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**Bottom Right** - The empty Tomb where Jesus was laid.

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## Music Evening

**Sunday 13th March in Christ**  
**Church Parish, Maguiresbridge**  
**at 7.00pm with praise group**  
**N-Blaze from Rossorry Parish**

## A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends

Over the past month or so I have been giving little talks around the Diocese on the subject of Anglicanism. As I was preparing the talks I occasionally found myself having to pose some quite difficult questions about what might be called 'the integrity of Anglicanism', by which I mean the principles and

practices that make it hold together and that allow it to be clearly explained to others who are from other Christian traditions.

Having said that, one absolutely undeniable characteristic of Anglicanism is that, at the time of the Reformation, it retained the basic structure of the Church Year as an aid to public worship and private devotion. And the Church of Ireland continues to teach that observing the church seasons helps to form us as disciples of Jesus Christ. At the very least by choosing to place an emphasis on a wide range of different aspects in the life of Jesus Christ, the Church of Ireland prevents an over emphasis on 'favourite' texts, or of individual clergy persons concentrating solely on their own desperately ridden hobby horses.

However there can be no doubting that the Gospels themselves, and the letters of St. Paul place a massive emphasis on that part of our Lord's life which we call his Passion and Death. This is mirrored in the Liturgical Year by the extended period of self-discipline which we call Lent. This period of meditation on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus has been a characteristic of the Church in every age. Sometimes it can become sentimental and sometimes almost sadistic; but by and large it has been used with proper reserve and seriousness. Traditionally the three practices, which a Lenten discipline promotes, are self-denial, alms giving and prayer. Those three terms have a rather old fashioned ring to them and you may prefer to substitute others like spiritual spring cleaning, generosity both of spirit and of substance and being aware of God's presence and his claims on our lives.

The idea of giving up something for Lent has been particularly singled out for critical comment. It is seen as negative and the work of killjoys. Yet in the Western world at least, one of our fatal weaknesses is an addiction to more and more things (or 'stuff' as younger people say). Our whole economic understanding is based on the promotion of growth through stimulating demand. In plain words, inducing people to want to own or enjoy more

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things or services. That may be appropriate to those who presently have very few things. But such people have very limited means to buy much more than they need, so the marketing people target those like you and me, who already have so much, but can be persuaded that we need more. Lent provides an opportunity to ask ourselves the question "Is there nothing in our lifestyle to which it is worth saying ... you know, I don't need that and I might, in fact, be much better off without it?"

The giving of alms is perhaps a variant or consequence of self-denial. One of the great Christian teachers of the early Church (who we call 'The Church Fathers') said in a sermon in Antioch, that rich people in fact are stealing the patrimony of the poor. That sort of remark can make us indignant. That Church Father didn't have to pay income tax or the universal social charge. We can, with some justification, claim that we already give alms to the State all year round.

But do we? I wonder if income tax or other taxes were voluntary how much we would pay? Very often it's not so much that they are being 'given' by us as 'taken' from us. Spiritually speaking the whole point of alms giving for the donor is to encourage generosity not resentment. Generosity in religious terms means giving what is costly and not what is either easy or begrudged. Lent points towards the costliness, graciousness and generosity of God's giving.

And finally prayer, which at its best is a yearning of the heart for God. But we have to be realistic. Often we do not yearn for the presence of God. Those are the very times when our prayer will most often be most fruitful for us - if we persevere. Prayer is not asking for special favours (like a good Father, God has no favourites), nor is it a form of worrying on our knees, which will only make us neurotic. It is simply a waiting upon God in the trust that we have as His children. By all means bring everything to God in prayer, but remember He is not a 'Big Bank Manager in the Sky' or a 'Celestial Social Worker'. His overwhelming desire is to help you become what He has created and redeemed you to be - wholly yourself but in the manner of His Son. Reading and thinking about the Scripture readings during Lent has some very important and challenging things to say about our vocation as sons and daughters of both the Cross and the Resurrection.

+ John

# ANGLICAN COMMUNION NEWS

## What is the Anglican Communion?

"The 1930 Lambeth Conference described the Anglican Communion as a 'fellowship, within the one holy catholic and apostolic church, of those duly constituted dioceses, provinces or regional churches in communion with the see of Canterbury.'" - Colin Buchanan, Historical Dictionary of Anglicanism

## What is Anglicanism?

Christianity is the world's largest religion, with upwards of 2 billion followers on every continent. It is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ who lived in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago.

Anglicanism is one of the traditions, or expressions, of this Christian faith. Other Christian traditions include Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Protestant Churches, which include Lutheran, Baptist, and Pentecostal Churches. The word Anglican originates in *ecclesia anglicana*, a medieval Latin phrase dating to at least 1246 that means the English Church, but in the past two centuries the tradition has been adopted around the world. Now 85 million members are part of national or regional Churches that call themselves Anglican (or Episcopal in some countries) which collectively are known as the Anglican Communion. Anglicans and Episcopalians the world over share aspects of their history, tradition and ways of worshipping. But no two churches are exactly alike even within a diocese, let alone a province or between countries. This unity in diversity is one of the things that make the Anglican Communion so special and such rich ground from which to change to world.



## History

The Church of England, which until the 20th century included the Church in Wales, initially separated from the Bishop of Rome during the reign of King Henry VIII, reunited under Queen Mary I and then separated

again under Queen Elizabeth I. The Church of England has always thought of itself not as a new foundation but rather as a reformed continuation of the ancient "English Church" and a reassertion of that church's rights. As such it was a distinctly national Church.

Anglican worship outside of Britain begins as early as 1578 in Canada. The Anglican Communion traces much of its growth to the older mission organisations of the Church of England such as the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK, founded in 1698), the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts (SPG founded 1701, now known as Us) and the Church Missionary Society (CMS, founded 1799). They sent missionaries to countries including those colonised by the British. During the 18th and 19th Centuries bishops from the British Isles led dioceses and national Churches in a variety of countries including India, Canada, the West Indies and New Zealand. A notable exception was The Right Reverend Samuel Ajayi Crowther who was the first African Anglican bishop in Nigeria during the latter part of the 19th Century.

In 1783, following the American War of Independence the parishes of Connecticut elected Samuel Seabury as their bishop. As the Church of England could no longer ordain him, he turned to the Scottish Episcopal Church - a move seen by some as the beginnings of an Anglican Communion with autonomous Member Churches.

## The Instruments of Communion

Local bishops eventually became Metropolitans and in 1867 seventy-six Anglican bishops attended the first Lambeth Conference following an invitation from Archbishop of Canterbury Charles Longley. This is the first of what have become known as the Instruments of Communion, one of three gatherings of Anglicans/Episcopalians that include the Anglican Consultative Council and Primates' Meeting.

Over the years, national churches gained independence from the Church of England and the Anglican Communion has become what is described in the quote at the top of the page: a global family of national and regional Churches.

In 1968 those gathered at the Lambeth Conference discerned the need for more frequent and more representative contact among the Churches than was possible through a once-a-decade conference of bishops. The constitution of an Anglican Consultative Council was accepted by the general synods or conventions of all the Member Churches of the Anglican Communion. The Council came into being in October 1969. It is the only one of the three Instruments that includes the participation of laity, priests and deacons. The Primates' Meeting was established in 1978 by Archbishop Donald Coggan as an opportunity for "leisurely thought, prayer and deep consultation" and has met regularly since.



## The Anglican Communion today

Today the Anglican Communion is thirty-eight autonomous national and regional Churches plus six Extra Provincial Churches and dioceses; all of which are in Communion - in a reciprocal relationship - with the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is the Communion's spiritual head. There is no Anglican central authority such as a pope. Each Church makes its own decisions in its own ways, guided by recommendations from the Lambeth Conference, Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates' Meeting and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Anglicans and Episcopalians have always worked and worshipped together across national borders to support each others' lives and ministry. The insight, experience and wisdom contributed to joint endeavours by Anglican Communion members from all provinces means that the Communion can pack a real punch at national and international levels. It has always been a strength of the Anglican Communion that such co-operation continues and flourishes despite significant disagreements on certain issues.

## CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

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



The Church of Ireland's Historical Centenaries Working Group held a successful discussion event, considering the experiences of Dubliners at the time of the Easter Rising, in Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday 17th February.

A large attended the event which was addressed by Dr Jason McElligott, Keeper of Marsh's Library, Dublin; Dr Fearghal McGarry, Queen's University Belfast; and chaired by historian and broadcaster Dr John Bowman.

The Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher made his opening remarks as Chairman of the Historical Centenaries Working Group. Dr Fearghal McGarry set the Easter Rising in context and focused on what new sources and research tell us about the experience of rank-and-file rebels and ordinary Dubliners during Easter Week, including a discussion of Church of Ireland experiences. Dr Jason McElligott, Keeper of the famous Archbishop Marsh's Library, Dublin, spoke on the theme of: 'Tales from The Other Side: the experience of curating a 1916 exhibition which may cause

offence'. He displayed a number of objects which brought the events of Easter Week to life and examined the experience of a number of men and women hitherto unknown to history. An Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD, First Minister of Northern Ireland Arlene Foster MLA and the British Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Dominick Chilcott was also in attendance.



### Dr Susan Hood Appointed as New Librarian and Archivist of the RCB Library

The Representative Church Body (RCB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Susan Hood as Librarian and Archivist of the RCB Library, where are conserved and maintained many records associated with the work and history of the Church of Ireland. Dr Hood has served as Assistant Librarian and Archivist with the RCB since 1998 and will succeed Dr Raymond Refaussé who is due to retire as Librarian and Archivist in the summer. Welcoming Dr Hood to her new

role, the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke said: 'I have known Susan Hood well for many years, and am very aware of her deep commitment to maintaining a record of the work of the Church of Ireland during her years in the RCB Library. I am delighted to welcome her to this new role, as she prepares to take charge of the future direction and development of the Library. The Library has always played an important part in the life of the Church, acting as a vital resource for

those in training for future ministry and for many involved in research, in addition to conserving the record of our witness as a Church in the island of Ireland. Susan is well-known across the Church for her promotion of different facets of the life and ministry of the Church through her writing for the Church's website, including the highly acclaimed "Archive of the Month", and papers in many research journals. I wish her well as she takes up her new responsibilities as Librarian and Archivist.'

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Appointment



The Revd Canon David Skuce has been appointed as rector of Inishmacsaint Parish. He is currently the rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Parish and Rural Dean of Enniskillen. The Service of Institution will take place on Friday 22nd April at 7.30pm in Inishmacsaint Parish.

### Retirement



The Revd Precentor Noel Regan, rector of Clogher Cathedral Group of Parishes and Precentor since 2011, retires at the end of March. Noel was Curate in the Garrison Group of Parishes from 2006 to 2011 and is the Diocesan Representative for Bishops' Appeal. Clogher Diocese would like to take this opportunity to thank Noel for his

dedication to ministry within the diocese and to wish him and his wife Joan all the best in the next phase of life.

### Former Precentor of Clogher awarded Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur

A retired Church of Ireland cleric was awarded France's highest decoration for his role in World War II. On Tuesday 26th January Irish veteran Canon Robert William Marsden was named Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur by the French Ambassador to Ireland Jean-Pierre Thébault during a ceremony at the Residence de France.

Born in Dublin in 1924, Canon Marsden trained with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. He joined the infantry voluntarily and went on active service in Normandy in 1944. Robert landed in Mulberry Harbour as part of the 1st battalion, Hampshire Regiment and joined

the 50th Northumbrian Division with which he took part in the liberation of Brussels.

The 1st Battalion was then sent on to Nijmegen in the Netherlands, on the road to the battle of Arnhem. Due to severe losses, the 50th Northumbrian Division was then sent to reinforce the 7th Armoured Division more famously known as the "Desert Rats". He finished the war near the Kiel Canal in the German state of Schleswig-Holstein.



Canon Robert Marsden awarded Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur

Upon his return, Canon Robert Marsden was ordained Church of Ireland Deacon for St James' Parish, Dublin, in 1950 and Priest in 1951. He served as Port Chaplain in the Missions to Seamen in Dublin Port between 1954 and 1958. He also served as Rector of Parishes in the Clogher Diocese in Currin (Scotshouse), Drum, Clones and Killeevan. He was made Canon and Precentor of Clogher Cathedral. He retired in 1994 and now lives in Sandymount with his wife Betty.

Presenting the award, the ambassador said he was being honoured for exceptional acts of courage. "He put his life at risk like tens of thousands of other Irish," he said afterwards. Canon Marsden said he was very proud to have been honoured in this way.

The Legion of Honor is one of the world's most widely recognised decorations. Established in 1802 the Order is the highest decoration in France and is awarded for excellent civil merit or military conduct. Watch RTE News coverage of the ceremony at: <http://www.rte.ie/news/player/2016/0126/20920731-irish-ww2-veteran-receives-frances-legion-of-honour/>

# DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sunday 6th March – The Fourth Sunday in Lent** (violet)

**Wednesday 9th March** – ‘Childhood faith’ Lenten Talk in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones at 8.00pm. Children have a wonderful sense of the holy and this evening we consider different aspects of children’s faith and how adults may walk with them as well as be inspired by their faith. Speaker: Mrs Janet Phenix.

**Thursday 10th March** – Safeguarding Trust Training for Clergy and Panel Members in Lisbellaw Parish Hall. Daytime session: 10.30am-3.00pm; Evening session: 7.00-10.00pm.

**Thursday 10th March** – Lent Bible Study: Matthew chapters 18-23 in Ballybay Parish Hall at 8.00pm with Canon David Skuce.

**Friday 11th March** – Lisnaskea Parish Concert

**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.

**Sunday 13th March – The Fifth Sunday in Lent** (violet)

**Tuesday 15th March** – Safeguarding Trust Training for Clergy and Panel Members in Monaghan Parish Hall. Daytime session: 10.30am-2.30pm; Evening session: 7.00-10.00pm.

**Wednesday 16th March** – Lent Bible Study: Matthew chapters 24-28 in Clontibret Church Hall at 8.00pm with Revd Neal Phair.

**Thursday 17th March – St Patrick. 461** (white)

**Saturday 19th March** – Palm Praises musical weekend with the Ferguson Family and friends in Aghadrumsee Church from 10.30am - 5.00pm, concluding with a Service of Praise on Sunday 20th at 3.00pm. Refreshments served.

**Saturday 19th March** – St Joseph of Nazareth (white)

**Sunday 20th March – Palm Sunday - The Sixth Sunday in Lent** (red or violet)

**Monday 21st March – Monday in Holy Week** (red or violet)

**Tuesday 22nd March – Tuesday in Holy Week** (red or violet)

**Wednesday 23rd March – Wednesday in Holy Week** (red or violet)

**Thursday 24th March – Maundy Thursday** (red or violet/white at HC)

**Friday 25th March – Good Friday**

**Saturday 26th March – Easter Eve**

**Sunday 27th March** – Easter Dawn Service (outside) at Aghavea Church Hall with breakfast. Time tbc.

**Sunday 27th March – Easter Day - The First Sunday of Easter** (white or gold)

## April 2016

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

**Friday 8th April** – 5k/10k Fun Run from Clabby Church Hall at 7.00pm. For more details contact Colin Stronge tel: 028 89521830 / 07901678180 or Alan Robinson tel: 028 89522193 / 07810258481.

**Friday 15th April** – The Police Male Voice Choir in Concert in Aghavea Church Hall at 8pm. Tickets available from Select Vestry members.

**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 Bishops’ Medal and Archdeacon Ruddell Prize entries. To be submitted to Clogher Diocesan Office.

**Friday 22nd April** – Institution of Revd Canon David Skuce as rector of Inishmacsaint Parish at 7.30pm.

**Sunday 24th April** – Annual Friends Service in Clabby Parish Church at 3.00pm.

**Sunday 24th April** – Commissioning Service for Admission of Parish Readers in Kilskeery Parish Church at 7.30pm.

## May 2016

**Tuesday 3rd May** – Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting at 10.00am.

**Tuesday 3rd May** – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting at 11.00am.

**Tuesday 3rd May** – Clogher Diocesan Council meeting at 2.00pm.

**Saturday 7th May** – Vintage Bike Run from Clabby Church hall at 10.00am. Details from Jim Monteith tel: 028 89521167 / 07751 803660.

**Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th May 2016** – General Synod in



the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.

**Thursday 19th May** – Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in St Patrick’s Church, Monaghan at 7.30pm. Featuring pupils from seven National Schools and Monaghan Collegiate school, along with a combined choir from churches throughout Co Monaghan.

## June 2016

**Saturday 4th June** – Fun Day from at 12 noon–4.00pm at Clabby Parish Hall. All Proceeds to Church Funds.

**Sunday 5th June** – Favourite Hymns Evening in Aghavea Church Hall at 7.30pm.

## September 2016

**Friday 2nd September** – Midnight walk from Clabby Church Hall. Details from Edwin and Hilary Armstrong tel: 028 89541852.

**Sunday 4th September** – Diocesan Commissioning Service for Sunday School Teachers

and all involved in Children’s Ministry at 7.00pm in St Patrick’s Church, Monaghan.

**Tuesday 6th September** – Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting at 10.00am.

**Tuesday 6th September** – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting at 11.00am.

**Tuesday 6th September** – Clogher Diocesan Council meeting at 2.00pm.

**Sunday 11th September** – Diocesan Commissioning Service for Sunday School Teachers and all involved in Children’s Ministry at 7.00pm in St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen.

