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Dear Editor,

I understand that two gentlemen from Enniskillen visited St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary on the 27th October last and were speaking to two parishioners with queries re some local people and or location of graves. I might be able to help if they would like to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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## ST MARKS AGHADRUMSEE Palm Praises

Weekend of Music  
with the Ferguson  
Family and Friends

Saturday 19th  
& Sunday 20th  
March 2016

Concluding with a  
Service of Praise



## A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Well here we are again at the beginning of a new Church Year. No doubt at all of the services in your parish on Sunday past you heard again those familiar words of the Collect of the First Sunday in Advent. It must rank amongst Thomas Cranmer's greatest and most resonant compositions, kept fresh by being used sparingly in public worship, but a

great treasure of spiritual wisdom and verbal power. Almighty God, give us grace that we might cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility so that at the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead we may rise to the life immortal through him who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, world without end. Amen.

Together with the Collect of Ash Wednesday and the General Thanksgiving it is a prayer which should be committed to heart by everyone in the Church of Ireland as they sum up our way of believing - grace and gratitude - so very well. Summaries of our beliefs and our way of believing such as the Collects represent become all the more important as the place we live in becomes more and more nervous of any "official" expression of Christian belief.

Governments all over the Western world have a very understandable desire for respect and tolerance of the full range of their citizens' beliefs. However tolerance can very easily become neutrality or even indifference to truth and we could find ourselves back in the situation of the pre-Christian world so accurately described by Edward Gibbon who said that in the society of Ancient Rome "all religions were to the people equally true, to the philosophers equally false and to governments equally useful". And as we are seeing indifference can easily give way to a form of fanaticism that can be as intolerant as any religion has ever been.

However for the moment it is fanaticism of the religious variety that has visited us on yet another great tragedy in recent weeks, this time in Paris. For myself, I have no doubt whatsoever that those who planned and carried out this awful act have no connection with what the overwhelming majority of Muslims think and believe. As well as being an act of barbarity it was also an act of cynicism, calculated to divide the people of Western Europe against the many hundreds of thousands of

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largely Muslim refugees who will soon be received by most EU member States. At this time of their greatest need it is part of the perverted genius of ISIS to try to make these refugees objects of suspicion and fear in the countries where they will be trying to make a home for the foreseeable future.

These are people who in many cases have had to hand over their life savings to people traffickers to come to the West and who felt that it was safer to undergo the risks of a hazardous sea voyage rather than to live in the counties which their ancestors have lived in for thousands of years.

The people of this island have often had to make a similar, though usually less dangerous voyage in the past. In the eighteenth century in search of religious toleration, in the nineteenth century because of famine, in the twentieth century because of stagnant economies and in the twenty-first because of near economic collapse, Ireland, North and South has supplied the world with many refugees and economics migrants. They were not always treated well. I hope we will not make the same mistake.

In the Sundays leading up to Advent the readings began to prepare us for the mood of that penitential season during which, in years gone by, sermons were preached on the four Advent Sundays on the Last Things - Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. We realise now that those dire warnings which Jesus gave in passages like that in Mark 13 were not (as many seem to have thought at the time) predictions of the imminent end of the world. It seems they were a rather bleak description of what humans have been doing to one another time after time and continue to do. In the most recent attacks in Paris and in Syria and Iraq, a group of deluded fanatics created death and hell all around themselves in the false hope attaining heaven. Buildings in Palmyra and elsewhere which have stood for thousands of years are being pulled down and blown up, in just the same way that the Roman Empire of Jesus time and shortly afterwards destroyed Jewish civilisation and the ancient Temple on Mount Zion.

Then too there were many among the people of God who hoped that God would strike back or intervene in one way or another to crush his enemies. You might say that was there Advent hope. And of course God did intervene in his greatest act of power and majesty when Mary gave birth to a little child so that the world would know the tenderness of God.

+John

# ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

## Climate-justice pilgrims begin 200-mile journey from London to Paris

Around 50 pilgrims have set off from central London at the start of a 200-mile journey to Paris where they will call on world leaders from 190 nations at the UN Climate Change Conference – COP21 – to agree “a fair, ambitious and binding” agreement on tackling climate change.



Some of the pilgrims cross Westminster Bridge on the first leg of their pilgrimage to Paris for the COP21 summit.

The London-to-Paris pilgrimage, organised by the Church of England, Christian Aid, Tearfund and Cafod, is one of a number of similar pilgrimages taking place throughout Europe as churches continue to put pressure on global politicians to achieve a good deal for the world's poor. “We walk in solidarity for climate justice for the world's poorest and most vulnerable. We are all aware of the impact of climate change and we cannot be the first generation to knowingly turn away from our responsibilities to protect the planet,” the C of E's lead bishop on the environment, the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, told the pilgrims and a congregation of supporters at a service in St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, before the pilgrimage got underway. “These 50 pilgrims are highlighting the need for those involved in the climate change talks to reach an agreement that moves us towards a fairer, low-carbon future at Paris and beyond,” he said. Last month, a different group of pilgrims set off from Rome to Paris in a pilgrimage organised by the World Council of Churches (WCC), the Lutheran World Federation and ACT Alliance. Earlier this month they reached the WCC's ecumenical centre in Zurich, Switzerland, where they held a panel discussion about the approach that faith communities are making to COP21. “All panellists agreed that COP21 will just be a relevant milestone in the longer journey for climate justice”, Dr Guillermo Kerber, the WCC's officer for climate justice and creation, commented. He said that the “mobilization of faith communities, such as the various pilgrimages and fast for the climate campaign, contribute to raising awareness and involving more people to address the climate crisis.”

The pilgrimages and faith groups will meet up in Paris with the UN's executive secretary of Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Christiana Figueres, and will hand in petitions that have been drawn up in a number of different countries. They will also participate in the mass mobilisation through the centre of Paris, ensuring the Church has a strong voice in and around the talks. “After months of hard work we are now on our way,” James Buchanan, organiser of the London to Paris pilgrimage said. “This morning's service is a reminder of what is at stake at the upcoming UN Climate Change conference, and we can't wait to add our voice. “There is no planet B so please do join us on this journey to Paris for climate justice.”

Pilgrims will be staying in churches and in the houses of church members along the route, following in a centuries-old tradition.

You can support the pilgrims by using a collection of reflections and prayers that has been prepared for each day of the pilgrimage; or you can follow them online at their website; or on Twitter and Instagram. Updates will also be posted using the hashtag #pilgrimage2paris.

## Religious leaders join voices in call for global access to palliative care for children



Leading experts in the field of paediatric palliative care from around the world gathered in Rome, Italy on 10th November to meet with leaders of different faiths, human rights advocates and the parents of children who have died or who are facing death, to call for global access to children's palliative care.

Some 20 million children around the world are suffering from life-limiting and life-threatening diseases. Some of their parents were amongst those who gathered at the Pontifical Academy for Life in Vatican City for the day of discussions. Following key-note addresses, the day began with experts taking part in round-table discussions with others in their field.

Amongst the faith leaders and theologians who took part was Church of England hospital chaplain, the Revd Mia Hilborn, head of spiritual health care at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust in south London.



Also expected to be present were Dr Christina Puchalski, director of the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health in Washington DC; Dr Anne Merriman, a Roman Catholic missionary who founded Hospice Africa in Uganda; Father Alexander Tkachenko, a Russian Orthodox Archpriest who founded the St Petersburg Children's Hospice; and Professor Abdulsalami Al-Abbadi, secretary general of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Saudi Arabia and Jordan. "I am very excited and rather humbled to be part of this consultation to discuss the world religions contribution to children's palliative care," Mia Hilborn told ACNS. "World religions can provide a framework to help find meaning and spiritual and religious support amidst the pain and distress of those facing the death of a child."

"Faith leaders can actively challenge any culture where a sick or dying child is considered to be inherently of less value than a healthy adult." The event was conceived by the Maruzza Foundation. Its leader, Silvia Lefebvre D'Ovidio, said: "Palliative care is global care, encompassing the clinical, psychological and spiritual needs of patients and their families and aims to achieve the best quality of life possible and respect for human dignity. "The moral authority of religion has global reach, and one of the common primary aspirations of all religions is the protection of the vulnerable. Since these patients are among the most vulnerable, our desire at the close of our workshop is to present a universal declaration, by all faiths, that paediatric palliative care is the best approach, and a right, for all children and young people suffering from life-threatening and life-limiting disease."

## CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

### Guidance on the taking and publishing of photographs and recorded images



Guidance on the taking and publishing of photographs and recorded images has been updated. A leaflet on the topic and a sample consent form may be downloaded from the SGT website <http://sgt.ireland.anglican.org/photographs-and-recorded-images-roi-guidance/>

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### Church of Ireland to hold a special 1916 Centenary Event:



#### Ordinary People in Extraordinary Circumstances Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, 17th February 2016

The Church of Ireland Historical Centenaries Working Group will mark the centenary of the Easter Rising with an evening of engaging presentations by leading Irish historians, with an opportunity for discussion, in the atmospheric surroundings of the Music Room at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on Wednesday 17th February 2016:

#### 'A state of chassis' – Ordinary People in Extraordinary Circumstances in Dublin in 1916

**Keynote speakers:** Professor Keith Jeffery and Dr Fearghal McGarry

**Chair:** John Bowman, historian and broadcaster

**When:** Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 7.30pm

**Where:** The Music Room, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

This event will provide an opportunity to consider the lives of the 'ordinary' people of Dublin at the time of the Easter Rising, living at a time when, as Sean O'Casey put it, many felt they were living through a confusing 'state of chassis'.

The keynote speakers are both highly engaging and respected speakers in this field, based in the School of History at Queen's University, Belfast. There will also be a special contribution from Dr Jason McElligott describing the impact of the Easter Rising on the famous Marsh's Library, Dublin.

Admission will be free and refreshments provided. Further information will follow closer to the time of the event. [www.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.ireland.anglican.org)

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Bishop of Clogher addresses Clogher Catholic Clergy

The Rt. Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher, was the guest speaker at the annual General Conference of Catholic clergy in the Diocese of Clogher. The conference of clergy and co-workers was held in the Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan on 21st October.

In his opening remarks Bishop McDowell thanked Bishop MacDaid for his valued advice and support since his calling to pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Clogher. He also acknowledged the welcome and engagement with Catholic clergy which he had experienced at numerous community events in parishes throughout the Diocese.

The theme of Bishop McDowell's keynote address was 'Personal Reflections on Ministry'. Recalling his formative years and life experiences, he spoke warmly of his encounters with friends from the Catholic community which had helped shape his views on culture and identity. Having had the experience of chairing the Church of Ireland Committee on Commemorations, Bishop McDowell commented on the significance of historical events in shaping modern Ireland, as well as issues of culture and identity.

Turning to the modern era, Bishop McDowell suggested that people of faith need to be aware of the new gods of 'State' and 'Market', both of which had ambitions to influence and control. He added that society in Ireland and the UK had developed from Christian roots. He urged that as Christians we need to work together to proclaim the Gospel, citing the principle that 'no single Christian tradition should do on its own what can be done together'.



# Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage 2016



The Bishop of Clogher, The Rt. Rev. John McDowell invites you to join with him on a pilgrimage to Rome (5 nights) and Assisi (2 nights) from Friday 28th October - Friday 4th November 2016

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Bishop McDowell concluded with some reflections on priestly ministry, referencing perceptions from the Reformation to the present. He observed that one consistent perception of the priest was that he was 'someone in the community who cared', and that it is important that those who are ministers of the Gospel should listen to each other's stories.

Bishop MacDaid thanked Bishop McDowell for a very thought-provoking presentation, and as a token of appreciation presented him with the gift of a limited-edition print depicting St Macartan, first Bishop of Clogher and Patron of the Diocese. St Macartan is honoured in both Catholic and Anglican traditions, and represents the shared heritage of the two Churches. The work was created by well-known Monaghan artist Nelius Flynn. Bishop McDowell reciprocated with a gift to Bishop MacDaid of an illustrated history of the Church of Ireland.

## DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### December 2015

Saturday 5th December – **Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Car Wash** in Dromore Parish Hall from

10.00am – 4.00pm. Proceeds to Fields of Life.

**Sunday 6th December – The Second Sunday of Advent (violet)**

Wednesday 9th December – **'A New Hope Born' Christmas Concert with Michael Card** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 7.30pm. Tickets

€15 - contact the Parish Office on 028 66322917 or email stmacartins@btopenworld.com

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

**Sunday 13th December – Carol Service** in Trory Parish Church at 11.30am when Trory School House will be reopened after restoration.

Sunday 13th December – **The Third Sunday of Advent (violet)**

Thursday 17th December – **Community Carol Service** in Muckno Parish Church at 7.30pm.

**Sunday 20th December – The Fourth Sunday of Advent (violet)**

Sunday 20th December – **Carol Service** in Aghabog Parish Church.

Thursday 24th December – **Christmas Eve: violet (day) or white (night)**

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

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

**Sunday 27th December – The First Sunday of Christmas (white or gold) or Saint John the Evangelist (white)**

Monday 28th December – **The Holy Innocents (white)**

## January 2016

Friday 1st January – **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus (white)**

Friday 15th January – **Commissioning Service of MU**

**President, Mrs Irene Boyd** in Colebrooke Parish Church at 7.30pm.

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.

Saturday 30th January – **'Deeper into God's word'** CDYC Youth Event: organised by Kesh Rural Deanery.

## February 2016

Saturday 20th February – **Prayer Breakfast** organised by MU Faith and Policy Unit in the Killyhevlin Hotel. Speaker: Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, All-Ireland Co-Ordinator of the Faith and Policy Unit. Theme: 'A Celebration of Faith - 140 years'.

Monday 22nd February – **Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening** in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 23rd February – **Sunday School Teachers' Training Evening** in Christ Church Parochial Hall, Maguiresbridge at 7.30pm.

Saturday 27th February – **'Deeper into God's praise'** CDYC Youth Event: organised by Clogher Rural Deanery.

## March 2016

**Sunday 13th March – Clogher Diocese Ministry of Healing: 'He Touched Me'** with Dr. Pat Mollan, CMH Director. 3-30pm-6pm in Clabby Church Hall; Tea 6-7pm; 7-30pm in Clabby Parish Church. Pat will speak on the subject of the relationship of prayer and healing. At the service there will be opportunity of prayer for the sick. Everyone will be welcome

at either the afternoon session, the evening Service or both.

## April 2016

**Sunday 3rd April – Special Service of Thanksgiving** in Rossorry Parish Church. Preacher: Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher.

Saturday 16th April – **Rossorry Parish Dance**

Saturday 16th April – **'Deeper into God's world'** CDYC Youth Event: organised by Monaghan and Clones Rural Deaneries.

**Sunday 17th April – Clogher Cathedral Friends Service**

Wednesday 20th April – **Deadline for entries for Bishops' Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prize Competitions.** To be submitted to Clogher Diocesan Office, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen.

## May 2016

Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th May 2016 – **General Synod** in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.

## September 2016

Friday 30th September - Sunday 2nd October 2016 – **Flower Festival** in Tempo Parish Church.

## October 2016

Friday 28th October - Friday 4th November 2016 – **Clogher Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome** (5 nights) and Assisi (2 nights). For more information contact Revd Canon David Skuce on 028 677 21250.



# MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

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## 60th Anniversary of Mothers' Union in Derryvullen South Parish



MU 60th Anniversary no 1.JPG

On Sunday 25th October a service was held in Derryvullen South Parish Church to mark the 60th anniversary of the formation of a Mothers' Union branch in the Parish, in the incumbency of Revd A. J. A. MacQuaide and his wife Olive.

As well as visitors from other branches at Garvary, Lisbellaw, and Derrybrusk, those taking part were the Rector, Chancellor John Stewart, the Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell; the Clogher Diocesan MU President, Dr Margaret Knox, who led the prayers and gave out the long service certificates; and the former All Ireland President, Mrs Ruth Mercer, from Tynan, who was the preacher. The organist was Mrs Diane Whittaker, Diocesan Secretary. Along with the usual Morning Prayer Canticles and Psalm 67, the hymns were 'Praise, my soul, the King of heaven', 'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father', and 'Lord of the Home'. Mrs Valerie Stewart, branch leader and a diocesan vice-president, read the Old Testament Reading from Ruth 4 v 14-17; Mrs Kathleen Kettyles, branch secretary, read the Epistle from Ephesians 3 v 14-21; and Mrs Betty Little, branch treasurer, read the Gospel from Mark 10 v 46-52.

Those who had served over thirty years in Mothers' Union were presented with a certificate. Elsie Graham and Jean Noble, being at the very first meeting, were two founder members and received certificates for 60 years; Mrs Iris Weir, 55 years; Mrs Violet Boles, 51 years; Joan Nixon, 47 years; Mrs Valerie Stewart 34 years and Mrs Kathleen Kettyles, 31 years. Sadly, Jean and Iris were unable to be present due to illness but during the service our thoughts and prayers were extended to them both.

We were grateful to Mrs Mae Eames for her floral arrangements in the church and Mrs Wendy Little for acting as our official photographer. Following the service the congregation went across to the parish hall where they enjoyed refreshments. A special fruit

cake, inscribed for the occasion, was provided by a member and was cut by Mrs Elsie Graham. This was much enjoyed during the tea.

Towards the end of the morning's proceedings Mrs Valerie Stewart read out some interesting minutes from the first minute book of 1955 after which the Bishop extended his good wishes for the future and closed with prayer.

Our thanks to everyone for their hard work including three young ladies, Elizabeth, Jackie and Wendy, who, while not members of Mothers' Union, gave invaluable help. We congratulate all those who received their certificates to honour their well-deserved recognition for long service.



MU 60th Anniversary all.JPG

## Mothers' Union Autumn Council 2015

On Wednesday 14th October, 65 members gathered in Holy Trinity Parish Church, Lisnaskea for the Autumn Council meeting which commenced with a service of Holy Communion led by the Rector, the Revd Alan Capper. The Diocesan President, Dr Margaret Knox welcomed everyone and thanked the Rector, the Revd Alan Capper for leading the service. She also thanked the organist as well as the vestry members for the use of the church. She especially thanked, Doris Johnston, Branch Leader for all her preparation for the evening and the members for the lovely supper.

Dr Margaret introduced the speaker, Moira Thom, All-Ireland Fundraising and Communications Unit co-ordinator, who spoke on how the activities and projects undertaken by Mothers' Union locally and nationally make a difference to communities and families around the world. She reminded everyone that they are one of 4 million members in 83 countries. Projects such as AFIA (Away From It All holidays) supporting families who have been through difficult times, supporting hospitals, child contact centres, prison Visitors' centres, Women's Aid and Simon communities. Projects such as

Literacy and financial Education Programmes are making a difference overseas. Since the year 2000, 130,000 illiterate adults can now read, write and count. In 2004 Mothers' Union began in Ethiopia and in 2012 Literacy programmes began there. To date 1240 people are enrolled leading to changing attitudes towards education. Only 29 per cent of Ethiopian women are literate. The sale of the recipe book produced by the Unit for Mums-in-May 2015 was a resounding success and will easily cover the cost of the Ethiopian project as planned. Moira concluded saying that it is thanks to all members who raised this money through 'cups of tea' the end result being that women (and men) of all faiths and none becoming literate and numerate.

Dr Margaret thanked Moira for her informative and inspiring presentation and presented her with a gift. Dr Margaret then introduced the business part of the evening. In her remarks she stated that this was her final Council report and that she had enjoyed the privilege of visiting many branches in the diocese and hearing of all the excellent work done as well as the astonishing number of long service certificates awarded. She mentioned the themes of the last 3 years and the events she attended since the Spring Council meeting. She concluded by thanking all members for their support and special thanks to the Secretary, Diane Whittaker.

Dr Margaret then introduced her successor, Mrs Irene Boyd, and asked members to support Irene in prayer. She wished Irene every blessing in her new role and pinned on the diocesan brooch.

The diary of events was reviewed. Valerie McMorris gave details of the Prayer Vigil – 'Activism Against Gender-based violence' to be held in the Hilliard Room, St Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen, from 3.00 - 5.00pm on Saturday 28th November.

She also mentioned the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 20th February in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, at which the speaker will be Jacqui Armstrong, All-Ireland Faith and Policy Unit co-ordinator. The meeting ended with the saying of the Grace.



**Dr. Margaret Knox handing over the President's Badge to the President Elect Mrs Irene Boyd**

On Friday 15th January 2016 the Commissioning Service for the new MU President, Mrs Irene Boyd will take place in Colebrooke Parish Church at 7.30pm.

## MISSIONARY AND CHARITABLE NEWS

### Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission intend to compile information from each parish in the Diocese to find out what each church is involved with or supporting in relation to mission. This could be supporting Missionary organisations, supporting individual Mission Partners or specific projects within a Missionary organisation (financial or prayer support), or going out as individuals or teams to be involved in Missionary work. The board then hopes to show the information gathered on a world map with lines going from the parishes in Clogher to the areas of the world where they have mission links. We therefore request that each parish forward us details so that they can be mapped accordingly. These can be forwarded to the Dean who is Chairman of the Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission at dean@clogher.anglican.org

The Clogher Diocesan Board of Mission recognise that many parishes in the Clogher Diocese have a strong focus on mission and would encourage if possible that the second Sunday in February is marked as Diocesan Missionary Sunday and use it as an opportunity to invite a Missionary Speaker, or highlight Mission and pray for links that the Clogher Diocese has throughout the world.

### Bishops' Appeal

Bishops' Appeal recently allocated funding to 6 Forgotten Projects:

- Self Help Groups in Malawi via Tearfund
- 'I am a Girl' water, sanitation and sexual health project in Uganda through Fields of Life
- Improved Agriculture for 2000 farming families in Kenya through Self Help Africa

- Organic Farming, herbal remedies for skin and joint complaints and for respiratory and stomach problems and HIV support in India through Friends of Hope
- Solar run irrigation for farming communities, particularly women farmers in Burkino Faso through Christian Aid
- Creche classrooms and teacher training in Rwanda via CMS Ireland



## Refugee Crisis Appeal

During November we have released a further €20,000 and £10,000 to Christian Aid and Tearfund partners working alongside people who are internally displaced in Syria and those who are refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Turkey. Funds are allocated to providing food, water, water purification tablets, medicine, blankets, schooling and trauma counselling. The situation for refugees living in the neighbouring countries has worsened drastically in the last 12

months. 90,000 Syrian children are out of school in Jordan and 200,000 are out of school in Lebanon, even though, in the latter country, schooling is free. Families simply cannot afford the transport and need the children to work illegally or beg in order to enable the family to survive. World Food Programme food vouchers have been halved and the most people can expect receive is \$13.50 per month. International aid is at 40% of what is needed to allow people to survive in the camps over the coming year. In 2014 23% of adults with chronic illnesses could not access health care, this number increased to 65% in 2015. The strain of limbo, trauma, overcrowding, hunger, survival techniques such as illegal work and begging has taken a huge toll. Your donations are allowing families the security of a meal and the structure of school and cannot be underestimated. It is not just rice and beans and reading and writing; it is a lifeline, a flicker of hope amidst a sea of darkness and despair.

