for May 2015

Sunday 3rd May (White) The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Carrickmacross 10.30am H.C.

Magheracloone 12 noon M.P.

Ardragh 1.15pm H.C.

Sunday 10th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheracloone 12 noon H.C.

Sunday 17th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Sunday after Ascension Day

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheracloone 12 noon M.P.

Ardragh 1.15pm E.P.

Sunday 24th May (Red) The Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday

Carrickmacross 10.30am M.P.

Magheracloone 12 noon M.P.

Sunday 31st May (White) Trinity Sunday

Carrickmacross 10.30am Family service

Magheracloone 12 noon M.P.

Musical Recital

A recital was held in St. Finbar's church as part of the annual festival of Feile Patrick Byrne 2015. The recital was given by Zoe Conway and John Mc Intyre. A large number of people attended the event. Carrickmacross Comhaltas enjoyed a great success with the fourth Feile Patrick Byrne named in honour of the nineteenth century harpist from Farnley, Carrickmacross. The annual traditional music weekend was officially launched in Carrickmacross by the town Mayor Cllr. Mary Kerr Conlon.

In 1855 the local people gathered to make a presentation of a purse of gold to the blind harpist.

This and other facts from Patrick Byrne's life was the subject of a public lecture by Michael McDermott.



Lent and Easter Day

Lenten services led into the triumphant praise on Easter Day when all services were well attended. In St. Finbar's the young folk had to search in the aisle and front of the church for eggs. They had to match as many cardboard egg halves as possible. They also assembled little baskets into which they put the eggs. The person with the most matching eggs in their basket was the winner. Don't worry readers we gave them real Easter eggs at the end of the service!

Table Tennis

Congratulations to all who were successful in the table Tennis Tournament.
 Table Tennis: league Tournaments.
 Division 8: Winner: Adam Wilson
 Runner up: James Wilson
 Division 5: (Consolation) Runner up: Leona Hill
 Division 2: (Consolation) Winner: Bobby Wilson
 Division 1: (Consolation) Winner: Sam Mc Cullagh
 Runner up: Caroline Merrin
 On my behalf I want to extend a sincere word of thanks to those who week by week turn up to the Jackson hall and coach the young people in the art of playing table tennis.

Bowls



Once again the bowling season has come to an end. The outright winner of the Merron Cup was May Babington with nineteen points and Nigel Eakins eighteen points. Betty Greer won the Eakins Cup in Corvalley. Congratulations to both ladies. The end of season bowling dinner will take place in the 'Wells' Kingscourt on Friday 1st May at 7.30 sharp. Thanks to those who heated the hall, provided supper and organised the matches at home and away. The AGM will be held in September.



Confirmation

Classes continue in preparation for Confirmation which takes place Sunday 3rd May in St Patrick's Parish Church Monaghan. We wish Leona Adam and James every blessing as they are to be confirmed with candidates from the Monaghan and the Ballybay group of parishes. We wish Leon Keegan well as he will be Confirmed in St. Nicholas Parish church, Dundalk with fellow pupils from Dundalk Grammar School. Please remember and pray for all candidates going forward presently for Confirmation.

Easter Vestry

As these notes go to press two meetings of vestries have taken place and a date is set for the third meeting.

Mothers' Union and Friends

Thursday 16th April was the final meeting of ladies when they walked for exercise and took in some of the historical aspects of Carrickmacross and the surrounding area. They finished the season of meetings with a meal. Some of our ladies hope to attend the Mother's Union Festival Service in Monaghan Parish Friday 1st May.

Sympathy

Once again we remember anyone who has been bereaved recently. We extend sympathy to Robert Greer, Robert White, Margaret and Jimmy Babington, also Eileen and Eddy Babington.

Illness

Our thoughts are with those who are unwell at this time and we give thanks for those who are recovering from their stay in hospital.

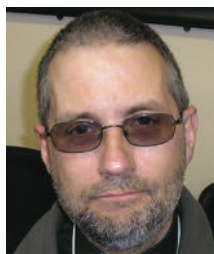
Wedding

Congratulations to Colm O' Duil and Gillian Rea on their marriage in St. Finbar's Parish church. We wish the couple God's blessing in their future life together.

The Archdeacon Ruddel Prize and Bishop's Medal

As the deadline for entry was at the end of April, we wish our young people well as they have been working hard at their project for the Archdeacon Ruddel prize. I wish to thank the Sunday school teachers for encouraging and working with the boys and girls week by week.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for May

Sunday 10th May

10:00am Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 13th May

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

Sunday 17th May

10:00am Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 24th May

10:00am Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 31st May

10:00am Morning Prayer, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Morning Prayer, Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 7th June

10:00am Holy Communion, Mullaghduin Parish Church
11:30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church

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 13th May.

Easter Period



During the Easter holidays, it was noticeable the large numbers of visitors who came to our local area, to relax during the holiday period. We thank God for once again bringing the environment

into life, and as the attached photograph shows the fine blooms on the daffodils along the driveway into Cleenish Church. For our local farmers and growers, we pray for fine weather during this forthcoming summer season.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

Friday 1st May 8pm, Diocesan Festival Service, St Patrick's Church, Monaghan. Tuesday 19th May, Coffee morning and Teddy Bear's picnic, with the Parent and Toddler Group, in Cleenish Parish Hall. All are welcome to drop in between 10.30am and 12noon. Donations will go to MU Mums in May 2015, All-Ireland fundraiser. Saturday 23rd May 1pm. Leave Cleenish Parish Hall for outing to Dartrey Flower Festival, followed by a meal in Tully Mill, Florencecourt at 6pm

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies will travel on a day trip with the County Guides to Belfast Zoo, on Saturday 16th May. The Troop will then close for their summer break on Wednesday 3rd June.

Parent and Toddler Group

This Group is proving very popular at present with capacity numbers of upwards of forty children attending with their mothers. 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.

On Tuesday 19th May the Group will have a visit from Mothers' Union members to a Coffee morning and Teddy Bear's picnic. (See Mothers' Union notes.)

Mullaghduin BBQ

Keep free Mullaghduin Parish BBQ to be held on Friday 26th June 2015. See advert on page 15.

Welcome

To Revd Dr Ian Ellis, his wife and family, to our neighbouring Rossorry Parish. We in Cleenish and Mullaghduin look forward to meeting Dr Ellis and family members from time to time, and send God's richest blessing as they settle into their new home and environment.

Wedding

Congratulations to Sharon Benson and Norman Donaldson, who were married in Mullaghduin Parish Church on Saturday 4th April. Following a week of cold, wet, windy weather, it was good that Sharon, Norman, and their guests were blessed with much more pleasant weather for their special day. Sharon's Grandfather, the late William Benson, was Peoples' Churchwarden in Mullaghduin Church for over twenty five years.

Obituary

Matthew Topping, was born on 3rd April 1991, therefore his sudden death at such tender years on Wednesday 18th March at the South West Acute Hospital, was a tremendous shock to his family, friends and work colleagues alike. He was a popular employee at Enniskillen's Tesco store, where he had recently been promoted to a supervisory role. A largely attended Service of Thanksgiving conducted by the Rector, for Matthew's life was held at Mullaghduin Parish Church, on Sunday 22nd March, with many mourners having to remain outside the building. We extend prayerful sympathy to Matthew's parents, Trevor and Edna, to his sisters, Claire and Amanda, and to the extended family circle. We also remember his wide circle of friends and colleagues, as they mourn Matthew's passing.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Herbert Hicks and his extended family circle from the members of Cleenish Parish, on the death of his brother Albert, Abbey Drive, Enniskillen. Albert passed away on Monday 16th March, in the South West Hospital, after a short illness.

Cleenish Centre

Thank you to all who attended the Easter Morning Sunrise service at the Centre. The beautiful weather enabled us to have it outdoors in the Courtyard, although due to Easter being early this year, and morning fog, the Service took place with the aid of artificial lighting.

Everyone then had a light breakfast in the Devenish room, and stayed to enjoy fellowship together. What a way to start Easter Sunday.

May is a busy month with day conference, a University Christian Union weekend, and the Community Fun run on Saturday 30th May.

Sunday 31st May is the start of the 2 week mission by the Faith Mission in the Centre.

To contact "The Centre" Email enquiries@cleenishcentre.com, or call us on 028 6634 9647.

Bellanaleck Community Group

At the monthly meeting of the Group on Wednesday 25th March, representatives from Crime Prevention & Community Policing gave an update about caring, professional, and clinical service to the victims of domestic violence/elder abuse and their families. The services provided include various monitoring and alarm systems. A supply of "Feel safe" booklets, and "No cold call" stickers were also distributed. At present thieves are targeting boat engines, farm machinery, and tools, which can be given sophisticated markings by the Police.

The Allotments Lease has been signed and sealed by Fermanagh District Council, and a number of applications have been approved.

Hopefully construction of the Multi Unit Games Area will commence towards the end of May, and again the Group appreciate the assistance of Community

Services Section within Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for their co operation and work on this Project. The news that the local Toilets will remain open throughout the year was greeted with appreciation, and thanks is expressed to Florence Willis for the way they are maintained and kept clean & tidy.

The hanging baskets will be provided at the Church gates again this summer.

It is confirmed the 5K Run & Fun afternoon is scheduled for Saturday 30th May.

Next meeting, Wednesday 27th May. See Community notice board at Cathcart's shop, or Facebook, Email:- bellanaleck@gmail.com.

Holy Matrimony

Saturday 4th April 2015

Mullaghduin Parish Church

Sharon Elizabeth Benson, 335 Sligo Road, Letterbreen, and Norman James Donaldson, 97 Church Hill Road, Drummenagh Beg, Derrygonnelly.

Christian Burial

Sunday 22nd March 2015

Mullaghduin Parish Church

Matthew Alexander Topping, Derryscobe, Letterbreen. Aged 23 years

Clogher Cathedral Group



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Services for May 2015

Sunday May 3rd

10.00am Errigal Portclare HC

11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Augher MP

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday May 10th

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP

11.30am Clogher Cathedral MP

10.00am Augher HC

11.30am Newtownsaville HC

Sunday May 17th

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP

11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Augher MP

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

Sunday May 24th

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

Sunday May 31st

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC
 10.00am Errigal Portclare MP
 10.00am Augher MP
 11.30am Newtownsaville MP
 3.00pm Clogher Cathedral UDR Service
 7.00pm Clogher Cathedral Friends Service
 NO 11.30am Service in Cathedral

Baptisms

Rihanna Mae daughter of Arlene Pearl Coulter, Ferndale.

Scarlett Nicole daughter of Kyle Moore and Naomi McKee, Augher.

Weddings

2nd April, Stephen Camley of Clogher Cathedral Parish and Wendy Lockart in Castlecaulfield Presbyterian Church.

4th April, Andrew Jordan of Newtownsaville Parish and Sarah Fleming in St. Patrick's Church, Gortin.

Bereavements

Internment of ashes, 9th April, **Evelin Armstrong nee Taggart**, England in Cathedral grounds.

10th April, **George Downey**, England, formerly of Cathedral Parish in Cathedral grounds.

Easter Vestries

Three of our four Annual Easter Vestries have been held, as usual not much change in personnel except for church wardens:

Clogher Cathedral

Rectors Church Warden, Trevor McNeill
 Peoples Church Warden, Derek Foster

Errigal Portclare

Rectors Church Warden, Carol Moore
 Peoples Church Warden, Samuel Little

Augher

Rectors Church Warden, William Thompson
 Peoples Church Warden, Ian McClaren

Mothers' Union

The March meeting of St Macartan's Mothers' Union was held in Augher following the Lenten Service in the Parish Church conducted by Canon Regan. The special speaker was Mrs Joan Watson from Clabby Methodist Church, who brought the Easter Story in song and story. Accompanied on guitar, she sang a number of her own compositions and movingly recounted the stories of Mary and John at the Cross. A vote of thanks was expressed by Mrs Lynn McLaren.