**Thursday 22nd September** – Clogher Diocesan Synod at 4.30pm.

**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.

## November 2016

**Tuesday 1st November** – Clogher Diocesan Board of Education meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 10.00am.

**Tuesday 1st November** – Clogher Diocesan Glebes Committee meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 11.00am.

**Tuesday 1st November** – Clogher Diocesan Council meeting in St Macartin’s Cathedral Hall, Enniskillen at 2.00pm.

**Friday 25th - Sunday 27th November** – Christmas Tree Festival in Rossorry Parish as part of their 175th Anniversary Celebrations.

## NEWS FOR VESTRIES

### Easter Vestry Returns 2016

By now all Parish Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers should have received material and information for completion of the 2016 Easter Vestry Returns. Can parishes ensure that all sections are submitted either online or in hard copy, as applicable, by 25th April.

### Charity Registration update: Republic of Ireland

As the deadline for the registration of charities in the Republic of Ireland approaches on 16th April 2016 the Charities Regulatory Authority (CRA) has asked the central Church to produce a list of all Church of Ireland bodies that will, in due course, be seeking registration under the Charities Act 2009.

A letter has been sent to all ROI parishes recently to ensure that any locally held assets under local trusteeship are also included in the list, or, that local trustees have already responded to invitations to register with the CRA. It is important that Select Vestries assure themselves that all

assets are properly accounted for under the new legislation as any breach of duty may result in a challenge to the Select Vestry by the CRA or might leave local trustees responsible for the assets in a way that was never intended, including financial and insurance responsibilities. A number of queries have been received in Church House as to how these locally held assets can be identified.

Central Church is happy to assist Select Vestries with queries and has set up a helpline in Church House. If you have a query relating to any aspect of registration affecting the parish, please contact Ms Joanne Richards on 01 4125 660 or email [charityreg@rcbdub.org](mailto:charityreg@rcbdub.org). A copy of the letter with additional information can be found on the Church website at: <http://ireland.anglican.org/news/6185>

### Charity Registration update: Northern Ireland

Clogher Diocese is now due to register its parishes with The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, and in preparation for this, documents have been sent to the Honorary Secretaries of all NI parishes. Please ensure these forms are completed at your Easter Vestry meeting and returned to the Diocese Office or retained for the registration workshops, as detailed in the letter.

# MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

## Mothers' UNION Christian care for families

### Acknowledgement



Irene Boyd MU President

Dear Members  
Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your greetings, good wishes and support on my appointment as Diocesan President. I wish to record my appreciation to everyone who braved the wintry weather to attend my Commissioning service

in January. I include a special thank you to the Bishop, the Rt Revd John McDowell for his challenging address and to the Revd John McClenaghan for preparing and conducting the service. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to this special event in my life – to the organist Mrs Isobel Little, Mothers' Union members in the choir, members who lifted the offering, Maureen and Heather for carrying the banners, Joy Coalter, Diocesan Lay Reader for assisting with Holy Communion and members of the Trustee Body for their assistance and support.

Thank you to Churchwardens and Vestry members who assisted in all arrangements for the service and for parishioners, family and friends who support the event.

Finally, a special thank you to Dr Margaret Knox for her kind and gracious words of encouragement as I take over the role of President. May she know God's blessing in the days ahead.

I ask for your continued prayers that I may be given wisdom and strength for the years ahead.

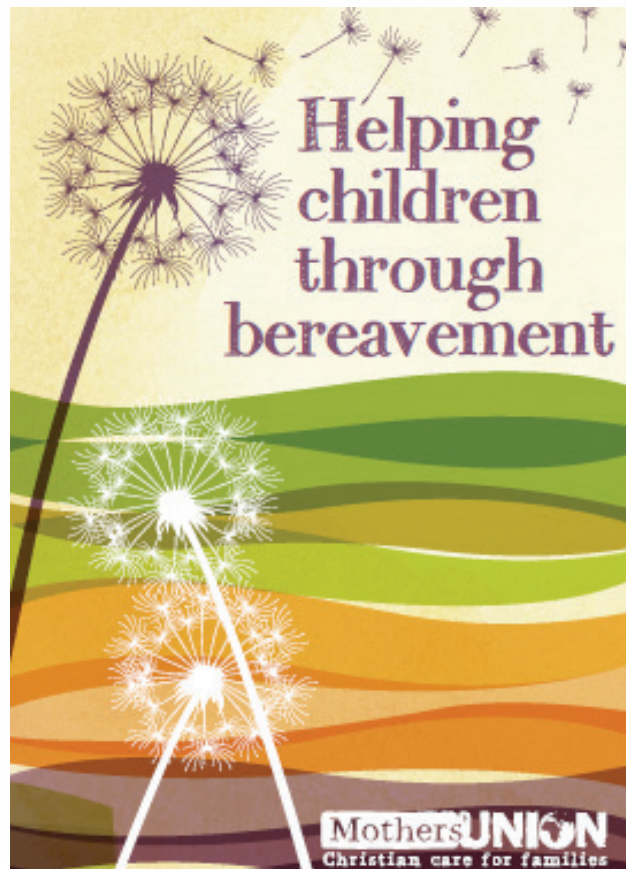
Irene Boyd

### Families & Church Leaflets

Mothers' Union have launched a new series of leaflets which focus on different aspects of family life and how the church can be a part of it. The first two 'Helping Children Through Bereavement' and 'Celebrate With Us' are available to order now and watch this space for the other two leaflets which will be available later in the year.

Cost is £1 for a pack of 10 leaflets. Order through your Diocesan MU Rep or from

<http://www.mothersunion.org/members/im-member/resources-order>



## YOUTH NEWS



### CDYC Youth Summer 2016 Mission Service

It is always encouraging to see our young people taking the opportunity to give some of their summer holidays to serving abroad in mission. As a youth council we not only want to encourage this important commitment but to also support those travelling and serving in this way. Those taking this step are invited to apply for an individual mission grant. An application form can be received by email or from the diocesan office.

Please contact the diocesan youth officer, Jonathan Phenix.

Applications must be completed and sent before the 15th April 2016.

We look forward to hearing for you and reading about your call to mission this summer.

Email: [dyo@clogher.anglican.org](mailto:dyo@clogher.anglican.org)

Post To: Summer Missions, Diocesan Office, St. Macartin's Cathedral Hall, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen, BT74

### Summer Youth Festivals

This summer our young adults (20-30yrs) like our older teens (16-18s) will attend CIYD summertime festivals. The Catalyst event was very successful with our young adults last year and we look forward to seeing both groups attend and enjoy the events again this year. The Anois event in the autumn term for our younger teens (13-15yrs) was a great success last year and we again look forward to seeing even more of our young people attending from youth ministries throughout the diocese. Details of both this summer's Catalyst & SummerMadness Festivals are available from the diocesan youth officer, Jonathan Phenix, your CDYC rural deanery representative or individual parish youth ministry leaders.

### Clogher Streams & CIYD Young Adults Foundations

The "Foundations" programme is a gathering and Church of Ireland initiative designed to encourage and develop discipleship in young adults in their 20s & 30s. The Foundations concept has also been expanding to the west in partnership with ourselves in Clogher through our Streams young adults initiative.

There are three key elements of the programme; Welcome, worship and teaching. We believe a time of welcome is a highly important at the start of any gathering. Worship should be both corporate and intimate allowing space for response and connection

with God. Teaching should be Biblical and always with depth and application to our everyday lives. The programme is designed for young adults to;

- Explore their faith with other believers.
- Enjoy times of contemporary worship.
- Respond through prayer activities & prayer ministry.
- Share, connect and encourage.

It is encouraging to see that this connection with our youth department as a diocese is flourishing as our Streams young adults engage with the programme. Recently Andrew Frame the development officer for the department travelled down to the Fountain Centre Kesh for another in the series of Foundations gatherings with our young adults. Following a welcome time and sharing of the peace of God with each other we spent time worshipping God together. Our speaker, Andrew spoke from Acts 12. As the early church were gathered together praying for Peter he appears at the door of the house were they are praying. How the disciples were astonished when Peter appeared at the gate of the house. Andrew underlined how even though they were praying for Peter they did not believe when told he was free and had come to be with them. Andrews questions were, "Can we be like this?", "How big is our God?" When we pray do we expect God to answer or are we like the disciples and incredible even when faced with an answer to our prayers and maybe even more!

Andrew concluded his teaching by asking us to reflect on what we would ask for in faith believing that we would be heard. We then wrote these prayers on post-its and placed them on a wooden cross.

There was then a short time of worship and prayer followed by supper provided by the Fountain's young adults group.

In a day when there are many alternatives, especially for our young adults, of where and when they commit in terms of employment, commerce, social and church engagement it's good to see the Foundations gatherings being supported and working well for our young people.





# Diocesan Commissioning Services

for Sunday School Teachers and all  
those involved in Children's Ministry

**WILL TAKE PLACE ON**

**Sunday 4th September** at 7.00pm in  
St Patrick's Church, Monaghan

**Sunday 11th September** at 7.00pm in  
St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen

## Archdeacon Ruddell Prize and Bishop's Medal Competitions 2016

Clogher Diocesan Board of Religious Education invites children and young people to enter the following competitions. The theme this year is:

## Our Parish Church

### Archdeacon Ruddell Prize

In your project, you should include the following:

- Our church building , its layout and furnishings
- People in our church
- Special services throughout our Church's year, e.g. Harvest, Christmas, Baptism
- Our church organisations (including Sunday School!)
- What our church does in our community

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

### Bishop's Medal

In your project, you should include the following:

- A brief history of our church
- Our church building (s) layout and furnishings
- Office-bearers in our church e.g. rector, organist, churchwardens
- A typical Sunday Service
- Special services throughout our Church's year, e.g. Harvest, Christmas and Easter
- Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion
- Our church organisations
- What our church does in the community

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

Entrants might consider interviewing the Rector and other people involved in the life of the Church. Relevant pictures, diagrams, photographs etc. can be included. Entries should be on A4 paper. All entries must be original, the work of those entering and must be handwritten.

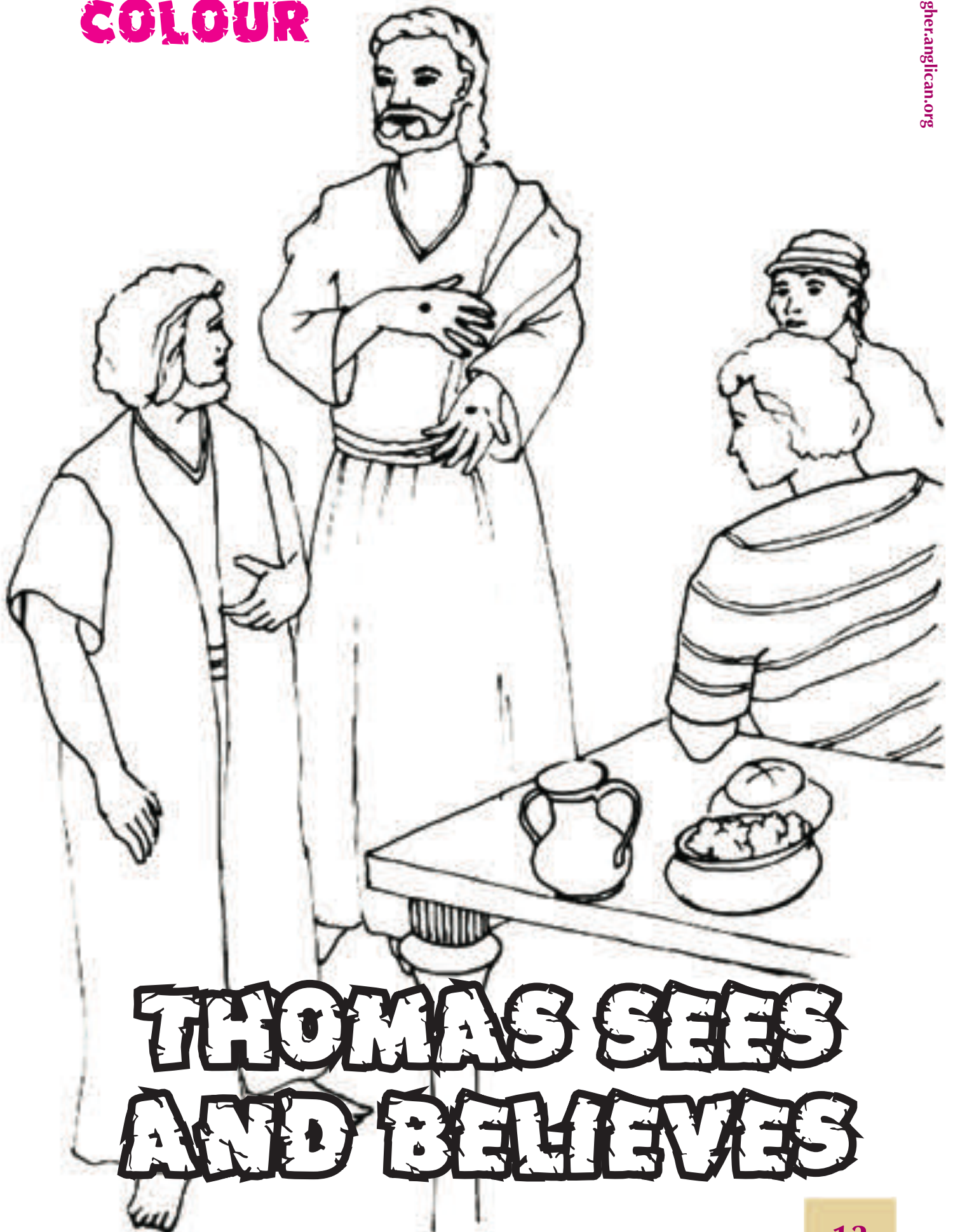
**All entries should please be left in the Diocesan Office by Wednesday 20th April 2016**



CHILDREN'S SECTION

COLOUR

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# THOMAS SEES AND BELIEVES

# READ

## Thomas doubts (you can read this in John chapter 20)

One of Jesus' disciples became famous for doubting something that was actually true. His name was Thomas, and this is what happened to earn him the nickname, "Doubting Thomas."

On the evening of the first Sunday after Jesus had been crucified, his disciples were together in a locked room. They were scared that those who had crucified Jesus would also want to kill them. Suddenly, Jesus appeared there in the locked room with the disciples. It was hard to believe, but Jesus showed them his wounds in his hands and his side, so they knew it was him. They were so happy.

One of the disciples, Thomas, was not in the room with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them. When the others told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he did not believe them. He had seen Jesus crucified and buried and he did not understand how he could now be alive. Thomas said, "Unless I see the wound in his side and put my finger in the holes where the nails were in his hands, I will not believe it!"

A week later, the disciples were in the locked room again and this time Thomas was with them. Again, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. Jesus, said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas showed he believed when he said, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

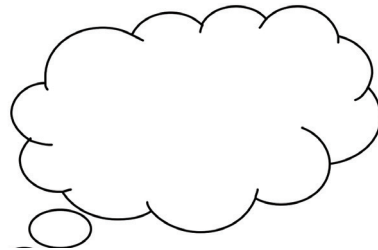
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This event is not the only time we hear about Thomas in the Bible. In John chapter 11 we learn that it was Thomas who showed great courage by saying that all the disciples should go with Jesus to Bethany, although it was dangerous for them to do so. John tells us that it was Thomas who said "Let us also go, that we may die with him." This is very different to the more familiar "Unless I see the nail marks... I will not believe." Maybe it is unwise for us to look back at Thomas with disapproval. It is probably much more careful for us to look back and wonder quietly what we would have said or done, if faced with the same situation.

**THINK** What would you have done or said?  
Write it here:-



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Jesus is the Son of God	Jesus had a beard	Jesus died on a cross for our sins
God loves all people	Jesus rose from the dead	The Bible is the word of God
Jesus ate chocolate Easter eggs	God made the world	Jesus is alive now

You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will we be a doubter, or will we be one of those who Jesus said were blessed because they believe, even though they have not seen?

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Servant Queen and the King she serves

WITH A FOREWORD BY  
Her Majesty  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II



A tribute for Her Majesty's 90th birthday

In a strong statement of faith, the Queen has said that she is 'very grateful' to the nation for its prayers for her and that she has felt God's 'faithfulness' during 64 years on the throne. The comments – rare insights into the Queen's personal thoughts and Christian faith – came in the forward to a new book, *The Servant Queen and the King*

She Serves, published by Bible Society, HOPE and LICC. Her Majesty said, 'I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for his steadfast love. I have indeed seen his faithfulness.' The book is being published to mark the Queen's 90th birthday, in April. In her comments, the Queen referred to the changes she has seen in her life, which has made her the longest-reigning monarch in British history. 'The extent and pace of change has been truly remarkable,' she said. 'We have witnessed triumphs and tragedies.' And she alluded to the current problems in the Middle East saying that the world is now experiencing 'terrible suffering on an unprecedented scale'. The Queen's Christian faith is well-known. In recent years, Her Majesty has referred to her beliefs in public statements, including Christmas broadcasts. *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* highlights the Queen's faith and how it has shaped her personal life and service to the nation. A 12-page schools version has been published by Scripture Union. Time to celebrate Bible Society, HOPE, LICC and Scripture Union are encouraging churches to bring communities together to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with Thanksgiving services and street parties on Sunday 12 June – giving the book away as a gift to party guests. Copies of *The Servant Queen and the King She Serves* are available in packs of 10 at £1 a copy (plus p&p). Visit [www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/thequeen) to order copies and for ideas on how to hold a street party and Thanksgiving service.