We are currently holding back €12,000 and £3,000 until we have established, through the Anglican Alliance, where best to direct these funds in support of refugees arriving in Europe. The funds will be released shortly.

We have posted several reflections regarding the refugee crisis on our facebook page.

## Leaflets & Envelopes

There was a shortage of Northern Ireland envelopes this year for which we apologize. The same amount went to print, but the demand was higher. We will ensure that this does not occur again. We have recalled envelopes from places that had a build up over a few years and so we have some spare (1,400) in Church House Dublin if people in Northern Ireland wish to get in touch and have some sent to them between now and the 2016 print.

## YOUTH NEWS

### 'Risk Takers' Anois 2015, Wilson's Hospital, Mullingar

Nestled in the rolling countryside of West Meath outside Mullingar the 18th century Wilson's Hospital boarding school was the venue for this year's annual Anois youth weekend. There was a distinct air of expectation as both leaders and our young people explored the new venue. Some 160 of us rambled around long connecting corridors, climbed worn stone staircases to find our dormitories and flooded into the excellently equipped new building attached to the mansion house.

Excited, would be an understatement as we realised the setting fitted perfectly. Having settled in we quickly it was time to get the programme up and running. Alex Brown from Scripture Union in the Isle of Man was the main stage speaker supported by the Mark Ferguson band as worship leaders. Our theme of "Risk Takers"

considered young heroes from the bible. Alex spoke throughout the weekend on how Mary was faithful, Timothy was inspirational, David was a liberator and Samuel spoke for God. Continually Alex encouraged us to be like these heroes; to speak out in our schools to stand up for others and stand out for God. Highlights of the weekend were presentations by the "Play it by ear" drama group who brought a greater understanding and dimension to each talk. It was equally good to have programmed group discussions together as youth groups and leaders after each talk. This "unpacking" of what has been said and an opportunity for feedback from the young people is a very important part of the Anois weekends. There is also a prayer room where they can go to pray and be prayed with and it was very encouraging to see how many made use of this.

Over the weekend food was in abundant supply through the school catering staff and the evenings found the young people spending time in the Café. The new classroom block lent itself to creating breakout zones for not only the café but also the sacred space

prayer room, game zone, pamper booth, table tennis, video games, badminton and the large sports hall for indoor soccer, surf simulator, inflatable bungee run, and rodeo bull machines! The mix of worship, challenging talks, chill time and activities worked very well. To top this off we had a whole afternoon for the Eliminator Challenge. Young people made up the teams that competed against each other to climb, run, pull, shoot, carry and generally get hot, wet and excited! An outside company provided the equivalent of "It's a Knock-out" style challenges, which were very popular.

For those who did not fancy the idea of getting hot and dirty there was the option to spend the afternoon competing in the Bake Off challenge. Under the guidance of a qualified cook our young people got the opportunity to bake cakes and decorate them. The overall winners were, Sarah Elliott and Jemma Foster, two of our Clogher young people from the Teens And God youth group attached to the Galloon group and Lisnaskea churches.

A good measure of any youth weekend comes when there is a wish that it could continue. As we gathered for our final meeting that was very much the feeling amongst the young people. As buses were boarded there was the usual exchange of social media contacts so that they could keep in contact with each other in the months to come and the happy realisation that there would be a chance to do it all again at Anois 2016.

Anois is an ideal weekend for our 11-14yrs. It has a high degree of physical activities and the speaker and talks are focused at this age range. We are looking forward to seeing our 15-18yrs attending Summer Madness again this coming summer and our young adults the Catalyst weekend in June also.





(Please see attached flyer from CIYD on its Forge leadership programme for 18-25 year olds. CIYD is keen to promote this as widely as possible across Ireland as many young people will be making course and career choices this autumn.

# UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL



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This is an option for anyone interested in a year of youth ministry and mission, starting in September 2016. Applications are welcome now. A note is also up on the Church of Ireland website: <http://ireland.anglican.org/news/5990>

## CHILDREN'S SECTION

# READ

### Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael (you can read this in John chapter 1 verses 43 to 51)

Have you ever found something so good that you couldn't wait to share it with a friend? We can share news and photographs really easily and quickly with our friends by using our mobile phones or computers – just a few clicks and we've told people something we think is exciting or shown them a photograph we think they'll like.

A man named Philip couldn't wait to tell a friend about something good that he had found.

What Philip found was much more important than a funny photograph or a piece of news. Philip had met Jesus. When Philip met Jesus, he knew that Jesus was the Saviour that God had promised, and he became one of Jesus' disciples. After Philip met Jesus, he couldn't wait to tell his friend Nathanael. He found Nathanael sitting under a fig tree and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in

the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth? Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked. He didn't say anything kind about Nazareth, but Philip wasn't upset. He really wanted Nathanael to follow Jesus so he invited him, "Come and see." Then he took Nathanael to see Jesus.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming, he said, "Here comes an honest man - a true son of Israel."

When Nathanael heard what Jesus said, he asked him, "How do you know me?"

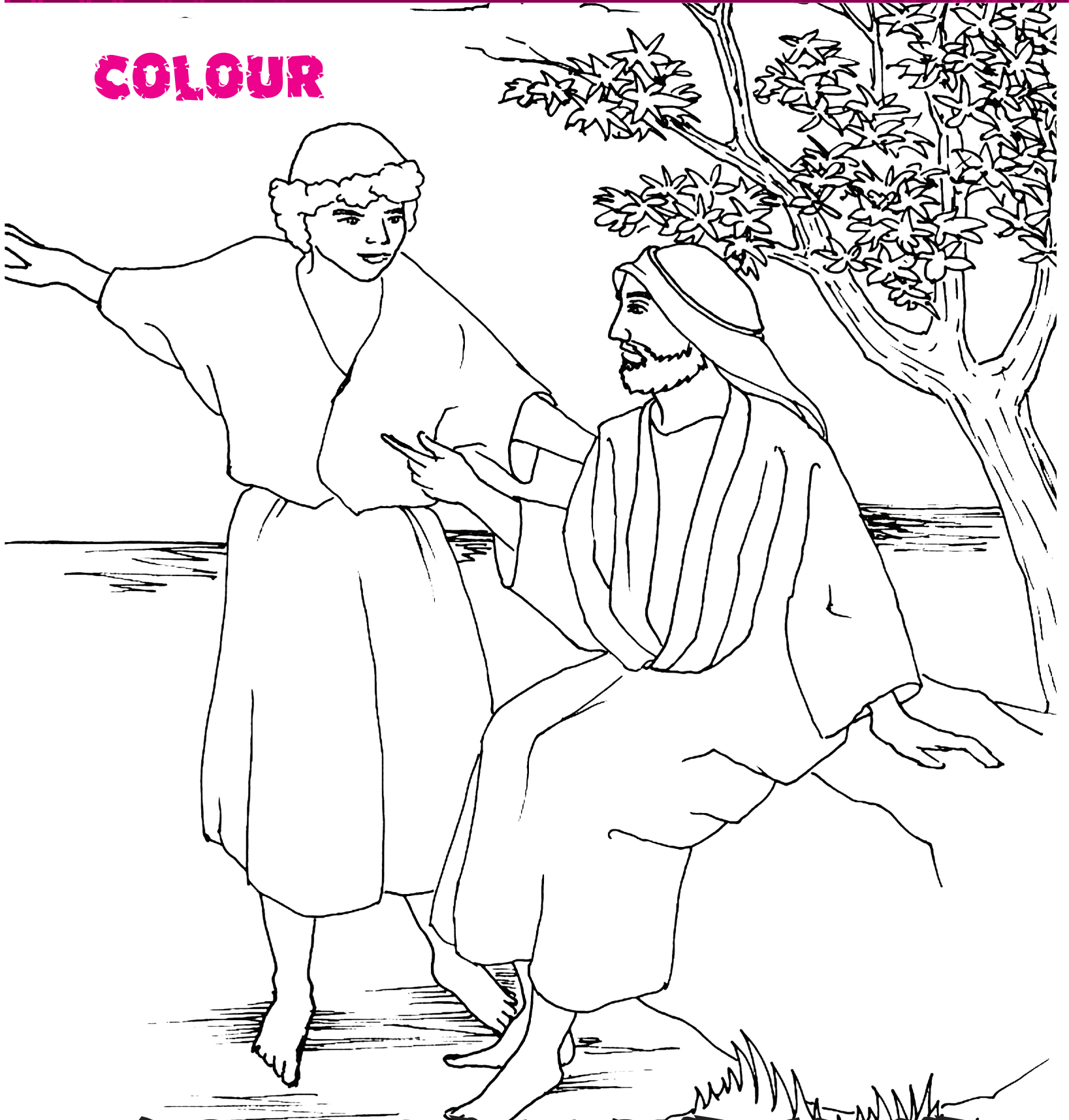
Jesus answered, "I could see you sitting under the fig tree before Philip even found you." Nathanael believed and he too became a follower of Jesus.

Even before Nathanael met Jesus, Jesus knew who he was. The Bible tells us that God knows all about each one of us – he knows your name and he thinks you're special. Will you follow him?

If you already know Jesus will you tell others about him? That is how the good news of Jesus is spread. Friends telling friends!

When we find a really good story or photo, we can't wait to tell a friend about it. Shouldn't we be even more eager to tell our friends about Jesus

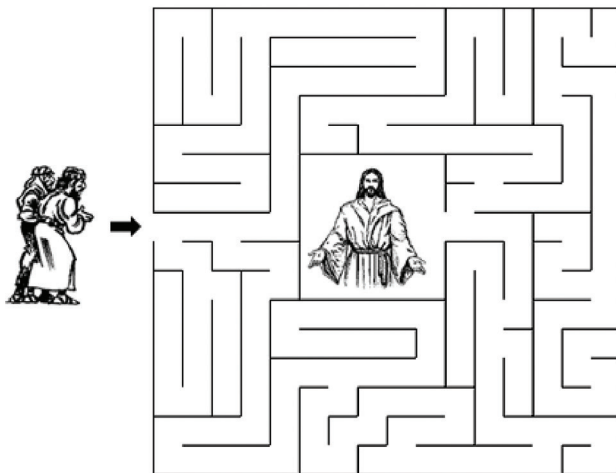
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# JESUS CALLS PHILIP AND NATHANAEL

## The MAZE

Help Philip and Nathanael find the way to Jesus through the MAZE



## Dominoes



Set up two dominoes on their ends, a little apart. Toss the first domino and watch as it knocks over the second domino. This will help you judge the space you need between the dominoes for them to knock each other over.

How many dominoes can you knock over just by tossing the first one?

This reminds us how we spread the news about Jesus from one person to another.

## The Name Game

Play this with a group of your friends. Write the name of a famous person or a character from a book, movie, nursery rhyme etc. on a sticky note for each person. Making sure that the player can't see it, stick the note to their forehead. When everyone is named players walk around the room asking the sort of questions that can be answered by "yes", "no" and "not applicable"

to try to work out who they are. God already knows who you are. Do you know God?

## Sunday School Teacher Training

Are you a Sunday School Teacher or are you involved in any aspect of Children's Ministry?

Why not come along to one of two Diocesan Training evenings, which have been arranged by the CDBRE working closely with the Children's Ministry Network? The first will take place in St Patrick's Hall, Monaghan on Monday 22nd February and it will be repeated in Christ Church Hall, Maguiresbridge on Tuesday 23rd February, both at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Based on the theme of Holy Week and Easter, the evenings should provide an excellent opportunity to refresh your skills and learn some new ones so that hopefully you will be able to explore with the children in fresh, creative ways these key events in the Church's Year.

Why not put these dates in your diary? We'll look forward to seeing you there.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

### Who are we?

Set up in 2011 to be a voice for and to serve churches in their ministry with children, the Children's Ministry Network (CMN) is comprised of representatives from all twelve dioceses (nominated by their Bishops), the Board of Education Secretaries, the Ministry Co-ordinator of the Church of Ireland Youth Department, a representative from the House of Bishops and up to three co-opted members, including a representative from the Sunday School Society.

### What do we do?

#### Support

The Network aims to provide support for grass roots leaders i.e Sunday School Teachers, Messy Church leaders and Children's Club leaders, and for clergy who are engaged in Children's Ministry. The Network is convinced of the crucial role the clergy play in promoting and supporting children's ministry within their parishes.

So that we can be in regular contact with all who are involved in Children's Ministry in Clogher Diocese it would be great to have e-mail addresses for everybody. We currently have over seventy on a list but are certain that there are lots more. Please get in touch with your details, using the e-mail address below so that we can contact you easily.

#### Training

The Network aims to provide parish and diocesan-based training designed and delivered appropriately to meet local needs. The Network has set itself an

aim of implementing a local training event in each diocese within the next two years. It believes much can be achieved by extending and sharing existing training programmes.

In Clogher Diocese, working closely with the Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education, two training evenings for Sunday School teachers and all involved in Children's Ministry have been planned for February 22nd and 23rd, 2016 (see previous article for details).

## Resources

The Network aims to provide up-to-date information on a range of curriculum and other resources for use in Children's Ministry in parishes. The website is used to announce details of training events throughout the dioceses. It also provides recommendations / reviews of suitable resources as well as the contact details of the diocesan children's ministry representatives.

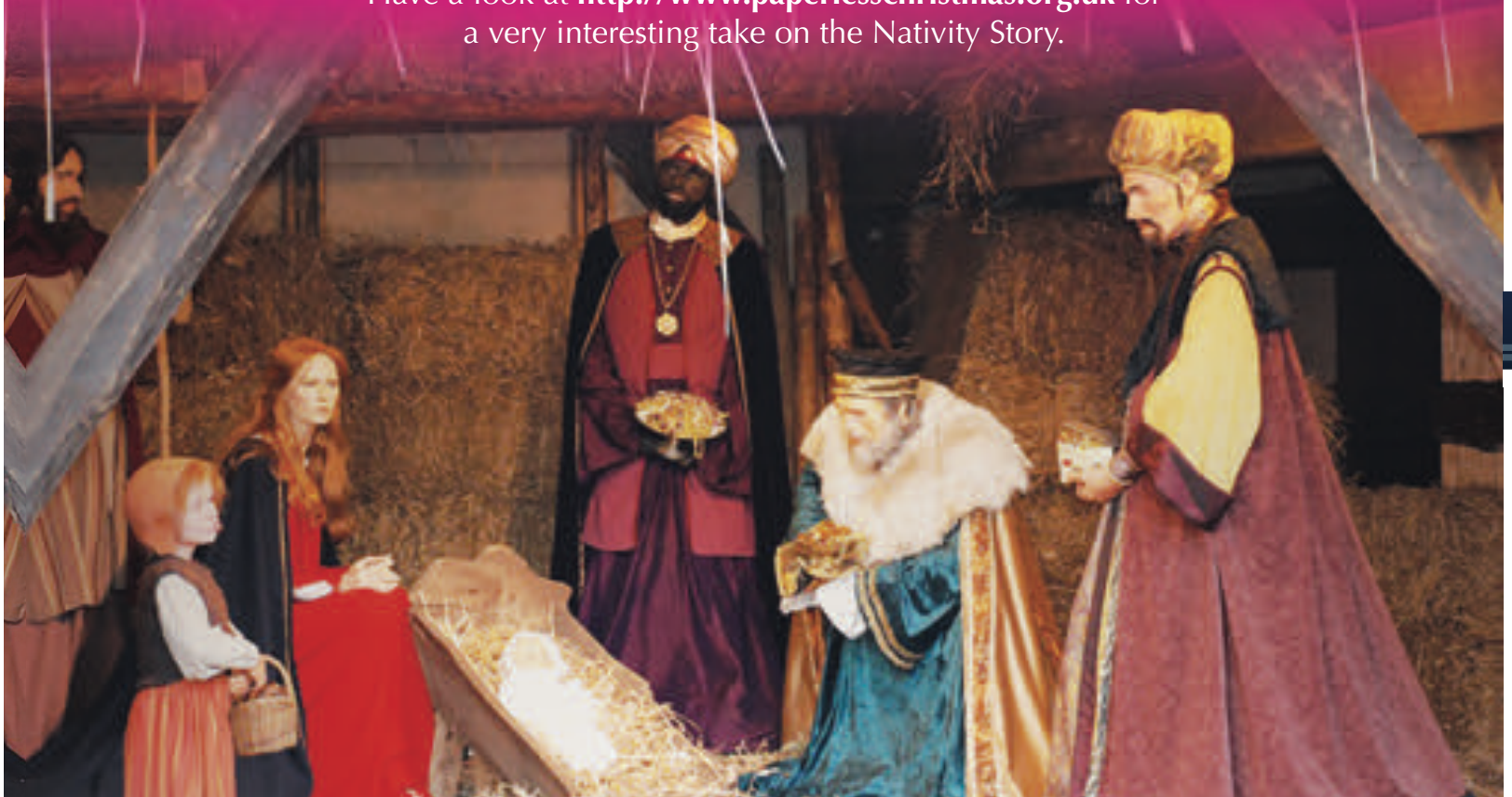
# Are you involved in Children's Ministry in your parish?

## Need some good ideas to use during Advent?

Why not visit the website [www.cm.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org) today for some great ideas for activities to use with the children during Advent and Christmas?

Particularly good is the Messy Church Advent outline, Advent Ideas collated by Jill Hamilton, the Children's Officer for Connor Diocese. It is packed with wonderful ideas for guiding children through the Nativity Story. Jill has some further ideas on [www.rippleconnor.org.uk/christmas](http://www.rippleconnor.org.uk/christmas)

Have a look at <http://www.paperlesschristmas.org.uk> for a very interesting take on the Nativity Story.



Like our Facebook page too at  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### New CAP Centre opens in Co.Fermanagh

christians  
against  
poverty

CAP

The award winning national charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is partnering with Enniskillen Presbyterian Church, together with St Mary's Church Ardess and Holy Trinity Church Dromore to provide this new service.

CAP offers people a uniquely in-depth, caring service to people with spiralling personal debt regardless of their age, gender, faith or background. Every client is visited in their own home, the charity does all the negotiating with creditors and local volunteers offer support to each person face-to-face until the day they are debt free.

The opening of the CAP West Northern Ireland Centre coincides with the opening of two other new centres in Maghera and Newry, which, together with the existing centres, will mean that every person in Northern Ireland is now within reach of a local CAP centre. This is unique in the UK.

If you know of someone who is struggling with debt they should be advised to contact CAP direct on 0800 328 0006. CAP will then arrange for a home visit from the local Debt Centre manager. The service is completely free and has received independent endorsement from Martin Lewis of the Money Saving Expert website.

Archbishop Justin Welby is the patron of CAP and to find out why he chose to take on this role and for further information please visit the website at [www.capuk.org/about-us/whos-who](http://www.capuk.org/about-us/whos-who)

### Student Research Study

Sophia Kilcullen, a PhD student in Dublin City University's School of Nursing and Human Sciences, is conducting a research study into memory loss among people aged 50 and older. She would like to highlight this within the Church of Ireland and has provided the following text:

"An anonymous questionnaire-based study from DCU School of Nursing and Human Sciences is exploring the memory mistakes people make in normal everyday life and the possible relationship between memory errors and age, gender, mood state and fatigue. Questions take approximately 20 minutes to complete. This information may help GPs judging the potential seriousness of an individual's memory complaints."

If you are aged 50 or above, and you do not have a diagnosis of dementia, Parkinson's Disease or a neurological condition that impairs cognition, stroke, tumour, significant psychiatric or learning disability, or severe hearing or visual impairment, please access this online survey at the following web address: [https://dcusnhs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eflw8BCOVkg45P7](https://dcusnhs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eflw8BCOVkg45P7)

## PARISH NOTES

### Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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Bishop John McDowell with representatives from the Annon, McVitty and Irwin families along with the Churchwardens at the Service of Dedication in Aghadrumsee on Sunday 25th October

We were delighted to welcome our Bishop to a Service of Dedication in Aghadrumsee at the end of October and are thankful to the Annon, McVitty and Irwin Families for their gifts to our Church. Our new path in memory of the late Mr William, Mrs Alice and Miss Margaret Annon, our new gates in memory of Mr James McVitty and our seat in memory of Mrs Elizabeth Irwin. Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way to make this such an enjoyable service.

This year our Sunday School Christmas parties will be held in Aghadrumsee on Friday 18th December at 7.30pm and in Clogh on Saturday 19th December at 5.00pm, when our usual visitor in his red suit takes time out of his very busy schedule to visit us.

### Christmas Services

Carol Services will take place on Sunday 20th December in Clogh at 10.45am and in Aghadrumsee at 7.30pm. Led by Captain Hamilton the Sunday School children will be playing a major role in both services. A Crib Service will be held in Aghadrumsee on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm, children of all ages are able to participate in this enjoyable family service. A Service of Holy Communion will be held on Christmas Morning at 10.00am in Aghadrumsee. We conclude our services of the season on Sunday 27th December at 10.30am with a Group Service in Drumsnatt.

Meetings for December / January are as follows:

### Clogh Mother's Union

Monday 4th January at 8.00pm  
 Young Ladies Group  
 Tuesday 8th December "Festive Fun",  
 Tuesday 12th January "Latest Release"  
 Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild  
 Thursday 21st January at 8.00pm



Members and friends of Clogh Mother's Union who on Monday 9th November had a visit from of Mrs Maureen King (Friends of Africa) who gave a talk on her recent visit to Kenya. Mrs King brought with her items to sell for the charity and the wool proved to be very popular.

### Baptism

On Sunday 1st November we were delighted to have the baptism of Rebecca Dianne daughter of James and Dianne Elliott in Aghadrumsee. We welcome her into

to our church family and uphold each of them in our prayers at this very special time.

### Marriage

Congratulations to Rodney and Michelle McVitty on their recent marriage. Finally can we take this opportunity to wish everyone reading this a very Happy Christmas and God's Richest Blessings for 2016.



Drumsnatt Parish Church Harvest took place on the 18th October the preacher was Revd Neal Phair with music from the Ballybay Singers pictured with Church Wardens Beth Moore and Yvonne Martin.