The Branch Leader, Mrs Iris Moffett, recorded with sadness the death of Mrs O'Neill, past Enrolling Member of Clogher MU and wife of Canon O'Neill, past Rector of Clogher Cathedral.

The next MU meeting was held on 15th April which was addressed by members of St John's Ambulance. Mrs Moffett thanked the tea hostesses, Mrs McLaren and Mrs McClung and outlined forthcoming events in May when members look forward to the Diocesan Service in Monaghan and to hearing from Rev. Newell on the subject of the Titanic at our monthly meeting on 20th May.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss

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Services in May**3rd of May The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10.00am Clones: Holy Communion
 11.30am Newbliss: Morning Prayer

10th of May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00am Currin: Holy Communion
 3.30pm Killeevan: Evening Prayer (Co Monaghan Grand Orange Parade)

17th of May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.00am Clones: Morning Prayer
 11.30am Newbliss: Holy Communion

24th of May Day of Pentecost– Dress in red!

10.00am Currin: Morning Prayer
 11.30am Killeevan: Holy Communion
 3.30pm Clones: The Bishops' of Clogher's Ecumenical Service at the Round Tower

31st of May Trinity Sunday

3.30pm Drumswords Old Church: Group service

*Faithful God,
 who fulfilled the promises of Easter
 by sending us your Holy Spirit
 and opening to every race and
 nation the way of life eternal:
 Open our lips by your Spirit,
 that every tongue may tell of your glory;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 (Post-Communion Prayer, Pentecost)*

Pentecost Sunday

Dress in red on Pentecost Sunday, the 24th of May! Traditionally the colour linked with the Holy Spirit is red, the colour of strong feelings, and not least of love. As we celebrate this important part of our faith, God's continual presence – please let it be seen outwardly

by dressing in something red. It can be a tie, scarf, top or... It will remind us that we are people filled with the Spirit.

Ecumenical Service at the Round Tower, Clones

Pentecost and the Holy Spirit will not only be celebrated at our morning services. In the afternoon you are all invited to an ecumenical open air service at the Round Tower in Clones. Bishop John McDowell and Bishop Laim MacDaid will lead the service which begins at 3.30pm This year at the annual ecumenical service there will be a talk about St. Columbanus, as well as some local contributions. Refreshments will be served after the service. All welcome.

Coffee / Tea Morning and soup lunch at Bishops court, Clones

The annual coffee – tea morning extending into soup lunch in aid of Co Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society will take place on Friday the 22nd of May between 10.30am – 2.00pm Mrs Miriam Moore, vice president of the society will host the morning at her beautiful home, Bishops court, on the outskirts of Clones on the Newbliss road. Visitors will have the opportunity to buy delicious home-made cakes as well as plants for their gardens. At 12 noon there will be a historical talk by Mr Turtle Bunbury. All welcome to what promises to be a congenial and pleasant event. For more information, please contact the rector or Mrs Etta Crowe, tel. 047 51647.

Group Service at Drumswords Old Church

On the last Sunday in May, 31st at 3.30pm there will be a service at Drumswords Old Church. Going back 300 years, Drumswords was part of a huge parish, extending from Gallon (Newtownbutler) to Cootehill. The Church in Drumswords is the first post-Reformation Church to be built in what then was the Monaghan part of the Gallon Parish. It is believed that the Church was constructed between 1700-1704. Drumswords Church was consecrated for the people of this area. 'Roughly translated Drumswords means "ridge of the diligence". The Church was described as small, plain and un-adorned. It was a small Church, and it did not provide adequate seating for the parishioner. It has to be remembered that this Church served an area that is today five parishes: Newbliss, Killeevan, Aghabog, Drum and Currin. The life-span for this Church was short. In 1767 Aghabog parish was formed with about 300 families. In 1790 a new Church was built in Killeevan: St Luke's Shanco. Still some parishioners did not want to leave their Church. It was still used for special services. Today, burials continue to take place in the grave yard around Drumswords Church. NB if raining the service will be held in Killeevan Church. Welcome.

Bible study Group

We meet twice in May, on Monday the 11th in the rectory, Scotshouse and Monday the 25th in Clones, both meetings at 8.00pm

Coffee / Tea Morning

Currin parish invites you all to a coffee – tea morning and cake sale in the rectory on Saturday the 16th of May between 10.30am and 12.30pm The morning is in aid of rectory funds.

Congratulations

To Selina Faulkner and Shane McCone on the birth of their daughter Ariana. May God bless you.

Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr George and Mrs Margaret Crawford who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April.

Bereavements

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

Colaghty



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Services

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

June

7th Confirmation and Holy Communion 11.30am with The Bishop
14th Family service 11.30am parish hall
21st Morning Prayer 11.30am
21st Annual Orange Service 7.00pm
28th Morning Prayer 11.30am

Concert

North Fermanagh Young Defenders held a very successful concert in the parish hall on Wednesday 25th March. The audience was entertained on the night

by the Colorado Band, Boxcar Brian, Cowboy Larry, Cavanaleck Pipe Band and Ballinamallard Accordion Band, with compere Gary Wilson. We wish them well in their fundraising efforts towards the purchase new uniforms for the band.

Easter Services

At services on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday, short clips from the Bible series DVD were viewed depicting the events of the crucifixion, and the resurrection appearances. The emphasis was on the empty tomb; Christ has risen, with the cross now a symbol of hope, no longer an instrument of torture, for Jesus has gained the victory over sin and death.

Young@Heart

The group had an enjoyable trip to Ballymena with some retail therapy before joining St Patrick's Church of Ireland Still Active group for lunch and an afternoon of musical entertainment. Meetings continue on the third Wednesday of each month, with additional activities listed with the weekly announcements.

Bowling Club

Members and friends are reminded that the summer bowling season has now begun, meeting as usual on Thursday nights at 8.00pm in the parish hall.

Sponsored Walk, CE/Sunday School

Preparations for the sponsored walk on Friday 8th May are well in hand and family and friends are welcome to join with the children/young people and leaders at Old Castle Archdale for the walk beginning at 7.00pm, with various walks to suit all ages.

Auction and Cake Sale

Saturday 30th May 12.00 noon, viewing from 11.00am

Confirmation

Please remember to pray for our young people and their families as they continue to prepare for confirmation in June.

Farewell to Canon West

Best wishes and every blessing to Canon Glenn West our Rural Dean as he moves to Carnteel and Crilly in the Diocese of Armagh.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 30th May, Parish Auction, 12noon

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

Vacant.

During the vacancy Archdeacon Cecil Pringle is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Eileen Cutler and Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistants.

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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.

Mothers' Union

Outing and Meal on Saturday 9th May – details from Mrs Eileen Bleakley.

Closing Service for Mothers' Union & Women's Group on Sunday 17th May in Castle Archdale Church at 7.00pm.

Tuesday Club

12th May at 2.30pm.

Muffins For Mums

Mothering Sunday – refreshments were provided before the service in Derryvullen North and the Sunday School took part in the service. Thanks to all concerned. In Castle Archdale, the Sunday School again took part in the service and all the ladies received a primula. The Sunday School in both churches also took part in the Palm Sunday services.

Boys Brigade

The Annual Display took place on 13th March. Revd Canon West led the hymn and prayers; the Inspecting Officer was Mrs Leah Abbott, Principal of Irvinestown Primary School. There was a good turnout of boys; 4 boys achieved their Queen's Award and 2 their President's Award. We pay tribute to the commitment of all the Officers and helpers.

Confirmation

There are 21 candidates for Confirmation on Sunday 21st June. To assist in their preparation Canon West held a workshop on Friday 10th April from 9am – 5pm in Mahon's Hotel (breakfast and lunch provided). 19 candidates attended and it was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Christian Burial

Derryvullen North - 19th March 2015 – Edith Joan Deane, Burfits Hill Irvinestown

Prayers For The Sick And Bereaved

Please continue to remember all who are sick at home or in hospital; those who have recently been bereaved. May they know the peace and comfort of God's presence.

The People's Pastor

The following appreciation of Canon West's ministry was issued on behalf of parishioners Tom Cadden, Sylvia Elliott, Gwen Robinson, Bryan Thompson and Margaret Knox.

Early Christians were known as "People of the Way" and inherent in that description is a sense of "forward movement". Canon West will shortly move back to the Diocese of Armagh and to his roots.

Canon Glenn West came to Derryvullen North and Castlearchdale parishes in February 2006. In various public ways in the community as well as in personal ways in individual's lives, he has shared much with us, and despite many serious health problems has continued to care for the Parishes as Pastor and friend. Parish ministry is always challenging and often involves "ruffling a few feathers" and taking the consequences, but Christian service is more important than popularity.

From the outset, Canon West made it clear that all were to be treated equally, and there was to be openness and transparency in all our dealings. He has shown that he is a man of integrity and vision, with a deep sense of spirituality.

In both parishes, numbers of weekly congregations and Sunday school have grown significantly during his time. He has encouraged many parishioners who had been on the side-lines to become involved in the life of the parish as evidenced by our Sunday Schools, Boys Brigade, and Comet Youth Fellowship, all of which have been guided under his ministry. Our Junior Church has been established and we recall many memorable family services. He has also been very much involved in the Rural Deanery Youth services and social activities.

He has established a team to assist in visiting in the parishes. He procured the services of two Pastoral assistants, and arranged training for two Parish Readers, whose role is firstly to support parishioners and secondly, the Rector. He also encouraged specialised training for two of our Sunday school teachers. He was very supportive to Mrs Lindsey Farrell who has been selected for training for the full-time Ministry in the Church of Ireland.

Within the community, he was instrumental in setting up Faith and Friendship, which is a group, meeting monthly in Mahon's Hotel involving members of all four denominations; this is part of a larger province wide network, based on the reflections of Revd Dr. Ruth Patterson.

Outside his Parish work, Canon West was also Rural Dean for Kesh Rural Deanery, served as a National Canon representing Clogher Diocese in St Patrick's

Cathedral in Dublin, and was Secretary to St Macartin's Chapter. He acted as Diocesan Interfaith Adviser, and until his illness attended meeting in Dublin. He was involved in five diocesan pilgrimages, three to Israel, one to Jordan and the fifth to the English Cathedrals and also served as Chaplain to the Army Cadet Force.

Canon West has accomplished much in both Parishes. In Derryvullen North the church was refurbished and redecorated – the colour scheme being snowdrop, grey and red reflecting the love of God as revealed in the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord; this was complemented by many memorial gifts, all with distinctive biblical themes. The kitchen and hall were refurbished and the car park improved.

He wrote a very comprehensive history and explanation of Derryvullen North Parish Church, "A Statement of Significance" and most recently of the Verschoyle family; Richard Verschoyle presented a portrait of his great grandfather Revd Chancellor Richard Verschoyle, former Rector of the parish, and he also gave a leather bound book of the address presented by parishioners on his retirement; in both presentations he brought us back to our parish roots.

Among the many other articles he wrote was the Christian Moral Compass, Love in Stone, Welcome from the Pew and the Personality of the Church.

Canon West brought new ideas to our worship. There was a variety of services, through the 'Service of the Word', and he introduced a monthly Quiet Communion service and Wednesday Evening Prayer. He also introduced the use of Holy Communion liturgy from the Worldwide Anglican Communion.

Much time and energy was given to vesting with the R.C.B. of the Townhill graveyard and adjacent field, also vesting of the Parish Hall and Car Park all of which had never been completed. The Townhill Cemetery was tidied and new pathways laid.

In Castlearchdale, we shall never forget the wonderfully spiritual services of Comfort and Light and also during Holy Week. A small meeting room, kitchen and toilets have been built and around the Church tarmaced. The grounds around the Church have been tidied and paths laid in the graveyard, the Organ was refurbished and the heating and electrics were re-vamped. Pew Bibles and Hymn Books, Prayer Books and other items were received as gifts. Canon West's book "Connections" has been greatly appreciated and copies have been sold all over Ireland and beyond. Copies have been placed in the Celtic Spirituality Centre at Armagh, and in the Ulster Folk Park in Cultra.