[www.clogher.anglican.org](http://www.clogher.anglican.org)

## PARISH NOTES

### Aghadrumsee, Clogh and Drumsnatt



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### Services

#### March

##### Sunday 6th

9.30am Drumsnatt Holy Communion

10.45am Clogh Holy Communion

12.05pm Aghadrumsee Holy Communion/Holy Baptism

##### Sunday 13th

10.30am Drumsnatt Morning Prayer

3.00pm Clogh Confirmation Service

##### Sunday 20th (Palm Sunday)

9.30am Drumsnatt Morning Prayer

10.45am Clogh All Age Service

3.00pm Aghadrumsee Palm Praises Service

##### Thursday 24th (Maundy Thursday)

8.00pm Aghadrumsee Holy Communion

##### Friday 25th (Good Friday)

8.00pm Clogh Service of Reflection

##### Sunday 27th (Easter Sunday)

9.30am Drumsnatt Holy Communion

10.45am Clogh Holy Communion

12.05pm Aghadrumsee Holy Communion

### Bible Study

Our Bible Study will conclude on Monday 7th March at 7.45pm in the Rectory. Once again sincere thanks must go to the Captain for all his work for the hospitality shown in his home.

### Easter Vestry Meetings

Aghadrumsee – Monday 14th March at 8.00pm

Clogh – Tuesday 5th April at 8.00pm

Drumsnatt – Thursday 17th March at 8.00pm

## Meetings for March

Young Ladies Group – Tuesday 8th March at 8.30pm  
 ‘Ladies Night’  
 Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild – Thursday 17th March at 8.00pm

## Confirmation

Friday 11th March at 7.30pm - Confirmation candidates and parents meet for a rehearsal at Clogh Church.  
 Sunday 13th March at 3.00pm - A Service of Confirmation will take place in Holy Trinity Clogh. There will be no morning services in Aghadrumsee or Clogh so that we can join together to support those being confirmed.

## Jamie Nelson Memorial Band Concert

A concert will take place in Clogh War Memorial Hall on Friday 18th March at 7.30pm. Supper provided. Tickets £5 or €8, proceeds in aid of Cancer Connect and hall funds.



Singer Wee Tom with some members Aghadrumsee Ladies Guild who organised the Valentine's Dance at the hall on Friday 13th February

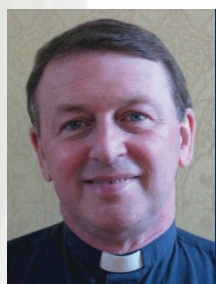
## Palm Praises

Musical weekend with the Ferguson Family and friends in Aghadrumsee Church on Saturday 19th March from 10.30am to 5.00pm, concluding with a Service of Praise on Sunday 20th at 3.00pm with Revd Peter Ferguson. Refreshments will be served on both days and everyone is most welcome.

## Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death Victor Lang, Smithborough in January. A lay preacher in Methodist Church he led services in Drumsnatt from time to time. Sympathy is extended to his wife Margaret, children: Lorraine, Colin, Glen and Keith, and the wider family circle.

## Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th

10.45am Colebrooke Holy Communion  
 2.15pm Cooneen Holy Communion

#### Sunday 13th

10.45am Colebrooke Morning Prayer  
 12.15pm Cooneen Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 20th

11.00am Palm Sunday  
 Family Service at Cooneen

#### Sunday 27th

11.00am Family Easter Communion at Colebrooke

## Lent Services (Wednesdays in Lent)

2nd March 8.00pm Colebrooke  
 9th March 8.00pm Colebrooke  
 16th March 8.00pm Colebrooke

## Holy Week Services

22nd March 8.00pm Cooneen (Tuesday)  
 23rd March 8.00pm Colebrooke (Wednesday)  
 24th March 8.00pm Cooneen Maundy Thursday Communion  
 25th March 8.00pm Colebrooke Good Friday

## Coffee Mornings

Our coffee morning fellowship is held on the first Wednesday of every month, the next being on Wednesday 2nd March from 10.30am to 12.00noon. If you fancy some home-made goodies, and fresh coffee (or tea), please drop in and join us.

## Mothers' Union

The meeting in February is Members' Celebration of Faith, where each member shares a Bible verse, prayer, poem, hymn or other item which reflects their faith journey. We look forward to welcoming Letitia Moffatt to our Meeting on 16th March where she will share 'A walk in Faith' and bring some literature from the IEB Bookshop.

Everyone is encouraged to support the Woman's World Day of Prayer in Brookeborough Methodist Church on Friday 4th March.

Mrs Irene Boyd wishes to convey to all members of Colebrooke and Cooneen Mothers' Union, heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their warm and sincere support on the occasion of her Commissioning as Diocesan President. Their contribution to the service and refreshments afterwards added to the memorable occasion.

## SNATCH (Sunday Night At the Church Hall) Youth Ministry

### Aghavea & Colebrooke

Sunday 6th and 20th March at 7.00pm in Aghavea Church 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-8.30pm for boys and girls aged 4-14 years. The leaders provide a wide range of Scouting skills.

Squirrels (4 - 6 years)  
Beavers (6 – 8 years)  
Cubs (8 – 11 years)  
Scouts (11 – 14 years)

## Bowling Club

Our Annual Fun Tournament was again very successful with participants travelling from near and far and much fun and fellowship shared by all. Thanks to all club members for their contribution to this event.

Congratulations are extended to Mark Granleese and Derek Johnston who recently won the Annual Pairs Competition in Sallagh.

## Aghavea



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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th (Mothering Sunday)

11.00am Holy Communion & Sunday School

#### Sunday 13th

11.00am Morning Prayer & Sunday School

7.00pm SNATCH - Aghavea Hall

#### Sunday 20th (Palm Sunday)

11.00am Church Family Service

7.30pm Palm Sunday Praise with SNATCH

#### Sunday 27th (Easter Day)

7.00am Dawn Service (outside) followed by breakfast

11.00am Easter Family Celebration

### April

#### Sunday 3rd

11.00am Holy Communion

Dear friends,

One of the standout features of BB displays when I was growing up were the sketches performed, causing uproar among the audience. Two of them had a similar idea behind them. The first was a son preparing a chicken dinner for the first time, not knowing what he was doing,

so he was to listen to a cookery demonstration on the radio, and follow along, step by step. That would have been fine, except when he had disappeared into the pantry for something, the radio programme had been changed at short notice to 'Bathing your Baby'. You can imagine the result, as the chicken destined for the oven was gently bathed, talcum-powdered, and dressed. Crossed lines, with unintended consequences.

The second sketch had four radio programmes cutting through each other, with a jumble of news, sport, gardening and chat providing unexpected stories. So, for example, you would have heard something like: 'The Prime Minister said today that... it's time to plant your tomatoes... on the penalty spot at Wembley...' The phrase for something like that is talking at cross purposes, leading to confusion.

This year in Holy Week, we will be talking cross purposes, but hopefully not bringing any confusion. We will be looking at the purposes of the cross, as we ask what did the cross achieve? Over five evenings, we will look at the epistles, discovering what the cross means for us - reconciliation with God, peace with one another, victory, freedom, and forgiveness. We are delighted to be joining again with our brothers and sisters from Brookeborough Methodist. Join with us for a special week as we focus on the cross purposes, and rejoice in the Saviour.

Yours in Christ, Gary

## Lent Midweek Services

*'Out of the storm: The suffering of Job'*

Wednesday nights at 8pm in the Parish Church

2nd March - Holding on to hope - Job's confidence

9th March - Out of the storm - Job's confrontation

16th March - Restoration - Job's conclusion



**Out of the storm:  
The suffering of Job**

## Cross Purposes: What did the Cross Achieve?

Join us at 8pm each evening in Holy Week:

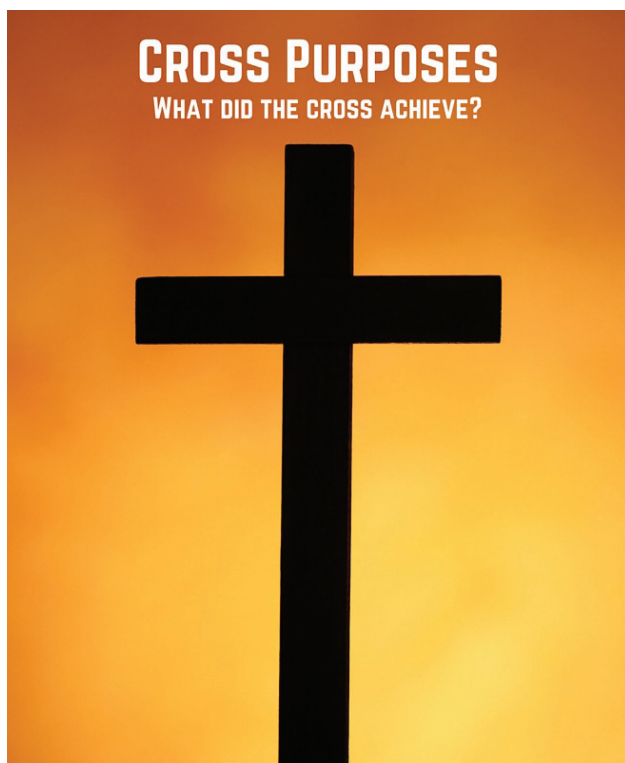
Monday 21st - Reconciliation - Aghavea Parish Church

Tuesday 22nd - Peace - Brookeborough Methodist Church

Wednesday 23rd - Victory - Aghavea Parish Church

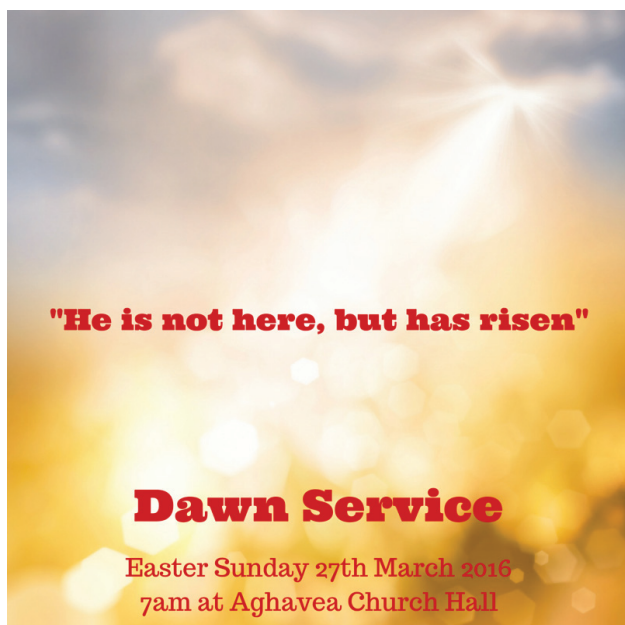
Thursday 24th - Freedom - Brookeborough Methodist Church

Good Friday 25th - Forgiveness - Aghavea Parish Church



### Easter Dawn Service

According to Google, sunrise on Easter morning, 27th March, will be at 7.14am (BST - the clocks go forward that morning!). We'll gather for our Easter Dawn Service at 7am in the grounds of the Church Hall to celebrate the truth that the Lord Jesus is risen! Breakfast will be served after the service in the Church Hall. Please sign up on the list in the porch by Friday 25th for catering purposes.



### Easter General Vestry

The Easter Vestry is an important meeting in the life of the parish, as we mark another year of ministry and witness to the Lord Jesus in Aghavea. We look backwards, as we receive reports from the past year,

and look forwards as we choose Churchwardens, Glebewardens and the Select Vestry. This year our Easter Vestry will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 8pm in the Church Hall. All are welcome, although only registered Vestry members can stand for election and vote.

### Gospel Concert

Thank you to all who came along and supported our Annual Gospel Concert. We're looking forward to hosting the Police Male Voice Choir on Friday 15th April, to which you're invited. Tickets are now available from Select Vestry members or the Rectory (028) 8953 1210.

### Sunday School

Sunday School meets at 11am, 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 8pm - 10pm, and new members are always welcome. The season will finish with our Annual General Meeting on Monday 14th March.

### Mothers' Union

Thank you to Rev Isobel Nixon, who spoke on the theme of prayer at our February meeting. Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th at 8pm, when our speaker will be Joan Watson.

### GFS

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

### SNATCH

SNATCH (Sunday Night At The Church Hall) is our youth group for secondary school age young people, in partnership with Colebrooke and Clabby Parishes. This term we're meeting in Aghavea Hall, on Sunday 13th March, with a Palm Sunday Praise service on Sunday 20th at 7.30pm. New members are very welcome - registration forms can be filled in by parents on arrival.

### Find us on Facebook and iTunes

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

## Ballybay, Clontibret and Muckno



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Times when we are sick, in hospital or at home, are part of the pattern of every person's life at some stage or other. For my own part, I had to go to hospital a few times following breakages or ligament ruptures in rugby matches, and a fair bit of stitching too!

Sickness is a reminder of our mortality - even a bad bout of flu can leave you almost punch-drunk when you get out of bed and try to recover your land legs again. "Mourir un peu" - that's a quip the French use. Every day, we "die a little".

Prayer for the sick is extremely important - faithfully laying the person you pray for in the very shadow of the risen Christ Himself. I believe no prayer that is offered in faith is ever in vain. Jesus said, "What ever you ask the Father in my name that He will give you". Always, a healing grace is, I believe, released from God - it might be physical, emotional, spiritual, mental - it might be, as I've often seen, a reconciling, or the need to confess and be absolved; or enough strength given to cope in time of stress and need.

Our hospitals and nursing homes, and their surgeons, doctors, nurses, carers, laboratory and research staff, kitchen staff, cleaning staff, porters, office staff and all the other components that make up those institutions of healing care in our land merit our highest respect. All of that is nothing less than Christ's command "To heal the sick" revealed at the coal-face and worked out in a completely incarnational form. The Church's ministry to the sick is there to complement the work of hospitals and doctors; it should not try to act counter to it but is there in complete partnership, in solidarity with the healing hands of Christ and there are times, indeed, when even medicine doesn't have the last word. There can be real surprises - God's surprises. In C.S. Lewis's words, there are those occasions when indeed we can be 'surprised by joy'.

I read recently that about 26% of the material in the four Gospels is to do with Jesus and healing. The people who seem especially close to the heart of Jesus are the lepers, the outsiders, the poor, the refugees, the afflicted - and the sick. And Jesus continues his work of healing right to the end - the high priest's servant's ear, cut off in the fracas in Gethsemane, is healed; so too is the thief, dying beside Him on the cross but then reconciled to Him; and so too does His mother Mary receive a healing grace, as Jesus commands her, in her hour of utter pain and desolation, into the steadfast and dependable care of His beloved disciple and friend, John.

When you visit the sick as a clergyman, you should try and do three things with your visit. In Christ's name and

risen power, you should 'cheer, heal and sanctify' the sick person, words taken from that great prayer in the Book of Common Prayer on page 146 for 'hospitals and infirmaries', the words of which I will leave you all with now.

*Almighty God, whose blessed Son went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness; Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us, especially in the hospitals and infirmaries and of our land; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the doctors, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing on all who labour to relieve suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### Muckno

#### World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer for the Castleblayney/Clontibret area took place in Muckno Church Hall on Friday 4th March at 8.00pm. This year's theme was 'Receive Children - Receive Me.' Special guest speaker was Mrs Valerie Stewart, wife of the Presbyterian Minister of Clones.

#### St Marys Hospital Monthly Holy Communion Service

A service of Holy Communion takes place twice monthly by Revd Jim Hagan during the month and the Rector of Muckno on the last Thursday of each month at 3.00pm.

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

In Castleblayney, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was celebrated between the Church of Ireland Parish of Muckno and the Catholic Parish of Muckno. On Saturday 23rd January evening the Rector spoke and led prayers in St Mary's Church, Castleblayney, at their 7.00pm service. The next morning, one of the curates from St Mary's, Fr Owen Gorman came and delivered the sermon in St Maeldoid's Church at the 10.00am service. A number of parishioners from St Mary's also came along to St Maeldoid's for the 10.00am service and stayed for refreshments afterwards. A great time of fellowship was shared between the two parishes at both events.

#### Get well wishes

Get well wishes to John Montgomery at this time who underwent major heart surgery during January. We wish him a speedy recovery and pray that God will continue to send his healing touch down upon him.

#### Mothers Union

On Wednesday 17th February the Mothers Union met in Clontibret Church Hall. Making an Easter Card with Freda Makem was the theme on the night and refreshments were served afterwards.

#### Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Hill and the Kingham families on the death of Harriet Hill's Aunt, Mrs

Kingham who was laid to rest in Broomfield Presbyterian Churchyard.

**Easter Vestry**

Tuesday 19th April at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

**Ballybay**

**World Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer for the Ballybay area took place in the Church of Ireland this year on Friday 4th March. The theme this year was based on 'children'.

**Sympathy**

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Pratt-Clarke family on the death of Tanya Pratt's Aunt. May the peace of God be a comfort to the family at this time.

Deepest Sympathy to the Moffett family on the death of Astrid's Uncle.

**Easter Sunday**

On Sunday 27th March a Service of Holy Communion will be held at 9.00am in Christ Church.

**Easter Vestry**

Sunday 10th April, immediately after Church around 1.00pm in Christ Church.