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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### Services

#### December

##### Sunday 6th

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion  
 12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

##### Sunday 13th

11.00am Colebrooke Nativity Service  
 7.00pm Cooneen Carol Service

##### Sunday 20th

11.00am Cooneen Morning Service  
 7.00pm Colebrooke Carol Service

##### Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)

11.30pm Cooneen Holy Communion

##### Friday 25th (Christmas Day)

10.00am Colebrooke Christmas Family Communion

##### Sunday 27th

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

**January****Sunday 3rd**

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion

12.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th**

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

**Sunday 17th**

11.00am Colebrooke Family Service

**Sunday 24th**

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer

12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

**Sunday 31st**

11.00am Cooneen Divine Healing Service

**Mothers' Union**

At the October meeting we welcomed visitors from the women's groups in the area to hear about the work of 'Care for the Family'. Mrs Sandra Irvine recounted her experience of the charity's work. She and her husband had contact with the charity when they lost their first child. Through the years they have derived wonderful help and support from the organization. They have become volunteers for the charity. We thank Sandra for her willingness to share her and her family's story of the support they received through the organization 'Care for the Family'.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to 18th November, when we will welcome Denise Kettles to our meeting. She will help us make some 'Christmas Crafts'.

All Senior Citizens from Colebrooke and Cooneen Parishes are invited to celebrate Christmas with Mothers' Union on 2nd December. We plan to serve Christmas Dinner at 1.00pm.

Mothers' Union begins a new year in January with the theme 'a Celebration of Faith'.

The Opening Meeting is planned for Friday 15th January at 7.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Church when Mrs Irene Boyd will be commissioned as Diocesan President.

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

Christmas Party Sunday 6th December at 7.00pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall

All young people of secondary school age welcome.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/snatchyf](http://www.facebook.com/snatchyf)

Website: [snatch.colebrookeparish.org](http://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 age 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****December****Sunday 6th**

11.00am Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School

7.00pm SNATCH Christmas Party (Colebrooke)

**Sunday 13th**

11.00am A Messy Christmas - All-Age Celebration

7.30pm Christingle Service - Brooke Memorial Hall

**Sunday 20th**

11am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Carols by Candlelight

**Thursday 24th**

11.15pm Christmas Eve Communion

**Friday 25th**

10.00am Christmas Family Communion

**Sunday 27th**

11.00am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 31st**

11.30pm Watch Night Service

**January****Sunday 3rd**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th**

11.00am Morning Prayer &amp; Sunday School

**Sunday 17th**

11.00am Church Family Service

**Sunday 24th**

11.00am Morning Prayer &amp; Sunday School

**Sunday 31st**

11.00am Morning Prayer &amp; Sunday School

**February****Sunday 7th**

11.00am Holy Communion &amp; Sunday School

Dear friends,

With all the chat about how this winter is going to be 'the worst winter for fifty years' (which we seem to hear every year...), I wonder are you prepared for the chaos? Have you food stockpiled? A gas stove available? Candles at the ready?

It's only when the power goes off that we realise how reliant we are on electricity. You go to turn on the TV - nope, not working. So you fill the kettle - no power to boil it. You try not to open the fridge too often, hoping the food will keep until the power returns. The internet is down, and your mobile needs charged...

It's when it gets darker that you realise how much we take the electric for granted. No matter how many times you flick the switch, the light won't come on. The darkness deepens, but in the words associated with JFK, 'it's better to light a candle than curse the darkness.' Even one candle provides light and chases away the darkness, allowing you to see, to read, to knit or crochet.

Whatever the weather, as the nights draw in, the darkness increases. Perhaps that's why we like to see Christmas trees decorated, and why some people with SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) need light therapy - we long for the light. This Christmas at Aghavea, we're celebrating the fact that Jesus came to be the light of the world. Through our all-age 'Messy Christmas' nativity and the Christingle service, to our Carols by Candlelight and the Communion services on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning we will celebrate the light of Christ. We would love to have you join us.

Yours in Christ, Gary

Aghavea Parish Church

### Christmas at Aghavea

**Sunday 13th December**  
11am A Messy Christmas  
All-Age Celebration

7:30pm Christingle Service  
Brooke Memorial Hall, Brookeborough

**Sunday 20th December**  
11am Morning Worship

7:30pm Carols by Candlelight  
with Maguiresbridge Silver Band

**Thursday 24th December**  
11.15pm Christmas Eve Communion

**Friday 25th December**  
10am Christmas Family Communion

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The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

## Sunday School

Preparations are under way for A Messy Christmas - our all-age Christmas celebration and Nativity on 13th December. Plan to be with us for what promises to be a special morning. Sunday School meets at 11.00am, during the Morning Service. After the opening part of the service, the boys and girls move across to the church hall for age-appropriate Bible teaching and activities. For more information, please speak to Linda McClelland.

## Bowls

The Bowling Club meets on Monday nights in the church hall from 8.00pm - 10.00pm.

## Mothers' Union

The December meeting of Aghavea MU sees us visiting Northwick House in Brookeborough, where we sing Christmas carols and distribute presents to the residents. This year our visit will be on Tuesday 8th December.

The new year of MU begins with a service of Holy Communion on Tuesday 12th January at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome. More information can be obtained from the Branch Leader, Valerie Crawford; Secretary, Winnie Elliott; or Treasurer, Helen Rutledge.

## GFS

Thank you to all who supported the craft stall at the parish Christmas Fair. GFS meets on Wednesday nights from 6.30pm - 7.30pm in the Church Hall for all girls aged 3 yrs and up. For further information, please speak to Sharon Clarke or any of the leaders.

## SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke and Clabby Parishes. Twelve leaders and members have just about recovered from the Anois weekend organised by CIYD in Wilson's Hospital School in Westmeath. A great weekend was enjoyed by all as we learned about some young superheroes of faith from the Bible, and were challenged to step up and stand out ourselves.

Our Christmas party will be on Sunday 6th December at 7.00pm in Colebrooke Hall. We may also have a social event during the Christmas holidays - more details to follow soon!

From January we will be meeting in Aghavea Hall - dates and details of the new term will be available on the notice sheets and the church Facebook page. New members are very welcome - registration forms for the new year can be filled in by parents on arrival.

## Christmas Fair

Thank you to all who worked together for the Christmas Fair, and to those who came along to support the event.

## Gospel Concert

Our annual Gospel Concert will be on Friday 26th February. We are looking forward to hosting Crawford Bell, the Silvertones and Margaret Johnston on the evening. Put the date in your new diary so that you can make it along - tickets will be available in January.

## From the Parish Registers

**Funeral** Saturday 7th November - Jackie Thompson, Stranafeley

## Ballybay, Clontibret and Mucknoe



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The First World War was a war that was to drag on for four years, to involve horrendous carnage on battlefields such as the Somme; it was to change the map of Europe, to see the end of the Austro-Hungarian and Turkish Empires, the fall of the Romanov House of Russia and the rise of communism.

The first Christmas of the war was marked by a ceasefire. The battlefields were quiet that night and the troops on both sides settled down to celebrate Christmas as best they could. In the quietness of the night British soldiers heard a familiar tune wafting across the no man's land that lay between the trenches. It was the sound of German soldiers singing the carol 'Stille nacht, Heilige nacht'. Recognising the tune, British soldiers began to join in the song, singing 'Silent night, Holy night'.

At the end a stillness settled and then men moved out of both trenches towards each other: there followed a time of sharing, sharing of cigarettes, of food, of stories, even games of football between troops from both sides; followed only too soon by a resumption of hostilities.

For the brief period of that Christmas ceasefire of 1914, peace, harmony, fellowship broke through the darkness and hostility of all-out war. It was a foretaste of the peace and reconciliation that would come upon a Europe torn apart by war.

Over the Christmas period we will read those profound words with which John opened his Gospel. This passage speaks of a light shining in the darkness; the darkness has not overcome it.

This is what we celebrate as Christmas; the coming into the world of a light that has never and will never go out. It did not go out, even in the darkness of Calvary. Many times in human history, when evil seemed triumphant, light still shone through and would shine on long after. And of course the darkness of the battlefields of Christmas 1914 transformed by a common, perhaps barely articulated, allegiance to Christ.

As we celebrate Christmas, as we celebrate the Light of Christ coming into the world, let us also reflect on our calling as members of the Body of Christ to bear our own particular witness. Jesus taught his disciples:

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven."*

**Matthew 5: 14-16**

The battlefields of the First World War were that Christmas of 1914 transfigured by a witness to Christ. In the darkness of war, a light shone that the darkness could never overcome. May we in our own situations shed something of the light of Christ in the world – in our homes, in our place of work, in the community in which we live in this border diocese of Monaghan, Fermanagh and Tyrone.

## Clontibret

### Praise Service

As we write we are looking forward to our Praise Service led by the Revd Dr Jean Mackarel with musical

items from The Bawn Silver Band and the Ballybay Gospel Quartet. We trust that we will have a large congregation to enjoy the various musical items, to hear Dr Mackarel's message and join us in fellowship and light refreshment.

### Christmas

To all our fellow parishioners throughout the Diocese and beyond we extend our Best Wishes for a Holy and Blessed Christmas. It is always a pleasure to attend the various carol services etc. and see how the birth of our Saviour is celebrated in the different churches. To the Rector and his family and to all those who have led us in worship we express our grateful thanks including Canon Adam Johns who officiated at our Holy Communion Services when the Rector was on holiday. We trust that all those who are going through or are recovering from periods of ill health or bereavement will know God's healing hand at this special time remembering especially Esther Dunn, Jim Graham, Mabel Leathem, Leslie Lowey, Vincent Boyd and our Diocesan Secretary, Glenn Moore.

### Carol Service

Our own Carol Service will be held on Sunday 13th December at 3.30pm and we are delighted that the children and teachers from Clontibret National School will be with us to share with us their interpretation of the Christmas message. The service is open to all and light refreshments will be served.

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharon and Philip Leathem and the Gilmour family on the sudden death of Sharon's father James Gilmour who passed away suddenly on Monday 26th October. We trust that they will know God's presence in the days ahead as they come to terms with the loss of a dearly loved husband, father, brother and grandfather.

### Act of Remembrance

At our service on 8th November we remembered those brave men from our parish who were killed in the Great War 1914-1918: Robert Charles Irwin, Robert Curry and Robert Lynch in order that we can enjoy the liberties we have today and those who served their country in the Second World War, James, Robert and John Brown, Joe and Thomas Curry, Sam Duffy, William Henry and Joseph Finlay, Andrew and John Graham, Sam, WE and JAS Johnston, Brophy, Charles, RM and George Noble, William Hamilton Tate, Thomas Wilson, Charles and Robert Wright, and Lucas Scudamore.

## Muckno

### Mothers Union

On Wednesday 11th November we had our Craft evening with Sarmite in the Church Hall. Everyone brought along either a large candle, a tea light, or a knife and indeed some friends. A great crowd turned up of over 20 people and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night, rounded off a cup of tea and a nice slice of cake!

The Mothers Union will join with our Presbyterian Friends for the PW Christmas dinner on Thursday 3rd at 7.30pm in the Presbyterian Hall.

### Community Carol Service

The Community Christmas Carol Service will be on Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. Special music and readers to be announced.

### Christmas Sunday School Party

This will take place on Saturday 19th December at 3.30pm in the Church Hall, with special guest – Santa Claus!

### St Mary's Hospital Carol Service

This annual carol service will take place on Wednesday 16th December at 3.00pm. Refreshments served.

### Bereavement

Sympathy is extended to John Montgomery and the whole Montgomery family on the death of John's brother, Eric Montgomery. May the peace of God, which passes all understanding be with you all at this time.

### For those who are ill

We continue to pray for all those known to us in Care Homes; for those that are housebound and those who are in hospital, praying especially for Mary, Eddie and Ian.

## Ballybay

### Flower Arranging Event

This will take place in the Church Hall on Monday 7th December at 8.30pm, by Liz Allister. Proceeds towards repairs to Christ Church. €10 is the admission fee, payment can be made on the door on the night or obtained from Ms Victoria Maloney. Refreshments served.

### Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candle lit service will be at 11.00pm in Christ Church.

### Community Carol Service

This will take place in Christ Church on Wednesday 16th December at 8.00pm.

### Youth Club Christmas Disco

The Benefice Youth Club will hold its Christmas Disco on Saturday the 5th December at 6.00pm in Christ Church, Church Hall, Ballybay.

### Repairs to Christ Church

At the time of writing, repairs to the interior of the church are taking place and progressing well. The work is being carried out by the contractor Mr Robert McConkey. Services are currently taking place in the Church Hall while this work is being carried out.

### Illness

We extend our prayerful good wishes to those unwell in the parish at this time – those at home, remembering Mrs McGregor, in hospital or in Nursing Home thinking of Mrs Harkness.

### New Year Joint Service

The Joint Holy Communion Service between the local Presbyterian Group of Parishes under Revd William Buchanan - 1st and 2nd Ballybay, Drumkeen and Rockcorry and Christ Church Ballybay will take place on Sunday the 3rd of January at 12.15pm in 2nd Ballybay Presbyterian Church. The Rector will be the preacher at this service.

## Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

### Vacant

The Revd Canon Charles McCollum  
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### Services

**Carrickmacross:** 10.30am Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays

**Magheracloone:** 12 noon Holy Communion 1st Sundays

**Ardragh:** 1.15pm Holy Communion 3rd Sundays  
Holy Days and Special Occasions as by local notices.

### Parish Responsibility

I have been asked by the Bishop to be responsible for the worship, pastoral and administrative duties of the Carrickmacross Group of parishes. This arrangement started on the 6th September. I am in the process of making my way around the homes of parishioners and establishing contacts with the various interests associated with each of the parishes. It is for me also a necessary learning exercise in getting to know what is happening in each.

### Harvest Thanksgiving

The first seasonal events here were the Harvest Thanksgivings.

Ardragh was first on 20th September at 3.00pm. Carrickmacross was on 11th October at 7.30pm when the guest preacher was the Revd Neal Phair from the nearby Ballybay Group.

Magheracloone was on 18th October at 7.30pm. The guest preacher was the Revd. Canon Charles Mullen, Dean's Vicar at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

Thanks are due to all who contributed to these very traditional occasions in terms of decorating of the Churches and of supplying material.

## Advent

By the time this issue of the magazine appears the four-week preparation time will be upon us. May that time of preparation allow us to appreciate the great significance of this time when we get ready to take on again the promise of salvation, of deliverance, of liberation – the full attainment of the Christian promise.

## Christmas Services

Ardragh 8.00pm Christmas Eve  
Magheracloone 9.30pm Christmas Eve  
Carrickmacross 10.30am Christmas Day  
Holy Communion will be celebrated at all three services.

## Holy Baptism

We wish every blessing to Amy Alison Merrin, Coolaha, Carrickmacross, daughter of Trevor and Catherine Merrin. The Baptism took place in St. Finbarr's Church, Carrickmacross on Sunday 18th October.

*"Born again of water and the Holy Spirit"*

## Organisations

The various parish organisations are meeting and back in action at the usual times and places. As always they welcome the support of all our people.

## Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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## Services

### December

#### Sunday 13th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am Childrens' Family Service Cleenish  
7:30pm Carol Service Mullaghduin

#### Sunday 20th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am MP Cleenish  
7:30pm Carol Service Cleenish

Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)

11:30pm HC Mullaghduin

#### Friday 25th (Christmas Day)

8:00am HC Cleenish  
9:30am HC Mullaghduin  
11:00am HC Cleenish

#### Sunday 27th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am MP Cleenish

## January

### Sunday 3rd

10:00am HC Mullaghduin  
11:30am HC Cleenish

### Sunday 10th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am MP Cleenish

### Sunday 17th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am MP Cleenish  
3:30pm MU 70th Anniversary Service Cleenish

### Sunday 24th

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am MP Cleenish



## February

### Sunday 1st

10:00am HC Mullaghduin  
11:30am HC Cleenish

## Monthly Service of Holy Communion

There are no Services in December and January, the next Service will be held on Wednesday 10th February.

## Final Date for Church Subscriptions

Parishioners are reminded, all Church subscriptions must be with Church Treasurers on or before 31st December, to be included in the 2015 calendar years Church report. Late subscriptions will be carried over to the following year.

## Cleenish Harvest Services

On Friday 16th September the evening Service welcomed Revd Canon David Skuce as the special Preacher. Tea was served in the Parish Hall after the service.

On Sunday morning at which the Sunday School children took part before a large congregation, the special Preacher was Revd Caroline Mansley. The children sang one song. A poem was read by Kody Foster and Andrew Elliott. Prayers were said by Sarah Elliott, Ethan Smyth and William Watterson.

The weekend concluded on Sunday evening when the Revd Canon Mark Watson was the special Preacher. Thanks once again to the Visiting Preachers, those who decorated the Church, to the Choir, and to Joan at the organ. The Rector conducted all three Services.



Harvest floral display beside organ for Cleenish Harvest



Harvest floral display in window for Cleenish Harvest

## Remembrance Day Services

The annual Remembrance Service which was held in Mullaghduin Church had an added poignancy, falling on the 28th anniversary of the Enniskillen Bomb Atrocity, when eleven people were massacred and sixty-three were injured, while they gathered to honour those who had given their all in war. During the Act of Remembrance, Ex Serviceman John Ryan joined Canon Bridle at the front of the Church to recite Laurence Binyon's immortal words. The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Michael Crooks from Letterbreen Silver Band. Parish Reader, Robert Watterson led the Prayers, and Elizabeth Hazlett was the organist.

At the Remembrance Day service conducted by Canon Bridle in Cleenish, wreaths were laid by Ashley Beaumont, Rosemary Forde, and Dessi Smyth. The collection was taken up by Derrick Irvine & Dessi Smyth, and the Last Post and Reveille sounded by Kenneth Humphries, Letterbreen Silver Band. Joan Brownlee played the organ.

## Childrens' Service

Before the commencement of both Morning services on Sunday 15th November, the congregations stood for a moments' silence as a mark of respect for the many innocent people who were killed and injured in Paris on the previous Friday evening.

In Cleenish, the service took the form of a Family Service based on The Word (BCP 2004), conducted by Parish Reader Rowena Sheridan. The Introduction and Sunday School Poem, was read by Andrew. The Sunday School Choir sang the Sunday School Song, and a poem was read by Andrew. The Bible Reading was read by Alex, and Occasional prayers read by Cody, Sarah, and Ethan. The CEF Talk, was given by Rowena, and Joan played the organ.

## Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 20th January - Cleenish  
Wednesday 27th January - Mullaghduin

## Mothers' Union

Tuesday 15th December 8.00pm  
Mullaghduin Parish Hall - Christmas Celebrations with Fiona Acheson.

Fiona will demonstrate the making of chocolate truffles, with tasting to follow!

Cleenish MU was formed in January 1946. It is planned to hold a 70th Anniversary Service of Holy Communion on Sunday 17th January at 3.30pm in Cleenish Parish Church. A carvery meal by Saddlers Restaurant will follow, cost £20. All families, friends and parishioners are most welcome at the Service and meal.

If you plan to attend please inform the secretary, Elizabeth on 66 341166, or Branch Leader, Joan on 66 348314 by Thursday 10th December.

## Cleenish Brownies

Brownies have concluded their Autumn season on Wednesday 2nd December, and re-commence during January.

## Parent and Toddler Group

Parent & Toddlers will close on Tuesday 8th December for Christmas, and reopen on Tuesday 12th January 10am – 11.30am in Cleenish Parish Hall.

A total of 40 parents and children attend this very successful Group. Many thanks to the handful of volunteers who work very hard each week to make this Group such a success.

## Bread & Cheese Lunch

A magnificent total of £489.01 was raised at the Bread & Cheese Lunch in Cleenish Parish Hall in aid of C.M.S.I., held after the Sunday morning Harvest Service. Thanks to Pauline & Dessi Smyth, and to the ladies of the Parish, for their hard work in organising and assisting with this very successful fund raising event.

## Cleenish Parish Auction

The Parish Auction which took place on Saturday 24th October in Cleenish Parish Hall, raised a total of £2700. Many thanks to auctioneer William Stinson, and to all who assisted collecting and delivering goods and items.

## Cleenish Parish Concert

The "Strike Up the Band" Concert took place in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Friday 13th November. The proceedings commenced with Canon Bridle extending a welcome to all present, and concluding with prayer. Three Marching bands, the local Mullaghy Flute, Ballinamallard Accordion, and Ballyreagh Silver, all entertained with concert type music. There were a number of additional musical items, including songs by the young Henderson girls from Florencecourt, accompanied by their father, and a lone piper from Co Armagh. Mr Ian Coalter from Moy, was an excellent M.C. Many thanks to Rosemary Forde and her helpers for organising this very successful evening, which made a total profit of £800.





A member of Cleenish Parish and Mullaghy Band



Mullaghy Flute Band in Concert



Part of the audience at the Concert

## Mullaghdun Parish Sale

Details of the Sale held on Thursday 26th November, will be published in next issue.

## Cleenish Parish Supper Dance

Will be held in Unionist Hall, Enniskillen, on Friday 12th February 2016. Tickets £15 each

## Illness

In this Advent Season we should like to send best wishes to all who are sick at home, in our Nursing Homes or in Hospital. We are also delighted to hear of the full recovery of Mrs Margaret Phenix from a recent fall. We wish her well on her retirement to private residential care at Colebrooke House near to her daughter in Larne.

**Cleenish Parish** - Anne Burleigh, Harry & Enez Carson.  
**Mullaghdun Parish** - Vera Coalter, Fred Collum, June Corr, Dick Cutler, Vera Gibson, John Graham, Celia Hazlett, William Lucy, Anne McConnell, Jim Morton, Winney McCauley, and Helen Watterson.

By the time these notes are published, we trust that Ruby Arnold and Shirley Connelly, Cleenish Parish will have fully recovered from recent surgery.

## Bereavements

### Leslie McNair

Leslie and Ruby McNair regularly attended both Cleenish and Mullaghdun Church, making it their spiritual home whilst they resided at Bellanaleck. Sadly, some time after relocating to the Hillsborough area, Leslie's health deteriorated and he required professional healthcare. Leslie died peacefully at Oakridge Nursing Home in Ballynahinch, on Monday 26th October. Following a Service of Thanksgiving held in St James Parish Church, Kirwarlin, Moira Road, Hillsborough on Thursday 29th October, Leslie's mortal remains were conveyed to Mullaghdun for burial. We extend our sympathy to Leslie's widow, Ruby, his daughter, Catherine, his sons Gary and Keith and their families; and commend each one of them to God's Care.