In all of this activity Canon West has remained faithful to his calling and has left an indelible impression on the life of both parishes. His whole ministry was based on our Mission statement "getting people to where God wants them to be"; the seed he has sown will bear fruit. Many parishioners had expressed the wish to show their appreciation of his Ministry and Mission by arranging a presentation for him, and well over 360 parishioners to date have signed an address of solidarity and support. He will be missed by the Parish, the Community and the Diocese.

We wish Canon West and his family, God's blessing and good health as he moves to a new area of service.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Holy Baptism

On Sunday 29th March 2015 in the parish church of Holy Trinity, Garvary, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was ministered to Ryan Alexander, son of Alexander Wilson and Jade Duffin, 8 Glebe Walk, Chanterhill. Let us continue to pray that Ryan and all our young people will lead the rest of their lives according to this beginning. We would encourage parents and godparents to reflect from time to time on their responsibilities set out at the end of the service on p.351 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to those who have been bereaved recently including Muriel Haskins, Killyvilly, on the death of her great nephew, Jamie Nelson, Clogh; Anne Rowley, Killyvilly, on the death of her cousin, Derek Carson, Jordanstown, former deputy State Pathologist for Northern Ireland; members of the Storey family on the death of their relatives Winifred Storey, Lisbellaw and Kathleen Barber, Sligo; the Whitley family on the death of their relative Clive Lindsay, Ballinamallard; and John McQuaid, a member of Garvary Bowling Club, on the death of his wife Anne, Kilskeery.

Presentation



Presentation to Mrs Lynne Black. Also in the photo is her husband George and Mr Robert Boles

At the end of the service in the parish church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, on Palm Sunday morning 29th March 2015, the rector invited the peoples' churchwarden, Mr Robert Boles, to make a presentation to Mrs Lynne Black who had recently announced her retirement. Mr Boles expressed his

appreciation on behalf of the parishioners to Mrs Black whom he had known for many years and for whom he had the highest regard. Mrs Black thanked the parish for their gifts, a pearl drop with matching earrings and a bouquet of flowers, and wished her predecessor well.

New Treasurer

The rector was anxious that the important office of treasurer be filled as soon as possible and was very pleased when Mrs Alison Graham expressed her willingness to accept the position. She was then duly appointed by the select vestry. Alison is a young busy mother married to a busy farmer but also a full time employee with the accountancy firm of Hassard McClements. Our thanks to Alison for taking on this additional responsibility.

CMSI

Following the family service on Sunday 29th March 2015 the Sunday School invited the congregation to a soup and cheese lunch which realised the sum of £151 after expenses. This goes towards the Lenten project which the children have been working on this year.

Bag Packing

At the bag packing on Saturday 14th March 2015 in Asda, the efforts of members of Garvary Parish realised a total of £1027. Our thanks to Mrs Kathleen Murphy and all who volunteered for this very successful event.

Best Wishes

Following her attendance at the Bishops' Selection Conference, we extend our good wishes to Miss Alison Irvine of Garvary Parish who has been accepted to train for the stipendiary ministry. After working in Scotland, Alison returned to work in Northern Ireland and has been making a significant contribution to the life of Garvary Parish as a member of the select vestry, the choir, reading the lessons and working with the young people of GIFT.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week takes place between 10th and 16th May 2015 during which time collectors will be going around both parishes. If anyone would be able to offer their services we would be delighted to have them as a member of the collecting team. Please speak to either Mrs Kathleen Kettyles, Derryvullen South, or Miss Hilda Lucy, Garvary.

Mothers' Union

The outing this year on Saturday 23rd May is to the flower festival at Dartry, Co Monaghan. At the time of writing there are still places on the bus. If anyone, male or female, would like to go they would be very welcome. Please get in touch with Mrs Valerie Stewart.

Devenish and Boho



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Palm Sunday

The congregation gathered in the Reade Hall and after reading the Palm Gospel, the congregation walked in procession to Devenish church singing the hymn, 'All glory, laud and honour.' Revd Sampson conducted the Service, Joan Cathcart read the Passion Reading and the organist was Gill Spence.

Good Friday & Easter Sunday

At the Good Friday Service in Devenish Parish Church, the Passion Reading was read by Pearl and Raymond Bell, Carole Whittaker, Kay McKeown, Alan Gault, Dorothy Scott and Joan Cathcart. Revd Sampson gave the reflection and the choir sang the anthem 'Beneath the cross of Jesus' Revd Sampson Ajuka conducted the Easter Morning Service. The choir sang the anthem 'Christians Shout with Joy and Gladness' by J S Bach. The readings were read by Linda McKee and Alan Gault, and the Gospel reading by Mrs. Joan Cathcart. The organist was Mrs Gill Spence.

Devenish and Boho Mothers Union

A Parish Outing is being organised to the Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum on Saturday 23rd May. This visit will give us an opportunity to learn how flax was grown and prepared and watch experts spin yarn – we can even try the spinning wheel for ourselves! In the 'Weaving Workshop' we will see demonstrations of the hand loom, chat to expert weavers and get a taste of the highs and lows of industrial life on the 'Factory Floor. Also enclosed within the Centre is an Exhibition entitled 'Lisburn 1912-1914' which tells the story of the people and the place in the crisis years leading up to the Great War. This outing is open to all our parishioners and please bring along a friend(s).

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Calendar for May, 2015

Sunday 3rd May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Donagh 10.30 am – Celebration of Holy Communion
Tyholland 12.00 noon – Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 10th May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 17th May, The Sunday after Ascension Day

Donagh 10 30 am – Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00 noon. – Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th May, The Day of Pentecost: Whit Sunday

Donagh 10.30 am – A Service of the Word
Errigal Truagh 12.00 noon - A Service of the Word

Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday

A Combined Family Service at 10.30 in Donagh Parish Church

Palm Sunday

The Very Reverend Dr. Phillip Knowles was the guest organist for our special Palm Sunday Services of Hymns, Prayers and Meditation. Dr. Knowles is the retired Dean of Cashel, he played a special solo on the organ based on Blessed Assurance. It was great to have him with us together with the Donagh Choir the Junior Choir and Praise Group. Both choirs sang special anthems and worship songs. Thanks to Ethne McCord for her work with both choirs for Palm Sunday, Holy Week services and Easter Day. During the processional hymn the children came forward to receive a palm cross.



Donagh Choir in Emartis Parish Church, Dartry on Palsm Sunday

Mothering Sunday

This was a combined family service for all three parishes. It was a very special occasion when the members of Donagh Mothers received their Service Awards ranging from 5 years to 59 years of membership. The longest serving member Gladys Montgomery is now in Copperfields Nursing home and was unable to be with us at the service but she received the certificate a few days later and was delighted and recalled many special times and events that had occurred during her long service with Donagh Mothers Union. The Senior choir sang a special anthem and the Junior choir sang a special song for mothers. At the conclusion of the service all the Mums were presented with a plant and a book mark.



Mothers Union receiving certificates for long service

On Wednesday 18th March the Mothers Union monthly meeting was held in the church hall. The speaker was Jenny Blackburn who gave a very interesting talk on planting containers and a demonstration on planting herbs and vegetables and flowers. The evening concluded with a delicious supper served by the committee members.

Mothers Union Closing Service

This was held on Wednesday 22nd April at 8.00pm in Tyholland Parish Church.

Girls Brigade display

This was held in Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday evening the 28th March. It was a great evening of fun and fellowship. It was very well organised and congratulations to the captain Margaret Dudgeon and the leaders for an excellent and well thought out programme. Well done to the girls for their work during the year and congratulations to all who received awards on the night. The Revd Betty Thompson presented the awards and the evening concluded with a cake sale to raise funds for the company. The senior section of the Girls Brigade entered for the choir competition in Dublin and congratulations to them and their conductor Ian Lovell on being placed fifth.

Congratulations

To Cecil and Eleanor Stewart on the birth of a grandson in Australia.

Holy Baptism

Congratulations to Deborah and Gavin Treanor on having Bobby Roy baptised on Easter Sunday. We wish Bobby and his parents every blessing.

Dromore



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HOLY TRINITY DROMORE

Sowing Seeds, Growing Community

Services

11.30am Each Sunday

(9.00am Holy Communion - First Sunday of Month)

Our Annual Easter Vestry Meeting took place recently. It's a place where we can look back and forward in the same moment. It was at this stage last year the phrase Sowing Seeds Growing Community was spoken out and consequently shared out in detail as we looked at 1 Peter during the Autumn of 2014. It is not a new vision for Holy Trinity rather it is one that builds on what is already here - Christ in you the HOPE of glory. It is a vision that strikes HOPE at the heart of all we do. It is a vision that will and does call us to ask two questions

1. What seeds am I sowing
2. What community am I building in every thing that I do.

It is a vision that requires us to not only to take responsibility personally but also corporately for our words and actions as we seek to advance God's Kingdom in this place.

Having said that we have continued with the normal everyday life of this church - I want to personally thank everyone who plays a part in making this place work in any.

Over the last few months we have spent money on the roof, stained glass window, new doors etc and we continue to commit to ensuring that this building is fit for purpose as we look at the porch, vestry and hall. However that is the building but the building is not the church - the church is us and so we continue to invest in people through different courses, the Bible in One Year reading plan, Fields Of Life team, short term mission work, U&UR Spouse, Lets Stick Together to name only a few. We also have been investing in sending some of our people on courses for different ministries, skills and abilities ensuring that we can deliver all that God wants of us.

We have also continued to build relationships with CVM, New Wine, CAP, JOY, Fields of Life, Care for the Family and many many more. We have had a few firsts this year with the establishment of The Ark (which now sees on average 25 children plus adults attending each week). We facilitated Dennis Christie on his placement from Theological College which was huge benefit to us and indeed to him.

Easter is not long past and many people have commented on how they enjoyed Holy Week this year - it was different - but very enjoyable (you can visit our Facebook page and watch a short video of the week). But it was more than enjoyable - it was transformative - peoples lives have been changed forever because of the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit and many others continue on a journey seeking to be in deeper place with God.

Something shifted in this place during Holy Week - God was present - and real faith that is played out

in ordinary people everyday was spoken out and that has brought a releasing. Folks God is at work here in HOLY TRINITY DROMORE. Let's keep the conversation of faith alive. People are talking about faith / God / his presence / salvation / the Holy Spirit like never before. So let's not be afraid to talk about these things.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5
Sowing Seeds and Growing Community
In His service, James

Easter General Vestry

On Sunday 19 April 2015 after the morning service of Holy Communion we had fellowship over a lovely lunch before the Annual General Easter Vestry Meeting was held. The Rector outlined a few points which are detailed in his piece above. Then the meeting moved into the business and here are the people who have been elected to serve for the year 2015/16
Rectors Church Warden Jonathan Keys
Peoples Church Warden Robert Thompson
Rectors Glebe Warden Joe Farrell
Peoples Glebe Warden Dessie Hughes
Select Vestry:
Clive Armstrong, Robert Armstrong, Will Bond, Gordon Deazley, Robert Farrell, Arnold Jackson (Treasurer), Charlie Kenwell (Secretary), Stephen Keys, Victor Keys, Charlie Mills, Keith Patterson and Hugh Smyth.

Parent Talk



Parent Talk continues each Tuesday Evening during May

Concert in Holy Trinity Dromore

We are hosting the Police Male Voice Choir on Friday 29 May at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity Dromore. Tickets are £10 and all proceeds are in aid of Holy Trinity Church and Mullinageoagh Pipe Band.

Auction

On Thursday 4 June at 7.30pm an Auction will be held in the hall in aid of Fields of Life to help raise money for the projects that the team from this parish will be involved in when they re-visit our link school in 2016.