**Illness**

Remembering and praying for those housebound in the parish, especially Mrs McGregor who has had a bad flu recently and also Mrs Jean Harkness in St Mary's Hospital in Castleblayney.

**Clontibret**

**Organ Playing**

We were pleased to have Mrs Elaine Lister join us in worship and play the organ at our Family Service. Thank you Elaine, it is wonderful to hear our organ played.

**Mothers Union**

On Wednesday, 17th February we hosted the Mothers Union (MU) meeting. We were joined by Freda Makem and made Easter Cards.

Some members attended the MU Breakfast on 20th February in the Killyhevlin Hotel with speaker Mrs Jacqui Armstrong, All Ireland Faith and Policy Coordinator.

We congratulate Mrs Irene Boyd on her Commissioning as Diocesan President, unfortunately due to the inclement weather we were not able to be represented at the service.

**Lenten Bible Study**

As we prepare for Easter we look forward to the study of St Matthew's Gospel and are grateful to all who will support us in our study. Thank you to the Revd Neal for making this possible.

**Get Well Wishes**

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are ill and in care. We think of Christine, Jim, Mabel and Esther in particular and trust that they will take comfort from the

prayers of the congregation and that they will know God's Peace in the days ahead. We continue to pray also for Winifred Jordan who is still recovering from her fall last year and also we remember in our prayers Leslie Lowey and Vincent Boyd. We ask for God's Blessing on them all. We send best wishes to Glenn Moore and our thanks to Ruth McKane and her fellow workers who work tirelessly to support us all in Glenn's absence.

**Special Parish Fundraiser**

On Tuesday 8th March we are running a fundraiser in the form of a Spring Floral Demonstration by Wilma Simpson of JP Flowers at 8.00pm in the church hall. Admission is €10 and a light supper will be served and everyone will be made most welcome.

**Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support**

Following a memorial service in St Colman's Monaghan Cancer Treatment Support (MCTS) was presented with a cheque for €1340 in memory of Abigail Thompson Mills-Franklin (nee Donaldson) by Mrs Rhoda Hill (nee Donaldson) Mrs Yvonne and Mr Victor Donaldson. Receiving the cheque is Maeve McCluskey, MCTS.



**Easter Vestry**

Wednesday 13th April at 8.00pm in the Church Hall.

**Carrickmacross Union, Magheraclone and Ardragh**

**Vacant**

The Revd Canon Charles McCollum  
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**Services**

**March**

**Carrickmacross:**

10.30am Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays  
10.30am Morning Prayer 1st and 3rd Sundays

**Magheraclone:**

12 noon Holy Communion 1st Sunday  
12 noon Morning Prayer 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays

**Ardragh:**

9.30pm Morning Prayer 1st Sunday  
1.15pm Holy Communion 3rd Sunday

Holy Days, Special Occasions and 5th Sundays as per announcements.

By the time these notes reach our homes we will be moving closer to Easter and all that it stands for in the Christian Church. The great message and expectation at Easter is always that of hope. The people before the time of Jesus, were impatient and wanted dramatic changes in society; they hoped the Christ would come and lead them in revolutionary ways against the prevailing system. But that wasn't the change he was prepared to bring. His change would bring a new way of life. Hope would replace despair.

Now, more than ever before, the world needs hope. Teilhard de Chardin said "The world belongs to him who will give it its greatest hope". As Christians we should be in the front ranks of every band of hope and glory, however small. Our religion is founded on hope.

**Holy Week and Easter Services**

Wednesday 23rd March - 8.00pm - Magheraclone  
Maundy Thursday 24th March - 8.00pm - Carrickmacross  
Good Friday 25th March - 8.00pm - Carrickmacross  
Saturday 26th March - 8.00pm Easter Vigil - Magheraclone  
Sunday 27th March - 9.30am - Ardragh  
10.30 am Carrickmacross

**Boundary Wall Collapse**

Unfortunately for St. Finbarr's Carrickmacross quite a crisis befell the parish on the morning of 27th January when the boundary wall along the Main Street collapsed out onto the street thereby blocking the traffic for a whole day. This collapse seemed to have been caused by the unprecedented rainfall throughout the night. While the Parish is faced by very difficult decisions, all are extremely thankful that no one was injured when it might have been otherwise. Negotiations are in progress with various bodies to decide the best way forward. The parish is very appreciative and grateful for the level of support from the townspeople in general.

**Cycling for Charity**

Congratulations to George Merrin who, along with a group of fellow students from the UCD Science Society, completed a successful cycle from Dublin to Galway as a fund raiser for Crumlin Childrens' Hospital on the last weekend in January.

**Table Tennis Club**

At present there is one senior team and six junior teams from the parish competing in the North East Church League. We await with interest the outcome of this competition.

**Illness**

A number of parishioners have been hospitalized over the past month or so. Most have returned home or are reportedly well on the mend. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been sick. We ask for God's blessing on them.

**Condolences**

We extend our sympathy to Freda McElwaine and her family on the death of her sister, Violet, in England on 9th February after a long illness.

**Cabra Central School**

Enrolment for the coming year is at present in progress. Parents are reminded to contact the school tel: 042 9667194 if they wish to have their child enrolled there.

**Annual Easter Vestries**

Magheraclone 6th April 8.00pm  
Carrickmacross 11th April 8.00pm  
Ardragh 17th April 2.00pm

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**Services****March****Mothering Sunday 6th**

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

**Wednesday 9th**

10:00am Monthly Healing & HC  
Mullaghduin Parochial Hall

**Sunday 13th**

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

**Palm Sunday 20th**

10:00am MP Mullaghduin  
11:30am MP Cleenish  
Maundy Thursday 24th March  
8:00pm HC Mullaghduin

**Good Friday 25th**

8:00pm Evening Service Cleenish

**Easter Sunday 27th**

6.30am Easter Morning Service &  
Breakfast Cleenish Centre  
8:00am HC Cleenish  
9.30am HC Mullaghduin  
11:00am HC Cleenish

**April**

**Sunday 3rd April**

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

**Vestry Meetings**

Wednesday 16th March - Cleenish Select Vestry  
Wednesday 6th April - Cleenish General Easter Vestry  
Thursday 7th April - Mullaghduin General Easter Vestry

**Monthly Service of Holy Communion**

This Service is held in Mullaghduin Parochial Hall on the second Wednesday of each month. It combines a shortened form of Holy Communion with the opportunity for prayer for the sick and bereaved, followed by a cup of tea and time for a chat. The next Service will be held on Wednesday 9th March.

**Dedication of Church Porch**

The Dedication of the extension to Cleenish Church Porch by the Bishop will be held on Sunday 8th May afternoon.

**Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union**

Cleenish Mothers' Union held a very successful 70th Anniversary Service on Sunday 17th January as published in last month's edition. Two new members Barbara Smyth & Sylvia Thornton were commissioned into the Branch.



Sylvia Thornton; Irene Boyd, Diocesan President; Lettie Coulter, Branch Leader; Barbara Smyth.

Lettie Coulter, the new Cleenish & Mullaghduin Branch Leader, states the Branch is always open to welcome new members. If you wish to join please contact her on tel: 028 66 32 6563.

It is now an opportunity to personally thank former Branch Leader, Joan Nixon, for her leadership and

dedication during her time in office. Joan remains a very important and active member of the Branch. On Tuesday 15th March Raymond Farrell speaks about Mental Health in Mullaghduin Parish Hall.

**Cleenish Brownies**

Brownies attended the Thinking Day Service in St John's Church, Florencecourt on Sunday 21st February and hosted the Thinking Day for neighbouring Groups in Cleenish Hall on Wednesday 24th February. They are at present engaged in craftwork for Mothers' Day and will take their Easter break for two weeks after Wednesday 16th March.

**Parent and Toddler Group**

Parent & Toddlers close for two weeks for their Easter break after Tuesday 15th March. A total of forty parents and children still attend this very successful Group each week. Extra volunteering staff would be appreciated to keep up the standard of success this Group is currently achieving.

**Cleenish Parish Supper Dance**



The 3rd Annual Parish Supper Dance held in the Unionist Hall, Enniskillen on Friday 12th February was again very successful. Approximately 200 patrons sat down to a very good meal, which was provided and served by the ladies from the Parish. Many thanks to all including members of the Select Vestry who assisted in organising this evening, selling tickets, setting up the Hall and running a successful auction and draw. Further details will be published in next edition.





## Mullaghy Flute Band Concert

The annual Flute Band Concert will be held as usual on Easter Tuesday 29th March at 8.00pm in Granshagh Hall. A magician from Armagh has been booked who will provide excellent entertainment for children. Tickets are £5 each or payable at the door.

## Sale of Firewood

Bags of firewood are for sale, proceeds in aid of Cleenish Church Car Park. Contact Ossie Clements on tel: 028 6634 8392 / mob: 07785 781215 or Balfour Hoey on tel: 028 6634 8914 / mob: 07775 666122.

## Bereavements

**Ida Hicks** - Ida passed away peacefully in the South West Hospital, during the early hours of Monday 25th January. Although she had been unwell for some time, she was admitted to Hospital the previous day. A daughter of the late George & Emily Hicks, Ida was reared on the family farm at Druminiskill. Upon leaving school, she went to work in the former STC Factory. During later years she volunteered as an assistant in the Salvation Army Charity Shop. Always a kind and charitable person, she kept a small number of animals at her home in Bellanaleck, and had a special interest in caring for her elderly neighbours. She was a devout christen, and was in her usual seat in Cleenish Church just eight days before her passing. Ida also attended regular meetings in the Gospel Hall in Enniskillen, from where there came a large representation to her funeral services. She was also a member of the Women's Orange Lodge, in which she attained high rank. Cleenish Church was packed to capacity at both the Tuesday evening service, and again on Wednesday 27th January afternoon service. Both were conducted by the

Rector and on Wednesday Pastor John Beattie paid a moving tribute to Ida. Her niece Kathryn read a passage from the bible, and Mrs Joan Brownlee played the organ. Ida was laid to rest beside her father & mother in the family grave in St John's Churchyard, Florencecourt. Sympathy is extended from the Rector and members of Cleenish Parish, to her brother Cecil, her sister Freda, brother in law Robert, and the entire family circle.

**Violet Creighton** - Violet, nee Hazlett was born into Mullaghduin Parish in June 1929. As a young adult she became a Sunday-School teacher and in 1953 she was married in Mullaghduin to William Creighton. Although Violet and Bill moved to Rossorry Parish they never forgot their home Parish, and they often revisited Mullaghduin especially at Harvest time. Violet's earthly life came to a sudden end on 26th January at her home, and following a Service of Thanksgiving for her life held in Rossorry Parish Church, she was laid to rest in Mullaghduin Churchyard. We express our sympathy to Violet's husband, Bill, to her children, Emily, William, Margaret, Anne, Sarah, Hazel, Violet, Ruth, Heather and Richard; to her sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grand children, and great-grand children. We also remember her sister-in-law Celia, and her nephews and nieces.

## Cleenish Centre

This is the sixth year in the Courtyard of the Cleenish Centre that we join together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. It will be held at 6.30am BST on Easter Morning, 27th March. You will all be very welcome to breakfast and fellowship in the Devenish room afterwards. Please bring your family and friends.

To contact the Centre by email: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or tel 028 66349647.

## Bellanaleck Community Group

The Group held their first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday 27th January. It was the first opportunity for members to discuss the successful Childrens' Christmas Party, as reported in the previous magazine notes.

Two members of the local Community Police were present and give an update of the way Police will be reacting to responses and requests, as a result of the recent restructuring of the Force. They are keen for local residents to protect their property, as recent thefts from vehicles in one estate made it easy for the thieves, as the items stolen were removed from unlocked cars. Members are concerned about students stepping off School buses and crossing the busy main road in the Village, when concentrating on their mobile phones. Some discussion took place about the allotments in the Community Garden, and it is intended to re-tender again this year.

Chairman, George Cathcart is taking a keen interest in the Challenge Fund Project, and stated some apple trees have already been planted in the Community Garden.

Two of the Groups most active members were unable to attend the meeting. Group Treasurer, Derrick Graham is making good progress after his accident, and is able to carry out light duties around the farmyard.

Ruby Arnold is now back home after her recent operation, and she too is making satisfactory progress.

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd March.

## Holy Baptism

### Cleenish Parish Church

**Sunday 7th February**

James Andrew Connelly, baby son of Barry & Shirley, Derrylin. The infant was presented with a Baptismal Cube on behalf of the Mothers' Union, by Mrs Lettie Coulter.

## Christian Burials

### Cleenish Parish Church

Wednesday 27th January: Ida Elizabeth Margaret Hicks, Derrylin Road, Bellanaleck. Aged 72 years.

### Mullaghduon Parish Church

Saturday 30th January 2016: Violet Evelyn Creighton, Clonamullog, Enniskillen. Aged 86 years.

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## Services

### March

#### Wednesday 2nd

8.00pm Lenten Service Errigal Portclare

#### Sunday 6th

10.00am Errigal Portclare HC

11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am AughernMP

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

#### Wednesday 9th

8.00pm Clogher Cathedral Lenten Service

#### 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

#### Wednesday 16th

8.00pm Aughern Lenten Service followed by M.U.

#### Thursday 17th: St. Patricks Day

9.00am Clogher Cathedral HC

#### Sunday 20th: Palm Sunday

10.00am Errigal Portclare MP

11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Augher MP

11.30am Newtownsaville MP

#### Thursday 24th: Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Clogher Cathedral HC

#### Friday 25th: Good Friday

8.00pm Clogher Cathedral Reading of the Passion

#### Sunday 27th: Easter Day

10.00am Errigal Portclare HC

11.30am Clogher Cathedral HC

10.00am Augher HC

11.30am Newtownsaville HC

## Clogher's Black Santa makes donation to NSPCC

On Sunday 31st January three members of the Omagh Branch of NSPCC attended Morning Prayer at St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher and were presented with a cheque for £804 by the Rector, Canon Noel Regan.

The Canon had done a sit-out in Clogher on the Saturday before Christmas, something which has become an annual event in the life of the town. This year donations were shared between the NSPCC and the Cathedral Restoration Fund. Canon Regan commended members of the parish and the wider community for their generosity.

Mrs Margaret Mitchell, speaking on behalf of NSPCC, expressed her delight at the significant donation and explained that the funds would be used within Northern Ireland to protect children at risk of neglect or abuse. She gave examples of some of the services provided by the charity – an awareness raising programme in primary schools, support for children who have to appear in court and the Childline telephone service.



Canon Noel Regan, Mrs Margaret Mitchell, Mrs Angela Charleton and Mrs Janet Howard.



## Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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### Services

#### March 4th

8.00pm Clones: The World Day of Prayer is celebrated in the Cassandra Hand Centre. Refreshments.

#### 6th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.00am Clones: Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss: Morning Prayer

#### 13th: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00am Currin (Scotshouse): Holy Communion

11.30am Killeevan: Morning Prayer

#### 20th: Palm Sunday

11.00am Clones: Reading the Passion (Group Service)

#### 24th: Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Killeevan: Holy Communion. Preacher Bishop John (Group Service)

#### 25th: Good Friday

8.00pm Currin (Scotshouse): Prayers at the Cross (Group Service)

#### 27th: Easter Day

11.00am Newbliss: Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt (Group Service) NB: Summer time begins.

#### 3rd April: The Second Sunday of Easter

10.00am Clones: Holy Communion

11.30am Newbliss: Morning Prayer

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
who, in your tender love towards the human race,  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
Grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
(Collect ii: Palm Sunday)*

### Clothes Collection

If anyone is planning a spring clean, you have the opportunity to pass on unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, towels and linen to the clothes collection organised by Clones Parish. Please contact Mrs Christine Rusk, tel. 047 – 20801 before Tuesday 15th March. Thank you for your support.

### Clones Lenten Appeal to the Leprosy Mission

As previous years, Clones Parish encourages all to support the work of the Leprosy Mission. For information and a Lenten box, please contact Mrs Etta Crowe, tel. 047 – 51647.

### Confirmation

The confirmation on Sunday 7th February in St Laebhan's Church, Killeevan, was a wonderful occasion. Four candidates were confirmed. Please pray for Evan, Matthew, Paislie and Rebecca as they continue as disciples of Christ.



Candidates cutting the cake

We were all greatly encouraged by the Bishop's sermon based on how God has laid down some of himself in us as we are all created in God's image. The music was led by the choir and organists, Mrs Ivy Ritchie and Mrs May Leech. After the service the parish had organised cake and tea for candidates, supporters and parishioners.

### General Easter Vestry Meetings

In March, the General Easter Vestries will be held in each of the four parishes. These meetings can be described as the annual general meeting for each parish and they are open for all parishioners, not only for Select Vestry members. Dates, times and venues as below:

**Clones:** Tuesday 8th March April at 8.00pm in the Protestant Hall.

**Currin:** Monday 14th March at 8.30pm in Killyfargue Hall.

**Newbliss:** Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm in the Market House.

**Killeevan:** Wednesday 16th March at 8.00pm in the Hall.

### Marking of International Women's Day

Transition Year at Largy College welcomes you all to an Ecumenical service marking International Women's Day on Wednesday 9th March at 12 noon in St Tighernach's Church, Clones.

## World Day of Prayer

This year's Prayer Service took place on Friday 4th March at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones. The theme this year was: 'Receive children - Receive me' and was prepared by a group from Cuba. The service in the Cassandra Hand Centre was arranged by an ecumenical group of women in the Clones area.