### Andy Humphries

We also sympathise with George Humphreys from Mullaghdun, and Ruth Wilson from Cleenish, following the death on Wednesday 4th November of their cousin, Andrew Geoffrey (Andy) Humphreys, who had resided at Kinawley. Andy was the husband of Ann and had been a popular member of the staff at Devenish College. He was buried at Cross Cemetery following a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Parish Church, Kinawley, on Friday 6th November.

## Extension to Cleenish Church Porch

The extension to the Church porch is now almost complete. Thanks again to those who designed and assisted in building this very useful facility.



Extension to Cleenish Church porch

## Grass Cutting

Thanks once again to Eddie Keys and his assistants, for the way they kept the grass cut in both Cleenish graveyard, and within the Rectory grounds. Again many thanks to the dedicated team of volunteers, for keeping the grass cut within Mullaghduin graveyard. Unfortunately Billy Blair is temporarily out of action due to a recent fall.

## Cleenish Centre

Trevor, Ethel and all members of the Management in the Centre, would like to wish all those who have visited us in 2015 and our faithful volunteers, a very happy and blessed Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the Groups which have already booked for early in 2016. We continue to look for new volunteers to share all aspects of running the Cleenish Centre. To contact "The Centre" email enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or call us on 028 6634 9647.

## Bellanaleck Community Group

The normal monthly meeting took place in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Wednesday 28th October. Members paid tribute to their Community PSNI Constable, who had recently been transferred. His replacement who was unable to be present, and as yet unknown to Group members, however he forwarded a detailed introduction and up to date report. The allotments within the Community Garden were discussed, and general agreement was the Project was having a reasonably successful first year. Part of the Garden itself is due for a major overhaul under the Challenge Fund Project, and hopefully extensive improvements such as growing wild flowers, and tree planting will begin in the near future. Some time was taken discussing the Childrens' Christmas event, which takes place in the Parish Hall on Saturday afternoon, 12th December. Members undertook individual tasks, and it is anticipated the Christmas tree will have a new lighting system this year.

Local Council officials were thanked for the excellent show of flowers, and how grass cutting was maintained throughout the Village during the Summer months. Next meeting, followed by A.G.M., Wednesday 27th January.

## Holy Baptism

Mullaghduin Parish Church  
 Sunday 25th October  
 Carson Thomas Bowles, son of David John and Angel Ruth, 4 Carrigan Park, Enniskillen.

Sunday 15th November Rebecca Grace Lindsay, daughter of David Thomas James and Lisa Jayne, 69 Corraglass Road, Brockagh, Letterbreen.

## Christian Burial

Mullaghduin Parish Church  
 Sunday 22nd October William Leslie McNair, Oakridge Nursing Home, Ballynahinch. Aged 86 years.

## Clogher Cathedral Group



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## Services

### December Sunday 6th

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

### Sunday 13th

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

### Sunday 20th

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC  
 10.00am Errigal Portclare Carol Service  
 7.00pm Clogher Cathedral Carol Service

10.00am Augher Carol Service  
 11.30am Newtownsaville Carol Service  
**Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)**  
 7.30pm Newtownsaville HC  
 9.00pm Augher HC  
 9.00pm Errigal Portclare HC  
 11.00pm Clogher Cathedral HC  
**Friday 25th (Christmas Day)**  
 10.00am Clogher Cathedral HC The Bishop  
**Sunday 27th**  
 11.30am Clogher Cathedral United Service

**Note:** Services during the month of January are as normal.

## Bereavments

On Saturday 31st October a large crowd gathered for the funeral service of Garnet Mills in Clogher Cathedral. Garnet was an architect by profession and together with his wife Gladys they moved four years ago from Lisnaskea and came to live at Richmond Drive. Mr Charles Crawford, Diocesan Reader and life long friend spoke of Garnet's attention to detail and how he was much respected and sought after as a professional. The service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Revd Olivia Downey, Assistant Curate. The organist was Mrs. Diane Whittaker. We extend our very sincere sympathy to his wife Gladys, son Brian, daughter in law Diane, their children and extended family.

## Remembrance



Pictured front row from left, Gail Boyd, a deputy Lord Lieutenant of Co Tyrone, Precentor Noel Regan, Harry Alexander, chairman of the Augher/Clogher Branch of the Royal British Legion, Paul Clark, UTV presenter and the Revd Olivia Downey. Back Row from Left, Canon David Skuce, Dan Davidson, RBL standard bearer and Fr. Noel McGahan.

Remembrance Tide is always as emotive time for people when they remember not only those who gave their lives in two World Wars and in recent conflicts but also friends and members of our families who passed away in recent years.



Gail Boyd with Paul Clark

An Act of Remembrance was held in all churches in the group. This year survivors of the roadside bomb, which killed seven members of the Light Infantry, returned to the site on the Ballygawley/Omagh Road. After the wreath laying ceremony those present attended the Remembrance Service in St. Mark's Newtownsaville. This was a journey of reconciliation and healing and evoked many memories of that awful night. As always goodness inspires us. This was spoken of by those who were ministered to by the many strangers who happened to arrive on the scene. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the parish and by the Light Infantry. A large crowd attended the Royal British Legion Service in Clogher Cathedral. Immediately after the first hymn a Book of Remembrance was presented to the Precentor by the chairman Mr Harry Alexander. This book contains the names of all those inscribed on the cenotaph.



Royal British Legion Augher/Clogher branch officials, William Boyd, President and May McKeown, President of the Womens' Section with Paul Clark

The Precentor spoke of the honour it was for him to receive this memorial which contains the names of forty six men from the First World War, ten men from the Second World War and eleven men and one woman who died during the period 1972-1993. They were not distinguished by class or religious denomination and came from both the Roman Catholic and Protestant communities. In the words of Sir John Arkwright's great hymn, he states:

*"Tranquil you lie your knightly valour proved  
 Your memory hallowed in the land you loved"*



Roughan Silver Band makes its way from the Cenotaph to Clogher Cathedral

After the dedication the book was placed on the Holy Table and is to remain in the Cathedral as a fitting memorial to all who made the supreme sacrifice. The address was given by Mr Paul Clarke, Ulster Television newsreader and presenter, who spoke passionately of the importance of these services and of our duty to remember all who fell.

## Illness

As we approach this Christmas season when people are expected to be happy and celebrating, we are acutely aware of those in our parishes who are experiencing difficulty of any kind. In particular we remember in prayer those who are ill either at home or in hospital and those undergoing extensive treatment. We thank God for the skill of those who minister to them, doctors, nurses, staff and of course family members who together with carers give of their best to see that all are provided for both medically and spiritually.

## Greetings

May I, on behalf of the pastoral team extend to you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes richly.

## Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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## Services

### December

#### Sunday 6th: The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am Clones Carols and readings, starting in Advent and approaching Christmas  
11.30am Newbliss Carols and readings, starting in Advent and approaching Christmas  
3.30pm Currin Memorial Service in memory of Mr Robert Jordan

#### Sunday 13th The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Morning Prayer and Carols  
11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion

#### Monday 14th

3.30pm Clones Holy Communion and Christmas Carols in the Protestant Hall, Cara Street. Seasonal refreshments.

#### Sunday 20th: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00am Killeevan Group Service: Nativity play, Carols and Seasonal Poems followed

by the official opening of the new kitchen in the Hall. Refreshments served.

#### Monday 21st

8.00pm Clones Nine lessons and Carols. Local singers and Choir from Largy College will participate.

#### Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve

8.00pm Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion followed by seasonal refreshments in the Rectory.

#### Friday 25th: Christmas Day

10.00am Newbliss Holy Communion

#### Sunday 27th: The First Sunday of Christmas

11.00a.m Clones Morning Service and Christmas Carols

## January

#### Sunday 3rd: The Second Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Clones Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 10th: The Baptism of Christ

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Holy Communion

11.30am Killeevan: Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 17th: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Clones Morning Prayer

11.30am Newbliss Holy Communion

#### Sunday 24th: The Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse) Morning Prayer

11.30am Killeevan Holy Communion

#### Sunday 31st January: The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

11.00aam Newbliss Group Service: Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please pray for our Candidates.

*'Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.'*  
(Isaac Watts)

## Clones Christmas Fayre

Clones Parish invites you all to its Christmas Fayre in the Ballroom at the Creighton Hotel in Clones on Saturday 12th December at 10.00am to 1.00pm. The Fayre is an excellent opportunity for us to purchase some of those lovely treats we all long for at Christmastide. There will be homemade cakes and Christmas puddings, beautiful wreaths and decorations, firewood, etc. on sale, as well as refreshments served. Proceeds in aid of church funds. All very welcome.

## Christmas Carols Services

This year, as in other years, we will enjoy all the well-known Christmas Carols on several occasions.

On Sunday 6th December in Clones and Newbliss we will sing Advent and Christmas Carols at the morning services.

On the Third Sunday of Advent (13th December) we will sing Carols at the morning service in Currin.

The Sunday School Children will perform a Nativity at the Group Service on the Fourth Sunday in Advent (20th December) at 11.00am in Killeevan. There will also be readings and poems accompanied by Christmas Carols. After the service everyone is welcome to the Hall for the

official opening of the new kitchen before we enjoy seasonal treats and tea.

We would like to extend an invitation to our Christmas Carol and Holy Communion service followed by tea and mince pies in the Protestant Hall in Clones on Monday 14th December at 3.30pm. Those who find it difficult to access our church buildings are especially invited to this service. If anyone needs help with transport, please contact the rector. We look forward to the joint Carol Service with the Presbyterian congregations and other friends in the area. On Monday 21st December, we meet in St Tighernach's Church, Clones at 8.00pm for a service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

## Christmas Services

On Christmas Eve, Holy Communion will be celebrated in the evening at 8.00pm in St Andrew's Church, Scotshouse. After the service you are all invited to the rectory for Christmas refreshments. On Christmas Day we meet in Newbliss at 10.00am celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ as we gather for Holy Communion. On Sunday after Christmas, 29th December we will meet in Clones, at 11.00am for Morning Prayer.

If anyone cannot attend services before or during the Christmas season and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the rector.

## Sunday School Christmas Party

Welcome to the Protestant Hall, Cara Street, Clones on Tuesday 29th December for the annual Sunday School Christmas Party. There will be games, party food and if we are lucky, a visit from a bearded man. We start at 6.00pm. Welcome.

## Confirmation

The class will continue to meet in December and January on the following Friday evenings at 7.30pm.

December: 4th (Aghadrumsee)

January: 8th (Killeevan), 15th (Killeevan), 22nd (Aghadrumsee) and 29th (Aghadrumsee).

The confirmation will take place on Sunday 6th February at 11.00am in Newbliss Church. Please pray for the candidates as they prepare themselves to continue on their journey of faith. Can I encourage all parishioners, in all four parishes, to support the candidates and join them at this solemn and joyous occasion. Confirmation is not a private event; rather it reminds us all about our journey as disciples. That we more than once in life need to reject the devil, renounce evil and repent of our sins and that we turn to Christ our Saviour, submit to Christ as Lord and come to Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

## Study Group

The Bible Study group will meet on the following Mondays at 8.00pm in December and January:

8th December in the rectory.

11th January in the rectory.

20th January (venue to be confirmed).

All welcome, please bring a Bible and a friend.

## Sustentation

Please note that the accounts close on the 31st December. Could I please urge all parishioners to pay their sustentation before the end of the year, as payments after that date may not be included in the report for 2015. There are several ways to contribute financially to the parishes, through the weekly envelope scheme, by cheque or direct debit. If any parishioners would like to change the way you contribute or find out more about the direct debit option, please talk to the treasurers or the rector. Can I also express my and the Select Vestries sincere appreciation for your financial support to the life of the church. Thank you so very much.

## Currin Quiz winners

Thanks to everyone who supported the Currin Parish's quiz. Congratulations to the winners (1) Joel Miles; (2) Fred Doogan; (3) Alan Hogg.

## AGM - Co Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society

The annual general meeting of the Protestant Orphan Society will be held on Monday 7th December at 3.00pm in the Protestant Hall, Cara Street, Clones. Bishop John McDowell will chair the meeting.

## Baptism

Luke Patrick, son of Mrs Isobel and Mr John Boyle and Noah's brother, was baptised in Clones Church on 18th October. May God bless Holly – should be Luke? and her family and God-parents.

## Bereavement

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend. We remember in our Mrs Heather Hall and her family on the sudden death of her uncle in Canada.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Sylvia and Mr Mervyn Fawcett on the birth of their grand-daughter Charlotte, Tanya and Wesley's daughter. May God bless Charlotte and her family.

## Colaghty



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## Services

### December

Sunday 6th Holy Communion 11.30am  
 Sunday 13th Family service 11.30am  
 Sunday 20th Morning Prayer 11.30am  
 Sunday 20th Carol Service 7.00pm  
 Thursday 25th (Christmas Day) Family Communion 10.00am  
 Sunday 27th Morning Prayer 11.30am

### January

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

## Baptism

18th October - Cameron Christopher & Alicia Ann Durand, (twins) son and daughter of Chris and Ann, 4 Agharainey Road, Drumwhinney.

## CE Spud bear/Teddy bears picnic

An enjoyable night was held in the parish hall with junior members of CE and their parents entering into the fun and games throughout the evening. As part of this year's nominated CE charity, children stuffed small teddy bears, which had previously been prepared by parishioners and friends and added facial features to each. The teddies were then sewn up by a team of ladies on the night. Everyone present enjoyed a scrumptious picnic with delightful treats and pizza. In expressing sincere thanks to the leaders and everyone who helps with CE, they would wish to express their thanks to the children for donating their teddy's to the Samaritan Purse Shoe Box Appeal.

## Lack

Congratulations are extended to everyone for their endeavours in coming runner up in the Open + Direct Insurance and Amenity Council best-kept small village 2015 awards. It is a worthy achievement in a large entry within the small village category. The winner in the small village category went on to win the 'Best of the Best' overall.

## Young@Heart

The monthly meeting was well attended and a warm welcome was extended to all and to Mrs Adeline McFarland who shared many of her own poems with members present. Plans for additional activities were discussed for the autumn and winter period. The members who were able to go on the two-night break to Carrickfergus have spoken of an enjoyable trip with visits to many local attractions within the locality.

The weekend finished off with a meal in the Viscount's Restaurant in Dungannon where members were joined by the Rector. The group meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.30am where new members are always welcome.

## Colaghty Bowling Club

The AGM was held in October with the current officers being re-elected for another term. The chairperson thanked all who supported the club, played in the league matches, prepared and served the tea on Thursday nights as well as match fixture nights at home, expressed thanks. Thanks were extended to the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary and games captain for ensuring the smooth running of the club. The club meets on Thursday nights at 8.00pm where new members are always welcome. We wish the club every success in this year's league competition.

## Remembrance Sunday

A very fitting tribute was made on Remembrance Sunday as we remembered the fallen in Two World Wars and subsequent wars and conflicts.

## Woman's Fellowship

A well-attended evening was held with speaker Gordon Buchanan who gave an informative talk on the work of WAVE, how it delivers various programmes, and therapies to those who have been impacted by the effects of terrorism. Next month is the Christmas party night at 8.00pm.

## New Year's Eve

An evening of worship, fellowship and food on New Year's Eve in the parish hall from 8.30pm, all are welcome. Pipers at midnight. The year is drawing to a close and preparation for Christmas is underway and yet sadly as a church we can, if not careful, be driven by the commercial industry that it seems never sleeps even over the Christmas period. They have somehow lured us into this illusion that we need this and this and this and if we don't buy now we will miss out for it will be all gone. In reality, none of it brings the peace and joy that only Christ can bring and I hope and pray that as we meet together with family, friends and neighbours we will not have left out the reason for the season, Jesus Christ. And as we enter 2016 we would take the annual festive cheer and make it last throughout the year and not just for a few days or even a week.

*'Every blessing for Christmas and a peaceful New Year'*

## 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'*



## Services

### December

#### Sunday 6th

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion

Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 13th

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Service/Gift Day/

Sunday School Nativity Presentation/Baptism

Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Service/Sunday

School Nativity Presentation/Baptism

#### Sunday 20th

Castle Archdale 10.15am Carol Service

Derryvullen North 11.30am Carol Service

#### Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)

Derryvullen North 9.30pm Holy Communion

Castle Archdale 11.00pm Holy Communion

#### Friday 25th (Christmas Day)

Castle Archdale 9.00am Holy Communion

Derryvullen North 10.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 27th

Castle Archdale 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North 11.30am Morning Prayer

### January

#### Sunday 3rd

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion

Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 10th

Derryvullen North 10.30am Family Service/ Baptism

Castle Archdale 11.45am Family Service

#### Sundays 17th, 24th & 31st

Castle Archdale 10.15am Morning Prayer

Derryvullen North 11.30am Morning Prayer

### February

#### Sunday 7th

Castle Archdale 10.15am Holy Communion

Derryvullen North 11.30am Holy Communion

## Pastoral Cover

In the absence of Archdeacon Pringle from 25th to 31st December the Revd Alan Irwin will be available for emergency calls.

## Derryvullen North Harvest Thanksgiving

The services took place on Sunday 18th and Monday 19th October. The theme for the Children's Harvest on Sunday morning was the 'Harvest of Compassion'. Gifts of food and other items were brought for the Food Bank in Lisnaskea. Mr John Irvine was the preacher at the service.

The services on Sunday & Monday evening were led by Dr Margaret Knox; the preacher on the Sunday evening was Mr Walter Pringle and on Monday evening the Revd Charles Eames. The choir sang special music at both services. Our thanks is due to all who took part in the services, especially our organists and choir. We are grateful also to those who sent flowers, fruit and vegetables and to those who decorated the church so tastefully. Thanks to the Mothers' Union for providing supper on the Monday evening.

## Remembrance Day - 8th November

The Sunday School gave an excellent presentation on Remembrance at the Family Service.

In the afternoon the Royal British Legion Service was well attended. The Ven. Cecil Pringle led the service, the preacher being the Revd Eleanor Hayden. The Role of Honour was read out by Mr David Robinson, the Exhortation and laying of the wreath was carried out by Mr Bill Thompson, the Call and Response by Mrs Heather Elliott. The Lessons were read by Mr Tom Elliott MP and Mr Leslie Wilson with other members of the Royal British Legion also taking part.

The morning service in Castle Archdale also included an Act of Remembrance. Mr Des McCubbin laid the wreath and Mr Geoff Jeavons gave the Exhortation.

## Boys Brigade Enrolment Service

The Enrolment Service of our Boys Brigade Company took place on Sunday 15th November.

## Tuesday Club

The members enjoyed Martha & Sharon sharing their holiday itinerary and photographs followed by the usual afternoon tea.

## Diary Dates

Mothers' Union & Women's Group - no meetings in December

### 8th December

#### Tuesday Club

Christmas Holy Communion at 2.30pm

Faith & Friendship Mahon's Hotel at 8.00pm

### 12th January 2016

Tuesday Club 2.30pm

Faith & Friendship Mahon's Hotel at 8.00pm

### 20th January

Women's Group Auction at 8.30pm

### 27th January

Mothers' Union Informal Evening and Auction at 8.00pm

## Holy Baptism

**1st November:** Derryvullen North - Peter Lloyd son of Peter & Gemma.

## Private Holy Communion

As Christmas approaches please let Dr Margaret or the Pastoral Assistants know if you require Communion so that names can be passed on to Mr Hazlett Moore, Parish Secretary.

## Illness and Bereavement

Several of our parishioners are ill both at home and in hospital; we pray that God's presence and peace may be very real to them and to their families. We also remember any who have recently been bereaved.

## Thanks

We wish to thank all those who have conducted our Sunday services and also Archdeacon Cecil Pringle for his care of the parishes. We wish all our parishioners a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" – John 1:14*

## Christmas Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that amid all the joys and festivities of the season we may not forget what Christmas really means, that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son who was born to be our Saviour. Accept our thanksgiving and fill us with the Spirit of charity and goodwill that we may show our gratitude in generous service to those who need our help for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Derryvullen South and Garvary



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## Services

### December

#### Sunday 13th

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South  
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

#### Sunday 20th

10.30 Carol Service Garvary  
12.00 Carol Service Derryvullen South

#### Friday 25th

8.30 Christmas Communion Garvary  
10.30 Christmas Communion Derryvullen South

#### Sunday 27th

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South  
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

### January

#### Sunday 3rd

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary  
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

#### Sunday 10th

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South  
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

#### Sunday 17th

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary  
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

### Sunday 24th

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South  
12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

### Sunday 31st

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary  
12.00noon Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

## February

12.00 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

### Sunday 7th

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary  
12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 1st November in Derryvullen South Parish Church, the sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to Sienna Elizabeth, daughter of Adrian and Rebecca Mee, 3 Coolcannel Square, Maguiresbridge. We continue to remember all parents and godparents as, with God's help, they bring their children up in the Christian faith.

## Christian Burial

On Friday 1st November the funeral service for Ryan John Ashley, Feddams, took place in the Garvary Parish Church by the interment in the adjoining churchyard. Ryan was born in Bedford, England, but when the family moved to Northern Ireland he was baptised in St John's parish church, Fivemiletown. The family returned to England but Ryan recently came back to live with family at Garvary. His sudden and unexpected death at the age of 31yrs has been a great shock to the family and we extend our sympathy to his father, Ian, mother, Marion, sister, Sarah, grandmother, Esther and step mother Odette. "Nothing can separate us from God's love" Romans 8 v 38

## 60th Anniversary

On Sunday 25th October a service was held in the Parish Church of St Tighernach, Derryvullen South, to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of a Mothers' Union branch in the Parish (full details in Mothers' Union Section).



MU 60th Anniversary cake



When Chancellor John Stewart and his wife Valerie, moved to the Ballybay group of parishes 1986 (Ballybay, Castleblaney and Clontibret), they re-opened the MU Branch. Valerie was Diocesan Secretary of Clogher Diocese 1986-1995, Diocesan President 1995-2000, and All-Ireland Vice President from 1999-2004. She is at present Diocesan Vice-president of the Faith and Policy Unit in the diocese. Co-Ordinator of the Indoor Members Teleconferencing Project and PR for the MU in the Diocese.

## Mothers' Union

The next branch meeting is on Monday 7th December at 8.00pm and will be on the theme "Christmas crafts". The venue will be the studio of Andrea Rodgers at Killyvilly Industrial Estate.

The Commissioning of the new Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd, will take place in Colebrooke Parish Church on Friday 15th January 2016 at 3.00 pm. All welcome.

## Revision of General Vestry

An important legal procedure takes place in January each year as we prepare for the election of a new vestry at Easter. Anyone who is over 18yrs of age and who has subscribed a minimum of £50 to the sustentation fund is eligible to become a member of general vestry, which is the body that elects the new vestry. All that is required is that they sign the appropriate form, which is available from the rector.