Parish BBQ

Put Friday the 12 June in your diary as its the Parish BBQ - more details to follow.

Look NO Hands



An Evening with Brian & May Gault in Holy Trinity, Dromore on Sunday 14th June 2015 at 8.00pm. FREE admission and all donations will further the work of charities supported by Brian.

"Have you ever felt like giving up? Then, you must meet Brian. His love for life is infectious, his determination not to allow his physical disability to make him an outcast or socially isolated is awesome and inspirational."

Brian is one of the 456 survivors of the 'miracle drug' Thalidomide used on the UK market during the early 1960's. To the shock of his parents, he was born with no arms. His feet are his hands, his legs his arms, each word uttered is underlined with a gesture of his leg and foot. As he explains - 'the only time his feet are at rest is when he is walking'.

Brian is "over the moon" at the response to his story – throughout the British Isles, Ireland & Worldwide. He married his "wee treasure" – May during August 2000. (All royalties from Brian's best-selling book 18th reprint – "Look, No Hands!" and DVD are providing practical support and helping to raise awareness of the plight of children who are still being born with Thalidomide related disabilities in Brazil and disabled children throughout the world). His books & DVD's could be an ideal gift/present. Brian will be only too pleased to chat with everyone after the meeting.

"Brian's story is lively, funny, challenging and moving – it has already encouraged thousands of lives."

Regular Organisations

Please check with the leader in charge as the organisation may have closed for the season
Tots Powerhouse - Creche during the 11.30 service

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

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

CLB – Mondays 7.00-8.00pm

The ARK - Tuesdays 10.00am - 12Noon

Bible Study - Tuesdays 8.00pm

GFS – Wednesdays 7.00-8.00pm

Mothers Union - Third Wednesday of the Month 8.00pm

Bowls – Thursdays 8.00pm

From the Parish Register

Baptism

Wednesday 1 April - Ruth McKane

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
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Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckcross



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Services

3rd May

10.00 Templecarne MP

11.30 Drumkeeran HC

10th May

10.00 Muckcross HC

11.30 Drumkeeran MP

7.00 Dernasesk Friends' Service

17th May

10.00 Templecarne HC

11.30 Drumkeeran Holy Baptism

24th May

10.00 Muckcross MP

11.30 Drumkeeran HC

31st May

11.00 Drumkeeran Joint Children's Service.

Youth Services

The Sunday School service in Drumkeeran on Palm Sunday was well supported by parents and friends. It was great to see so many children in the church. Thank you to the children who participated and a big 'Thank

You' to the teachers who had them well prepared. At the end of the service a presentation was made by the teachers to the Sunday School organiser, Mandy Aiken. Mandy gives much time and effort to the organising of the Sunday School teachers, materials, events, etc. It is planned to have a group Sunday School service to mark the closing of Sunday School for the summer, in Drumkeeran on the 31st May at 11.00am.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the husband and family of Margaret Jean Irvine, 21 Rossculban Road, Kesh, who passed away after a short illness. The funeral service was held in Templecarne Church on 20th March followed by burial in Sydare Cemetery.

Holy Week

The services were as follows, Evening Prayer in Templecarne on Wednesday, Holy Communion in Muckcross on Thursday and a reading of the Passion Story in Drumkeeran on Good Friday. Easter Day services were held in Templecarne and Drumkeeran.

Annual Easter Vestry Meetings

At the time of going to print the Annual Easter Vestry meetings are about to take place in each of the parishes in the group. A report of the meetings and of any changes which may take place will be in the June Magazine.

Annual Display

Many of the young people from the group of parishes attend Pettigoe BB or GB in the Pettigo Methodist Church Hall. This year the BB Display was held on 20th March and the GB Display on 27th March. Both events were well supported. Thanks to the officers and helpers. And a special tribute to John Boyd and Gordon Barton, parishioners of Drumkeeran, who have given many years of leadership and service to the Boys Brigade and who have now retired. We express our appreciation and wish them well. As a group of parishes we benefit from the facilities provided by the BB and GB week by week in the Methodist Church Hall. In this connection Pettigo Church is holding a Coffee Day and Cake sale on 23rd May to assist with the refurbishment of the church.

Mothering Sunday

At the service in Drumkeeran on Mothering Sunday daffodils and goodies were handed out to all the ladies present. The collection for Cancer Focus Northern Ireland was well supported.

General Synod

This year the General Synod of the Church of Ireland is being held in Armagh during the first week of May. We pray that God will guide the members of the Synod in

their discussions and decisions. May it all be to God's glory and for the well being of the church.

Advance Notices

The Harvest Thanksgiving services in the group of parishes will be held on the usual weekends in September, second, third and fourth Sundays, this year 13th, 20th and 27th, with a Friday evening Harvest Service in Muckcross on 12th.

Parade Services

This year's annual Parade Services will be held on 5th July and 26th July, both at 3.30.

Flower Festival

Tubrid Orange Lodge is holding a Flower Festival on the 15th/17th May weekend to mark the 150th anniversary of its foundation. We wish them well in their celebration event.

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The Cows That Stayed Home

Ever wonder what makes a cow do what a cow does? She slowly moves along, munching on grass, seemingly without any particular goal in mind. Then suddenly she sees a juicy morsel on the other side of the fence. What does she do? If the gate is open she walks on through and continues to eat! If it's closed she sticks her head through any opening possible and eats the grass on the other side. After all, the grass is always greener...and it just has to taste better!

This is a true story of the miracle of the wandering cows, it is definitely a tale of divine intervention. I believe that God showers us with miracles every day, but unless they're covered by the six o'clock news, we rarely hear about them. The following event is a no-brainer; this was definitely a miracle from God!

My friend Carol and her family built their home many years ago just outside our town. Due to progress spurred on by the computer industry, our town has grown larger than any of our founding fathers could have imagined. Land that was in the country thirty years ago is now in the city.

Their house and their neighbour's house and pasture is now surrounded by roads and highways. Their pastures are home to a few cattle, a couple of goats and a donkey which roam the field munching on grass. There is always

the fear that someone will forget to shut the gate and the animals will wander onto the road and be struck by a car. One rainy afternoon her neighbours were out of town and it was her duty to feed the animals. There were only a half dozen cows, but they still had to be herded to the barn and fed grain. Slipping and sliding through the mud, Carol wondered again why cows were so stupid that they wouldn't get out of the rain and into a nice warm barn. Finally, they were fed and they began to drift back out into the pasture munching wet grass as they walked over the wet grass.

As Carol came to the pasture gate with the cows slowly following her, her cell phone rang. Her husband told her of an emergency involving another friend who had to be rushed to the hospital. She opened and shut the gate and ran to her house to change out of the muddy clothes. All this took only a few precious minutes and then they were hurrying to the local hospital some thirty minutes away.

For those who have been unfortunate enough to have visited any emergency room in this country, you know that it is a law that you have to spend at least two hours in the waiting room before you're called into the actual emergency room. Then it's another two hours before a real doctor sees you.

Thankfully the friend was treated and was able to go home after four hours. Carol decided to stop by the neighbour's house to make sure everything was in order. As they drove into the driveway, she gasped as she saw the open gate to the pasture. In her hurry, she had forgotten to put the pin in the latch to keep the gate shut!

Every one of those cows was happily munching on the spring grass inside the fence! One, two, three four, five and six! They were all there! Not a one had ventured through the opening into the yard and ultimately onto the road just a few yards away!

Nothing is more tempting to a cow than a chance to wander through an open gate. Upon seeing such an opening, her mouth starts watering and visions of new tastier morsels of sweet young grass start dancing in her head. When six cows are wandering around the pasture, the odds are that one of them will be marching through that opening to the world outside the pasture!

This was a miracle paramount to the parting of the waters! For four hours God had prevented the cows from walking through the open gate! This is a miracle of epic proportions. Was God protecting the cows or my friend Carol from having to shoulder the blame for having left the gate open? I believe though, that it's just an example of God's love. There are miracles every day for all of us if we just look for them!

Aghabog

Praise Service

An evening of song and praise led by Cavan Rugby Club Male voice choir in Aghabog Parish Church on Sunday 17th May at 7.30pm. Refreshments served afterwards.

Coffee morning and cake sale in the Aghabog Parish Hall on Saturday 20th June from 11am to 2pm. All are welcome.

Children's day service will be held on Sunday 21st June at 9.45am.

Aughnamullen

Country Gospel



On Friday 10th April we held our Gospel Concert, those taking part were The Ballybay Country Gospel Group, the Latton and Bawn Choir and Mr Walter Pringle acted as compere. They entertained a nearly full church with a programme of uplifting music. Our thanks to all who worked behind the scene to make the night a great experience.



Coffee Morning

Our annual coffee morning will take place on Saturday 16th May in the school house. There will be a cake sale with other stalls and the draw of the fireside quiz will take place at 12noon. If you have not got your quiz sheets please contact Marjorie Beattie on 047 57752 or George Montgomery on 0429741094.

Dedication Service

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.

Drum

Annual Sale

On Saturday 28th March we held our annual Sale. A good number of people attended and there were lot of goods on the stalls for sale. Fruit and vegetables, plants and potted flowers, bric a bac stall all doing well. We cannot forget the tea & coffee with lots of sandwiches and sweet cakes. It was so good to see people enjoying the tea and good fellowship. We thank all who supported our effort, those who donated money, goods for the stalls and the teas. Thank you also all who helped on the night.

Congratulations

We give thanks for the safe arrival of Katie and congratulate Mark and Marion Wilkin on the birth.

Rockcorry/Dartrey

Songs of Praise



What a wonderful Palm Sunday it turned out to be in a beautifully decorated Dartrey Church!



Donagh Choir, Rockcorry School Choir, Revd George who led our worship and wonderful singing from a full Church all added to the occasion. The man of the moment, however, was Very Revd Dr. Philip Knowles who did a marvellous job introducing the parishioners' favourite hymns and also presiding at the organ. The day was brought to a happy conclusion with a sumptuous tea in Rockcorry New School. Many thanks to everyone.



AN EVENING OF SONG AND PRAISE

Led by

Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir

in Aghabog Parish Church

On Sunday 17th May 2015 At 7.30pm.

Refreshments Served Afterwards.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Flower Festival 22nd to 24th May

Picturesque Dartrey Church, situated by the Inner Lough in the Dartrey Estate, is the perfect setting for our forthcoming, Flower Festival. The organising Committee and parishioners have worked extremely hard to ensure that all who visit will have a memorable experience. Exhibition of vintage cars, plant stall, guided walk from church to ruins of Dartrey Castle, teas and lunches and of course the magnificent floral displays by Monaghan Flower Club, tracing "the Journey of Life" are all part of the programme of events and activities over the festival weekend. Hopefully the sun will shine too.

Rockcorry School

Mrs. Hazel Speares has announced her retirement as Principal of Rockcorry School as from 31st August next. We were all very sorry to hear this news. From a parish point of view, Hazel supported us in all our efforts and we wish her God's blessing for a healthy and happy retirement.

Illness

We remember in our prayers all who have been ill in recent weeks. To all, we wish a speedy return to good health.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Daisy Wilkin on the safe arrival of another granddaughter

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Services

Sunday 3rd May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Thursday 7th May

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 10th May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - Morning Prayer
3.30pm - Annual Scouting Service
7.00pm - Evening Prayer

Thursday 14th May: Ascension Day

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

Thursday 21st May

11.00am - Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May: The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

9.00am - Holy Communion
11.00am - All Age Holy Communion
7.00pm - Holy Communion

Thursday 28th May

11.00am - Holy Communion
1.05pm - Healing Service

Saturday 30th May

10.30am - Salute to Waterloo

Sunday 31st May: Trinity Sunday

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

Holy Baptism

22nd March - Katie Jane Ansfield

5th April - Eva Lily Elliott

12th April - Anna Joyce Kingston

Christian Marriage

16th April - Andrea Ethel Crawford and Niall Rea Dunlop

Christian Burial

29th March - Margaret (Peggy) McAuley
Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

31st March - Muriel Agnes Gillespie
The Graan Nursing Home, Enniskillen.