### Lent 2016: Great is the Mystery of Faith (1 Timothy 3:16)

This year our focus for Lent is on faith. The purpose of the talks is that we will move beyond the essentials of faith and dig deeper in to what is described in the First Letter to Timothy, as the Mystery of Faith. During Lent we will, together with our speakers, consider faith from the point of dogma - the teaching, how we keep refreshed in our faith and how we handle faith in times of trials and difficulties. In other words, we will focus on our identity as Christians and how our faith in Father, Son and Spirit shapes our lives. An additional dimension in our Lenten study this year is that we will consider children's profound faith. Children have an amazing understanding of God and reverence for the holy and hence on one evening we will focus on what we can learn from children and how we as adults can guide and accompany them on the journey of faith through life.

We look forward to listen to personal reflections and insights that will stimulate our thinking and understanding of faith. Our speakers come from the Diocese of Clogher and we are delighted to welcome them to Clones.

#### Programme:

##### 'Freshness of Faith'

Thursday 3rd March at 8.00pm in the Cassandra Hand Centre, Clones.

How do we avoid stagnation and routine and find inspiration for our faith? Together with our speaker we will explore different ways of revitalise our faith and keep it fresh.

Speaker: Revd Anita Kerr, Newtownbutler

##### 'Childhood Faith'

Wednesday 9th March at 8.00pm in the Protestant Hall, Clones.

Children have a wonderful sense of the holy and this evening we consider different aspects of children's faith and how adults may walk with them as well as be inspired by their faith.

Speaker: Mrs Janet Phenix, Letterbreen

The talks are followed by light refreshments and questions. For more information, please contact: Archdeacon Helene T. Steed. All Warmly Welcome!

**This series is part-funded by a grant from The Church of Ireland Priorities Fund**

## Public Speaking

Anyone interested in developing confidence in speaking and leadership skills are invited to an open night at Fermanagh House on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30pm. For more information please contact Mrs Christine Rusk, tel. 0044-7570-803516.

## Bereavement

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

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## Services

### March

6th Holy Communion 11.30am

13th Family Service 11.30am

20th Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th Maundy Thursday 8.00pm

25th Good Friday 8.00pm

27th Easter Holy Communion 11.30am

### April

3rd Holy Communion 11.30am

10th Family Service 11.30am

17th Morning Prayer 11.30am

24th Morning Prayer 11.30am

## Christian Burial

Sunday 24th January: John Virtue, 71 Castle Manor, Kesh.

Sunday 14th February: Sarah Jane (Sally) Curtis, Crimlin, Ederney.

## Women's Fellowship

The February meeting welcomed June Graham who delivered a number of beauty therapies to the ladies. She spoke about the inner beauty, and the importance of a clean heart before God, which reminds us all that God looks at the heart, and not the outward appearance. On 14th March, the speaker will be Noel Moore who will share his experiences on Kenya. This will also be our visitors' night and all are welcome to come along and share in fellowship.

## Bowling Club

There were a number of closely contested matches during the members' doubles competition. The final saw the youthfulness of Joshua Wilson, a pupil of Lack Primary School, alongside Jonny Curtis against Betty Johnston and Alan Curtis.

After a thrilling match, the overall winners were Betty and Alan. Bowling continues on Thursday nights at 8.00pm and new members are always welcome.

## Spud Bear Ministries

We were delighted to welcome Colin from Spud Bears Ministries who shared with us a little about himself and the work he is engaged in, which brings joy and hope to children in Kenya. His work in collecting and distributing previously loved teddy bears is a wonderful ministry in itself. This is greatly enhanced today by the development of the speaking and singing Spud Bears that teach and educate children in the language they understand and in the sharing of God's word and saving grace. A gift was passed on to Colin for the Spud Bears ministry along with a number of teddy bears on behalf of the parish by the rector.



## Crosslinks

We are looking forward to having our Crosslink partners, Trevor and Andrea Watson with us in March, to share their plans as they prepare to travel abroad on missionary outreach in Sweden.

## North Fermanagh Remembers Project - Acknowledging the sacrifices

Under the auspices of The Ulster Cultural and Historical Society, funding has been secured via The Big Lottery's Awards For All Programme, which will enable a special history and commemorative project to be further developed in the North Fermanagh area. Just a few shillings short of £10,000 has been awarded to enable the Group to oversee a Project which will be led by David Keys: tel 028 6863015 and Iris Humphreys: tel 028 89541505. The Project will see a book produced which brings honour to those courageous individuals within the North Fermanagh area who signed The Ulster Covenant. Many of these people later joined Carson's UVF, and then went off to contribute to the British and Allied Forces effort within the Great War.

The book will feature a listing of those who signed the Ulster Covenant, and details of where they signed and other information particular to them as well as their status in terms of going off to War and whether they subsequently died, or survived and returned home.

Notable personalities in the North Fermanagh area will be featured with biographies and photographs where appropriate. This is the first of an intended three phase Project, which will eventually see the whole of County Fermanagh recorded in print and the names of the valiant volunteers preserved for current and future generations yet to come.

The Ulster Cultural and Historical Society in collaboration with David and Iris are holding Information nights in a number of local halls. Here an appeal will be made for members of the community who hold information of family relatives who signed the Covenant, who joined Carson's UVF and who went off to War to come forward and contribute to the Project.

Please come along to an Information night as follows:-  
Kesh Young Farmer's Hall (District Orange Hall): Friday 11th March at 7.30pm

Irvinestown Orange Hall: Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm  
Garrison Orange Hall: Friday 18th March at 7.30pm

Let's collectively give honour to those who gave everything in the quest to ensure that we might have the liberties and freedoms that we enjoy today.

Please check weekly church notices for any changes.

## 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'*

*"The Light shines in darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it"*  
John 1v5

## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th (Mothering Sunday)

Castle Archdale 10.15am HC  
Derryvullen North 11.30am HC

#### Sunday 13th

Derryvullen North 10.30am FS  
Castle Archdale 11.45am FS

#### Sunday 20th

Castle Archdale 10.15am MP  
Derryvullen North 11.30am MP

#### Sunday 27th (Easter Sunday)

Castle Archdale 10.15am HC  
Derryvullen North 11.30am HC

### April

#### Sunday 3rd

Castle Archdale 10.15am HC  
Derryvullen North 11.30am HC

## Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesday – 9th, 16th & 23rd March at 7.30pm – Derryvullen North  
 Good Friday 25th March at 7.30pm – Derryvullen North

## Diary Dates

4th March: Women's World Day of Prayer in Sacred Heart Church at 8.45pm  
 8th March: Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale Senior Citizens Dinner in Derryvullen North Hall at 6.00pm for 6.30pm  
 12th March: Boys Brigade Annual Display at 7.30pm  
 15th March: Tuesday Club - Easter Holy Communion at 2.30pm (Please note date)

## Mothers' Union

Our annual informal meeting and auction was held on Wednesday 27th January. This was a very enjoyable meeting and we welcomed a new member. The amount raised for funds was £113. There will not be a meeting in March as it will be Holy Week. However, members are invited to Magheraculmoney Mothers' Union for their Open Night on Thursday 17th March at 8.00pm.

## Tuesday Club

Our members met on 9th February and enjoyed seeing and hearing about many unusual items brought to the meeting. The next meeting will be a celebration of Holy Communion for Easter on Tuesday 15th March – a week later than the usual meeting.

## Derryvullen North & Castle Archdale Senior Citizens Dinner

The dinner will be held on Tuesday 8th March in the Parish Hall at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. The meal will take the form of a carvery provided by the Saddlers Restaurant, Enniskillen. Apart from our Senior Citizens, other parishioners may attend as paying guests.

## Thanks

We are grateful to Mr John Irvine for agreeing to take our Lenten services.

## Prayers

Several of our parishioners have been seriously ill in hospital; please remember these people and their families in your prayers. To those who have been bereaved we offer our sympathy and prayers.

## Burial

12th December 2015: Mrs Muriel Catherine Cadden – Derryvullen North

**Amendment** - The Parish offers their apologies to the family and friends of the late Mrs Cadden for the misprint in the February magazine.

24th January 2016: James Hoey – Derryvullen North

*As we are now in the season of Lent, may it be a time of prayer, penitence and preparation for the events of Holy Week and Easter.*

## Derryvullen South and Garvary



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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 13th

10.30 Morning Prayer Derryvullen South  
 12.00 Morning Prayer Garvary

#### Sunday 20th

10.30 Morning Prayer Garvary  
 Palm Sunday 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

#### Friday 25th

7.30 Good Friday Evening Prayer Derryvullen South  
 8.30 Good Friday Evening Prayer Garvary

#### Sunday 27th

8.30 Holy Communion Derryvullen South  
 Easter Day 10.30 Holy Communion Garvary

### April

#### Sunday 3rd April

10.30 Holy Communion Garvary  
 12.00 Holy Communion Derryvullen South

## Bereavements

We extend sympathy to all who have been bereaved including Tom Foster, The Ring, on the death of his mother Isabella Foster, Lisbellaw; Mrs Weir, Dromard, on the death of her son in law, Eric Surphlis, Trillick, and her cousin, William Breen, Derrygonnelly; and Wendy Little, Cavancarragh, on the death of her aunt, Doris Latter, East Sussex.

## Fundraising

The auction held on 5th December 2015 in Derryvullen South parish hall realised a total of £4582.

Our thanks to all who donated timber, home produce and refreshments and those who assisted on the day. Special thanks to Robert Boles and Leslie Dixon who with other parishioners cut and bagged the timber, and to the auctioneer Gordon Robinson. On Friday 15th January in Derryvullen South parish hall a table quiz was held which realised a total of £275. Our thanks to David Wilkinson the quizmaster and those who assisted him along with those who provided the supper. The support of the wider community along with our parishioners was

also appreciated. Both events were in aid of the Hall Repair Fund and were very successful in spite of the very poor weather.

## Ceilidh

A St Valentine's Ceilidh was held on Monday 15th February in a colourfully decorated Derryvullen South parish hall. It was hosted by the Mothers' Union and open to both parishes. The evening was intended to be a fun evening for all, but also to promote Mothers' Union especially amongst the younger membership of our parishes. Including a light supper the evening was free and was greatly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Anne Rowley, Kathleen Kettles, Jean Hunter and Rosemary Watts for all their work preparing for this event. Rosemary and her husband Nicholas are leading members of the Fermanagh Scottish Country Dancing Group which meets in the hall on Tuesday evenings and welcomes new members. The "caller" was Rita Cooper and we appreciated her guiding us through the various dances. At the end presentations were made by Freda Beacom, Kathleen Kettles and Anne Rowley to Rita, Rosemary and to Chancellor Stewart on behalf of his wife, Valerie, who was absent following recent major surgery.



## Bowling Tournament

Garvary Bowling Club's annual tournament takes place this year in the parish hall commencing on Monday night 29th February at 8.00 pm. We look forward to another enjoyable week of bowling with clubs from many parts of Northern Ireland and the southern border counties.

## WWDP

The Women's World Day of Prayer this year on Friday 4th March at 8.00pm takes place in Lisbellaw Presbyterian Church, when the speaker will be Mrs Eva Baxter. The focus is on Praying for Cuba. Eva Baxter will be the speaker at the November meeting of the Mothers' Union when she will be speaking about Susanna Wesley, mother of John Wesley.

## Mothers' Union

For the March meeting members will attend the Wednesday Holy Week Service in Derryvullen South parish church on 23rd March at 8.00pm and on Monday 11th April at 8.00pm they will join Maguiresbridge for their visitor's night.

## Congratulations

Best wishes to Sam Nixon, Tamlaght, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, and to Thomas Wilson, Shankill, who celebrates his 80th birthday this month.

## Safeguarding Trust

A training day for clergy and lay panel members has been organised by the diocese to be held on Thursday 10th March in Lisbellaw Parish Centre.

## Clothes

Hilda Lucy is organising another collection of second hand clothing. The collection will take place at Garvary parish hall on Tuesday 5th April. Details will be circulated shortly as to times when clothing may be left at the hall.

## Midweek Services

The services continue on Wednesday evening 9th March at 8.00pm alternating between the two parishes. Everyone is welcome. We are following 'Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan who is remembered on 30th August each year by a lesser festival in the Church of England's calendar.

## Easter Vestries

Our Easter Vestries will be held in Derryvullen South parish hall on Monday 4th April at 8.00pm and in Garvary parish hall on Thursday 7th April at 8.00pm. While only those on the General Register may vote, anyone is entitled to attend and indeed we encourage a greater number of parishioners to do so.

## Sunday School

The Sunday Schools will resume on Sunday 10th April after the Easter break.

## Appointment

Congratulations and best wishes to our Rural Dean, Canon David Skuce, on his appointment to Inishmacsaint Parish.

## Devenish and Boho



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## Services

### March Sunday 6th

10.00am Mothering Sunday/Family Service Boho  
11.30am Mothering Sunday/Family Service Devenish

7.30pm Evening Service Devenish

**Sunday 13th**

10.00am Morning Prayer Boho

11.30am Morning Prayer Devenish

7.30pm Evening Service Devenish

**Sunday 20th**

10.00am Eucharistic Service Boho

11.30am Eucharistic Service Devenish

7.30pm Evening Service Devenish

Holy Week Services

**Monday 21st**

8.00pm Devenish

**Tuesday 22nd**

8.00pm Boho

**Wednesday 23rd**

8.00pm Devenish

**Thursday 24th**

8.00pm Boho (Eucharist)

**Friday 25th**

8.00pm Devenish (Good Friday)

**Sunday 27th**

10.00am Eucharist Service Boho (Easter Day)

11.30am Eucharistic Service Devenish (Easter Day)

Note: there will be no Evening Service

**Baptisms**

Sunday 31st January 2016 in Boho Parish Church: Niamh Sealeaf, daughter of Chris Sealeaf and Rachael Irwin

Sunday 14th February 2016 in Devenish Parish Church: Charles Saunderson, son of Keith and Samantha Saunderson

We wish God's blessing on Niamh and Charles and their parents and godparents.

**Burial**

Sunday 17th January 2016: William Breen, Aghakeeran, Derrygonnelly Burial was in Boho Parish graveyard following a Service in Derrygonnelly Methodist Church.

We offer our deepest sympathy to William's sister, Minnie and the family circle.

**Lenten Services**

Lenten Services will continue each Wednesday night at 8.00pm, alternating between Devenish and Boho churches.

**Mother's Union**

At the start of our meeting on Tuesday 19th January, Georgina, our Branch Leader, asked Members to remember the family of the late Mrs Jane Cathcart, a long serving member of the Mothers' Union, who had passed away in her 105th year on the 16th December 2015. She then welcomed all our visitors and the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. George Elliott, who had come along to give an account of Magheraboy Flute Band's visit to the Somme in August 2015. Mr Elliott said that he was delighted to have had the opportunity to share with us the Band's very poignant and memorable trip. With the aid of a presentation he guided us through the Band's itinerary, which included a visit to the Great War battlefields, the Ulster Memorial Tower and Thiepval Memorial to the Missing. A short video showed

the band performing at the Menin Gate Last Post Ceremony, which also included a beautiful rendition of 'Abide with Me' sung by Andrew Irwin.

**Donacavey and Barr**

**Vacant**

During the vacancy the Revd Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean, is in charge, and is providing pastoral cover together with Mr Will Stevenson, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

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**Services**

**Donacavey**

Morning Prayer 11.30am

Sunday School 10.15am.

Lenten Services will be held each Wednesday at 8.00pm.

**Holy Week**

24th March Maundy Thursday 8.00pm

25th March Good Friday 8.00pm

27th March Easter Sunday 11.30am

**Mothers' Union**

Wednesday 16th march after the Lenten service.

**Christian Burial**

23rd January 2016: Richard Rountree

27th January 2016: Eric Surphlis

**Donacavey**

Everyone in the local community was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about the sudden and tragic death of Richard Rountree. Richard had been visiting friends when he was killed in Co. Monaghan as he was returning home. The large crowd at his funeral bore witness to the high esteem in which he was held. We offer our prayerful sympathy to his wife Elizabeth, daughter Sandra, son Winston and daughter in law Mandy, his four grandchildren and his sisters and brothers.

**Barr**

The sudden and unexpected death of Eric Surphlis at the young age of 56 years shocked the whole community. He was a long-time member of Barr parish and served on the select vestry. His wife Jill is the Sunday school superintendent and his daughter Linda plays the organ. To his wife Jill, children Linda, Jason, Susan, Andrew, his mother Olivia, and his sisters and brother we offer our sympathy and our prayers for the days ahead.

**Coming Events**

Saturday 12th March at 2.30pm the fund raising committee are holding an Afternoon Tea with special guest Margaret Johnston. This will be a lovely

afternoon of home baked goodies, fun and fellowship. Please make a special effort to attend. Tickets can be purchased at £10 each from any member of the fund raising committee. Proceeds are for the building fund and Meningitis research. This event is open to everyone.

## Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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### Services

#### March

##### 6th The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am Donagh A Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00noon Tyholland A Celebration of Holy Communion

##### 13th The Fifth Sunday in Lent

10.30am Donagh Morning Prayer

12.00noon Errigal Truagh A Celebration of Holy Communion

##### 20th The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

10.30am A combined service of Hymns and reflection for Palm Sunday

##### 27th Easter Day

10.30am Donagh A Celebration of Holy Communion

12.00noon Errigal Truagh A Celebration of Holy Communion

#### Holy week

##### 24th Maundy Thursday

8.00pm Tyholland

##### 25th Good Friday

8.00pm Donagh A service of Hymns, prayers and reflections for Good Friday

### World Day of Prayer

Glennan Presbyterian Church on Friday 4th March at 8.00pm.