## Happy Christmas

The rector and Mrs Stewart wish all our parishioners a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

## Devenish and Boho



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## Services

### December

#### Sunday 6th

Boho 10.00am Eucharistic Service  
Devenish 11.30am Eucharistic Service  
Devenish 7.30pm Evening Service

#### Sunday 13th

Devenish 11.30am Morning Prayer  
Boho 7.30pm Carol Service

#### Sunday 20th

Boho 10.00am Morning Prayer  
Devenish 11.30am Sunday school Service  
Devenish 7.30pm Carol Service

### Thursday 24th

Devenish 9.00pm Christmas Eve Service

### Friday 25th (Christmas Day)

Boho 10.00am Eucharistic Service  
Devenish 11.30am Eucharistic Service

### Sunday 27th

Boho 10.00am Morning Prayer  
Devenish 11.30am Morning Prayer  
Devenish 7.30pm Evening Prayer

## Burial

Monday 26th October: Amelia Faith Johnston, baby daughter of Adrian and Cathy Johnston.

A service of Thanksgiving conducted by the Revd David Cupples was held in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church, followed by the burial conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka and the Revd Cupples in Devenish Parish graveyard. Our thoughts and prayers are with Amelia's parents Adrian and Cathy, grandparents Leslie and Elizabeth and the wider family circle at this very difficult time.

## Holy Baptism

Sunday 15th November George Noah Farrell, son of Isaac Farrell and Zoe Patrick in Devenish Parish Church. We wish God's blessing on George and his parents Isaac and Zoe.

## Sunday School Party

Sunday School Party will be held on Monday 14th December at 7.00pm in the Reade Hall.

## Remembrance Day Services

The services in both Devenish and Boho were conducted by the Revd Sampson Ajuka and assisted by Mrs Joan Cathcart. Sarah Kate Brown and Leah Pedersen carried the flags into the church. The readings in Devenish were read by Rebecca Irwin, Clive McKee and David Scott, and the organist was Gill Spence. Stuart Brooker read the names of the fallen and the Exhortation. Wreaths were laid by Wesley Scott and Bruce Harron (Parish), David Ferguson and Herbert Johnston (RIR/UDR), Eric Whittaker and Anne McCormack (RUC/PSNI) and Eve Pedersen and Lydia Khew (Girl Guides). The last post and Reveille was played by Andrew Gordon. Nicola Brooker read the poem 'Young Fellow My Lad' by William Service.

## Mother's Union

In August Magheraboy Flute Band went on a pilgrimage to the Somme, visiting the Great War Battlefields, the Thiepval Memorial and the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony in Ypres. On Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 8.00pm we look forward to welcoming Mr George Elliott who will give a presentation on this profoundly moving and fascinating trip.

## Devenish Parish Sale and Auction

The Parish Sale and Auction which was held on Saturday 7th November raised a total of £3095.02. Thank you to the auctioneer, Wesley Scott, the stall holders for all

their hard work, everyone that gave produce, gifts and donations and everybody who attended.

Devenish Bowling Club Tournament was held recently in the Reade Hall, Monea. At the conclusion of the tournament David Ferguson, the chairman of Devenish club thanked all who had supported the tournament gave donations and the club members who had organised the tournament. Joe Morrison presented the finalists with their prizes and winners of the tournament, Gary Burke and Trevor Morrison with the Mary Morrison Perpetual Cup.



Joe Morrison presenting the Mary Morrison cup to Gary Burke and Trevor Morrison.

## Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Services

#### December

##### Sunday 6th: The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am Donagh A Celebration of Holy Communion  
3.00pm Tyholland Lessons and Carols

##### Sunday 13th: The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am Donagh Morning Prayer  
3.00pm Errigal Truagh Lessons and Carols

##### Sunday 20th: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.30am Donagh Nativity Play by the Sunday School  
3.30pm Glaslough Community Carol Service in the village square

##### Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve

5.00pm Christmas Carols with Ethne and the choir at Castle Leslie  
9.00pm Tyholland Parish Church Christmas Holy Communion

##### Friday 25th: Christmas Day

10.30am Donagh A Celebration of Holy Communion

##### Sunday 27th: The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am A combined Service of Lessons and Carols and the rite of Holy Baptism at Donagh Parish Church.

### January

#### Sunday 3rd

Donagh 10.30am and Tyholland 12.00 noon

#### Sunday 10th

Donagh 10.30am and Errigal Truagh at 12.00noon

#### Sunday 17th

Donagh 10.30am and Tyholland 12.00 noon

#### Sunday 24th

Donagh 10.30am and Errigal Truagh at 12.00noon

#### Sunday 31st

A combined family service at 10.30am in Donagh

### 'Winter's Tale' – Monday 21st December at 8.00pm

An evening of special music and verse in Donagh Parish Church, followed by mulled wine/coffee at Castle Leslie. Tickets are now available. Contact Ethne or Diane or Eileen.

### Confirmation & Dedication of Gifts

On Sunday 15th November a Service of Confirmation and dedication of Gifts took place in Donagh Parish Church. The service was well attended by parishioners and family and friends of those who had given gifts. Four of our young people were confirmed by the Bishop. Amy Berry, Jennifer Taylor, Nathan Breakey and Mark Waller. We wish them God's blessing on their journey of faith. At the conclusion of the service the Revd Betty presented the candidates with a presentation copy of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Junior choir sang a special song and the Senior choir sang two Anthems and Kenneth Atkinson played the violin during Holy Communion.

The gifts dedicated by Bishop McDowell included: a Credence table in memory of the late Howard Wallace; a piano in memory of Joyce and Norman Topley; a new carpet in the choir stalls; a Desk Edition of the Book of Common Prayer; and 'Thanks and Praise' hymn books. Our grateful thanks to those who gave these gifts to be used in Donagh Parish Church to the glory of God.

After the service light refreshments were enjoyed by all and thanks to the ladies for supplying and serving the food.

### Parish Dance and Auction

This was a very enjoyable evening and very well supported. We are indebted to Diane Wright-Kendrick who organised this event together with Maureen Atkinson and ladies from the parish. The amount raised for the Sunday School will be announced at a later date.

### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8th November in Donagh Parish Church after the service of Morning Prayer & reflection an act

of Remembrance was held at the War memorial. This was a poignant occasion. Dean Raymond Thompson who gave a fitting address also laid the wreath.



At Errigal Truagh Parish church a celebration of Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance took place at 12.00 noon. The occasion brought back memories of the very interesting talk Jack Johnston gave on the Roberts Brothers, all members of Errigal Truagh Parish Church who fought in the Great War, three of which were killed in the war. On Remembrance Sunday we remembered all who for our freedom paid the supreme sacrifice.



Memorial in Errigal Truagh in memory of CKS Roberts who lost an arm in the Great War



Descendants of the Roberts family who attended Jack Johnston's recent lecture on the seven Roberts brothers from Errigal Truagh who fought in WW1

## Bereavement

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Louise Waller and Cecil Stewart on the death of their brother in Canada, also to Gwen Stevenson on the death of her Father.

## Mothers Union

The Monthly meeting of the Mothers Union takes place in the church hall on the third Wednesday of each month. This month our theme is "Food, friendship and fellowship". In December the theme will be a craft evening "Making Christmas Cards".

## Irish Veteran awarded Legion d'Honneur

Sir John Leslie, a cousin of Winston Churchill was awarded France's highest honour for his role in liberating the country. Sir John Leslie who resides at his family seat Castle Leslie is now 98 years old. He is a Second War Irish veteran who enlisted in the Second Battalion of the Irish Guards in August 1937, at the age of 21. Three years later he was part of the British Expeditionary Corp that landed in France in May 1940, commanding a section that battled for two hours to defend Boulogne Sur Mer against advancing Germans. He was captured and spent the next five years as a prisoner of war. Sir John received the award at a special ceremony at the French Embassy in Dublin on Monday 9th November. He takes a keen interest in all that goes on in St. Salvador's Church and the surrounding village. We congratulate him and salute his bravery and courage. Well done Sir John!

## Christmas Holy Communion

The Revd Betty will be visiting the housebound and elderly with Communion before Christmas. If you know of someone who requires Holy Communion please contact Revd Betty.

## Thanks

To Revd Isobel Nixon and Mr Walter Pringle for conducting the services while I was on holiday. Thanks also to Capt. David Hamilton for providing pastoral cover.

## Happy Christmas

Raymond and I wish the parishioners of Donagh, Tyholland and Errigal Truagh a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New year, and thank them for their support during the past year. We pray that at Christmas and always may you be guided by His light and surrounded with His love.

## Dromore

### Vacant.

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover.

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# HOLY TRINITY DROMORE

*Sowing seeds, Growing Community*

*'Christ in you the hope of glory' Colossians 1 v 27*

## Services

11.30am each Sunday  
9.00am Holy Communion (first Sunday of month)

## December Events

### Saturday 5th December

10.00am – 4.00pm: Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Car Wash. Proceeds in aid of Fields of Life

### Saturday 5th December

6.30 – 8.30pm: Joint Sunday School/Tots Powerhouse/CLB/GFS Christmas Party in the Church Hall with Santa in attendance.

### Saturday 12th December

1.00pm: Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch followed by entertainment in Church Hall organized by the Mothers' Union.

### Sunday 20th December

11.30am: Annual Nativity by the Junior Sunday School.  
7.30pm: Annual Carol Service. Preacher: Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan Lay Reader.

### Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

11.15pm: Holy Communion, Preacher: Canon William Johnston.

### Christmas Day Friday 25th December

10.30am: Family Communion Service, Preacher: Rev Lorraine Capper.

### Sunday 27th December

Please note change of time for this Sunday only at 10.30am

## Remembrance Day

Holy Trinity Dromore was filled to capacity for the Annual Remembrance Day Service at 11.30am on Sunday 8th November. The parade, which was marshalled by Mr Raymond Deazley assembled at Mullinagoagh Orange Hall at 11.00am and Mullinagoagh Pipe Band, under Pipe Major Joseph Keys, led members of the Girls' Friendly Society (GFS), the Church Lads' Brigade (CLB) Company and the Ulster Special Constabulary (USC) Association to the church service.

The service was conducted by Mr John Irvine, Clogher Diocesan Lay Reader. Mr Irvine welcomed all visitors, members of the organisations and members of the congregation and appropriate hymns were led by the organist Mrs Beatrice Keys and pianist Mrs Lorna Thompson.

The GFS standard was carried by Alex Patterson escorted by Cora Keys and Katie Davis, and the CLB standard was carried by Joshua Chambers escorted by James Mills and Nathan Faris. During the Act of Remembrance Mr Irvine read the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice during the two world wars. Wreaths were then laid by Felicity Farrell, escorted by Louise Edgar and Ellie Davis,

representing the GFS and Sam Smyth, escorted by James Mills and Nathan Faris, representing the CLB. The USC Association wreath was laid by Mr Will Bond, escorted by Mr Robert Farrell, Mr Peter Vance and Mr Robert Thompson, People's Churchwarden, laid a wreath on behalf of parishioners. A two-minute silence was observed heralded by the Last Post.

Mr Irvine preached an inspiring sermon about Remembrance and the importance of remembering those who died to bring our freedom, remembering what Christ has done as celebrated in our Holy Communion service and remembering those who have influenced each of us in our walk of faith.

The collection in aid of the Earl Haig Fund was taken by Sarah Mills GFS, Harvey Farrell CLB and by Mr Will Bond and Mr Peter Vance USC Association. Mr Charlie Mills co-ordinated the poppy appeal collection in the local area.

The service ended with the singing of the National Anthem. After a short parade of the village the salute was taken by Mr Will Bond. Mr Peter Vance expressed thanks to Mr Irvine, Mullinagoagh Pipe Band, members of the organisations involved, organists, choir and PSNI.

## Fields of Life Fund-raising Event

An Auction in aid of Fields of Life was held in the Church Hall on Thursday 5th November which raised over £2,500. Many thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause.

## Sympathy

The funeral service for the late Robert Brown, 62 Newpark Road, Dromore took place on Sunday 1st November in Holy Trinity Parish Dromore, followed by burial in the adjoining graveyard. The service was conducted by the Revd Canon Mark Watson.

Robert was a highly regarded member of Holy Trinity Select Vestry for many years. Our sympathy to his wife Ruby, daughter Janet, son Richard and their families.

## Thanks

Sincere thanks to the Rural Dean, Revd Canon Mark Watson, for his pastoral care in the Parish during our vacancy.

## Christmas & New Year Wishes

We wish to take this opportunity to wish all our Parishioners and friends a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

## Regular Organisations

**Tots Powerhouse** - Creche during the 11.30am 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 from 7.00 - 8.00pm

**The ARK** - Tuesdays from 10.00am – 12noon

**Bible Study** - Tuesdays 8.00pm  
**GFS** – Wednesdays from 7.00-8.00pm  
**Mothers Union** - Third Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm  
**Bowls** – Thursdays at 8.00pm

## 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](http://www.holytrinitydromore.org)
- Like our page 'Holy Trinity Dromore' on Facebook
- Follow us on Twitter @HTDromore

## DROMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### PRESENTS

### An Evening Of Christmas Praise

in Holy Trinity Church Dromore  
 (kindly granted)  
 on Saturday 12th December 2015  
 at 7.30 pm

### FEATURING

**Colin Elliott (Live Issue),  
 Paul Silcock (Lurgan)  
 & Dromore Primary School Choir**

Admission £8  
 (Children under 12 free)  
 Proceeds in aid of Dromore Primary School

## Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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*"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord"*

In this month of December we look forward to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. Like the shepherds of old, in heart and mind we also plan to go to Bethlehem, to see and to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

## Services

**December  
 Sunday 6th**

10.00am Templecarne MP  
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC

### Sunday 13th

10.00am Muckross Carol Service / HC  
 11.30am Drumkeeran Children's Carol Service  
 7.00 pm Dernasesk Carols by Candlelight

### Sunday 20th

10.00am Templecarne Carol Service / HC  
 11.30am Drumkeeran Carol Service

### Christmas Eve

10.00 pm Drumkeeran Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

10.00 am Muckross Holy Communion

There will be a special collection for the relief of world hunger through the Bishops' Appeal at both Christmas Communion services.

At this Christmas time I would ask all our parishioners to make a special effort to join in worship and to meet around the Lord's Table, either on Christmas Eve in Drumkeeran or on Christmas morning in Muckross. If neither of the above are suitable, then try to join with us in Muckross on 13th at 10.00am or Templecarne on 20th also at 10.00am.

Emergency Pastoral Cover from 26th to 30th December will be provided by the Revd Canon Henry Blair tel: 686 31820.

## January

### Sunday 3rd

10.00am Templecarne MP  
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC

### Sunday 10th

10.00am Muckross HC  
 11.30am Drumkeeran MP  
 7.00pm Dernasesk

Sunday School resumes on 10th January

### Sunday 17th

10.00am Templecarne HC  
 11.30am Drumkeeran MP

### Sunday 24th

10.00am Muckross MP  
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC

### Sunday 31st

10.00am Templecarne MP  
 11.30am Drumkeeran HC



## Confirmation

On Tuesday 10th November Saffron and Dylan Johnston were confirmed in St John's Church, Muckross. Due to illness they were not able to take part in the previous Confirmation. I am grateful to the Bishop who was willing to return for this special occasion. Saffron and Dylan are twins. After the service a delightful tea was served in the Parochial Hall.

Our good wishes to them both. We pray that God will be with them and with their family in the days and years ahead. The prayer on the Confirmation Card would be a useful prayer practice day by day.

*"Confirm me, O Lord, with your heavenly grace, that I may continue to be yours for ever; and daily increase in your Holy Spirit, until I come to your everlasting Kingdom. Amen."*

## Dernasesk Harvest

The Harvest service was held in Dernasesk Church Hall on 18th October. The preacher was the Revd Stephanie Woods, rector of Lisbellaw. Stephanie, prior to her training and ordination, was a parishioner of Drumkeeran. It was great to have her back again to the group of parishes. Our good wishes to Stephanie for her ministry in Lisbellaw. And thanks to all involved in the service and in the delightful supper served afterwards. The speaker at the November meeting was Mr John Irvine.

## Templecarne Concert

This annual event was held on 29th October in the Methodist Youth Hall. It was a most enjoyable evening. The compère was Kenny Archer. We are grateful to him, to the local artists and performers, to the musicians and technicians and to all who served in whatever way. Thank you to our Methodist friends for the use of their hall. A special thanks to David and Hilda Johnston who organise this event year by year. It is great to have this event each year which draws great support from the local community. The amount raised from the concert was £1815 and €865.

## Remembrance Sunday

Both in Muckcross and Drumkeeran there was a good attendance at the annual Remembrance Services. In Muckcross wreaths were laid by Stephen Loane and Craig Moffitt. In Drumkeeran wreaths were laid by William Seaney and Bertie Keys.

In a border area the annual Remembrance Services take on an extra significance, the remembrance of parishioners who lost their lives during the 'Troubles'. Each year family members who have moved out of the area many years ago return for this act of remembrance. To them and to the whole parish community it brings back so many memories. My thanks to all who contributed.

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

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

## Safeguarding Trust - Child Protection

A refresher course in Child Protection took place on 19th November in Drumkeeran Parochial Hall. This is for Sunday School teachers, Youth Cub leaders, churchwardens and other parish members. Others from surrounding parishes and organisations will be joining us. It is a legal obligation to keep up-to-date with the regulations and practices where young people are involved and an appreciation of all who help with the various organisations and parish responsibilities.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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## Services

### December

#### Sunday 6th: The Second Sunday of Advent

Aghabog 9.45am MP  
Rockcorry 11.00am MP  
Drum 12.15am MP

\*Crosssduff 3.00pm Carol Service

#### Sunday 13th: The Third Sunday of Advent

Dartrey 11.00am MP  
\*Aughnamullen 7.00pm Carol Service

#### Sunday 20th: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Drum 12.15pm HC  
\*Dartrey 3.00pm Carol service  
\*Aghabog 7.30pm Carol service

#### Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve

Rockcorry 10.00pm HC

#### Friday 25th: Christmas Day

Aghabog 9.45am HC

#### Sunday 27th: The First Sunday of Christmas

Aughnamullen 9.45 am HC  
Dartrey 11.00am HC

### January

#### Sunday 3rd: The Second Sunday of Christmas

Aghabog 9.45am MP  
Rockcorry 11.00am MP  
Drum 12.15am MP

#### Sunday 10th: The first Sunday after Epiphany

Aughnamullen 9.45am MP  
 Dartrey 11.00am MP  
**Sunday 17th: The Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Aghabog 9.45am HC  
 Rockcorry 11.00am HC  
 Drum 12.15am HC  
**Sunday 24th: The Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Aughnamullen 9.45am HC  
 Dartrey 11.00am HC  
**Sunday 31st: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Dartrey 11.00am Group Family service  
 \*No other service in the group on that day

## Aghabog

Good wishes for a speedy recovering for those who are ill in hospital and at home.  
 The children's joint Christmas party for the group will be held in Dartrey at 7.00pm. Boys and girls are invited to dress up in appropriate Christmas outfits.  
 The Carol service will be held on Sunday 20th December 7.30pm. The choir and the boys and girls from the Sunday school will be taking part.

## Crossduff

The Annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 6th December at 3.00pm.  
 The speaker will be the Revd Ian Horner from the Bailieborough group of parishes. Soloist: Mr Gene Mc Caughey. Readers and musicians will also take part in the service. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served after the service.

## Aughnamullen

The Carol service will take place Sunday 13th December at 7.00pm. Taking part will be the Latton/Bawn choir. All are welcome.

## Rockcorry/Dartrey

Congratulations to Eric and Ashley Fannin on the birth of their daughter Abbie, a sister for Kelsey and Paige.

## Bereavement

We extend our sympathy to Carol Carleton on the death of her aunt, Mrs Adams.

## Remembrance

There was a good attendance at the service of Remembrance held in Dartrey. The preacher was Mr Henry Jordan, Lay Reader for the Kilmore Dioceses. The soloist was Mr Roy Crowe. The pipers lament by Mr Leslie Soden. The Killyfergy band was also in attendance.

## Future Events

The Carol service in Dartrey will be held on Sunday 20th December at 3.00pm. We are looking forward to the children from Rockcorry National school telling

the Christmas story through drama, poems and song. We ask parents and relatives to support this special service.

Also taking place on the day will be the presentation to Mrs Hazel Speers on her retirement as Principal from Rockford Primary school. We wish Hazel well in her retirement.

As these notes go to press once again our hearts are saddened by man's inhumanity to man when in Paris more than 128 people are killed and over 200 injured in the terrorist attack. A cloud of helplessness and anxiety has descended upon leaders of the world. We too feel helpless but we can pray to God our heavenly father for:

## Peace in the world

*"Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed;  
 Kindle, we pray thee, in every heart the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen*

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## Services

**December**  
**Thursday 3rd**  
 11.00am Holy Communion  
**Sunday 6th: Advent 2**

9.00am Holy Communion  
 11.00am Holy Communion  
 3.00pm Service at Breandrum Cemetery (for those bereaved by suicide)

**Monday 7th**

6.30pm Community Carol Service (begins St Michael's ends St Macartin's)

**Thursday 10th**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 13th: Advent 3**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Nativity Service

7.00pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 17th**

11.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Messy Church

**Friday 18th**

2.00pm Portora Royal School Carol Service

**Sunday 20th: Advent 4**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

7.00pm Carol Service

**Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve**

11.00pm Holy Communion

**Friday 25th: Christmas Day**

9.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion (Family Service)

**Sunday 27th: Christmas 1**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism

**Thursday 31st**

11.00am Holy Communion

**January****Sunday 3rd: Christmas 2**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 7th**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th: Epiphany 1**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 14th**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 17th: Epiphany 2**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Communion

7.00pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 21st**

11.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 24th: Epiphany 3**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am All age Family Service

7.00pm Holy Communion

**Thursday 28th**

11.00am Holy Communion

1.05pm Healing Service

**Sunday 31st: Epiphany 4**

9.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Prayer

7.00pm Evening Prayer

## Holy Baptism

**1st November** – Salanieta Marie Masi

## Christian Marriage

**30th October** – Shane Michael McCusker and Lee-Ann Margaret Hicks

## Christian Burial

**4th November** – Richard Benson, 17 Derrychara Drive, Enniskillen

## Remembrance Day

It was a great pleasure to welcome back An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD to St Macartin's Cathedral Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8th November, accompanied by Mrs Arlene Foster MLA, the Stormont Minister for Finance. This year we were also privileged to have Michael McAvoy, Joint Secretary of the British-Irish Inter-governmental Secretariat, representing the British Government, Bernadette Roberts, Pol/Econ Officer of the American Consulate, representing the American Government and Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for County Fermanagh, The Viscount Brookeborough accompanied by his wife Lady Brookeborough. The lessons were read by Mr John McCusker, Chairman of the British Legion, The Viscount Brookeborough and Monsignor Peter O'Reilly.