Mothering Sunday All Age Holy Communion

On Mothering Sunday we had our first all age Holy Communion Service. This was a new venture for us and one we are very excited about. Holy Communion is the family meal of the church. How sad that many of our children or young people do not get to see it as they are quickly shifted out to Sunday School or Children's Church. We decided to keep the family of

God together and to present the great liturgy in an all age format.

Some of the responses borrowed from well know nursery rhymes. This is an attempt to make the drama of Holy Communion accessible even to the youngest of these who Jesus invites to himself. We sang the creed as a nursery rhyme (to the tune of frere Jacques) and we sang a gathering song to the tune of Here we go round the Mulberry Bush.

*We gather round in this Holy space
Holy Space, filled with grace
We gather round in this Holy space
To do what Jesus taught us
We hear the stories of our King
Eternal life, for us He'll win
We share his meal and pray with Him
And do what Jesus taught us*

As those confirmed received the bread and the wine, children were offered a blessing and a grape.

Pentecost All Age Holy Communion

Building on the success of our Mothering Sunday service, we will be celebrating another all age Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday (24th May).

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday the congregation, waving their palms, followed the donkey from the Cathedral Hall to Church for an all-age Palm Sunday service conducted by Rev Rob Clements. During the service the Gospel reading took the form of a dramatised reading which enthralled both young and old.

Messy Church Easter

We gather round in this holy space **Messy Easter** – About 90 gathered for our Messy Church Easter even during Holy Week. Families engaged around craft as they explored the story of Easter. We then went into the Cathedral for a special Easter reflection. We sang songs and watched a video clip. The children then approached the cross and placed on it things they were thankful for. Everyone then returned to the hall for an Easter egg hunt with lots of chocolate for all. Thank you Gail Schofield Weir, who with the help of her students, had designed a replica of a tomb with a stone rolled away. Our time together was finished by delicious shepherd's pie. Thanks also to everyone who came, and especially to all our dedicated leaders who put in so much time and effort.

Messy Mums

Messy Mums meets again of the 24th April at 7:30 in Lough Erne Cakes Café. While this is called Messy Mums, it sprang out of (Messy Church), you don't have to be a mum to attend. You just have to be a woman with a passion for craft, coffee and conversation. Like our Facebook page for regular updates <https://www.facebook.com/Stmacartinsmessychurch>

Vigil

On the Saturday during Holy Week there was a rural deanery event in the Cathedral for the young people of the diocese called 'Vigil'. Just shy of 80 people attended.

They experienced games, music, food and a reflection on the transforming message of Easter. We even finished the night with a bit of Zumba. All seemed to have a good time!

Infant Massage Classes

Baby massage has a proven number of health benefits for the child, but also has been shown to aid postnatal depression and encourage bonding between child and parent. The sessions over six weeks, provide time for parents to have a cup of tea and a chat with staff and volunteers from the church. We ran a programme before Christmas and would like to run this again. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office (6632 2917). If there were enough volunteers another programme could be run after Easter.

Adult Faith Formation

We use a course called Pilgrim as part of our commitment to spiritual growth and discovery. There are three courses running at present. The work of Pilgrim is done around tables with new friends over coffee and sweet treats. Why not consider joining us for a Pilgrim course!

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on Monday 13th April. Estelle, Branch Leader, opened the meeting with a Bible reading, followed by prayer with the Revd Rob Clements.

Bethany Blair, Sophie Coalter and Lara Todd, our guest speakers, gave a well presented account of their visit to America in 2014 with the "Ulster Project". Well done girls.

Dates to remember:

Friday 1st May: Festival Service, Monaghan Parish Church at 8.00pm, preacher The Rt Rev John McDowell

Monday 11th May: Annual Outing, tour of Crom Castle followed by a meal at the same venue. Please meet at Crom at 7.00pm. If transport is required for either of the above, please contact a committee member.

Thursday 21st May: The Spring Diocesan Council meeting, Cathedral Hall at 7.30pm, preceded by a "Bring and Buy", commencing at 7.00pm.

Thank you to all who brought knitted blankets, teddies, hats cardigans and cot mattresses to the Branch meetings, these will be handed in at the council meeting and distributed by the Diocesan Marketing Representative.

Tuesday Club

The guest at the April meeting will be Mrs Ruth Blair who will demonstrate some 'gentle exercise' which can be practised easily in your own home and is of great benefit to all.

The Outing on 26th May will be the last meeting before the summer break. Members will meet in the Minor Hall from 10.00 to 10.30am for morning coffee before heading off.

Everyone is wished a happy, healthy enjoyable summer before Tuesday Club resumes on 29th September at 2.00pm in the Hilliard Room.

Bowling Club

St Macartin's mixed pairs tournament was played over three nights commencing on Monday 23rd and continuing on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th, the final being played on Thursday 26th March. Altogether 82 pairs played over the three nights, with eight pairs returning to vie for the prizes in Thursday's final. The final played over 9 ends, was won by Gary and Claire McNabb who beat Jude Morris and Claire's sister Joy Stewart in a close fought game. At the conclusion of play Club Chairman Gerry Vennard thanked the sponsors Monaghan Bros of Lisnaskea and Scott's Fuels Beragh for their kind donations. He thanked the Club members for their help and support in running the tournament and donating the prizes for the draw each night, the ladies for providing the suppers over the four nights, the bowlers for supporting the tournament and the Club President Dean Kenneth Hall for his support during the competition. He then called upon Mr Jim Armitage of Monaghan Bros to come forward and present the prizes and cups to the winners.

On Wednesday 1st April morning, a charity competition was organised by Mr Brian Reilly in support of Marie Curie at which £110 was raised.

Club competition winners - Ladies singles -Mrs Evelyn Alexander, Gents singles - Mr Gerry Vennard, Pairs winners - Mrs Agnes Schofield and Mr Gerry Vennard, Triples winners - Mrs Evelyn Alexander, Mrs Primrose Woodburn and Mr George Miller.

We are always open to new members for the Bowling Club. Anyone interested in learning to bowl please contact any member of the club or just turn up on any Wednesday morning at 10.30am or evening at 7.30pm

Adult Confirmation

Adult confirmation will take place in Portora Royal School Chapel on Ascension Thursday (14th May) at 7.30pm.

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. Amen

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In The Days After Easter

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. John 7:37-38

Picture the scene. Easter holidays. Sunny day. Good gardening weather. A reluctant dad persuaded to take a son fishing. Short journey later. Stunningly beautiful waterside. Small jetty. Son content with rod. Dad content with book.

Calm day. No wind. Loughside surrounded by sunlit reeds. Still water. Only the sound of jumping fish and bird song.

It is possible to be drawn into the calm and the quiet and to find a way to set aside all of the busyness and to pray? To be drawn away to a quiet place.

Picture the scene. Same week. Another day. Same son. Same dad. Same reluctance, but less so. Memory of beautiful time. Different waterside. This time, fitted jetty. High water level. Fishing rod. Book. Rug. Water much closer this time. Almost within touching.

Is it possible to draw nearer to God? Not just to know about Him or even gaze upon Him. But to be near Him, and in Him? What does Jesus mean when He says that rivers of living water will flow from within them? 'By this he meant the Spirit.' How close do I want to be to God? Is it possible to go to Him reluctantly? To prefer to know about Him. To remember closeness to Him in the past. To resist His nearer presence.

Water as a picture of God's presence is safe and comfortable when we look at it from a dry distance. And along came a modern canal boat, raising the level of the water, and the same dad quickly shifted in order to avoid getting wet!

Mothers' Union Notes

Evelyn Irwin welcomed everyone and led the prayers. The Bible reading was by Phyllis Cunningham. The meeting was then handed over to the guest speaker Mrs Joan Watson whose topic was "The Easter Story in words and song". Joan gave us a very inspiring and touching talk on the Easter story, especially Mary's story and John's story. She sang two pieces which she composed herself. Joan said her writing and composing songs was a gift God had given her and she wanted to use it for his Glory.

Missionary money and knitted items for the Neo-natal unit and Children's Accident & Emergency Unit South West Acute Hospital were collected.

Elvina Funston reported back on "The Quiet Day" which a number of members attended and enjoyed in Clabby Church.

The Mothers' Union outing will take place on Saturday 6th June on The Inishcruiser on Upper Lough Erne. Friends welcome.

Branch leader, Elvina Funston closed the meeting with the Grace

Fellowship Meal



Fellowship Meal between The Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church in Fivemiletown.

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).

Easter

During Lent there were weekly bible studies aimed at different sections of the church community with Charles Crawford, Darren Morrow, Helen Noble, Jonny Phenix, Stephanie Wiggins and Revd Anita acting as leaders for the appropriate study. During Holy week there all evening services in all three churches. On Easter Sunday there was an 8.00am celebration of Holy Communion in Newtownbutler Church and a Praise Service with Holy Communion at 11.00am in Sallaghy. At this service the Brass Trio of Alistair, Andrew and Joanna Crawford played for the opening hymn, "Praise my soul the king of heaven". The lessons were read by Eileen Hall, Shirley Bell and Charles Crawford. The Group Choir sang the piece "See what a morning". Mrs Vera Fiddis assisted Revd Anita with Holy Communion. On display at the services were the praise scarves which had been made during the Childrens' Bible Study and also a large poster entitled "Jesus is risen, we are forgiven" which was made by the children of Newtownbutler Sunday School under the leadership of Dawn Hutchinson. This

poster will be one of the first displays to be put up in the new Sunday Schools room in Newtownbutler.



Newtownbutler Sunday School Poster



The Crawford Trio



The Group Choir

Photographs courtesy of Stephanie Wiggins.

What's on in Galloon Group of Churches!

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

14th June: 3.00pm - Sunday Group Service 175th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Sallaghy Parish Church.

'Dress up for Dinner'

This year instead of a Church Group Picnic we hope to build fellowship together by treating ourselves to an evening of 'good fun in good company'. This will be held in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, on Thursday 18th June at 8pm. We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Willie Nixon, Rector of Drumbeg Parish Church, Co Down as our 'after dinner speaker'. Following the success of the Charity Gospel evening in Sallaghy in November last year we are delighted to have the young Gospel Group 'Radiant' providing the music for the evening. Radiant are a group of extremely gifted students at Omagh Academy and it is a great encouragement to us all to have them with us again. The tickets cost £25 each.

Galloon Parish

Table Quiz and Quiz Sheets

This event raised £1628.00. Thanks to all who subscribed/contributed in any way and to Dawn Hutchinson (in particular) for all her efforts and dedicated inputs.

Galloon Parish Auction

The Auction held on Saturday 11th April 2015 in The Church Hall, High Street, was another very successful event, raising the sum of £2480.00. As always our sincere gratitude to William Little and his loyal band of supporters, all others who gave help in any way and to those who supplied goods for auction and to those who made purchases. Thanks also the ladies of the parish for providing the refreshments.

Guides

The Guides commenced their meeting in Newtownbutler on Monday 13th April and will continue weekly running from 7.00 – 8.00pm.

Pilates Class

A 6 week beginners Pilates class began in Newtownbutler Church Hall on Wednesday April 15th, allowing participants to experience the mat-work conditioning regime created by Joseph Pilates that builds unmatched core strength & enhances flexibility of body & mind. Thanks to Pamela Fyfe who is teaching this class and all proceeds are in aid of the new Sunday School Hall.

Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

The Branch this year is hosting a BBQ in the Oasis in Magheraveely on Friday 22nd May commencing at 8.00pm. It is planned to support our Sunday school

building in some way, therefore this evening is open to all and it would be encouraging for the parish if you could plan to attend. Further details will be available closer to the time, or contact any Mothers' Union member.

Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter vestry followed by the meeting of the Select Vestry were held on Tuesday 24th March 2015. The following appointments were made:

Church Wardens: Mrs P Wiggins (Rector's), R Bell (People's).

Glebe Wardens: A Morrow (Rector's), B Robinson (People's).

Select Vestry: E Johnston, Mrs A Rickey, L Hutchinson, D Morrow, Mrs D Hutchinson, Mrs C Heaslip, I Wiggins, W Allen (Honorary secretary), A McAlister, Mrs M Patterson, Mrs I Kelly, Mrs H Noble.

FWO Secretary: Mrs G Rickey.

£10k for 10k Mini Marathon

The £10k for 10k Mini Marathon will take place on Saturday 13th June with the proceeds going to the new Sunday School rooms. We would like to encourage all those currently 'in training' and also those raising sponsor money for this very worthwhile cause to continue with their good work in the lead up to the event.

Sallaghy Parish

Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter Vestry and the subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry were held on Monday 23rd March 2015. The following appointments were made:

Churchwardens: Mrs M Crawford (Rector's), G Little (People's).

Glebe Wardens: R Crawford (Rector's), R Gardiner (People's).

Select Vestry: Mrs H Allen, C Crawford (Honorary Treasurer), H Crawford, J Clingan, R Clingan (Honorary Secretary), J Fleming, B Frazer, R Kettle, Mrs J Mooney, D Morrison, Mrs B Whittendale, W Whittendale.

FWO Secretary: Mrs H Fleming.

Mothers' Union

Members are planning to attend the Mothers' Union Festival Service on Friday 1st May in Monaghan Parish Church at 8.00pm when the preacher will be The Rt Revd John McDowell.

175th Anniversary of Sallaghy Parish

A Group Service of Celebration will take place on Sunday 14th June at 3.00pm when Bishop John will be the guest speaker. Families are encouraged to invite those who grew up in the parish to return for the service. The service will be followed by tea and slideshow of pictures through the ages based around various themes such as, parish life, Sunday School, Mothers' Union, previous incumbents, Bowling Club, confirmation, weddings, historical material, etc.

Crom Road Tractor Run and Vintage Ploughing Demonstration

A tractor run and vintage ploughing demonstration will be held again this year at Fiddis' Farm, Crom Road, Lisnaskea in August. Further details later.

Drummully Parish

Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter Vestry and the subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry were held on Wednesday 25th March 2015. The following appointments were made: Churchwardens: Mr W Armstrong (Rector's), Mrs E Hall (People's).

People's Glebewarden: Mr G Moore.

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs. H Robinson.

Honorary Secretary: Mrs E Hall.

Gardening Evening

Everyone is invited to our annual gardening evening on Wednesday 6th May at 8pm in Drummully Church Hall. This year we are also having a flower arranging and potting demonstration by Elizabeth Allister. There will be plants sold on the night by Billy and Jeanette Cassidy. Admission is £5 or €6 payable at the door.

Car Boot Sale

The annual Car Boot Sale with Strawberry Teas is on Saturday 6th June. Gates open at 8am. Cars and small vans are €10, large vans €15. The parish are holding their own stall at this, which will include a cake sale and all proceeds, will go to the Church roof repair fund. We would welcome any items donated for our stall.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

Sunday 10th May

Kiltyclogher 10am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Sunday 17th May

Garrison 10am MP & FS

Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

Sunday 24th May

Kiltyclogher 10am MP

Belleek 11.30am MP

Sunday 31st May Slavin Group Service 11.30am MP

Sunday 7th June

Garrison 10am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

Belleek Church



Helen Thompson with the Rector Revd Ngozi Njoku and Churchwarden, Robert Johnston

Belleek Church has received cloths for the Communion Table and Reading Desk in the Liturgical Colours. These have been handmade by Helen Thompson who has recently made cloths for Garrison and Kiltyclogher Churches.



Palm Sunday in Belleek

Mothers' Union

The March Meeting was held in Slavin Church where Mrs Laura Greenaway was the guest speaker. She enlightened members and visitors with many stories on life in the 1940's in her native Ballintra. A most enjoyable evening was had with such a great story teller!

The April meeting began with a closing service in Kiltyclogher Parish church led by the branch leader, Mrs Dot Barlow. The Rector Revd Ngozi gave the address.

Following the service the members enjoyed a delicious meal in Garrison Church Hall and plans were made to attend Mullaghduin Visitors' Evening and the Festival Service in Monaghan.

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 from Garrison and Betty McVitty from Kiltyclogher Parishes 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.

Easter Egg Hunt



Group Service on 31st May

On 31st May the fifth Sunday service will be held in Slavin Church at 11.30am.

Prior to the service tea will be served from 11am, voluntary donations may be given which will be given to Christian Aid and the Rectory Fund.

Memorial Service for the Late Johnny Fletcher

A special service to honour the memory of a dear friend was held in Melvin View Orange Hall on Friday 10th April at 8pm.

The Service was led by the Rector, Revd Ngozi and she was assisted by Eddie Graham. The reading was read by Edwin Long and the organist was Mrs Joy Graham. A substantial number of the Fletcher and Bleakley families travelled from England and Belfast to be present. The SEFF Memorial quilt was also on display. A memorial photograph of the late Johnny Fletcher was dedicated by the Rector and unveiled by his family. A number of emotional tributes were given by former friends and colleagues.

Tea was served following the service. The evening concluded with a slide show by Mr Jim Wilson.

Easter Vestry Meetings

See table below with the Office Bearers for 2015/16 year.

2015 Easter Vestry Posts	Garrison	Slavin	Belleek	Kiltyclogher
Rector's Churchwarden	Keith Kettyles	Raymond Gregg	Rachel Love	Edward Stephenson
People's Churchwarden	Adrian Elliott	Tom Ovens	Robert Johnston Jnr	Gordon Carson
Rector's Glebewarden	Austin Acheson	George McBride	Ernest Watson	Freda Allingham
People's Glebewarden	Neville Elliott	Robert Earls	Robert Johnston Snr	William McVitty
Secretary	Joy Graham	Florence Earls	Helen Thompson	Pauline Carson
Treasurer	Lorraine Kettyles	Elizabeth Ovens	Betty Johnston	Pauline Carson
New Vestry Members			James & Donna Pye	

Kilskeery and Trillick



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Burial of the Dead

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

Mrs. Anne McQuaid, Kilskeery

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Anne on April 4th and again extend our deepest sympathy to Anne's husband, John, her daughters, Susan, Wendy and Linda and all the family circle.

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 Gwen (Crozier) on the death of her sister-in-law Olive Moffitt and Olive's husband George, her sons Jason, Gareth, Bryan, Craig and Steven and her daughter Grace (a much loved GB Leader in our parish).

'But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ.'

Easter Vestries

The Easter Vestries took place on March 23rd (Kilskeery) and 25th (Trillick).

The following were appointed to serve on **Kilskeery Select Vestry** for the year 2015/16:

Rector's Church Warden: Adrian Irvine.

People's Church Warden: Derek Edgar.

Rector's Glebe Warden: Gwen Crozier.

People's Glebe Warden: John Armstrong.

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Herbert Gray, Harold McKinley, James Crozier, Winston Cluff, David Armstrong, George Lawder, Eric Hunter, Stanley Hilliard, Robert Armstrong, Christina Harris, Joyce McKinley and Sam Collins.

Joyce and Adrian continue in their rolls of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

The following were appointed to serve on **Trillick Select Vestry** for the year 2014/15:

Rector's Church Warden: Billy Funston.

People's Church Warden: Linda Brunt.

Rector's Glebe Warden: Thomas Farrell.

People's Glebe Warden: David Thompson.

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Wendy Keys, Nigel Farrell, May Kee, John Bleakley, Roger Funston, John Knox, William Magee, Norman Kee, Helena Thompson, Pauline Farrell, Joan McAuley and Robin Clements.

May and John continue in their rolls of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

Sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way with the planning and organisation of all events and

services over Lent and Easter. For their help throughout the year - our organists/musicians - Elizabeth, Wendy, Art & Choirs; outgoing Churchwarden – Stanley Hilliard (Kilskeery); Rector's Glebe Warden, Gwen (Kilskeery) and People's Glebe Warden, John; Tommy and David (Trillick); those who look after our churches and halls in a particular way; those on the cleaning rotas and flower rotas; those who give so much of their time in looking after our young people via, Sunday School, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Youth Club, Messy Kids; those whose interest is with our more senior parishioners - Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club, our Mothers' Union Group and our Bowling Club; our Select Vestries.

Grateful thanks also to all those who help with the Crèche – anyone wishing to join the team as a possible helper is asked to speak to Clare or Revd Rosemary.

Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club looks forward to their first outing of the year with a trip to Armagh on May 19th. The Hall continues to open on every Tuesday from 2 – 4.00pm for Boccia/New Age Curling.

Mothers' Union

Our Service on Mothering Sunday was a Family/All Age Worship Service (prepared by Mothers' Union). Children and young people distributed MU Bookmarks to members of the congregation while accepting donations to help with the 'Make a Mother's Day 2015' campaign, raising over £300. Sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to all! Members look forward to attending at the Festival Service in Monaghan Parish Church on May 1st.

Boys' and Girls' Brigade



Those awarded with the President's Badge



BB Annual Display

Boys' Brigade held their Parents' Night and Display on March 20th, Messy Kids had their monthly meeting on March 21st and Girls' Brigade held their Annual Dinner and Display on March 28th.



Younger GB Members entertain!



Senior GB Leader, Mrs. Edie Brunt, and younger member



GB Annual Dinner & Display

Service of Remembrance



Ulster Special Constabulary Association, Omagh Branch, Service of Remembrance and Dedication of a Memorial Stone took place at Kilskeery Parish Church on March 22nd 2015.

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 for May

Sunday 3rd May

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 10th May

11.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 17th May

9.45am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 24th May

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 31st May

11.00am Morning Prayer

3.00pm Evening Prayer (Coolbuck)

Sunday 7th June

11.00am Holy Communion

3.00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Baptism (Coolbuck)

Death

Mrs Winifred Florence (Tennis) Storey, of 27 Main Street passed away peacefully, early in the morning of Tuesday 24th March in the South West Acute Hospital. Beloved wife of the late David, who predeceased her in October 2013 she was the dearly loved mother of Diana, Oliver, Nigel and Louise. To each of them and to the wider family circle we extend our deepest sympathy at this time. Mrs Storey had been ill at home for some months and was admitted to hospital in January. Her well attended funeral service on Thursday 26th in Lisbellaw Parish Church was conducted by Archdeacon Cecil Pringle. Mrs Storey was buried in Tattygare Cemetery and at the family's request, donations in lieu of flowers were made to the British Lung Foundation.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs Anna Kelly, whose brother John Given died in Donegal on April 14th and to Mr Malcolm Kerr of Rathview whose father Robert died suddenly in Ballinamallard on April 16th.

Illness

To all of our parishioners who are currently ill in hospital and at home and to their loved ones we extend our prayerful good wishes. It is good to hear of a number who are recovering well at home after surgery and treatment.

Palm Sunday



At the Family Service on Palm Sunday

On March 29th Diocesan Reader Mr Roy Crowe conducted a Family Service especially for Palm Sunday. Glen Crawford from The Bridge read the story of Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem from Mark Ch.11 and the children from the Sunday School sang 'We have a King who rides a Donkey.' Six of the children, Kaitlin Nicholl, Jeananna Gordon, Mia Glenn, Alice Reynolds, Harry Reynolds and Rebecca Nicholl took part in a presentation based on the letters of the word, EASTER and Tiana Grace Abbott, Lucy-Ann Abbott and Zara Moutray led some prayers. Thanks again to the Sunday School teachers, to Wendy from The Bridge and to the helpers for all their work in preparation. Mr Crowe, very effectively and memorably, used an iron, an ironing board and two shirts to illustrate how Jesus on the cross "ironed out" and dealt with the problem of sin!