### Mothers Union

Branch meeting - 16th March at 8.00pm - evening of fun, food and fellowship.

### Girl's Brigade

The Girls Brigade Annual Display will take place on Friday 18th March. Details of the venue and time will be in the Pew News. Everyone will be made welcome.



Some memories from 'A Winter's Tale'

A Message of **HOPE**



We believe that Jesus Christ is relevant to the world today and that He is the answer to your need, for He brings purpose and meaning to life. You will be warmly welcomed at each of the following meetings.

<b>Sunday March 20</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Parish</b>
<b>Monday March 21</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Togherdoo Methodist</b>
<b>Tuesday March 22</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Togherdoo Methodist</b>
<b>Wednesday March 23</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Dromore Presbyterian</b>
<b>Thursday March 24</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Dromore Presbyterian</b>
<b>Friday March 25</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Parish</b>

Speakers: Mr Roy Walker, Mr Jonathan Reid, Mr George Conn, Mr Trevor Matthews, Mr George Newell

☞ **Special Testimonies and Singing each night** ☞

*'It is time to seek the Lord'*  
Hosea 10 v 12

March 2016

## Dromore

**Vacant.**

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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)  
11.30am Holy Communion (third Sunday of month)

### Regular Organisations

**Tots Powerhouse:** Creche during Sunday service at 11.30am  
**Junior Sunday School (4-11's):** during Sunday service at 11.30am  
**IGNITE (12-18's):** Bible Study during Sunday service (twice per month) at 11.30am and socially on Saturdays (twice per month) from 8.00-10.00pm  
**CLB:** Mondays from 7.00-8.00pm  
**The ARK:** Tuesdays from 10.00am – 12noon  
**Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 8.00pm (in Togherdoo Methodist Church during the vacancy)  
**GFS:** Wednesdays from 7.00-8.00pm  
**Mothers Union:** third Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm  
**Bowls:** Thursdays at 8.00pm

### Christian Burial

We express our prayerful sympathy to the members of the Buchanan family circle on the death of the late Mrs Lily Buchanan (Omagh) who was interred at Holy Trinity Dromore on Thursday 11th February 2016. The Buchanan family were former members of Holy Trinity, having resided at Johnston Terrace, Dromore prior to moving to Omagh some years ago.

### Parish Events

#### Joint Mission – "A Message of HOPE for Dromore"

A joint Mission between Holy Trinity Dromore, Togherdoo Methodist and Dromore Presbyterian Churches will be held during Holy Week – see Flyer below for details of the dates, times, speakers and venue. Please remember this Mission and all the speakers in your prayers. Regular prayer meetings for the Mission are taking place in the three churches on a rota basis, further details are provided on the weekly announcement sheet.

### Annual Guest Tea

A very successful Guest Tea was held on Shrove Tuesday, 9th February in Dromore Orange Hall (kindly granted) in aid of on-going improvements to our Church Hall. We thank all who helped with the tea including those visitors and Parishioners who attended and supported this annual fundraising event which has now spanned over fifty years. Sincere thanks also to our MC, Mr Walter Pringle, Diocesan Lay Reader, Mr Robert Pearson, Country Singer from Irvinestown, who also provided his keyboard and amplification, The Silver Tones Male Voice Choir from Ballinamallard with their conductor Mrs Hazel Darragh and accompanist Mrs Ruth Coalter, Mr Lexi Monteith, Piper from Newtown Stewart and Mr Joe King from Omagh. Over £900 has been raised to date and all donations are greatly appreciated.

### Fields of Life Fundraising Events

#### Fintona Farm Machinery Exhibition

Members of our Parish team who are going on the Fields of Life trip to Uganda in July this year, supported by some Parishioners, attended Fintona Farm Machinery Exhibition on Wednesday 27th January to raise funds towards an extension of the school which the previous team built in 2010 and teacher accommodation. The event was very successful and raised £1,200 for this very worthy cause.



## Easter Events

Parishioners and friends are asked to note that a Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Car Wash will be held on Easter Saturday 26th March from 10.00am to 4.00pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall in aid of Fields of Life fundraising.

## Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckcross



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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th

10.00am Templecarne Morning Prayer  
11.30am Drumkeeran Holy Communion

#### Sunday 13th

10.00am Muckcross Holy Communion.  
11.30am Drumkeeran Morning Prayer  
7.00pm Dernasesk

#### Sunday 20th

10.00am Templecarne Holy Communion  
11.30am Drumkeeran Children's Service

#### Sunday 27th

10.00am Muckcross Holy Communion  
11.30am Drumkeeran Holy Communion

## Holy Week services

### Wednesday 23rd

8.00pm Muckcross

### Maundy Thursday 24th

8.00pm Templecarne

### Good Friday 25th

8.00pm Drumkeeran

### Easter Sunday 27th

10.00am Muckcross Holy Communion  
11.30am Drumkeeran Holy Communion

## Holy Baptism

On Sunday 31st January, Isaac Elliott Knox, son of Gary and Katrina, was baptised in Drumkeeran Church. We welcome Isaac into the family of the Church and pray that God will guide and encourage all who will have the care of him in the days and years ahead. It was encouraging to have a good number of family and friends for the occasion.

## Sympathy

Robert James Fitzpatrick died suddenly at his normal farming work on Sunday 17th January and was buried on 20th. There was a large attendance at the

funeral service in Drumkeeran, followed by burial in the parish graveyard. We extend our sympathy to his wife, son and daughters and to the wider family circle.

During recent months a number of people in the group of parishes have been bereaved. We extend our sympathy to all and pray that God will be with them in the days ahead as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

## Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Women's World Day of Prayer Service for the Kesh area will take place in St Joseph's, Ederney on 4th March at 8.00pm. This annual event will have taken place by the time the Magazine is in print. We hope it will have been well supported.

## Easter Vestry Meetings

### Tuesday 5th April:

7.30pm Drumkeeran

### Thursday 7th April:

7.30pm Muckcross

8.30pm Templecarne

## Lough Derg

The usual Ash Wednesday Day of Friendship and Prayer on Lough Derg has been moved back for this year to 14th September. Keep free.

## Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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## Services

### March

Dartrey 8.00pm (Sunday school room)

Lenten study: Theme - Who is Jesus? (CPAS)

### Sunday 6th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Aghabog 9.45am MP

Rockcorry 11.00am MP

Drum 12.15pm MP

### Wednesday 9th

Drum 8.00pm (Sunday school room)

Lenten Study: Theme - What's going wrong? (CPAS)

**Sunday 13th: The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Aughnamullen 9.45am MP  
 Dartrey 11.00am MP

**Wednesday 16th**

Rockcorry 8.00pm (Sunday school room)  
 Lenten study: Theme - 'Dying to save us'

**Thursday 17th: St. Patrick's Day (Family celebration of St. Patrick)**

Aghabog 10.30am Refreshments + Games

**Sunday 20th: (Palm Sunday)**

Aghabog 9.45am HC  
 Rockcorry 11.00am HC  
 Drum 12.15pm HC

**Friday 25th: (Good Friday)**

Aghabog 8.00pm Service in parish church

**Sunday 27th: (Easter Day)**

Aughnamullen 9.45am HC  
 Dartrey 11.00am HC

**Easter Vestries**

**Drum** 14th March 7.30pm  
**Aughnamullen** 9th April 7.00pm  
**Rockcorry / Dartrey** 18th March 7.00pm  
**Aghabog** 18th March 8.30pm

**Aughnamullen**

**Table Quiz**

Please note a table quiz will take place on Friday 4th March at 8.00pm in the Resource Centre, Latton. Proceeds in aid of Aughnamullen Parish Church. Your support will be very much appreciated and all are welcome.

**Fire side quiz sheets**

Anyone interested in obtaining these quiz sheets can do so by contacting George Montgomery on 042 9741094. Winners will be announced on Easter Sunday.

**Easter Gift Day**

Easter Gift day will be held on Sunday 27th March at 9.45am.

**Illness**

Once again our thoughts and prayers are with those who are unwell at this time at home or in hospital.

**Aghabog**

**Mother's Union**

The annual dinner was held in Aghabog on Wednesday 20th January. This event was open to men and also visitors. In addition to the enjoyable meal there were games and spot prizes. Thanks to members of Drum accordion band who provided entertainment on the night.

**Congratulations**

We give thanks for the safe arrival of the first child and daughter of Andrew and Gillian Ritchie. We wish them every blessing in the future.

**Bowling Club**

The annual beetle drive was held on Saturday 6th February. Thanks to those who supported this event and brought spot prizes and who provided refreshments. Thanks also to those who prepared the hall and tidied the place afterwards.

**Illness**

Thankfully some of our parishioners who had recent hospital appointments are now home and doing very well.

**Social**

This event will be held in Drumate Orange Hall on Friday 22nd April. Music by the JJ's.

**Rockcorry/Dartrey**

**Amplification System**

Mrs Wilkin and her family installed a sound system in memory of the late Earnest Wilkin who passed away 31st January 2015. In lieu of flowers, donations amounting €2260 had been received at the time of his death. This amounted was augmented by the family to provide a sound system for the church which he loved and served with devotion in many capacities at both local and diocesan level. It is already proving to be a great asset to the parish and will be a lasting testament to a dedicated churchman.

**Illness**

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are ill in hospital or at home and we remember also those who are in residential care.

**Rockcorry National School**

**Events in school**

The senior room attended an up-to-date version of the play 'Sleeping Beauty' by the students from Beech Hill College, Monaghan.

First and second class and the senior room took part in the Football Blitz in Monaghan.

Pancake Day was special in school as some of the parents volunteered to make pancakes for the teachers and pupils. This proved to be a great success.

All the pupils are currently taking part in swimming lessons in Monaghan leisure complex for a 6-week duration.

**Fundraising Events**

Rockcorry parents and teachers association is holding a dance on Saturday 16th April in Errigal Hotel. The fundraiser is in aid of Rockcorry National School. This event is open to everyone. If you would like to support the event please contact the school for tickets.

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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)

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

#### Wednesday 9th

7.30-8.00pm Compline

#### Thursday 10th

11.00am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 13th: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism  
7.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday 16th

7.30-8.00pm Compline

#### Thursday 17th

11.00am Holy Communion

#### Sunday 20th: The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

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

#### Monday 21st

7.30pm Holy Week Service

#### Tuesday 22nd

7.30pm Holy Week Service

#### Wednesday 23rd

7.30pm Holy Week Service

#### Thursday 24th: Maundy Thursday

11.00am Holy Communion  
7.30pm Holy Communion

#### Friday 25th: Good Friday

7.30pm Good Friday Meditations

#### Sunday 27th: Easter Day – The First Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion  
7.00pm Holy Communion

## Holy Baptism

7th February 2016: Thomas Theo Campbell

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

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter

By the time these notes are published we will be well into the season of Lent, in our preparation for Holy Week and Easter. These are vital and important weeks in the Church's year. Please use the time to prepare to remember again the saving life-giving work of our Lord. The extra mid-week services during Lent and in Holy Week afford us all an opportunity to come together for worship and reflection. Don't let these opportunities pass you by and slip away un-noticed making no impact on you and your journey of faith. Come and join us in a Holy Lent, a devout Holy Week and a Joyous Easter.

## Holy Week and Easter 2016

The theme of our reflections during Holy Week is 'This is my body given for you'.

We are familiar with those words as we frequently hear them during Holy Communion, but what might that phrase mean for us?

This Holy Week we are going to look at that question as we look at His body and our own bodies.

**Palm Sunday** 'This is my body given for you': Reflections on love and cost.

**Monday in Holy Week** 'Embodied Faith': Reflections on divine intimacy.

**Tuesday in Holy Week** 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus': Reflection on seeing and being seen.

**Wednesday in Holy Week** 'Body and Spirit': Reflection on choice and will.

**Maundy Thursday** 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?': Reflections on shame and foolishness.

**Good Friday** Meditations on Good Friday.

**Easter Sunday** 'The first fruits of those who have died': The beginning of a movement.

## Mothers' Union

Mothering Sunday will be a very special occasion this year when the Dean will commission our new Enrolling Member and Branch Leader, Mrs Stephanie Hamilton. Mrs Jenifer Johnston will also be commissioned as the new Overseas' representative.

Mrs Stephanie Hamilton opened the February meeting with a Bible Reading. Guest speaker, Cllr Raymond Farrell gave an informative talk on 'Stress Management', with advice to follow three words beginning with the letter E,

Engaging, Exercise and Eating (healthily). Dean Hall then led the prayers. Tea was served followed by the business of the meeting, which included:

Fifteen members to attend the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 20th February in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen.

The Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held on Friday 4th March at 8.00pm in Darling Street Methodist Church.

Our March meeting on Monday 14th March will be held in the Hilliard Room at 8.00pm. Miss Kate Doherty will speak on the title 'Mums for Mums'.

Please keep those knitting needles busy with articles for the neo-natal unit and knee blankets for the Nursing Homes.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Irene Boyd on her appointment as MU Diocesan President.

Mothers' Union –What's it all about?

## Reaching out in love and service

Mothers' Union is an international Christian membership charity that aims to demonstrate the Christian faith in action through the transformation of communities worldwide. We are working with people of all faiths and none in 83 countries to promote stable marriage, family life and the protection of children through praying, enabling and campaigning.

### Our aims and objectives are:

- To promote and support married life
- To encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity

### Our vision

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. This is not a vague hope, but a goal we actively pursue by praying, campaigning and enabling.

### Our values

Mothers' Union is a Christian mission organisation working with people of all faiths and none. Mothers' Union is firmly rooted in a voluntary ethos centred on mutual respect and collaboration. Our governance, leadership and programmes are undertaken and driven by members within their own communities worldwide.

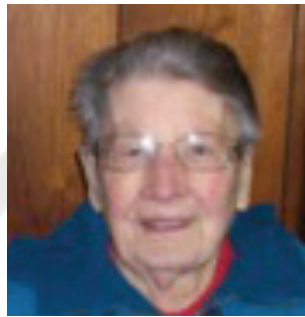
*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27*

### Our membership

Our members are not all mothers, or even all women. They are single, married, parents, grandparents, or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience. Mothers' Union provides, for all four million members, a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

Do please join us for our next meeting on Monday 14th March at 8.00pm.

## Tuesday Club



Iris Thompson

Members were welcomed to the first meeting of 2016, where those returning after illness got a special mention. Dean Hall read Psalm 121, led the prayers and then welcomed Lorna Mitchell as our guest. Lorna demonstrated gentle exercises that could be done while seated. Members needed little encouragement to take part and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Iris Thompson's belated 92nd birthday was marked with the cutting of a birthday cake and singing of 'Happy Birthday'. A sumptuous tea brought the meeting to a close. The next meeting is on 29th March in the Hilliard Room at 2.00pm, when our Curate, Revd Olie Downey will be the speaker. It should be a lot of fun getting to know her better.

## Prayer

Gracious God, may our vision be clear, our commitment strong and our faith constant, and so may your light shine through us, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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## Services

9:00 Drummully

10:30 Sallaghy

12:00 Galloon

## Sunday School

Drummully: 9:00-10:00am in Drummully Church Hall

Sallaghy: 10:30-11:30am in Sallaghy Church Hall

Galloon: 12:00-1:00pm in Galloon Sunday School Rooms

## Monthly Cycle of Services

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

A Family Service will normally be on the third Sunday of the month. During the year some Group Family Services will be held and these will rotate between the three Parishes.

Service of Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays in the month.

A United Group Service on the fifth Sundays in the year (with a cup of tea afterwards, rotating between the three Parishes).

## Easter Vestries

Galloon - Thursday 10th March at 8.00pm

Drummully - Monday 14th March at 8.00pm

Sallaghy - Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm

## Holy Week Services

Wednesday 23rd March: Bible Study in Sallaghy at 8.00pm  
Maundy Thursday 24th March: Holy Communion in Galloon at 8.00pm

Good Friday 25th March: 'Quiet Service of Reflection' in ? at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday 27th March: Early Service of Holy Communion in ? at 7.00am

Easter Sunday 27th March: Praise Service in ? at 11.00am

## Lent Bible Study

The theme will be 'What on earth am I here for?' when we will be sharing Rick Warren's six session study companion to our journey to get to know God better. The Bible Study Group is meeting in Sallaghy Church Hall in fellowship and friendship to find God and come closer to Christ. Meetings continue on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd March at 8.00pm.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

This service will be hosted by Newtownbutler Presbyterian Church at 8.00pm on Friday 4th March. The service for 2016 has been written by Christian women from Cuba and the title is 'Receive children...Receive me.'

## Mothering Sunday

"Make a Mother's Day – Buy a Mothering Sunday gift and help transform a life." This year will mark the tenth time Mothers' Union have raised valuable funds for Mothers' Union by promoting our Make a Mother's Day ethical giving. Not only do the gifts and cards raise vital funds for the work, but, the church services enable a wider understanding of the work of Mothers' Union.

This year our Group Mother's Day Service is on Sunday 6th March in St Mary's Church, Drummully at 11.00am. Once again we will be supporting the work of the Mothers' Union to reach out in love and service.

## Galloon

### Fund Raising

The 'Jive with Joan' dance classes raised £1,005. The Burns Night dinner and dance raised £260 and the Fireside Quiz raised £200. More money is still expected to come in. A sincere thank you to all who

organised these events and to those who gave their support.