## Cathedral Website

Please go to our Cathedral website: [www.enniskillencathedral.com](http://www.enniskillencathedral.com) for photographs. We extend our grateful thanks to Dr Willie Holmes for maintaining the website.

## Christmas Concert with Michael Card

For over thirty years, Michael Card has endeavoured to engage with the text of Scripture, whether through the writing of music, books, or in the context of the conference or classroom. The fruit of this approach is heard in well-known songs like "El Shaddai", "Immanuel," and more recently, "Come Lift Up Your Sorrows." Through the course of releasing over thirty albums, twenty-two books, and performing countless concerts, he has invited listeners and readers to honestly wrestle with the Bible, seeking to grasp the meaning of the text with all the heart and mind. It is the only concert that Michael Card is performing in Northern Ireland as part of his UK tour so it is expected to be a sell out. There are a limited number of tickets.







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In October representatives from the parish attended a Church 21 event in Dungannon. Church 21 is a parish development programme for the Church of Ireland. The day was facilitated by Ian Coffey, a specialist in leadership development.

What is parish development? Parish Development is about enabling parishes to have:

- A clearer sense of direction
- A clarity of focus on priorities
- A commitment to leadership as something that is shared
- A deeper sense of ownership and more involvement from parishioners
- A greater motivation to persevere
- And hope for the future!

At St Macartin's we want to be a growing parish, growing in faith and growing in service. The conference challenged us to reflect on ten stepping stones of parish development:

1. Honest evaluation: Where are we today and what is working or not working.
2. Building teams: Developing a New Testament model of plural leadership.
3. Discerning Vision: What is God's picture for us!
4. Enabling action: Where do we want to do and how can we make that happen.
5. Shaping culture: What steps do we need to take to root the deep down changes we want to make?

6. Maximising communication
  7. Managing change: How do we bring the most number possible along with you?
  8. Harnessing dissatisfaction: Turning opposition into support.
  9. Handling conflict.
  10. Maintaining Momentum. How to keep on going!
- The event was certainly worthwhile, and challenged us deeply to think about our parish life. We are making moves towards opening a new hall. What a great opportunity to think about what we do and to work on doing it better in the service of God and neighbour!

**Messy Christmas**

Our Messy Christmas event is on the 17th December! We will meet in the hall at 4.00pm as usual and then make our way quickly up to the Cathedral for some Messy Festive celebrations. After that it's back to the hall for some fun and food! Come join us, even if you have not been for a while.



Keep a look out on the Facebook page for Messy Church and Messy Mum's dates in January.

## Pilgrim

Pilgrim continues to be a growing part of our church life. We meet in Jenny's café and explore one of the pilgrim courses together. An important part of pilgrim is simply getting to know other people from the church at a deeper level. Often when we go to church we simply enter and leave without talking to anyone bar perhaps those in front of us or behind us. The blessing of pilgrim is that we stop over tea and coffee and talk with one another.

We hope to run a new pilgrim course. If you have not been involved so far, but would like to participate, talk to the Revd Rob Clements and we'll find a way of connecting you.

## Xplore



Xplore is a peer led programme for young people at St Macartin's Cathedral. You can find out more about it on the Xplore Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Xplore-602667983206086>

## Xplore Movies

This is a monthly programme built around movies that matter. Our third movie is 'The boy in the Stripped Pyjamas'. Unlike previously advertised it will be on the 6th December from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

## Faith Formation @ St Macartin's

In 2016 we are planning to run a number of faith forums on topics that we hope will be of interest. These are one off presentations with a little bit of time at the end for questions and answers. They are open to everyone. No one will be put on the spot and there is no expectation that you have any prior knowledge of the topic. We want to make sure we address topics that are relevant and of interest to you. If you have been around church in November you will know that we have been 'voting' on which seminars to hold. If you haven't been able to input, have a look at the topics below. Which ones interest you? Why not put them in order of preference and drop into the church office or fill in a sheet at church.

A guide to Holy Communion: What Anglicans believe  
A guide to Church architecture: What does our building tell us about our faith?

A guide to the church year: Understanding and living the church seasons

Why does God allow suffering?

My faith, your faith? Understanding other religions.

What does it mean to be Catholic and Reformed?

How to deepen your prayer life

How to share your faith

How to read the bible, even the tricky bits!

## The Season of Advent

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

## Mid Week Advent Services

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

## 60+ Parishioners' Party

The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm. All those with a 'bus pass' are welcome!

## Nativity Play

The Sunday School will have their Nativity Play on Sunday 13th December at 11.00am. At this service we ask children (& parents) to bring a new Christmas present for the Church of Ireland Board of Social Responsibility's Christmas appeal. These are given to children less fortunate than our own. Please indicate on the present who it is suitable for – age group and sex. Thank you.

## Tuesday Club

Eleanor Lynn opened the meeting on 27th October by welcoming the members. She then thanked those members who decorated a church window for the Harvest Thanksgiving. The Revd Rob led the reading and prayers. Mrs Violet Vennard was welcomed and gave an account of her trip to the Palace, when her daughter was awarded a CBE. This was followed with a DVD of the event. All agreed the DVD gave an informative and detailed description of the pomp and ceremony attached to the presentation and also a chance to see the grandeur inside the palace. Tea brought the meeting to a close. Members are invited to the 60+ Christmas Party on 15th December. Please give your name to the office by 10th December for catering purposes.

## Mothers' Union

Thirty-eight members were in attendance at the November meeting. The speaker, Mrs Margaret Owens,

who is a branch member, gave a lively account of her travels through Europe with husband John, the amazing places visited and the interesting people they met en route. A service of enrolment was held at the All Age Service on Sunday 22nd November (details and photograph in next edition) On Friday 27th November teas were served by M.U. in the Hilliard Room at the Parish Sale. The following day, Saturday 28th November members were invited to attend a prayer vigil for "Activism Against Gender-based violence" from 3.00pm-5.00pm in the Hilliard Room, Cathedral Hall. For the Christmas outing we are going to the Ardhowen Theatre to see the musical 'A Christmas Carol', on Tuesday 8th December. Please meet at the theatre at 7.30pm. The New Year commences with a Service of Holy Communion with Dean Hall on Monday 11th January at 8.00pm in the Hilliard Room, followed by the A.G. M.

### Tree of Light Service

On Sunday 6th December at 3.00pm a short service will be held in Breandrum Cemetery. This is a repeat of the service held last year for the support group "Fermanagh Forget Me Not Bereaved by Suicide Support Group". It was very well attended, supported by the four main churches, and a good way to remember loved ones at Christmas (when some normally find it difficult).

### Carol Services

Monday 7th December at 6.30pm – a Community Carol Service beginning in St Michael's Church and ending in St Macartin's Cathedral. All our parishioners are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 8th December at 10.30am – a Carers' Carol Service will be held in The Stables – All Carers are welcome.

Friday 18th December at 2.00pm – Portora Carol Service  
Sunday 20th December at 7.00pm – St Macartin's Cathedral Carol Service.

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

### Christmas Services

Three Holy Communion Services will be held. The Celebrant at our Christmas Eve Service (11.00pm) will be our Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell. Two services will be held on Christmas Day at 9.00am and at 10.30am. Children are asked to bring a toy that Santa brought to the 10.30am service which may be a little bit noisier!

### Confirmation Classes

These begin on Monday 30th November at 6.30pm in the Hilliard Room. Confirmation is a very serious commitment with vows and promises made before Almighty God, and a continuation of the Christian journey of life which began at Baptism. The Clergy will give every encouragement and help to all who want to be prepared for Confirmation, but they do need the full support of the candidate and their family, and their presence at church!

### Adult Confirmation

Any adults, who are not already confirmed and would like to be, please contact the clergy.

### Christmas Home Holy Communions

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

### Church Mouse Lunch

Soroptimist International - Enniskillen & District are holding their annual Church Mouse Lunch in the Cathedral Hall on Sunday 13th December from 12.00 noon - 2.00pm. Everyone welcome (all ages). Proceeds towards the Developing World charities. Please support this event.

### The Shoebox Appeal

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

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

The 2016 theme material was prepared for worldwide use by the Christians of Latvia, and adapted by the Britain and Ireland writers group, based around the verses 1 Peter 2:9-10. Peter's first letter is an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord. Today, Latvia is a crossroads where Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox regions meet. Because of this unique location, it is home to Christians of many different traditions, but no single one of them is dominant. Gathered together by the Archbishop of Riga, members of a variety of church communities and projects in Latvia were asked to reflect on the chosen theme and the experience of their work. The main service is inspired by the verses from Peter's letter and Jesus' metaphors of salt and light which are important cultural themes for Latvia. Each of the days has been prepared by one of the diverse Church communities. The 8 Days are linked principally by the experience of being a Christian in Latvia. This year's service will be held in Enniskillen Presbyterian Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st January. All are welcome to attend.

### All Age Family Service

Sunday 24th January at 11.00am. Last year we launched a new liturgy for our all age/family service. We were happy with the response we got from parents, children, and from some of the older folk (many of



whom seemed to enjoy it as much as the kids). We will continue to build on that this year. Our hope is that the fourth Sunday of the month is a church service that families are excited to be at. The service itself is no more than 45 minutes long. It is fairly informal and spoken in a tongue people of all ages can understand. There is also a cup of tea, coffee or juice after in the side chapel. Stay behind and get to know some of you brothers and sisters in our church family a little bit more. We would like to encourage families and young people in our organisations to make it to church on the fourth Sunday in the month. Help us make the all age service truly special.

### Season Greetings

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

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*'Let everyone that comes be received as Christ.' Saint Benedict*

Recently I have been taught several lessons in hospitality. During November I was invited to take part in the first Remembrance Day Service at the memorial stone, recently placed and dedicated in Fivemiletown. Also, I represented a parishioner at his wedding, in a church tradition other than our own. And later

in November I was invited to a birthday party for a centenarian in our town.

On all days I was made incredibly welcome, and it has made me think much about my welcome to others at the parish church, and the value of welcoming well. I keep a little reminder on the display page of my mobile phone which I read recently, and it reminds me of something important each time I use my phone. 'Let everyone that comes be received as Christ.' It can be dismissed as too aspirational, or it can be a constant challenge to keep Christ before me, and learn to see others with eyes other than my own. Perhaps my ministry would be transformed for the good if I learned to be more like Jesus.

Kyle Hanlon

### The PERU TEAM has been filled!

Bethany Corbett joins Fiona Lee, Sally-Mae Downey, Timothy McClure, Iain Maguire and Elliott Hanlon, along with leaders Christine Baxter, Yvonne Cunningham, Andy Little, and myself. We had a very positive meeting recently, and it is great to spend time with young adults from the parish and community, as they think about their faith and the days ahead. As I write, we are planning to host the team from Strabane Church Of Ireland, and their rector, Revd Mark Lennox. The team visited Lima this summer, and worked with the parishes where we will be working. As part of our preparation, we meet once each month, and include a Bible study from books written by the Lisburn-based youth ministry, Exodus. The team are beginning to gel and we look forward to the planning evenings ahead. Do pray for the team members and their families.

### Andy Little and Chris Bloomfield

Andy Little and Chris Bloomfield are coming to the end of their time at the Belfast Bible College, and the World Missions' Course. I know they have greatly enjoyed their time, and been challenged by it. God willing, they will update us as a church in December.

### Church Lads Brigade

Church Lads Brigade welcomed several new leaders this autumn. Stephen Kirpatrick has joined the Fishers' Group, and Norman Baxter has kindly given his time to help this autumn and winter. There are twelve boys in this older group, and we are very pleased as this is the fruit of many years of praying for and supporting this age group for boys in P7-Year 10. Also, Keith Anderson has joined the Y Team, and Wendy Little and Gordon Bell will job-share this coming winter. Thank you also to Gail Campbell and Sandra McConnell who lead in the Martins' group. And to Elliott Hanlon who comes as a young helper.

There are thirty boys attending the CLB and the group is flourishing under Christine Baxter's leadership.

We look forward to the Service of Enrolment on Sunday 29 November, the CLB and the GFS. Both CLB and GFS took part in the Remembrance Day Parade and afternoon service at St John's. Thanks go to their respective leaders, Christine Baxter and Pearl Smyton.

## CONNECT

CONNECT continues to flourish. In recent years when numbers attending were low, the leaders persevered because they believed in what they were doing. One evening in November I sat in on one of their devotional times, led by Timothy McClure, and was delighted at the teaching that evening on being as 'Salt and Light.' Another cold evening in November, I accompanied them to the Craigavon Ski Slopes, with a great turn out of leaders and young people. Yvonne Cunningham deserves credit for her leadership of the group, along with the other leaders, and young people.

## ALPHA Course

The ALPHA Course continues during November and December, and the thirty or so people who come seem to be enjoying the time together, and the teaching from Revd Nicky Gumble. The fact that people keep coming back speaks for itself, as well as the lively conversation, and the enjoyment of the evenings. Do feel welcome to join us on any evening as the course continues.

## BREATHE

This year there has been a series of evenings focussing on reflective prayer and worship. BREATHE provides a quieter time giving space to pray and reflect and enjoy being together as a part of God's household on a Sunday evening. The next evening is at 7.00pm on Sunday 6th December in the parish hall.

## Wrapping up for Winter

Several ladies in the parish have very kindly made and gifted knee sized crochet blankets to be given as a Christmas gift to members of the parish who are in nursing care. This came in response to a need of one of our older parishioners, and the ladies were very pleased to respond in this way. Thank you.

## Senior Adults Meal

At the time of writing we are looking forward to the Senior Adults Meal which we host four times each year. After a celebration of the Holy Communion, we are served a delicious meal cooked by Kim of Edfield's Restaurant, and then look forward to a guest speaker or some entertainment. Sadly this year we are saying farewell to one of the organisers. Mrs Phyllis Cunningham is stepping down after being with this work from its beginning. Phyllis is the friendly phone call you get the week before the meal to check your booking, and she has led with Thelma and Sandy Atwell for many years. The group has flourished in recent years, and now upwards of seventy plus people gather on these afternoons. Thank you Phyllis, we will miss you.

## On-Going Support

My appreciation also to Canon Robinson and to Elvina Funston for their on-going support in providing

pastoral care across the parish. Canon Robinson and Elvina are great to work with and I know people very much enjoy their visits.

At this time of year when we remember those who have gone before us, let us continue to pray for those who mourn the loss of someone they love.

And, let us join in the delight of several parish households, where there has been a new arrival. It is a great pleasure in ministry to pray words of thanksgiving with parents at these times.

## Mothers' Union

The November meeting was held in St. John's Hall. Leader, Elvina Funston opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed our guest speakers: Sister Joan Cunningham from the Neo Natal Unit in SWAH, and Deborah Hanlon & Shona Patterson from Social Services. They each outlined their work and the value of our donated items to them. Knitted and sewn items for the neo natal unit, and trauma teddies for Children's Accident & Emergency Unit were handed over. Arlene Wright then presented a cheque to Sr. Cunningham on behalf of the Select Vestry for use in the Neo natal Unit. She also thanked both speakers. 28 grocery hampers were packed and donated to Social Services for distribution to their clients.

The M.U. is involved in Global Movement to end Gender Based Violence and the Diocese is hosting an event in St. Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen on Saturday 28th November from 3pm-5pm.

Leader, Elvina thanked everyone who donated to and helped at the Cake sale on 31st October. The total amount raised was £513. This will be divided between the Relief Fund and our own Funds.

Orders for Christmas wreaths and table centre arrangements were taken by Thelma Atwell. She has kindly agreed to donate any profit from these to M.U. Funds.

The next meeting is 9th December when we will have our Christmas Supper organised by the Committee. The Leader closed the meeting with prayer.

## Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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## Christmas Services

### Sunday 6th: Advent II

Drummully 9:00am

Sallaghy 10:30am

Galloon 12:00 noon

**Sunday 13th: Advent III:** Nativity (Santa visits after the service)

Sallaghy 10:30am  
Galloon 12:00 noon  
Drummully 3.00pm

**Sunday 20th: Advent IV**

**Morning Prayer**

Sallaghy 10:30am  
Galloon 12:00 noon

**Group Carol Service**

Drummully 7.00pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve**

Holy Communion Galloon 10.00pm

**Friday 25th: Christmas Day**

Holy Communion Sallaghy 10.00am

**Sunday 27th: 1st Sunday after Christmas**

Morning Prayer Group Service Drummully 11:00am

## January

**Sunday 3rd**

Holy Communion Drummully 9:00am

Sallaghy 10:30

Galloon 12:00

**Sunday 10th**

**Morning Prayer**

Sallaghy 10:30am

**Evening Prayer**

Galloon 3.00pm to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Galloon & Drummully Mother's Union. Guest speaker Dean John Hay followed by Afternoon Tea in Church Hall.

**Sunday 17th**

**Family Service**

Drummully 9:00am

Sallaghy 10:30am

Galloon 12:00 noon

**Sunday 24th**

**Morning Prayer**

Drummully 9:00am

Sallaghy 10:30

Galloon 12:00 noon

**Sunday 31st**

Group Praise Service Launching Lent Sallaghy 11:00

## Remembrance Sunday

The annual Group Remembrance Service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday 8th November. We were pleased to have our Methodist and Presbyterian neighbours present in the congregation. Over 200 were in attendance at the service. The first lesson, Psalm 46, was read by an officer from the PSNI, and the Gospel, was read by Mr George Latimer, representing the UDR. The preacher was the Methodist Lay Pastor Mr Ian Graham, assisted by Diocesan Reader Charles Crawford and The Revd Anita Kerr. Ian preached on the precious commodity of peace, and we thank him for his message. Mrs Marina Elliott and children's choir sang 'In my Life Lord', the presence of the uniformed organisations Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and

Beavers and Galloon & Drummully Mother's Union all contributed wonderfully to this solemn service.

Acts of Remembrance were also held in Sallaghy and Drummully on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Sunday.

## Galloon Parish

### Breakfast

The Bacon and Boxty Breakfast, held on Saturday 7th November was a great success. Our thanks must be conveyed to the two main organisers of this event, Albert Morrow and Amanda Rickey. Thanks must also be recorded to the ever-loyal band of helpers who worked extremely hard as well. A total sum of £1270 was raised, a really fantastic achievement indeed.

### Christmas Craft Fair

The Craft Fair in Newtownbutler Church Hall on 14th November was a terrific success and attracted cross community support. The event encouraged us all to start getting ready for Christmas. Although the weather was wet there was a warm welcome and a festive feel in the hall. The floor of the Church Hall was covered with exhibitor stalls with a wonderful display of Christmas crafts, creative design, plants and others products on sale combined with parish hospitality providing a lovely soup and sandwich lunch. We were delighted when the money raised, including donations, a raffle and guess the Teddy Bear's birthday raised a total of £1500. Thanks to all who worked so hard to raise these funds for the parish. Well done everyone.

The Teddy Bear's birthday was St Matthew's day, 21st September. It was won by a parishioner and given as a gift to Miss Emma Rickey for all her hard work on the day.

### Galloon & Drummully Mothers Union

For the December meeting the Branch is holding a Christmas supper followed by games on Monday 14th December at 8.00pm in the Trinity Hall. At this meeting final arrangements will be made for our forthcoming anniversary service.

On Sunday 10th January 2016 the branch are holding an Anniversary Service in Galloon Parish Church at 3.00pm followed by afternoon tea in the Church Hall. This is to celebrate the formation of the Branch within our parish 60 years ago. The special speaker is Dean John Hay, a former rector. Our All Ireland Chaplain, Dean Raymond Ferguson will also be in attendance along with our incoming Diocesan President, Mrs Irene Boyd. This very important milestone in the life of our parish and we invite you to join us in our celebrations. The Branch wish to sincerely thank our outgoing President, Dr Margaret Knox for the help and support given to the branch and wish 'her well' for the future. We send our congratulations, good wishes and God's blessing to our incoming President and look forward to supporting her during her time in office.

### Dance Classes

"January Jive with Joan" Waltz and Quickstep Too! - Wednesday's (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) at 8:30 – 10.00pm

in Newtownbutler Church Hall. £15 per person for the 4 week course.

### **Burns Night Supper and Dance**

Please keep free Friday 29th January 2016 for the Burns Night Supper and dance. Music will be provided by Nigel Livingstone of Livingstone Country Music fame.

## **Sallaghy Parish**

### **Mothers' Union**

The Mothers' Union monthly meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 10th December at 8.00pm and will be a Christmas Celebration of readings and carols followed by supper and a Bring and Buy Sale.

## **Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher**



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## **Services**

### **December**

#### **Sunday 6th**

Garrison 10.00am HC  
Slavin 11.30am HC

#### **Sunday 13th**

Slavin 11.00am Group Children's Nativity Service

#### **Sunday 20th**

Kiltyclogher 7.00pm Group Carol Service by Candlelight

#### **Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)**

Belleek 7.00pm Group HC Service

#### **Friday 25th (Christmas Day)**

Garrison 9.30am Group FS & HC

#### **Sunday 27th**

Kiltyclogher 10.00am HC  
Belleek 11.30am MP

### **January**

#### **Sunday 3rd**

Garrison 10.00am HC  
Slavin 11.30am HC

#### **Sunday 10th**

Kiltyclogher 10.00am HC  
Belleek 11.30am HC

#### **Sunday 17th**

Garrison 10.00am MP & FS  
Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

#### **Sunday 24th**

Kiltyclogher 10.00am MP  
Belleek 11.30am MP

#### **Sunday 31st**

Belleek 4.00pm Group  
Service of Dedication in  
with Archdeacon Helene Steed

#### **Sunday 7th February**

Garrison 10.00am HC  
Slavin 11.30am HC

## **Mothers' Union**

The December meeting is a night of flower arranging with Irene Armstrong, from Kesh on Thursday 10th December (note change of date), in the Wark Hall Belleek. This evening is open to everyone, within the Parishes and from the Community. Seasonal Supper will be served. MU & Choir Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday 11th December in the Lough Melvin Holiday Centre. Please contact Dot Barlow, Branch Leader if you would like to attend. Partners and friends welcome.