Holy Communion for Easter

A number of our senior parishioners were welcomed to a special Service of Holy Communion in the Parish Centre on the afternoon of Monday 30th March. Conducted by Archdeacon Pringle, assisted by Sue Hogg, the service was appreciated by all who attended. As at Christmas, Lynda Lindsay played the organ and sang. Warmest thanks too, to Jean McElroy and Liz Kingston who helped with transport and who provided and served beautiful afternoon tea for all.

A further number of parishioners had Holy Communion in their homes on the afternoon of Tuesday March 31st. Warmest thanks again to Archdeacon Pringle for this very important ministry. It was much appreciated by all the families concerned.

Thanks

A special word of thanks to Diocesan Reader Mr Jack Watson who prepared for and conducted services on two Wednesday evenings during Lent, to Mr John Irvine who conducted all the other Wednesday evening services and who ministered on the evening of Good Friday. Thanks also to Dean Raymond Thompson who conducted a service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday and who led the worship on Easter Morning.



Dean Raymond Thompson pictured with organists Lynda Lindsay and Sandra Oldcroft on Easter Sunday

Mothers' Union

At the March meeting Mrs Sharon Foster of Aghavea Parish spoke of her work with the 24/7 Care Line which provides and supports a personal alarm system for the elderly, disabled and those who live alone and simply want peace of mind.

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to Nicola Phair, second daughter of David and the late Shirley who on Saturday 11th April married Adrian Nash in St Mary's and All Saints Church of Ireland, Glanmire, Co Cork. The reception afterwards was held in The Fota Island Resort.

Many congratulations too, to Julie Barr, daughter of Charles and Frances who on Saturday 18th April married John Rendell in St Paul's Church, Dosthill, Tamworth in Staffordshire.

We wish both couples every happiness as they begin their married lives together.

Easter Vestry

The Annual Easter Vestry Meeting was held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm. Chaired by Archdeacon Pringle the following were elected to serve: Rector's Churchwarden: Frances Boyd
People's Churchwarden: Stephen Nicholl
Rector's Glebewarden; John Gordon
People's Glebewarden; Rodney Johnston

Select Vestry: Derek Abbott, Charles Barr, Gary Black, Millie Crawford, Robert Dane, Jean Graham, Noel Johnston, Liz Kingston, Harriett Kirkpatrick, Lynda Lindsay, Victor Mahon, Clive Thompson.

At the first meeting of the new Select Vestry which followed immediately, Parochial Treasurer Robert Dane asked to be relieved of the office. Gary Black was subsequently elected as Treasurer and Harriett Kirkpatrick as Secretary.

The outgoing treasurer was thanked for his years of service.

Coffee Morning



Derek, Dylan and Sharon Moutray at their Coffee Morning for the Ulster Project

On Saturday 28th March Sharon and Derek Moutray and their son Dylan organised a very successful Coffee Morning and Car Boot Sale at the Parish Centre. Dylan has been selected to participate in the Ulster Project and part of the process before he goes to America in the summer involves organising a fund-raising event. In spite of warnings of poor weather, it stayed mostly dry and everything went very smoothly. The Moutray family would like to thank everyone for their help and support. The amount raised stands at £425.



At the Coffee Morning and Car Boot Sale in aid of the Ulster Project.

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Services for May

Sunday 3rd

11.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 10th

11.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th

11.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 24th

11.30 am Morning Prayer
(Retiring Collection for World Vision
sponsored children)

Sunday 31st

11.30 am Morning Prayer

Burial

Tuesday 17th March William Lunny (Billy), Coolarn, Lisnaskea. Our sincere condolences and prayers are with the Lunny family circle at this time.

Illness

We should also remember in our prayers all those from our parish who are ill at this time either at home or in hospital, everyone waiting for or recovering from surgery and all going through treatment.

Hope UK

Over Christmas 2014 we benefitted from Hope UK's "Christmas Carols" booklet which commemorated the beginning of World War I, 100 years ago. Words of encouragement from Archbishop Justin Welby and His Royal Highness Prince William, among others, made this a memorable event for many.

During Easter 2015 we were able to avail of another resource from Hope UK in the form of "The Cross" DVD. A moving and challenging portrayal of the Cross of Jesus Christ told by Billy Graham.



On the 1st Sunday after Easter students from CBC Belfast and CBC Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina USA assisted at the morning service by reading lessons, sharing a bit about themselves and ministering through prayer with the laying on of hands to any and all who wanted it. They had helped to minister to people in a similar way after a showing of "The Cross" DVD in the Archdale Centre, on Saturday evening the night before.

Holy Week

During Holy Week it was a pleasure for our Rector, organist and choir members to visit "The Colorado" nursing home to sing some Easter pieces for the residents. This was enjoyed by one and all and we thank Trudie and her staff for the lovely supper and fellowship enjoyed by everyone.

Previous to this on Palm Sunday, the members of Children's Church and the choir also sang some lovely pieces at our Family Service and two more senior children, Ryan & Lydia performed a short drama based on "The Lord's Prayer".

Mothers' Union

At our March meeting we had a very interesting and informative presentation by Ruth Watson on "Care of the feet from babyhood to senior years." Her expert advice may have come too late for some of us but what we learned we can pass on to the younger members of our families.



On Mothering Sunday we had a special service which included the enrolment of two new members. We are delighted that Diane and Gail have joined the branch and we hope they will feel welcome and blessed as they take part in the monthly meetings and other activities. The service was an opportunity for all the members to renew the vows and promises they had made at the time of their enrolment, some as many as 58 years ago. All the ladies in the congregation each received a small pot plant as a gift. On Tuesday 31st March we attended the Easter Service of Holy Communion in the Trinity Hall. There was a good attendance in spite of the inclement weather. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the chance to meet with others who are unable to attend church regularly.

The tea and goodies were appreciated by all. At the April meeting members brought in their missionary boxes, stamps and knitted or crocheted blankets. This year one of the members knitted some lovely hats. A big Thank You is due to all the ladies who use their talents and give freely of their time to make these items. We are all looking forward to attending the Area Service in Monaghan on Friday 1st May.

General Vestry

The General Easter vestry meeting took place on Wednesday 15th April and the following people were elected to serve for this year:

- Rector's Churchwarden – Hilda Latimer
- People's Churchwarden – Jacqueline Agnew
- Rector's Glebewarden – Geoff Kerr
- People's Glebewarden – Henry Mayne
- Vestry members: Helen Wilson, David Doonan, Linda Cassidy, George Latimer, Shirley McCoy, James Brady, Betty Storey, Maxine Leary, Noel Kells, Alan McDonald, Steven Johnston and Andrew Kells.
- Honorary Treasurer – Maxine Leary
- Honorary Secretary – Linda Cassidy

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Annual Easter Vestry

At our Easter General Vestry, Andy Seaney was appointed as rector's churchwarden and Kenny Armstrong as people's churchwarden. The glebewardens, Wilfred Crawford and Roly Hurst continue in post and the elected members are Liane Armstrong (Hon Secretary), Alex Elliott, Ernie Fisher, Joanne Gilmore, Harold Graham, Helen Humphries, Gordon Lee, Richard McBride, Arthur McKinney (Hon Treasurer), Howard McMorris, Sammy Nixon, and Henry Robinson.

Mothers' Union

Members from the Branch attended the "Praying Together" day on Saturday 21st March in Clabby church and hall when a very powerful and moving talk on the 23rd Psalm was given by Bishop Ken Clarke.

The Annual Diocesan Festival Service will take place on Friday 1st May in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan at 8.00pm with Bishop John McDowell as preacher. Our monthly meeting will take place on Thursday 7th May at 8.00pm, when the speaker will be Valerie Lewis, local chiropodist who will speak on the care of feet. Everyone is welcome to join us for the meeting.

Barnabas Cup

We are currently accepting entries for the Barnabas Cup football tournament which will take place at Fisher Park 3G on June 11th (St Barnabas Day!). Local churches are invited to enter a 7-a-side team. The first half is a mini-league and then a knock out for the league winners. Last year, the final was between St Macartin's Cathedral and Brookeborough Elim, with Brookborough Elim taking home the cup.

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Billy Graham's 'The Cross'

The recent showing of Billy Graham's 'The Cross' DVD is a reminder that we are all on a journey of faith with God. Being on a journey is a good image to use as we think of the life of faith. Unfortunately, it has become something of a cliché with today's reality TV shows. Many a celebrity has claimed that the jungle endurance, dancing competition or talent contest has taken them 'on a real journey'. Such experiences, no doubt, change them in some way and it always seems to be for the better.

Hindsight, of course, is a wonderful thing - always 20/20 vision. However, the journey of faith may not be so quick to define. We could, like the Israelites, be still wandering in our own 'desert' and grumbling that things were much better off in our equivalent of Egypt! We can forget that God at times allows us to go through dark valleys, when we have to cry out to God and lean on Him more than ever before. When we

do get a chance to look back, we might find that we were closer to Him at those times and the 'muscle' of our faith much exercised.

'The Cross' DVD showed the stories of faith of two people who found God through such tough times. Some of us could relate to their experiences; a chord was struck. They found help from Him and so can we. Not everyone can relate to Billy Graham, however. Whilst many a person has come to faith at a large rally when a decision to follow Jesus is called for, others find quiet crossroads in their life when faith in Him is deepened as they choose to move forward in their relationship with God, seeking fellowship with others, in reading Scripture and prayer.

Our journeys of faith are not always straightforward, but God is always there. The Lord God of the Universe wants to accompany our trip through life - we are the ones who turn away and choose paths of our own making. 'You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.' (Psalm 16:11). Joy in His presence, whatever our circumstances.

Blessings.

Revd Henry

Regular Events

Sunday Worship at Ardess Church 09:30 & 11:00

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. **Salvation Army Bible Talk** on Tuesday 12th May at 2pm in the Moffitt Room, Ardess Parish Centre. A representative from the Salvation Army group in Enniskillen will deliver a talk on the Bible. Refreshments will be served and everyone is most welcome. **Molly's Home Bakes** on Tuesday 26th May at 2pm in Ardess Parish Centre. Veteran baker, Molly Linton, will be sharing the secrets of her renowned home baking success. Refreshments will be served. Everyone very welcome.

Mothers' Union

Meets 3rd Thursday in month at 8pm in Ardess Parish Centre. May/June - outing to be arranged. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Registers

Baptism

Noah David Beacom, son of Bryan Beacom and Sinead Higgins of 7 Thornbury Glen, Belfast.

Burial

Saturday 11th April - Eleanor Maud Boyle of Rossculban, Kesh.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stuart and Avril Graham, married on 10th April 2015, as they set up home at 2 Ardess Villas.

Youth Leaders & Volunteers Training Evening

Wednesday 6th May 7:30-10pm in McArthur Halls, Enniskillen. Organised by 'Youthlink.' Four workshops to choose two from:

1. Group Development
2. Programme Development
3. Engaging Activities
4. Spiritual Development

For full details and booking contact Gillian on 07783829151

The Church of Ireland General Synod

Thursday 7th May - Saturday 9th May. This year's General Synod will be held in the Armagh City Hotel, Friary Road, Armagh. www.synod.ireland.anglican.org

Life Group Leaders Meeting

Sunday 10th May at 19:00 in Ardess Parish Centre.

Service of Confirmation

Sunday 17th May at 11am in Ardess Parish Church. We are delighted to have Bishop John join us for the Service of Confirmation for Naomi and Chloe. Please do pray for them and support them as they seek to confirm their faith in God before their church family.

New Wine Prayer Ministry Training

Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 10am in Ardess Parish Centre. This one day training provides the skills for praying for someone in a group context. This is a good refresher if you have been involved in prayer ministry over a period of time.