## Newtownbutler Primary School Social Evening

An evening of Fun for all of the Family of all Ages will be held in Newtownbutler Church Hall on Thursday 11th February from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Adults: £5 Children: £2. Supper will be served.

## Galloon & Drummully Mothers' Union

There will not be a monthly meeting in March but members are encouraged to attend the Holy Week services.

## Bereavement

We express our sympathy to all members of the Phair family, on learning of the death of Dougie. He was laid to rest in Galloon Parish churchyard on the 16th February.

## Parish Auction

The Spring Parish Auction will be held on Saturday 2nd April commencing at 12 noon. Viewing will be possible from 11.00am. This is a twice-yearly event (the second auction usually held in September) and is a significant contributor to Parish funds. The usual items will be on offer and tea/coffee, sandwiches etc. will be available, thanks to the ladies of the parish.

William Little and his ever willing helpers will be doing their usual activities in order to make this venture the success that it always has been. We ask all those who have supported our fund raising activities in the past, to kindly continue to do so again on this occasion.

## Sallaghy

### Mothers' Union

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March when Valerie McMorris (Faith and Policy Co-ordinator) will speak about the Diocesan Prayer Chain.

### Bowling Club

Congratulations to the Bowling Club on the successful running of their annual pairs tournament. The winners of the McWilliams Cup this year were Mark Granleese and Derek Johnston from the Colebrooke Club with the Wellington Club pairing of Karl Bradshaw and Alan Graham finishing as runners up.

### Parish Dance

A Parish Dance will be held on Friday 1st April in the Church Hall. The music will be provided by Dusty Diamond with dancing from 10.00pm – 1.00am. The cost will be £5 including Supper and all proceeds are in aid of Church Funds. Everyone will be made most welcome.

## Drummully

### Valentine's Day

A special Valentine's Celebration was held in Drummully Church Hall on Saturday 13th February and a great night was had by all. The main feature of

the evening was a 'Mr & Mrs' competition. A special thanks goes to Mr William Little for doing compere. He kept everyone entertained with his humorous banter and witty questions which he asked the contestants. After two rounds all three couples were even on the scoreboard. After round three Trevor and Kim Rickey emerged as the winners. Runners up were John & Eileen Hall and Nigel & Ruth Leech. We would also like everyone who came and supported us and the amount raised is just under £500, which was tremendous for such a good night's fun. A special thanks goes to Kim Rickey for sponsoring the flowers for the contestants. Kim won the large bouquet for coming first and kindly donated them back for display in the Church which was a lovely gesture. Thanks also for everyone who helped in any way to make this event such a success.

### Church Roof

We are delighted to announce that work will commence on replacing the slates on the Church roof in April. Whilst the scaffolding is erected please do not attempt to enter the church and take care when visiting graves in close vicinity to the Church. The Church Hall and Car park will still be in use for fundraising events such as our Gardening Evening in May and our Car Boot Sales in the summer months. All proceeds of our fundraising events go towards the Roof Refurbishing Fund. Sunday worship will be held in Sallaghy at 10.30am and Galloon at 12.00 noon during the roof refurbishment. The Sunday School have been invited to join with Sallaghy Sunday School for the summer term.

## Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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### Services

#### March

##### Sunday 6th

Garrison 10.00am MP & FS

Slavin 11.30am MP & FS

##### Sunday 13th

Kiltyclogher 10.00am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

##### Palm Sunday 20th

Garrison 10.00am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

##### Holy Wednesday 23rd

Slavin 8.00pm EP

##### Maundy Thursday 24th

Belleek 8.00pm HC

##### Good Friday 25th

Garrison 8.00pm EP

### Easter Day 27th

Kiltyclogher 10.00am HC

Belleek 11.30am HC

Both services on Easter Day include Easter Egg Hunt.

### April

#### Sunday 3rd

Garrison 10.00am HC

Slavin 11.30am HC

### Mothers' Union

The January meeting was an opening service of Holy Communion in Belleek Parish church conducted by the branch leader Mrs Dot Barlow, the Rector, Rev Ngozi gave the address. Arrangements were made for forthcoming meetings.

The March meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 15th March at 8.00pm in Slavin Church when the speaker will be Mrs Hilda Thompson.

### Belleek Dedication Service

A Service of Evening Prayer including Dedication of Gifts was held in Belleek Parish Church on Sunday 31st January at 4.00pm.

The service was conducted by the Revd Ngozi Njoku and the Act of Dedication was performed by the Ven. Helene Steed, Archdeacon of Clogher Diocese. Archdeacon Steed also preached the sermon.



Front: Rev. Ngozi Njoku, Rector with Archdeacon Helene Steed.  
Back, from left. Ernie Watson, Helen Thompson, Betty Johnston, Rachel Love, Church Warden and Robert Johnston.



Sunday School children from Garrison, Slavin & Belleek who took part in the Dedication Service

Gifts dedicated were: Flood lights to outside windows, flood lights in the pulpit area and new LED lighting were presented by Robert and Mark Johnston & family, Graffy, in memory of Robert's parents and Uncle Robbie.

A Tablecloth, Communion Veil, Burse, Pulpit, Lectern, and Reading Desk Falls in the Liturgical colours, were presented by Helen Thompson, in memory of her father, the late Edward Thompson.

Pew cushions were presented by Ernie, Janet, Norma & Julie Watson in memory of a wife and mother, Wilma. The Choir sang a piece entitled, 'God's Choir'. Solo parts were by Audrey Ovens and Robbie Johnston. Slavin and Belleek Sunday school children sang, 'Joy is the Flag, flown high from the castle of my heart'.

Prayers were read by members of Garrison Sunday School, Abi Brock, Avril Thompson and Clare Thompson. Helen Thompson read the lesson. The organist was Sadie Moore and she also accompanied the choirs.

Tea was served by the parishioners in the Wark Hall after the service.

Revd Ngozi thanked all who had helped with the service, those who helped to set up the hall and church, supply food and special thanks was extended to the organist Sadie and to Pauline Carson who compiled and printed the Order of Service and the Archdeacon for travelling a considerable distance to preach and perform the dedication.



Mrs Sadie Moore, resident organist in Belleek church on the day of the Dedication Service

## 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 Noleen McCordick and Florrie Hamilton.

## Christian Burial

**Amendment** - in last month's magazine we stated that the burial of the late Mrs Betty Henry took place in Garrison churchyard. This was incorrect as the burial took place in Mullaghduin churchyard. The parish gives its sincere apologies to the family for this error.

On 16th January Mr Geoff Bowles was buried in Belleek churchyard following a service in Belleek church conducted by Revd Ngozi. Thanks to the choir and Mrs

Sadie Moore, organist for their attendance. Sympathy is extended to his wife Anna, and his daughter Kerry, son Stephen, mum Daphne, grandchildren and wider family circle.

## Holy Matrimony

On Friday 12 February the rector, Rev Ngozi participated in the marriage of Robert Irwin and Marcella Keaney, Scribbagh, Garrison. We wish the happy couple many years of good health and happiness.

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.

Follow us on Facebook using the name Garrison Group of Parishes.

Simply 'Like' our page to receive updates on events.

## Inishmacsaint

### Vacant

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

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## Services

### March

#### Wednesday 2nd

8.00pm Lenten Talk

#### Sunday 6th March

11.30am Holy Communion

#### Wednesday 9th

8.00pm Lenten Talk

#### Sunday 13th

11.30am Morning Prayer

#### Wednesday 16th

8.00pm Lenten Talk

#### Sunday 20th

11.30am Family Service

#### Good Friday 25th

8.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Easter Sunday 27th

11.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Evening Prayer

## Announcement

We are delighted to announce that the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell has appointed the Revd Canon David Skuce as the Rector of Inishmacsaint Parish Church. Canon Skuce currently is the rector of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk Parish Church and



is also Rural Dean. Canon Skuce will be instituted in our church on Friday 22nd April and we look forward very much to him ministering in our parish and wish him every success in his new ministry.

## Mothers' Union

On Thursday 21st January our Mothers' Union members and guests had an enjoyable evening at their Biannual Dinner in the Killyhevlin Hotel. After enjoying a delicious meal, there followed an action-packed evening of fun and games, concluding with a musical sketch performed by Doris Elliott, Barbara Ferguson and Marion Saunderson.

Branch Leader, Laura Rogers, thanked the ladies for attending and taking part so enthusiastically and the staff of the Killyhevlin Hotel for their attentive service.

## Kilskeery and Trillick



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## Services

### March

**Wednesday 2nd: Lenten Mid-week service**

8.15pm Trillick Joint Service

**Sunday 6th: The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mother's Day)**

11.00am Trillick Joint Mother's Day Service

**Wednesday 9th: Lenten Mid-week service**

8.15pm Kilskeery Joint Service

**Sunday 13th: The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

**Sunday 20th: The Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)**

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

**Thursday 24th: Holy Thursday**

8.00pm Trillick Holy Communion Joint Service

**Friday 25th: Good Friday**

11.45am Kilskeery

**Sunday 27th: Easter Day: The First Sunday of Easter**

## Church Groups / Organisations

**Sunday School** - During our morning services

**Crèche** - During our morning services

**Girls' Brigade** - Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm (Gwen 89561763)

**Mothers' Union**

3rd Monday of each month (May 89561291)

**Craft Group**

Mondays as arranged (Gwen 89561763)

**Kilskeery Silver Band**

Mondays 8.00pm

## Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Group

Tuesdays 2.00-4.30pm (Emily 66388683)

## Choir

Tuesdays 8.30 - 9.30pm (Art 89561457)

## Boys' Brigade

Wednesdays 7.00 - 8.30pm (Pauline 89561715)

Thursdays 7.15 - 9.00pm (Roger 89561254)

## Youth Club

Fridays (2nd and 4th of each month)

## Bowls Club

Saturdays 8.00pm (Marlene 89561285)

## Messy Kids Club

3rd Saturday of each month (Clare 89561196)

## Holy Baptism

Emily Martha Armstrong, daughter of Neil and Louise at Trillick Parish Church on Sunday 14th February 2016.



Big sister Lily Mae takes a photo of baby sister Emily at her baptism

*God our Creator, thank you for the waiting and the joy,  
Thank you for new life and for Parenthood.*

*Thank you for the gift of Emily entrusted to our care.  
May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide  
and forgive, that in our love Emily may know your love.*

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

## Kilskeery Parish Church acknowledges

Kilskeery Parish Church acknowledges the very generous sum of £1,000 in the estate of Douglas Armstrong, late of Glen Road, Killaculla, Tempo, Co. Fermanagh.

## Kilskeery Senior Citizens' Club

We acknowledge a very generous grant from 'Cathedral Sit-out' (Very Revd John Mann - the Dean of Belfast) and thank the Dean and those who so generously contributed!

The Club will hold their AGM on Tuesday 12th April at 2.00pm.

The Hall continues to open on every Tuesday from 2.00 - 4.00pm for Boccia/New Age Curling.



## Mothers' Union



Eva Baxter with MU Branch Leader May Kee

The guest speaker at Mothers' Union January meeting was Eva Baxter who portrayed the Life of Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley. This was an excellent one-lady act and we would thoroughly recommend doing your utmost to see!

Following a very successful joint Mother's Day Service at Kilskeery Parish Church last year, MU members look forward to hosting another such Service at Trillick Parish Church on Sunday 6th March - greeting folk with light refreshments as they arrive, helping with the readings and prayers, distributing MU gift to the congregation and accepting donations to 'Make a Mother's Day 2016' Campaign.

At the time of writing, Girls' Brigade are preparing for their Annual Dinner, Boys' Brigade for their Parents' Night and our Youth Club are fundraising via a Table Quiz on 5th March.

Plans are afoot with the General Fundraising Committee to hold a Craft Fair on 15th April and a Concert on 21st October.

## Easter General Vestry Meetings

Easter General Vestry Meetings will be held this year on Monday 14th March in Kilskeery and on Wednesday 16th March in Trillick.

This is the yearly meeting where the Select Vestry, Church Wardens, Glebe Wardens and other office bearers are elected.

Anyone over 18 years of age and whose name appears on the list of Registered Vestry persons is entitled to attend this meeting and vote. Because you attend the meeting doesn't mean that you will be voted into office against your will - your consent is needed. If you don't want to serve on the Select Vestry, why not come along and give your support to those who are willing to serve!

## Faith Mission Conference

Trillick Parish Church, Saturday 12th March at 8.00pm.

## Lisbellaw

(including Coolbuck)



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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw 10.00am Confirmation Class

11.00am Holy Communion Form 2

Coolbuck 3.00pm Holy Communion Form 1

#### Sunday 13th: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Lisbellaw 10.00am Confirmation Class

11.00am Morning Prayer

Coolbuck 3.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday 20th: Palm Sunday

Lisbellaw 9.45am Holy Communion Form 1

11.00am All-Age Service of the Word for Palm Sunday

Coolbuck 3.00pm All-Age Service of the Word for Palm Sunday

#### Wednesday 23rd: Wednesday in Holy Week

Lisbellaw 8.00pm The Litany

#### Thursday 24th: Maundy Thursday

Lisbellaw 8.00pm Compline

#### Friday, 25th: Good Friday

Lisbellaw 8.00pm Service of the Word for Good Friday

#### Sunday, 27th: Easter Day

Lisbellaw 11.00am Holy Communion

Coolbuck 3.00pm Holy Communion

**Easter Communion** on Friday 11th March at 2.30pm in the rectory. Lifts available.

**Lent Wednesday Studies** will take the form of a DVD presentation of Canon J. John speaking on the Ten Commandments starting with the tenth and working backwards. Canon J. John is a canon in the Church of England and is an engaging, humorous speaker with much to say that is meaningful, relevant and entertaining. Each session will last about 45 minutes beginning at 8.00pm in Lisbellaw church. All welcome.

#### Wednesday 9th March

Affair-Proof your Relationships: 7: You shall not commit adultery.

#### Wednesday 16th March

Manage your Anger: 6: You shall not commit murder.

## Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Isabella Foster, formerly of Lisbellaw.

## Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union meets on Tuesday 22nd March in the Parish Centre with a speaker from 'Samaritan's Purse' (Christmas Shoebox Appeal).

## Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes continue on the following dates at 10.00am in Lisbellaw church 6th March; 13th March; 3rd April; 17th April; 24th April; 1st May; 8th May and 15th May. They are expected to remain for the church service or attend the one at 3.00pm in Coolbuck church.

## Easter General Vestry

Meeting on Friday 1st April at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

(Interdenominational) Service on Friday 4th March at 7.30pm in Lisbellaw Presbyterian church. All welcome. A rehearsal for choirs taking part will be on 23rd February at 7.30pm in the Presbyterian church. A rehearsal for choirs and all taking part will be on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm.

## Knitting and Crochet Group

Knitting and Crochet group meet each Tuesday morning from 10.00am to 12 noon in The Credit Union Offices, Cloghcor Road. Beginners and new members very welcome.

## Gluten Free Bread

Gluten free bread will be used from now for communion in Lisbellaw and Coolbuck churches. Non-alcoholic wine is available on request.

## Church Notices and Special Service Sheets

Church Notices and Special Service Sheets can be made available in large print – tell the rector or churchwardens.

## Word for Today

Word for Today is a quarterly bible reading publication with recommended bible readings for each day and a devotional message. They are available today at the back of the church free of charge.

## Word 4U 2Day

Word 4U 2Day, the quarterly bible reading publication for young people will soon be available at the back of the church free of charge.

## 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.

## Traidcraft catalogue for Spring 2016

Traidcraft catalogue for Spring 2016 is now available and there is a copy at the back of the church. Contact Jane Russell on 028 895 41274 or visit the website [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk).

## Lisbellaw Parish website

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

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## Services

### March

#### Friday 4th

8.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer

#### Sunday 6th

11.30am Holy Communion & Mother's Union Enrolment

#### Sunday 13th

11.30am Morning Prayer

Palm Sunday 20th

11.30am Family Service

#### Tuesday 22nd

3.00pm Holy Communion in Trinity Hall

#### Thursday 24th

8.00pm Holy Communion

#### Good Friday 25th

8.00pm Evening Prayer

#### Easter Sunday 27th

11.30am Holy Communion

## Parish Dinner



Back in January a good number from the parish enjoyed a dinner and dance in The Archdale Centre. Thank you to Valerie Brown for organising this and to "Saddlers restaurant" for the lovely food and the efficient way in which it was served. Also thanks to Malcolm Coulter for providing the music.



## Women's World Day of Prayer

As these notes are being prepared we are looking forward to hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer on 4th March at 8.00pm.

This year the people of Cuba have prepared the service and we would encourage everyone to come along.

## Concert

On Friday 11th March there will be a parish concert in The Archdale Centre at 8.00pm. Tickets are £5 or payable at door.

## Mothers' Union

At our January meeting Mrs Gertie Graham from Graham Tours told us about some of the tours her company have planned. This gave us food for thought and we now have plenty of ideas for short or longer breaks over the year. As well as being a business woman Gertie enjoys doing craftwork and we all really enjoyed making our own little "sock and rice" snowmen. We have plenty of time to perfect them for Christmas!