## **Wark Hall Sales**

**Belleek Parish** - Wark Hall Sale Tuesday 8th December. Usual good used clothing, Teas, and Bric-a-brac.

**Slavin Parish** - Christmas Sale, Tuesday 15th December. Good used clothing, Bric-a-brac, Jams, Chutneys, Cakes, and Teas.

## **Christmas Services**

Each Church has a special service during the Christmas period. The Rector encourages parishioners from all of the parishes to attend each of the services to support and encourage one another.

## **Sunday School Christmas Party**

The annual party will be held this year on Monday 21st December @ 6.30pm in the Wark Hall Belleek. Parents are asked to bring food for supper, please ask your Sunday School teachers what is required.

## **Prayers**

Our thoughts and prayers are with those from our group of parishes who have been unwell at home or in hospital in recent weeks. We remember Betty Henry, Noleen McCordick and Willie Robinson.

## **Special Speakers**

The Rector had the privilege of having friends staying with her recently, John Daly and his friend Chris. John is a Jew who was persecuted from the area he lived in USA and he returned to live in his native Israel. He gave a fascinating account of his life at a meeting in Garrison Church Hall.

## **Remembrance Service**

Garrison Parish Church hosted the annual Remembrance Service in the group of Parishes on Sunday 8th November at 5pm. The Rector conducted the service and invited Stuart and Caroline Brooker from the Regimental association to lay the wreath and read the exhortation.



Mr John McClure read the list of men who had fallen during the wars and the conflict in Northern Ireland. Mrs Dot Barlow read the lesson. We welcomed members of the Regimental association who were present to assist in the service and lay the poppy wreath. Tea followed the service in the church hall. On behalf of the Parish, Eddie Graham thanked Mr & Mrs Stuart Brooker and other members of the Regimental Association for their presence and making the service special for all those who had lost loved ones. John McClure responded on behalf of the association, thanking the Rector for her help and the ladies for making and providing the lovely supper.

### Christian Burial

Mr Ernest Stinson, Roscor, Belleek passed away on 1st November in South West Acute Hospital, Enniskillen. Ernie was a lovely, quiet, unassuming gentleman with a deep love for his church and his Lord Jesus Christ. His funeral service took place at Slavin Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd November and was conducted by the Rector, the Revd Ngozi.

Our prayers and sympathy go to his brother Tommy, nephews, nieces and his good friends Florence and Robert Earls.

Mrs Rita Ross, formerly Shore Road, Belleek and recently of Three Rivers Nursing Home, Omagh, passed away on Monday 2nd November.

Her funeral service took place in Belleek Parish Church on Saturday 7th November. The service was conducted by the Rector who remarked on Mrs Ross's enthusiasm for life and the great style she had. She was a devoted member of the Mothers' Union and had been Belleek Treasurer and Parochial Nominator for Belleek Church. She was pre-deceased by her husband John, who was the local vet and Mrs Ross assisted him and her son Brian in the practice until failing health a number of years ago.

Our prayers and sympathy go to her sons, Raymond and Brian, her sister Laura, daughters-in-law Wendy and Sandra, grandchildren and the wider family circle.

### Parish Website

Keep up to date with news for our Group of Parishes on [www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.belleek.clogher.anglican.org). The web manager is Jenna Earls. Photos & articles etc. for the website to be e-mailed to Doreen Earls at Social Networking: Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes. Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.



MU members in Slavin Church painting glasses



MU members comparing their handcraft



Rector & MU members completing their Christmas crafts under the watchful eye of Lynn Winslow, Action & Outreach Co-ordinator

## Inishmacsaint

### Vacant

During the vacancy the Revd Canon David Skuce, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Miss Isobel Stewart, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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### Services

#### December

##### Sunday 6th

11.30am Holy Communion

##### Sunday 13th

11.30am Family Service

##### Sunday 20th

11.30am Morning Service

7.30pm Christmas Carol Service

##### Friday 25th

10.30am Christmas Day – Holy Communion



**Sunday 27th**

11.30am Morning Service

Each Wednesday evening at 8.30pm Bible Study in the Stables.

If anyone who is house bound or sick and would like to receive Holy Communion, would you please contact either of the church wardens or Revd Canon David Skuce directly on 028 6772 1250 to arrange a visit before Christmas.

**“Get to know your neighbour” event**

Visit to Inishmacsaint Parish Church

On Sunday 25th October the four churches of Inishmacsaint Parish Church, Devenish and Boho Parish Church, Church Hill, Springfield, Derrygonnelly and Kilcoo Methodist Circuit and St. Patricks Parish Church (RC) came together in a ‘Get to know your neighbour’ event. The event involved approx. 150 members who had the opportunity to visit and see around each of the churches. We got an opportunity to learn something about the history of the church and examine some of the similarities and differences of each denomination. The event started at Springfield Methodist Church where Mr Gareth Hayden spoke about the great influence of the Wesley’s in Methodism. We then travelled to Devenish Parish Church where Revd Sampson Ajuka spoke of all those in attendance being ‘ambassadors of peace’. Before leaving Devenish church, Revd Sampson led us all in singing ‘Oh when the Saints, come marching in’ which ended with a great round of applause. We then visited St. Patricks Parish Church in Derrygonnelly where Fr. Jimmy McPhillips gave an interesting and informative talk about the history of the church and the meaning the religious items within the church. The visit then concluded in Inishmacsaint Parish Church where Canon David Skuce spoke about the history of the church and the symbolism within the church. Everyone remained behind for light refreshments and to have a chat with each other. The four ministers were delighted with the large response from all the community and felt that such events could only lead to a better understanding of each other’s denomination. This event has followed a number of inter denominational events. Last Christmas the churches hosted an inter churches Christmas Carol Service and a further carol service is being organised this year on Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm in Derrygonnelly Community Centre. The four churches also held a soup lunch on Sunday 25th April in aid of the Nepal

earthquake disaster which raised the magnificent sum of £5,762.91 which went to TEARFUND.

These events have come about as a result of the four churches agreeing to work much more closely together to promote peace and reconciliation and to improve relationships within or community.

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**Services/Events****December****Tuesday 1st**

Choir Practice, Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.30pm

**Wednesday 2nd**

Advent Preparation Service, Kilskeery Parish Church at 8.15pm

**Friday 4th**

Hall Decoration, Kilskeery from 7.30pm

**Saturday 5th**

Christmas Fair and Switching on of Christmas Lights, Trillick

**Sunday 6th: The Second Sunday of Advent**

10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion

11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

**Tuesday 8th**

Choir Practice, Kilskeery Parish Hall at 8.30pm

**Wednesday 9th**

Advent Preparation Service, Trillick Parish Church at 8.15pm

**Saturday 12th**

Joint Sunday School Party, with switching on of Christmas Lights and a visit from Santa Claus, Kilskeery Parish Hall.

**Sunday 13th: The Third Sunday of Advent**

11.00am Kilskeery Parish Church – Carol Service (Joint) - you are invited to bring gifts, for distribution to the ‘needy’ at this Service.

**Monday 14th**

Mothers’ Union Dinner – Bridge Inn Trillick

**Tuesday 15th: QEII Carol Service**

7.00pm Kilskeery Parish Church

**Saturday 19th**

Messy Kids – ‘Happy Birthday Jesus’ (Party) 11.30 – 1.00pm

**Sunday 20th: The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

11.00am Trillick Parish Church – Carol Service (Joint)

**Thursday 24th: Christmas Eve**

10.00pm Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion

11.30pm Kilskeery Parish Church – Holy Communion

**Friday 25th: Christmas Day**

9.00am Trillick Parish Church – Holy Communion

10.30am Kilskeery Parish Church – Holy Communion  
**Sunday 27th: The First Sunday of Christmas**  
 10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
 11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

**January**

**Sunday 3rd: The Second Sunday of Christmas**  
 10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
 11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
**Sunday 10th: The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
 11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
**Sunday 17th: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
 11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
**Sunday 24th: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
 11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
**Sunday 31st: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
 10.30am Trillick Parish Church – Morning Prayer  
 11.45am Kilskeery Parish Church – Morning Prayer

**Burial of the Dead**

*‘Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.’*

**Mrs Marsha Hunter, Efferan Road, Trillick**

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Marsha on 17th October and again extend our deepest sympathy to Marsha’s husband, John, her daughter, Louise, sons Jonathan and Matthew 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.

*‘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.’ (1Cor. 15:20-22)*

We continue to remember in our prayers all those known to us who are ill at this time.

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

**Holy Baptism**

Freya Lea Gillian daughter of Matthew and Leanne, Kilskeery, on Sunday 25th October.  
 Sarah Lily Armstrong daughter of Keith and Amron, Kilskeery, on Sunday 15th November.

*God our Creator, thank you for the waiting and the joy,  
 Thank you for new life and for parenthood.  
 Thank you for the gifts of Freya and Sarah entrusted to our care.  
 May we be patient and understanding ready to guide and forgive that in our love  
 Freya and Sarah may know your love.*

*May they learn to love your word and the whole family of children;  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**All-Age Halloween Event**



**Halloween Dress Up!**

All-Age Halloween Event on 30th October was really Spectacular, as evidenced by our ‘pics’ and a big thank you to all!



**Halloween Fun**

**Kilskeery Senior Citizens’ Club**

Kilskeery Senior Citizens’ Club hosted another very successful, very well attended Annual Tea Dance on 12th November and we congratulate and thank all concerned, Emily (Given) and George (Lawder)

especially, our much valued Treasurer and Secretary respectively!

Emily recently celebrated a milestone in her work with the Red Cross - Monday the 29th August 1994 was the day that Emily commenced her service in Enniskillen under the watchful eye of Leader Willie Fields. To this day her service remains unbroken and she continues to be as committed as ever to the Red Cross.

Emily had been the First Aider in West Ulster Farmers until its closure in 1994 and rather than let her skills go to waste, she sought out the Red Cross and put her talents to good use as part of the Event First team. Emily still helps the team out to this day. She was also part of the inaugural First responder team in Irvinestown. But, Emily was never afraid of hard work and in 2008 when her two girls had gone on to make their mark on the world, she dedicated more volunteering hours to the new shop in Enniskillen. Come rain, hail or snow, Emily is still there every Saturday. When Mobility Aids branched out in Enniskillen, Emily said '...sure I've got loads of time.' Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays were to become Emily's days in Enniskillen and as the years have gone by, her friendly welcoming smile is a comfort to all those who have called in at Killyhevlin looking for a wheelchair at their time of greatest need.



Senior Citizens receive cheque from Neighbourhood Links

## The Fundraising Concert



Derrick Mehaffey in concert

The Fundraising Concert, in aid of Trillick Parish Church Repair Fund, was a resounding success and we again thank most sincerely Derrick Mehaffey, Rev. Joe McCormick, Adrian, Sandra, Catherine and all those who helped in any way!

A special word of thanks to Billy Funston who saw it through from start to finish.

The event raised the outstanding sum of £3,830!



Rev. Joe McCormick

## Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union hosted their Visitors' Night and Sale on 16th November with guest speaker, Mr Noel C. Moore (flower arranging) and are now looking forward to their Christmas Dinner on 14th December in the Bridge Inn, Trillick.

The AGM will take place on 18th January.



David Bennett addresses children at Trillick Harvest



Trillick Harvest

### Boys' Brigade

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

### Girls' Brigade

Girls' Brigade Enrolment is planned for a joint Advent Carol Service in Trillick Parish Church on Sunday 29th November (First Sunday of Advent).

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

### Messy Kids Club



Messy Kids get messy!

Messy Kids Club will meet on 19th December to say 'Happy Birthday Jesus'.

A reminder that Crèche is now available, during Sunday Service at Kilskeery.

### Missionary Boxes

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

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

## Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)



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### Services

#### December

**Sunday, 6th: Second Sunday of Advent**

Lisbellaw 11.00am Holy Communion Form 2

Coolbuck 3.00pm Holy Communion Form 1

**Sunday, 13th: Third Sunday of Advent**

Lisbellaw 11.00am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck 3.00pm Late Evening Office

**Sunday, 20th: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Lisbellaw 9.45am Holy Communion Form 1

Lisbellaw 11.00am Children's Christmas Service

Lisbellaw 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

Coolbuck 3.00pm Christingle Service – bring an orange each!

**Thursday, 24th: Christmas Eve**

Coolbuck 5.00pm Crib Service

Coolbuck 11.00pm Holy Communion Form 1

**Friday, 25th: Christmas Day**

Lisbellaw 10.00am Family Holy Communion

**Sunday, 27th: First Sunday of Christmas**

Lisbellaw 11.00am Christingle Service – bring an orange each!

### Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Lily Henderson, Rockview, Lisbellaw.

### Baptism



Pictured at her baptism in November with her Mum and Dad - Matthew and Jodie and with the Rector and Parish Reader, Isobel Stewart is Amelia Rose Crawford

Congratulations and welcome to Amelia Rose Crawford (son of Matthew and Jodie) who was baptised on Sunday 15th November in Lisbellaw parish church.



Gareth and Lorraine Crawford, pictured with proud grandfather Ronnie at the baptism of their baby son, Will Ronald in October

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam Lindsay who won the Portora cup for singing in his year and also the singing cup for the whole school.

### Sunday School Party

Sunday School Party on Saturday 12th December from 11.00am to 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

### Senior Citizen's Holy Communion and Fellowship tea

Senior Citizen's Holy Communion and Fellowship tea on Thursday 17th December at 3.00pm in the rectory. Lifts are available – contact 028 686 85894.

### Vestry Meeting

Vestry Meeting on Thursday 10th December at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### Carol Service

Carol Service in the Lisbellaw Orange Hall on Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm.

### Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) if you are in debt and need help, contact them on 0800 328 0006.

### Traidcraft

Contact Jane Russell on 028 895 41274. Christmas catalogue now available.

### 'A Touch of Christmas' with Lynda Lindsay'

3rd December at 8.00pm in The Stables, Enniskillen, with special guests True Country Gospel Group along with James Strange and Alice Lindsay.

### Book Launch

A group of committed and enthusiastic individuals from Lisbellaw, Tamlaght and the surrounding area are currently working on a book which chronicles the lives of those who left the area to fight during World War 1. Please note Friday 11th November 2016 when this book will be launched in Lisbellaw Parish Centre. Please contact the parish if you can help us in any way with this. More details of the weekend will follow in due course.



Lisbellaw Parish website is not available to us for editing. Please see our Facebook page for up to date information on parish events.

### Braille Resources

The Book of Common Prayer and the current and new hymn books are available, free of charge, in braille. See rector.

### Vision Aid

Vision Aid is an international charity who take spectacles, determines their prescription strength and reallocates them to children and adults across the developing world. Thank you for the many already collected – please continue to fill up the receptacles available in both churches. No cases are necessary and any condition is welcomed.

### Email address

Sincere thanks to those who have passed on their email addresses to the rector. If you haven't already done so, please consider it as it makes communication much easier.

Do not leave valuables in sight in your car – thieves are operating in the Lisbellaw and Coolbuck area.



Leaders of the Youth Organisations on Remembrance Sunday



Standard Bearers and Wreath Layers representing the Youth Organisations at the Remembrance Day Service.



Having fun with puppets at the Mothers' Union Visitors' night!

## Lisnaskea



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### Services

#### December

Sunday 6th 11.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 13th 11.30am Morning Prayer  
Tuesday 15th 3.00pm Holy Communion in Trinity Hall  
Sunday 20th 11.30am Family Carol Service  
(Collection for our World Vision sponsored children)  
Christmas Eve 11.30pm Holy Communion  
Christmas Day 10.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday 27th 11.30am Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism

#### January

Sunday 3rd 11.30am Holy Communion  
Sundays 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st Morning Prayer

### Burial

#### Tuesday 20th October

Harriett Elizabeth Carol Nicholl, Macknagh, Lisnaskea.

#### Saturday 31st October

Walter Carlisle Hegan, 214 Alliance Avenue, Belfast.

#### Wednesday 11th November

James Albert Benson (Jimmy) 14 Kilmore Green, Lisnaskea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all families who have been bereaved recently and at this Christmas season we think of everyone who is ill at home or in hospital and nursing homes.

### Remembrance

The annual service of remembrance took place on Sunday 8th November when as usual all the youth organisations along with representatives of the security forces were present. The parade to church was led by Lisnaskea Silver and Lisnaskea Accordion bands. The Revd Alan Capper gave the address and our organist was Mrs Karen McAlister. Readers this year were Mrs Joy Aiken from SEFF and Joshua Kennedy from Lisnaskea Scout group.

### Christmas Communion

A service of Holy Communion will be held in The Trinity Hall on Tuesday 15th December at 3.00pm for all parishioners who may find it difficult to attend Communion services in church. Refreshments will be served and transport can be arranged if necessary. Please contact Linda in the parish office for further details.

### Christmas Events

Saturday 5th December – Lisnaskea Silver Band are having a coffee morning & cake sale in The Archdale Centre and this will be followed in the afternoon at 2.30pm by a Puppet Show organised by Lisnaskea Chamber for all pre-school children. There will be face-painting, clowns, balloon modelling etc. and the town's lights will be switched on at 4.30pm.

### Saturday 12th December

Lisnaskea Woman's Group are having a coffee morning in The Archdale Centre and in the afternoon Children's Church will have their Christmas party at 3.00pm.

### Sunday 13th December

"TAG" have their Christmas party in The Archdale Centre at 7.30pm.

### Christmas Tree Event

Some members of our parish ladies' group came up with the lovely idea of contacting all the various organisations from the church and the local community and asking them to decorate a Christmas tree or make a display for the church this year. Already we have had a great response and are really looking forward to seeing all the different ideas. We hope to have them in place for Sunday 13th December and the church will then be open from 11.00am until 4.00pm on Saturday 19th so people can come along, enjoy some refreshments and have a look around.

## Shoebox appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Samaritan's Purse appeal this year by filling shoeboxes. A large number of boxes were received and have been passed on to Mrs Irene Boyd in Drumkeeran parish.

## Pantry Collection

Our appeal for items of food for The Pantry has once again been very generously supported this year and will continue until 13th December. Val Irvine who oversees the distribution of all the donations assures us they are very much needed in our own home town and nearby community and much appreciated.

## Parish Dinner

This has been arranged for Friday 22nd January in The Archdale Centre. Further details will be displayed in church closer to the time.

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## Christmas Events in Ballinamallard

With Christmas falling on a Friday this year, all the traditionally pre-Christmas events seem to be very early! All the usual events will take place and hopefully we'll get the opportunity for some carol-singing around the homes as well.

The Christmas sit out is on Wednesday 16th. The Revd John Beacom and Revd Canon Brian Harper will pitch themselves at the church gate and accept all donations between 8.00am and 8.00pm. They always welcome anyone who stops by for a chat and a coffee. This year, the donations will be split between a local cancer support charity and a refugee support charity. Please give generously for both these causes for people whose lives have been turned upside down.

## Mothers' Union

The Branch met on Thursday 5th November to hear Angela McKinney speak on her trip to Kenya on behalf of Enniskillen Rotary Club. It was very encouraging to

see how local funds are been used to bring water and other amenities to those who have very little. There will be no Xmas meal this year and hopefully at the time of reading the Branch instead have been on their trip to Mullavilly Christmas Tree Festival on 28th November.

As part of the Branch's outreach work, Mothers' Union members will visit prior to Christmas, those in the Parish who are unable to get out of their homes. We wish all our friends throughout the diocese and community a very happy Christmas and New Year.

### Friday 4th

7.00pm Village Lights and Christmas Fair in the Archdale Hall

### Saturday 5th

3.00pm Ballinamallard v Glentoran followed by the Carol Service at Ferney Park

### Sunday 6th

3.00pm Carol Service for children and adults with learning difficulties

### Sunday 6th

7.00pm Christmas YLP (Youth Led Praise)

### Friday 11th

11:00am Holy Communion followed by Seniors Christmas lunch

### Sunday 13th

11.00am Nativity Service

### Wednesday 16th

8.00am Christmas sit-out

### Sunday 20th

Carol Services with Balinamallard Silver Band

10:30am Magheracross

7:00pm Ballinamallard Methodist

### Thursday 24th

11:15pm Midnight Communion

### Friday 25th

8:30am Holy Communion (Form 1)

10:00am Holy Communion with children especially welcome

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Christmas is that wonderful time of year when we look forward to the birth of the baby Jesus and all that this means to us. At Christmas we celebrate the love of God in the baby Jesus but let us not forget that the fulfillment of this love was found in the cross on that first Easter.

Let us not just limit ourselves to the view that we are just celebrating the birth of a baby but rather that we are celebrating the birth of a man who would change the world.

As we look forward to January we are looking forward to the Alpha course that is a great way of people getting a fresh understanding of the basics of the Christian faith that creates a real excitement in their spirit. If you live in or near Kesh why not consider coming along to one of the Alpha courses we are running and learn more about the real meaning of Christmas and why God really sent his Son as a little baby to the stable.

Revd Canon Henry Blair

## Services / Events

Sermon Series - Be prepared...Jesus is coming  
As we look forward to the season of Advent, we think of the coming of Jesus. The run up to Christmas is all about the preparations that we have to make to enjoy the festivities of the season, from presents to food it is all about being prepared:

### 6th December: Advent 2

John the Baptist prepares the way (Luke 3:1-6)

### 13th December: Advent 3

How do I prepare? (Luke 3:7-18) Mullaghfarne  
3.00pm

Zechariah prepares? (Luke 1:5-22)

### 20th December: Advent 4

Mary Prepares (Luke 1:39-45)

### 20th December

7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

This year we will be decorating Ardess church with many poinsettia plants which have been bought by members of the congregation as a symbol of special memories. These beautiful plants, surrounded by candlelight, will be quite a spectacle and create a lovely atmosphere of Christmas.

**24th December:** Christmas Eve 11.30pm

God has prepared .....have we? (Matthew 1:18-25)

**25th December:** Christmas Day 10.00am

Prepared with presents

We really want this to be a family occasion and would encourage all the children to come along and bring a present that they have received and show it to the congregation.

### 27th December: Christmas 1

The shepherds prepare (Luke 2:41-62)

### Sunday 20th December 11.00am

Children's Church Carol Service & Nativity

### Sunday 20th December 7.00pm

Community Carol Service by Candlelight

### Thursday 24th December

Christmas Eve Communion

God has prepared...have we? (Matthew 1:18-25)

### Friday 25th December

10.00am Ardess Christmas Morning Communion - for all the family

Do come along as a family and bring your presents on this morning as we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. This service is all about families.

### Sunday 27th December: Christmas 1

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Family Worship

The shepherds prepare (Luke 2:41-62)

### Sunday 3rd January

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Family Worship

We resume our normal pattern of Sunday morning worship for the new year.