Paul and Nuala

Tuesday 26th May at 8pm in Ardess Parish Centre Paul and Nuala O'Higgins are coming to join us this evening. Every year they come over to Ireland to encourage the church here and see what God is doing around Ireland. Please do come along and join us. You can find out more about Paul and Nuala at: www.reconciliationoutreach.net/PaulandNuala.html

Parish Walk

Saturday 30th May - meet in church car park at 8.30 am. Come and join us as we walk around the parish

boundary praying that God will shower blessing on everyone living in Ardess parish.

The old Church of England custom of 'Beating the Bounds' was to remind everyone of the boundaries of the parish, especially the young who would carry forward the memory when maps were scarce. The clergy of the parish with the churchwardens and the parochial officials headed a crowd of boys who, armed with green boughs, usually birch or willow, beat the parish boundary markers with them.

On this day we wish to pray protection and blessing on our parish, asking for God's favour on the parish and all who live and work in it. The walk will be approximately 18 miles as we follow the roads nearest to the boundary, but we will give details of the stages of the walk in each area of the parish to allow folks to join in without doing the whole walk. More details will be given out in church.

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

Seder / Passover meal in Ardess Parish Hall

Presented by CMJ (The Church's Ministry among Jewish People).

'Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who sanctified us by commanding us to light the holiday candles...' and so our Seder or Passover meal began in the Parish hall on the evening of Maundy Thursday, what more fitting time to experience the central, symbolic part of a traditional Passover meal, out of which has grown our service of Holy Communion.

Some 80 people were sat cosily at the tables, with bitter herbs(horseradish), hyssop (parsley), salt water, hardboiled eggs, Charoset (a chutney-like mixture) and Matzah, unleavened bread to sample at the appointed time of the ritual. We were led by Jane Stewart, Chair of CMJ (the Church's Ministry among Jewish People) Northern Ireland and Pat Davidson, previous Chair, introduced a

DVD which spoke of the move of God in the Middle East, bringing together Jewish people, Christians and Muslims. A fascinating evening of fellowship was had as we explored the link between Jesus and the Passover. This form of celebration is used by Messianic Christians, Jewish people who have come to see Jesus or Yeshua as Messiah. At the end of the meal, a young person (represented by the not-so-young Bob McCurry) goes to look for Elijah, who is to precede the Messiah and announce his coming. In the Messianic Seder meal, we can announce that Elijah HAS come in John the Baptist, and that 'Messiah has come. Let us pray that the Jewish people would come to see that Messiah has come, and His name is Jesus'. As the ritual ends, 'Le Shanah Haba-ah B'Yerushalyim!

Next Year in Jerusalem!

The Circuit Board

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!

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It was good to see the numbers attending our services during Holy Week and Easter Day when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The 'Together In Prayer' group (TIP) met during lent and it will continue to meet on Wednesday 13th and 27th May at 8.00pm in Christ Church hall, Maguiresbridge. This is open to everyone to attend.

Last year we had a very enjoyable evening of favourite hymns. We will be having another evening on Sunday 10th May at 7.00pm. If there is a hymn you would like to have sung - would you let the church wardens know by Sunday 3rd May. We hope that you will be able to come along.

Mothers' Union

At our April meeting the speaker Pauline Corrigan displayed her handmade natural skin products of Beenifical and gave members a very informative talk about how she makes her products and the importance of what we use on our skins. Thank you Debbie for offering to be the model and to receive a lovely facial by Pauline.

Members to attend the Diocesan Festival Service in St Patrick's Church, Monaghan on Friday 1st May and the Worldwide money will be presented.

For our outing this year we plan to attend the Flower Festival in St John the Evangelist, Dartrey, Monaghan on Saturday 23rd May. If you wish to attend please contact the Brach Leader or Secretary.

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Services

10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's Service of the Word 10.30am

Ballinode Morning Prayer 12.15pm

17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter

St Patrick's Morning Prayer 10.30am

Kilmore Morning Prayer 12.15pm

24th May - Day of Pentecost

St Patrick's Service of the Word 10.30am

Ballinode Holy Communion 12.15pm

31st May - Trinity Sunday

St Patrick's Morning Prayer 10.30am

7th June - First Sunday after Trinity

St Patrick's Holy Communion 10.30am

Kilmore Holy Communion 12.15pm

The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group March meeting was a walk and talk on the Dartrey Estate followed by refreshments in Rockcorry Parish Hall.

The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union A number of members from the Branch attended the Diocesan quiet day on the 21st March in Clabby, with Bishop Ken Clarke, on the theme "Praying Together".

Their monthly meeting was on Tuesday 7th April, when monies for overseas were received.

Lenten Holy Communion Bible Study

Lenten Holy Communion Bible Study was held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays respectively during Lent.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week Services were held in the Elim Church from the 30th March to the 3rd of April. These services are arranged by all the Christian Churches in the town.

The address each evening, on the theme "The Cross Experienced", was given by one of the local clergy. As, is the custom, the service on Thursday was a celebration of Holy Communion. The collection was in aid of Christian Vision for Men.

Easter Day Celebrations

Easter Day Celebrations Commenced with a Dawn Service at Monaghan Collegiate School. This was arranged and supported by all the local Churches – it was followed by a cooked breakfast for the 100-plus in attendance. There was an all-age Communion Service in St. Patrick's at 10.30am with Sunday school children taking a lead in worship. The Easter services finished with a Holy Communion service in Kilmore.

The Girls' Brigade Display

The Girls' Brigade Display and parents' night was held on Wednesday 25th March. We express grateful thanks to the Captain, Officers, and helpers for giving of their talents and time, enabling the members to have fun, but most importantly to seek, serve and follow Christ.

Illness

Illness please continue to remember in prayer those who are ill, the housebound, and those in residential care and their families.

Christian Burial

It was with shock and sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Mrs. Jean Finnegan at her home on Sunday 12th April. The deceased was a regular at worship while her health permitted, served on Select Vestry, and was a long-standing member of the Mothers' Union. The esteem in which the deceased and her family are held in the community was much in evidence at her funeral service in St. Patrick's, conducted by the Rector and afterwards at Coolshannagh Graveyard. We express prayerful sympathy to her sons Denis, Norman, Harold, Spencer, Osbourne, Erol, and the wider family circle in their sad loss.

Condolence

We express sincere sympathy to Mr. Cecil Finnegan on the death of his sister in law.

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175th Anniversary

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.

Institution of The New Rector at Rossorry

On Friday 20th March 2015 our new Rector was instituted at Rossorry. The Church was packed to capacity with parishioners, family and friends, who came to join with Bishop John Mc Dowell and many visiting clergy to witness the institution of the new Rector and to welcome him to our Parish. The former Archbishop and Primate of Armagh, Lord Robin Eames, was the preacher.

It was a joyous and momentous event in the life of Rossorry Parish. Afterwards, everyone was treated to a lovely supper in the Parochial Hall. Many took the opportunity to speak and to welcome the new Rector to Rossorry, including clergy from neighbouring parishes of all denominations.



Achdeacon Helene Steed, Canon John Stewart (Diocesan Registrar), Bishop John Mc Dowell, Revd Dr. Ian Ellis (Rector of Rossorry), Canon David Skuce (Rural Dean) and Archbishop Robin Eames.

Wednesday Club News

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

There continues to be a very interesting selection of guest speakers at the meetings. Last month there were visiting speakers from the Red Cross on Neighbourhood Links and an outing to Granny Walsh's for a Coffee Morning. (They were joined by the new Rector – Revd Ian Ellis, and his wife Heather). They also held their Annual Sale of Work. At the Coffee Morning prizes of Easter Eggs were presented to the prizewinners of the Easter Word Search Competition.

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



The Rossorry Wednesday Club at Granny Walsh's with the new Rector and his wife



Winners of the Easter Word Search Competition Violet, Stewart, Ethel and Eileen

Parish Register

Bereavements

The parish was saddened by the passing of two of our most senior parishioners in March. Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends the deceased.

17th March 2015 **Mrs Isabella Kate (Betty) BERNEY**, a long time parishioner of Rossorry, passed away. The Funeral service was held at Rossorry with Canon David Skuce officiating, on Friday 20th March 2015. The remains were taken for cremation.

27th March 2015 **Mrs Olive McCLENAGHAN**, another long time parishioner of Rossorry, passed away on 27th March 2015. The funeral service and burial took place at Rossorry on Monday 30th March 2015. Rev. Ian Ellis, the new Rector officiated.

Baptisms

12th April 2015 Ruben James WALKER, infant son of Nicola and Glenn Walker of Crown Hall was baptised in Rossorry. Revd Ian Ellis officiated. This was the first Christening conducted by Revd Ellis since his appointment, as Incumbent of Rossorry Parish.



Rev. Ian Ellis with Glenn and Nicola Walker and baby, Reuben James

Congratulations and welcome to this newest member of the Christian family at Rossorry.

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Good Friday

Once again young people from the Youth Club and Confirmation Class took part in the Good Friday service in Clabby. They led in Bible Readings, Prayers, a poem My Place, a drama – Good Friday. There was also PowerPoint presentations on the Good Friday theme. The worship was led by The Music Group accompanied by Mrs. Ann Bloomfield.

Restoration Fund

Saturday 9th May Vintage Bike run leaving Clabby Church Hall at 11.00am viewing from 10.00am route to include Fivemiletown 11.30am, Brookeborough 12.30pm, Maguiresbridge 1.30pm, Lisbellaw 2.30pm, Tempo 3.30pm, Clabby 4pm. Entrance fee £15 to include refreshments: For further details contact Mr. Jim Monteith 07751803660 after 6pm

Saturday 6th June 12 noon – 3pm Fun Day Fete at Clabby Church Hall. A variety of activities on the day.

Revd John Browne

It was with regret that we learned of the death of the Rev. John Browne, Rector of Clabby 1961 to 1975. He had moved to England on leaving Clabby. He died after a brief period in hospital on 29th March. He was aged 94. We remember his wife Kathleen and his family in our prayers.

May Diary

Sunday 24th Clogher Rural Deanery vestry members service 7.30pm in Clabby Parish Church. Preacher Mr Dermot O'Callaghan.

A Promise, a Reward and the Future

During the month of May we remember the fulfilment of a promise at Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had said in John chapter 15;16 "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counsellor to be with you forever." In Acts Chapter 2 we read how the Holy Spirit came in form of a rushing mighty wind and tongues of fire came and rested on the disciples. Then they went out and spoke in the native tongues of the many races gathered in Jerusalem.

Ascension means the return of Christ to his place of glory in Heaven, his reward for completing his mission to bring God's salvation the world. As He returned to Heaven the Angel made the promise that he would return again. "This same Jesus, who has been taken back from you into Heaven, will come back again in the same way as you have seen him go into Heaven (Acts 1:11)

Today, the Church has been called to fulfil the commission of Jesus to go and make disciples and also to be witnesses for him. Who is the Church? Those of us who profess to be Christians, who know Jesus as their own Lord and Saviour. We are to be ready ourselves and make others ready for Christ's return. How do we do this? By living and speaking for Jesus each day wherever we are and whatever we are doing that others would see Jesus in our words and deeds and be drawn to him. We can do this only in the power of God by the Holy Spirit given to all who trust in Christ. Are you ready for Christ's return? Do you know the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit in your life? Are you living and witnessing for Christ?

Thank You

The Rectory family would like to thank the Select Vestries for kindly redecorating the living room and replacing the curtains which have been on the windows for over 20 years. This has totally transformed the room with lots of favourable comments. Also thank you to Mr. Davy Ellison for fixing the heating system at the Rectory which is now vastly improved and we have heating in the bedrooms.

Welcome

The Rectory Family would like to welcome Revd Dr. Ian Ellis and his wife Heather to Rossorry Parish and wish them God's blessing as they settle into their new home, area and Parish life again.

Sympathy

Jean would like to thank those small number of Parishioners who took time to ring her, and send cards of sympathy on the death of her very dear Aunt and Godmother on 31st March. Also to those parishioners who passed on their sympathy through me.

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