## Regular Events

It is impossible to keep track of all our events here so please visit our website [www.ardess.org](http://www.ardess.org) for a full list of all that's going on in Ardess parish.

A snapshot of the regular events is below.

### Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship at 9:30am & 11:00am in Ardess church

### Children's Church

Children's Church during our 11.00am service  
Mullaghfarne Church Service on third Sunday in month at 3.00pm

### Prayer Opportunities

**Revival Prayer:** Monday 8.00pm 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.

Prayer Ministry is available at our 11.00am Sunday service.

24 hour prayer each month.

Prayer for Mission our bi-monthly prayer sheet to help us pray specifically for the missionaries connected to Ardess parish.

## January Week of Prayer

At the beginning of January each year we take time to pray for the year ahead and ask God to bless the life of the church over the year. Please do consider joining us each evening from Monday 4th January to Friday 8th January as we worship God, pray and also receive some teaching from God's word around prayer from 8.00pm each evening.

## Mothers' Union

Christmas Dinner at Drumrush Lodge - Thursday 3rd December at 7.00pm.





Friends in the Afternoon - Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday in month at 2pm in the Moffitt Room at Ardess Parish Centre. Come along and bring your friends.

Holy Communion - 8th December

Life story of Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander (Eva Baxter) – 12th January

Your district council area and its responsibility (Rosemary Barton) – 26th January

In Stitches - Thursdays at 8.00pm in the Fountain Centre. An evening of simple crafts, good craic and fun. Everyone welcome.

Waterworks - Tuesdays (term time) 3.15 - 4.15pm in Kesh Primary School for all primary school age children. Your son/daughter is very welcome to come along and learn Bible stories in a fun & active way. Give it a go!



## Alpha 2016

Each year for the last 18 years or so we have been running an Alpha course in the parish. This is a great course to explore what the basics of the christian faith are and it provides an

opportunity to ask even the most basic questions around faith in a safe environment where everyone has questions.

Each year we have had difficulty in finding a time and day to suite everyone that would want to take part so this year I have asked each of our life groups to become the facilitators of the course. This means that we will have a number of courses running around the parish and on various days and times. The details are all set out below.

## Registers

### Baptism

Congratulations to all those families who had children baptised this month.

**18th October** - Sophie Ginn, daughter of Trevor and Glenda Ginn of 4 Ardess Demesne, Kesh.

**25th October** - Harry Eric Weir, son of Gillian and Malcolm Weir of 23 Roscah View, Kesh.

**15th November** - Grace Winifred Lennox, daughter of Elaine and Richard Lennox of 28 Farmhill Meadows, Isle of Man.

### Marriage

Sally Hey, daughter of Stephen and Patricia Hey, married Paul Kemble in Crom Church and afterwards at Crom Castle on Saturday 24th October.

## Alpha Locations and Times

Group Leader	Time	Location	Notes
Marion Law	11.00am Monday	Parish Centre	Women
Gillian Robinson	7.30pm Monday	Fountain Centre	20's mixed
Helen Blair	8.00pm Monday	Rectory	Women
Sandra Ross	7.30pm Tuesday	Parish Centre	Women
Brian Ross	8.00pm Tuesday	Parish Centre	Men
Heather McCurry	8.00pm Tuesday	Fountain Centre	Women
Alan Crawford	8.00pm Tuesday	Fountain Centre	Men
Robert Thompson	8.00pm Tuesday	Home Ederney Road	Men
David Morrow	8.00pm Wednesday	Parish Centre	Men
Frances Spence	8.00pm Wednesday	Mantlin Road	Women
Nina Stronge	7.30 pm Wednesday	Drumwhinney Road	Women
Alan Spence	11.00am Wednesday	Parish Centre	Men
Dorothy Morrow	2.30pm Wednesday	Fountain Centre	Women
Hilda Thompson	8.00pm Wednesday	Home Ederney Road	Women
Rosie Beare	8.00pm Wednesday	Fountain Centre	Women

## Sligo 16 - New Wine Summer Conference

God is at work in our land - lives are being transformed by the love and forgiveness of Jesus, and healed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Churches new and old are coming together, standing together, to worship, to reach out and to respond to the renewing, restoring power of the Kingdom of God.

This is a great week of bible teaching for all the family with all age groups being accommodated. The children ministry for all age groups is great allowing the parents to enjoy the conference as well.

### Fountain Centre Activities

#### Junior Youth Club

Thursday Night 6.30 – 8.00pm. Age Group: P.5, P.6 and P.7.

Sports, Games, Crafts, Movies, Theme nights, Tuck Shop and more... £1.

Thursday 10th December - Christmas Party (Fancy Dress - Your Favourite Christmas Character)

#### Senior Youth Club

Friday Night 7.00-9.00pm. Age Group: Year 8 - Year 10.

Friday Night 9.00-11.00pm. Age Group: Year 11+  
Sports, Music, Big TVs, Soft seats, Tuck Shop and more... £1

#### Connect YF

Sunday Night 7.00-9.00pm. Age Group: Year 8+  
Food, Icebreakers, Games, Interactive talks, Faith, Discussion and more. . .

Look out for more information about our activities on our Facebook page.

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

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As these notes are read we have started into the Church's new year, with the season of Advent. We are in a state of preparation for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We remember His coming into this world in great humility and died the death of a common criminal on a cross. Then we have the wonderful event which happened three days later, when the power of God raised Jesus from the dead. For as St. Paul says, for

as in Adam, all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. This is our hope, this is our faith and this is our belief. We also need to remember that there will be a second coming, when God will come to judge both the quick and the dead. We know neither the hour nor the day and we need to be in a state of readiness and 'Be Prepared'.

With the preparation for Christmas and all the festivities and celebrations along with the giving and receiving of gifts, let us not forget to set time aside to remember the true meaning of Christmas. That Jesus came into this world as a small, helpless, little child.

### Services

#### December

##### Sunday 13th

10.30am Maguiresbridge Service of Lessons and Carols

##### Sunday 20th

10.30am Maguiresbridge Nativity Storey

12.00pm Derrybrusk Morning Prayer

7.00pm Derrybrusk Service of Lesson and Carols

Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)

11.30pm Maguiresbridge Christmas Holy Communion

##### Friday 25th (Christmas Day)

9.00am Derrybrusk Christmas Holy Communion

10.30am Maguiresbridge Christmas Holy Communion

#### January

##### Friday 1st

10.30am Maguiresbridge The Naming of Jesus

##### Sunday 3rd

4.00pm Maguiresbridge Christingle Service

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come along to our Christingle service

On Tuesday 22nd December, there will be a service of Holy Communion in the church hall to which our senior citizens and house bound are more than welcome to stand. If anyone is unable to attend this service and would like communion at home – would they please contact me.

### Parish Register

#### Maguiresbridge

##### Baptism

25th October - Sebastian Robert Kenneth McCoy, 17 Bridge Park

#### Maguiresbridge

##### Burial

17th October - William Robert West, 4 Tattinderry, Maguiresbridge

#### Derrybrusk

1st November - Jessica Lindsay Mitten, 74 Drumgoon Road, Maguiresbridge

It is always good to welcome new members into the fellowship of faith and especially Sebastian and Jessica. We extend our deepest sympathy to the West on the death Robert and especially to his wife Olivia, children Stephen, Jayne and Mark.

## Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

At our November meeting the guest speaker Val Irvine from the Food Pantry, Lisnaskea spoke to the group about how the food bank supports people in need by providing food parcels. Betty presented Val with a small donation as a token of our thanks towards the Food Pantry.

A Christmas Lunch will be held in the hall on Friday 4th December and this will be instead of the usual Senior Citizen Party.

## Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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### Services

#### December

##### Sunday 6th: The Second Sunday of Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

##### Sunday 13th: The Third Sunday of Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Ballinode 1 2.15pm Morning Prayer

##### Sunday 20th: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 7.00pm Group Carol Service

##### Sunday 25th: Christmas Day

St Patrick's 9.30am Group Traditional Holy Communion Service

10.30am Group All Age Holy Communion

##### Sunday 27th: Christmas 1

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

#### January

##### Sunday 3rd: The Epiphany

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

##### Sunday 10th: The Baptism of Christ

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

##### Sunday 17th: Epiphany 2

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

##### Sunday 24th: Epiphany 3

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Worship

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

## The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 3rd November in the Church for an evening of knitting and chat followed by supper.

### The Ladies' Group

Met on Tuesday 20th October when members of Monaghan Civil Defence gave a demonstration on basic first aid.

### Condolences

We extend prayerful sympathy to the following members of our congregation that had a bereavement recently: Mrs Elsie Moynan on the death of her sister, Ms Hazel Moffett on the death of her aunt, Mr Chris Treacy and family on the death of his sister, Mrs Sandra O'Toole and family on the death of her mother, and David and Victoria Gillmor on the death of his father.

### Christian Burials

We were saddened to learn of the death of the Mrs Gladys Berry on the 23rd October at her home surrounded by her family. The attendance at her funeral service in St. Patrick's Church conducted by the Rector was indicative of the esteem in which the deceased and her family are held in the community. We offer sincere sympathy to her daughters Barbara and Caroline and son Leslie and their families and the wider family circle on their loss.

We learned with much sadness of the death of Mrs Louie Hazlett at Drumbear Lodge Nursing Home Monaghan on 5th November. She was regular in worship while her health permitted and was a much valued member of the Mothers' Union for many years. The large attendance at her funeral service in St. Patrick's Church conducted by the Rector assisted by Mr Walter Pringle was testament to the esteem in which the deceased and her family are held in the community. We extend sincere sympathy to her children Alexander, Allen, Louise, Elizabeth and Andrew and their families on their sad loss.

Please remember in prayer all those who have been recently bereaved by the loss of loved ones.

### Monaghan Parish Sale

Monaghan Parish Sale was held on the Friday 16th October with in excess of €3,000 being raised. We are extremely grateful to the committee who organised the event; all our parishioners who contributed saleable items, gave donations, and sponsored hampers; all those who helped and to the wider community for their valued support.

### Monaghan Collegiate Prize Giving

This was held in St. Patrick's Church on Friday 23rd October followed by refreshments in the Hall afterwards. The guest speaker was Mr Kyle McCallan MBE, former Irish cricket captain.

We congratulate all those who received prizes or awards, particularly those from our group of parishes.

### The Ladies' Group Interdenominational Carol Service

The Ladies' Group Interdenominational Carol Service This will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday 15th December at 8.00pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served in the Hall immediately after the service. The collection will be donated to charities.

### Christmas Service Arrangements

**Sunday 20th December:**

7.00pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols in Ballinode Church

**Christmas Day:**

9.30am Group Traditional Communion Service in St. Patrick's.  
10.30am Group All Age Communion Service in St. Patrick's.

### Illness

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

### The Department of Social Protection Community Employment Scheme

As the end of another year approaches, we express grateful thanks to our supervisors Ms. Elizabeth Murphy and Ms. Elaine Gunn O'Connor and the participants for the work carried out during 2015 at various locations, much of it unseen.



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### Services

**December**

**Sunday 6th 9.00am Holy Communion**

11.00am Holy Communion  
7.00pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday 13th**

9.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Morning Prayer (with the Sacrament of Baptism)  
(Coffee in the Hall afterwards provided by The Brownies)

**Sunday 20th**

9.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Morning Prayer (Family Service and Nativity Play)

**Thursday 24th (Christmas Eve)**

10.00pm Holy Communion

**Friday 25th (Christmas Day)**

10.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 27th 11.00am**

Holy Communion (with the Sacrament of Baptism)

### Service of Dedication of Works and Gifts

On Sunday 1st November (All Saints' Day) Rossorry church was re-opened following extensive renovations and the Bishop of Clogher was present to dedicate the works and a number of memorial gifts. It was a very uplifting service of Holy Communion with a fine musical lead by the parish choir led by our organist Catherine Irwin. The Bishop used readings for All Saints' Day and in his sermon helped us to understand the call of God upon us to by holy people and lead lives of holiness.

During the service a number of memorial number of gifts to Rossorry Church were dedicated to the Glory of God: A silver baptismal shell and a wedding kneeler presented in memory of Mr Norman Armstrong. "Thanks and Praise" pew editions presented in memory of Mr Raymond McCartney. Two silver cruets; a portable Communion set; 'Thanks and Prais'e music editions presented in memory of Mrs Eileen Nixon.



Clergy and Churchwardens with members of the Armstrong family



Selection of the gifts to the Parish

Many parishioners have commented on how well the church interior looks and we look forward to settling down to regular worship again in the familiar surroundings after a summer of services in the Parish Hall. Worship in the Hall was surprisingly very enjoyable and many parishioners spoke of how brighter our singing was and how much more friendly it seemed. Let's hope we can bring these good experiences about worship back to the church.

The Select Vestry is grateful to the Diocesan Architect Mr Stephen Leighton for leading this project and to the builder Mr Harold Graham and his team of workers for their excellent standard of workmanship.

The Church is now in a very good state of repair and superbly finished. We are indeed privileged to have such a beautiful building in which to meet for worship. Already there has been a wedding and a baptism in the church and we look forward to many further special services and events as we soon begin our 175th anniversary year in 2016.

### Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service

We were pleased to be able to host the regular Diocesan Ministry of Healing Service on the evening of Sunday 1st November. This quiet yet very special service was found to be of great help by those who came along seeking prayer for healing. Thank you to the Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong and Mr John Irvine for their assistance in leading the service and to ladies of the parish who provided tea in the Hall afterwards for our visitors.

### Remembrance Sunday Service - 8th November

Our young people's uniformed organisations paraded to church as is their custom for this very moving annual service when we remembered those who gave their lives during the two World Wars, other wars and in our period of conflict in NI, especially remembering those who died in the bomb at the Enniskillen on Remembrance Sunday 8th November 1987. The service was one of music and readings devised by the Royal School of Church Music which beautifully encapsulated the Remembrance themes of sacrifice, gratitude, thanksgiving, hope, and reconciliation.

Wreaths were laid at the parish memorials by Tom Cranston, John Neill, Johnston Erwin, Calum Baker and Katie Graham. A candle of peace was lit by the youngest member of the youth organisations – Nancy Bourke from Rainbow Guides. The flag bearers were Alex Hamilton (Beavers), Ezra Wright (Cubs), Peter Armstrong (Scouts), James Willis (Explorer Scouts), Jodie Reilly and Alanya Carson (Guides), and Hannah Armstrong and Victoria Johnston (Senior Guides).

### Revd Canon Ellis installed as a Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

On Sunday 15th November, Revd Ian Ellis was installed as a Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin. A large party of parishioners from Rossorry travelled down

by coach and car to be present at this momentous event. During Evensong the Canon was admitted to the Chapter of St. Patrick's Cathedral as Prebendary of Donaghmore (representing Clogher Diocese). Accompanied by his family and friends at the Deanery for refreshments afterwards, the Canon spoke of the honour of representing the Diocese in the National Cathedral.



Installation of Canon Ellis at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

### Wednesday Club News

2nd December - Holy Communion  
9th December - Christmas Lunch

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 contact Ethel Oldcroft on 028 66 326339.

### Rossorry Mothers' Union

The November meeting heard from the Parish Guides, Rebecca, Hannah and Rebecca who had been away in Mexico during the summer



Rossorry Guides in Mexico



Visit of Enniskillen Rotary Club to Rossorry Wednesday Club  
Kenny Fisher (right) and Angela McKinney (second left)  
with MU members, Shirley Elliott (left) and Vera Devers

## Parish Register

### Baptism

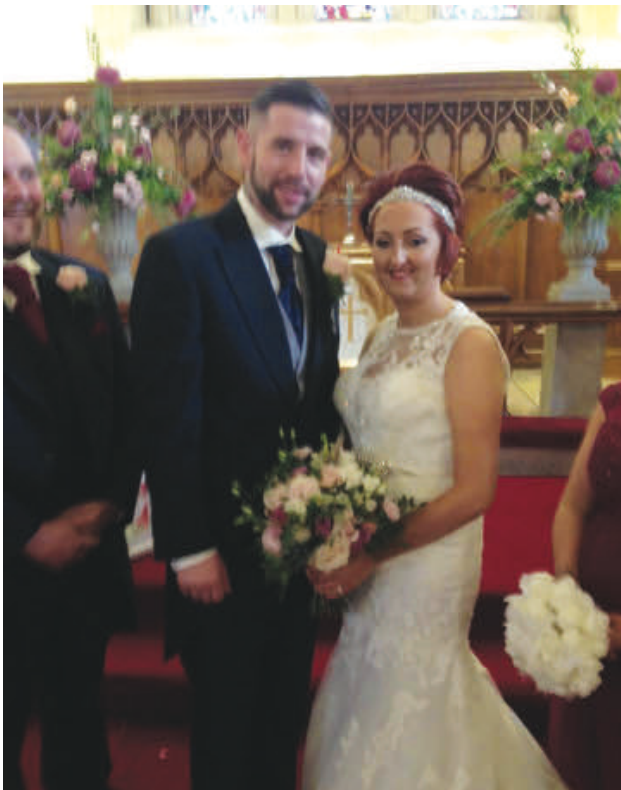
**25th October** - Edward Ferda CREIGHTON, infant son of Richard and Eda (At St. Macartin's Cathedral – kindly lent)

**8th November** - Ronald Thomas IRVINE, infant son of Thomas and Rachael at Rossorry.

A very warm welcome to the newest members of Rossorry Parish!

### Marriage

On Thursday 29th October, Melissa Hassard and Clive Taylor celebrated their marriage at Rossorry Parish Church.



Clive Taylor and Melissa Hassard on their wedding day

## Tempo and Clabby



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### Clabby Auction

Thank you to all who supported and worked on the day for the annual auction. The proceeds of £2070 was raised on the day this went to Church Funds.

### Old Newspapers

Thank you to all who support the collection of old newspapers and to Mrs. Irene McManus who supports the Restoration Fund and Mr. Jim Monteith and family who bundle papers for the Mums & Toddlers. The recent collection raised £650. £450 went to the Mums & Toddler Group and Mrs. I. McManus £200 went to the Restoration Fund. Mrs Irene McManus has still a large amount of papers still to be collected before Christmas as the lorry was full.

### Gift

The Rector and Select Vestry of St. Margaret's Parish Church gratefully acknowledge the gift of £500 bequest from the late Mr. Christy Nixon. At the request of his niece it will be used to provide something in memory of him and his late wife Mary.

### Funeral

17th October John Albert Elliott, Glengesh Road, Imeroo Tempo

### December Diary

**Tuesday 8th** Mothers' Union Food and Friendship.

**Sunday 13th** Young people's Carol Service with gifts for the Salvation Army Appeal.

**Sunday 20th** Parish Carol Services.

**Christmas Eve** 10-30pm Tempo

**Christmas Day** 10-30am Clabby Short Family Service and Holy Communion.

All loose collections at Carol Services and over Christmas towards Bishop's Appeal.

**Sunday 27th** United Service Clabby 10-45am

### January Diary

**Tuesday 12th** Mothers' Union Holy Communion and Enrolment Tempo Church Hall 8pm

**Saturday 30th** Diocesan Youth Event – Deeper in God's Word, Kesh Rural Deanery More details at Church.

Advance date Annual Table Quiz Tempo Church Hall 8pm Thursday 11th February.

### Advent

As you read these notes we are in the season of Advent, moving towards Christmas and soon the New Year.

The great message of Christmas and all the gospel is summed up in the best known verse of Scripture *John 3 : 16* "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

God created mankind, they had a perfect relationship with no sin. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and abused their free will. By eating the forbidden fruit.

*God still loved the crown and glory of his creation. He sent his only begotten Son Jesus as Saviour. Jesus offered the one complete and perfect sacrifice for all time by shedding his blood on the cross. Through his death and Resurrection forgiveness of sins, a free gift of eternal life and certainty of Heaven is offered to all who will come in repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23 Acts 20:21)*

*At this season of the year we remember and celebrate the first coming of Christ, God with us in human form without sin on earth. We thank him for this wonderful free gift we didn't deserve for our salvation. We should also prepare for his unexpected sudden return as our Judge (Hebrews 9:28)*

As we give and receive gifts this Christmas out of love and thanks, will we receive God's free gift of eternal life and his Son as our Saviour? John 1:12 gives us the promise if we say yes to Jesus "yet to all who receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God".

## Good wishes and God's blessing

Everyone at the Rectory wishes to extend our Good wishes and God's blessing to all our Parishioners for Christmas and the New Year.

## Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,

I write these notes after watching the images on the news from Paris. As we begin the preparations for the Nativity of Jesus please read the words below from the Prophet Isaiah:

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.*

*The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this (Isaiah 9:6-7)*

It might seem difficult to think upon this child as the Prince of Peace when once again the heart beats of men, woman and children are being stopped by a perversion of the nature of God. We have the possibility of a global conflict on our hands, a conflict not just limited in size or ferocity by its geographic distance to us and our way of life. If ever we are to pray through the Prince of Peace for peace it is now.

*O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world lies hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen*

## Trory Carol Service

Trory Carol Service, School House reopening: The school house will be reopened after phase three of its restoration at our Sunday Carol service in Trory on 13th December at 11.30am.

## Killadeas Carol Service (Nine lessons)

Sunday 13th December - 10.00am in the Priory  
The Carol Services collections and any cash placed on the Alms dishes during the Christmas Services will be donated to the Hospice Movement as part of a wider Diocesan appeal.

## Advent Bible study and prayer time

Each Friday morning in Advent at 10.00am an Advent Bible study and prayer time will be held in the Rectory. All are welcome.

## Christmas Services

A special service of Holy Communion as preparation for Christmas. It will be a quiet service of reflection for those who have had a bereavement, sickness or problems that are going to be a burden to carry over Christmas. The service will take place on Sunday 20th December at 8.00pm.

**Christmas Eve** in The Priory at 11.30pm

**Christmas Day** in St. Michael's at 10.00am

**Sunday 27th December** Grouped service at 10.00am in The Priory.

## Wreath Making in the School House

From Wednesday 9th December – Friday 11th December each evening at 7.30pm parishioners are urged to come and help make Christmas wreathes. These are being made in aid of Trory Church. Wreathes may be pre-ordered on the sheets in Church.

## Trory Coffee Morning and wreath sale

This will be held on Saturday 12th December from 10.00 – 12.00 in Ballycassidy Hall.

We in the rectory wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2016.



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## Northern Ireland Children's Hospice



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By sponsoring a light on our Christmas tree you will help to ensure we are able to carry on caring for these special children over christmas and throughout 2016.

## Horizon West Children's Hospice Killadeas

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To find out more contact Heather on 07711377338 or call with Gladys in Snackz Coffee Shop, Enniskillen