This month we were delighted to welcome ladies from our neighbouring MU branches and also ladies from the Presbyterian Women to our Visitors Night. It was lovely to have our new Diocesan President Mrs Irene Boyd among our guests. We wish Irene God's blessing in her role. We had a very interesting illustrated talk from Colin Davies on his work with Spud Bears ministry. Their Mission is to supply hospitals and orphanages in the developing world with cuddly and talking Teddy Bears. These toys help bring comfort and the message of God's love to the children. Colin gave us ideas how we could help support him in his ministry. This could be done in our own branches or even as a joint effort and is a project well worth thinking about.

At our March meeting we will hold our AGM. Thanks to all the office bearers who have supported the work in the branch over the year and hopefully they will be happy to continue. We are looking forward to having Mrs Eva Baxter to speak at our meeting after the AGM. Members please note earlier time of 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome to both parts of the meeting.

This year we have two new members and we thank the Rector for incorporating their enrolment into the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday 6th March. We are delighted to have these two ladies in the branch and they have proved to be a great help and support already. Hilda and Lena we wish you God's blessing and hope you enjoy being part of the great movement of Mothers' Union worldwide.

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As we continue with our sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians, his prayer for that church in Chapter 1 has become my prayer for our parish, that our 'love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.' What a sweeping prayer this is. In last month's magazine, Henry challenged us to think and pray about what God's dream and call might be for our life; how can we possibly know what that is without his help and by his Holy Spirit? Why is this so important? As we journey through Philippians, there is a sense that we need to become more mature in our faith, growing in knowledge not just of Scripture and facts, but of love that gives rise to a deeper understanding of God's ways by being closer to him so that we can make out what God's dream and call might be for us as we seek to serve him.

How can we grow in this way, and be 'filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus'? Being fruitful is part of becoming more mature in our faith. Jesus himself used another picture of plants and growth to describe this fruitfulness – "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing". (John 15:5). Put simply, the more we seek to rely on God on a daily basis, the more he can use us to further his purposes.

Healthy plants need pruning and so will we, if we are going to be productive for God. It can be painful, having the bad fruit cut away, but our Heavenly Father knows what is best for us. Plants also need a season of rest before they come back into leaf or blossom - as we may well be seeing shortly this Spring. Are our lives too busy with unproductive things - do we need to let God make us lie down in green pastures, to be restored and refreshed so that we will become more fruitful? Do we also live by the fact that without remaining in the vine - Jesus - our life will be one of fruitless striving? If we seek daily to remain close to him, then we will have greater insight into what is really important in our life.

The ending of Paul's prayer reminds us that all life should be lived for God's glory. What takes up much of our time and energy at the moment; it might be our paid work or occupation, the housework or looking after the children/grandchildren. Is it something we might think we 'just have to get on with'? What if we were to pray for God to be honoured even through even the most humdrum of activities this month? Just as the leaves begin to bud and the spring bulbs appear, may we seek to stay connected to Jesus the Vine so that our life produce fruit of righteousness - pleasing to God and giving him the glory.

Revd Caroline

## Upcoming Events

### **Mothers' Sunday: 6th March**

Do come along and join us for our mothers' Sunday. At the 11.00am service our young people will be taking part and there will be something special for all the ladies.

### **Alpha Sunday: 13th March**

We welcome all those who are on the Alpha course as they join us for our service at 11.00am this morning and afterwards in the church hall for the afternoon, where we will be talking and thinking about the work and role of the Holy Spirit.

### **Palm Sunday Evening: 20th March**

Service of worship and readings at 7.00pm that will help us to think of the events of that first Easter week. Worship will be led by the group, Gathered Worship.

### **Holy Week Services**

Holy week is the name given to the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday when as a church we reflect on and think on the implications of the last week of Jesus' life here on earth and the events that led to the cross and the resurrection. This year we will be looking at the account of the crucifixion from John's gospel.

#### **Wednesday 23rd March**

Come and join us for a contemporary service of worship at 8.00pm for our start to Holy week.

#### **Thursday 24th March**

Service of Holy Communion for Holy week at 8.00pm when we think about the significance of Holy Communion.

#### **Good Friday 25th March**

Service for Good Friday at 8.00pm

We think about what it must have been like at that moment as Jesus died and everywhere was plunged into darkness for three hours.

#### **Easter Sunday: 27th March**

Do join us at 9.30am and 11.00am as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus and have Easter Communion.

#### **Sunday 3rd April**

Holy Communion at 9.30 and 11.00am

## 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** at 9:30am and 11:00am in Ardess 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, Parish Centre  
**Prayer Ministry** is available at our 11.00am Sunday service

**24-hour prayer** each month

During Lent the church will be open for prayer from 7.00-9.00am each Wednesday. Please feel free to use this time to come and pray for the parish  
**Prayer for Mission** - a prayer sheet to help us pray specifically for the missionaries connected to Ardess parish, is produced several times throughout the year.

## Mothers' Union

**Meets 3rd Thursday** in month at 8.00pm in the Moffitt Room in Ardess Parish Centre

**Thursday 17th March** - Irish Stew Open Night  
**Friends in the Afternoon** meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday in month at 2.00pm in the Moffitt Room at Ardess Parish Centre. Come along and bring your friends.  
 Tuesday 8th March - Easter Craft with Joan Bell & Audrey Frazer

**Tuesday 22nd March** - Holy Communion

## In Stitches

Thursdays at 8.00pm in the Fountain Centre. An evening of simple crafts and lots of fun.

## Book Club

Book Club meets fortnightly on Monday at 10.00am in Liz & Phil Crooks' house. Next meeting 7th March. Current book is 'Leota's Garden'.

## Ardess Historical Society

Ardess Historical Society meets 3rd Monday in month at 8.00pm in Ardess Parish Centre.  
 On Monday 21st March Alex Cromie will speak on 'The Farming Family 1960 - 2015'

## 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.

## 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.

## Senior Youth Club

Friday Night 7-9pm. Age Group: Year 8 - Year 10.  
 Friday Night 9-11pm. Age Group: Year 11+  
 Sports, Music, Big TVs, Soft Seats, Tuck Shop and more... £1

## Connect YF

Sunday Night 7-9pm. Age Group: Year 8+  
 Food, Icebreakers, Games, Interactive talks, Faith, Discussion and more. . .

## Registers

### Baptism

17th January 2016: Georgie Evelyn Stevenson, daughter of Rachel and Jamie Stevenson of 25 Erne Park, Kesh.

### Burial

24th January 2016: John Wesley Virtue of 71 Fortview Park, Kesh at Colaghty, aged 31 years.

30th January 2016: Wilma Violet Crowe of 25 Cherrydale, Enniskillen, aged 87 years.

## 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 from being accommodated. The children's ministry for all age groups is great allowing the parents to enjoy the conference as well.



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

## Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk



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## Parish Register

### Christ Church, Maguiresbridge Baptism

13th February 2016: Olivia Grace Anthony, 2 Granlee Court, Maguiresbridge

It is always a pleasure and delight to baptize and welcome into the household of faith and we wish Olivia Grace as she begins her Christian journey.

### Services for Lent and Holy Week

During the Wednesdays and Holy Week there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in the morning and in the evening at 8.00pm. During the season of lent the TIP (Together in Prayer group) will meet at 7.30pm in the church where the evening Lenten service is being held.

### St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk

2nd March at 10.30am; 9th March at 8.00pm; 16th March at 10.30am  
Christ Church, Maguiresbridge  
2nd March at 8.00pm; 9th March at 10.30am; 16th March at 8.00pm

### Services for Holy Week

St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk  
Monday 21st March at 10.30am; Tuesday 22nd March at 8.00pm; Wednesday 23rd March at 10.30am; Maundy Thursday 24th March at 8.00pm Holy Communion and Good Friday 25th March - ante Communion

### Christ Church Maguiresbridge

Monday 21st March at 8.00pm; Tuesday 22nd March at 10.30am; Wednesday 23rd March at 8.00pm; Maundy Thursday 24th March at 10.30am and Good Friday 25th March at 8.00pm.

### St. Patrick's Day

On St. Patrick's Day, Thursday 17th March at 10.30am there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge.

### Music Evening

As a result of the parish audit it was felt that we should have a praise group come to our parish at some stage. We are delighted that N-Blaze from Rossorry Parish will be coming to us on Sunday 13th March at 7.00pm, at Christ Church, Maguiresbridge. We hope that there will be a good turnout.

On Sunday 31st January we had an evening of hymn singing with hymns from the new hymn book. We had a great evening of singing. Some of the hymns in the new hymn book supplement are excellent with very appropriate words and beautiful tunes.

### Announcement

One of the hardest things a rector can do is to announce that he is moving to another parish. The bishop asked me if I would be interested in going to the parish of Inishmacsaint and after much thought,

I have accepted his offer and I will be instituted to the parish of Inishmacsaint on Friday 22nd April at 7.30pm. I would like to thank all those people who helped and supported me through my time in the parishes of Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk.

### Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

In January the guest speaker was Miss Joyce Howard from Erne Photography. She gave a very informative talk about her wedding photography. Members were able to look at various albums displaying her work and we watched a DVD of various wedding photographs. A business meeting was held afterwards.

In February 18 members went to the Taphouse, Enniskillen for our annual dinner. A delicious meal was served.

Members to attend the Prayer Breakfast in the Killyhevlin Hotel on Saturday 20th February.

In March we look forward to Lorna Mitchell doing armchair aerobics/exercises.

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### Services

#### March

#### Sunday 6th: Fourth Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Holy Communion

Kilmore 12.15pm Holy Communion

#### Sunday 13th: Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's 10.30am Service of the Word

Ballinode 12.15pm Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 20th: Palm Sunday

St Patrick's 10.30am Morning Prayer

Kilmore 12.15pm Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 27th: Easter Day

St Patrick's 10.30am All Age Communion

Ballinode 12.15pm Holy Communion

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Trevor and Mary Jordan on the birth of their daughter Holly Rose.

### The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 19th January in the hall for a business meeting, refreshment and fellowship.

The March meeting will be on Tuesday 15th March when Tiernach Ronaghan will give a talk on 'Taking

Care of Your Eyes' and they will meet in the hall at 8.00pm.

## The Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 2nd February in the church for a talk on Chiropody and Reflexology by Emma McAdoo. The evening finished with a business meeting and fellowship.

The April meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April, when Tracey Allister will give a talk on 'Hearing'.

## Christian Burial

We learned with sadness of the death of Molly Drum on the 30th January at Cavan General Hospital. There was a wide representation from the community at her removal and funeral service in St. Patrick's Church conducted by the Rector and afterwards at Coolshannagh Graveyard.

We express prayerful sympathy to her sister Helen and her family and the wider family circle on their sad loss. Please remember them and all who have been recently bereaved in prayer.

## Lenten and Holy Week Arrangements

Bible study will be held each Wednesday at 8.15pm in the Rectory and all are welcome.

The Holy week services will be held in Ballyalbaney Presbyterian Church each evening at 8.00pm. As is traditional there will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Thursday evening.

## Easter Dawn Service

Easter Dawn service will be at the Collegiate School, Corlatt, Monaghan at 7.00am, followed by breakfast and all are welcome.

## Illness

Please remember in prayer those who are ill, the housebound and those in residential care.

## The Postal Bible School

The Postal Bible School held their annual prize distribution in St Patrick's Church Hall on Tuesday 9th February, with children from local national schools coming to sing, learn and collect their prizes.

## Vortex Youth Group

Vortex Youth Group continue to meet with a varied programme of events.

## Girls Brigade Display and Parents Night

Girls Brigade Display and Parents Night will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm.

## Rossorry



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## Services

### March

#### Sunday 6th

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

#### Sunday 13th

9.00am Holy Communion.  
11.00am Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 20th

9.00am Holy Communion.  
11.00am Morning Prayer

#### Holy Week

Service each night from Monday to Friday at 8.00pm (details on the parish website [www.rossorryparish.com](http://www.rossorryparish.com) and on the Easter Services leaflet).

#### Sunday 27th Easter Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am Holy Communion

## Parish Register

### Baptism

Sunday 14th February 2016: Olly Jamie Elliott, infant son of Conor and Melissa.

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

### Marriage

Friday 12th February 2016: Rossorry Parish Church, Karen (nee Kennedy) and Stephen Kyle.

Heartiest congratulations to the happy couple for their future together, from all the parishioners of Rossorry.

### Bereavements

The Parish was saddened to learn of the deaths of 2 of our parishioners and the mother of a parishioner and extend our sympathy, prayers and support to their families.

**Mary Elizabeth Little** of Dinnydoon, Springfield died on 19th January 2016. Her funeral service took place on 21st January at Springfield Methodist Church and she was laid to rest in Rossorry graveyard.

**Melissa Claire Taylor** (nee Hassard) of Glencunny died on 21st January 2016 and was buried after a funeral service at Rossorry Parish Church on 23rd January in the family plot.

**Violet Evelyn Creighton** of Clonamullog died on 26th January and after a funeral service in Rossorry Parish Church on 30th January, was buried in the family plot at Mullaghduin.

### Rossorry Celebrates 175 years

2016 is a very important year for Rossorry parish as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the opening of the present church. We are planning a series of events throughout the year to mark this most significant milestone in our church's history. The first event will be our service of celebration on Sunday 3rd April at 3.00pm when our bishop will be present to preach and help us to inaugurate our year of celebration. All our friends and neighbours are welcome to join us. Other events are being planned to enable our parishioners, friends and visitors to explore joyfully in a variety of ways our theme of celebration.

Events so far planned include: A Christmas Tree Festival; Anniversary Dance, Service at Old Rossorry, Concert, Auction, coffee morning, Table Quiz. A number of other ideas are still under development – further details later. We are currently seeking offers of help from parishioners to take these various events forward and details will be available soon. We trust that the events will enable us all to enjoy the experience of working together as the people of God and make the celebrations successful and memorable.

### Church Repair Fund

In order to cover the costs of the church repairs and improvements the Select Vestry took the decision to launch a Church Repair Fund. A special Gift Sunday was held on Trinity Sunday 31st May when parishioners brought their contributions to the Church Repair Fund Appeal. In addition a series of fund raising activities are being planned beginning in April 2016 in conjunction with our 175th Anniversary celebrations. . We thank parishioners in anticipation of their support as we work together to enhance and beautify God's church for His worship in years to come.

At the time of writing there has been a marvellous response by the parishioners to the Church Repair Fund Appeal. There are still some more envelopes to be returned, but the response has been humbling and reflects the love that our parishioners have for our beautiful church and their commitment to improving it and passing it on to the next generation in tip top condition.

*"Connecting with God. Connecting with others. Serving all."*

### Rossorry Prayer Group

The group will not meet in Lent but will be part of The Lenten Bible Study.

The Bible Study is being held over 5 Wednesdays in Lent, which commenced on 17th February in the Parish Office at 7.30pm. We follow a short course designed by the Diocese of York on "The Psalms- prayers for today's church". This is an informal group and is open to anyone.

### Wednesday Club News

The Club is back in full swing again, with a full programme of events for the year. On 20th January the club got advice from Brenda Mc Creesh, Optician on 'looking after your eyes'. On 27th January Val Irvine talked about the 'Pantry Store'.



On 3rd February Denzil Mc Daniel treated the group to a very interesting and informative talk on his time working on the Impartial Reporter as a journalist and Editor. On 10th February, Ethel led the club with "Valentine Hearts".



Wednesday Club making Valentine Hearts



Rector joins the Wednesday Club making Valentine Hearts

### Wednesday Club Programme

#### March

- 2nd March** Working with people with Dementia Carol McCoy
- 9th March** Rotary Club visit to Kenya - Kenny Fisher
- 16th March** Games and Quiz morning
- 18th March** Easter Fair in aid of Breast Cancer
- 23rd March** Holy Week – Coffee Morning in The Sheelin, Bellnaleck
- 30th March** Laughing Yoga



## April

**6th April** Annual Sale of Work

**13th April** Video of Esinehower W.W.2 visit to U.S. Troops - Roger Edmondson

**20th April** Serviette Folding - Ethel

**27th April** Games morning - Ethel

## May

**4th May** Memories of the year looking back

**11th May** Summer Outing

Club closed – reopens in September

Club meetings are every Wednesday at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome - there is always room for new members. For more details contact Ethel Oldcroft on 028 66 326339.

## Rossorry Mothers' Union

The meeting of Mothers' Union on Thursday 21st January in the Hall welcomed Denzil McDaniel (formerly editor of The Impartial Reporter) as the guest speaker. He gave a very interesting and informative talk on his career in journalism.

The group hosted the Women's World Day of Prayer facilitated by Mrs Heather Ellis at Rossorry at 8.00pm on Friday 4th March. The preacher was the Revd Isobel Nixon.

## Parent & Toddler Group



Parent and Toddler Club Birthday

It is hard to believe that the Parent & Toddler has been running for four years. A big party was held on Wednesday 10th February to mark the event. Many thanks to all who run the group and to those who volunteer to help week on week.



Blowing out the candles

## Arts & Crafts Classes

Arts & Crafts Classes are held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoons.

Acrylic Painting Class and the Basket Weaving class commenced on 26th February.

## Tempo and Clabby



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### "He is Risen"

"Rubbish – what a load of rubbish" the view expressed by many sceptics, doubters, unbelievers and enemies of Christ on that first Easter. The Religious leaders – spread the story that the disciples stole the body as the soldiers slept – Matthew chapter 28 v 12-15.

Other theories that were used to rubbish Jesus bodily Resurrection were that the women got the wrong tomb. This is wrong as we read Luke chapter 23 v 55. Jesus escaped from the tomb, but had never died, he had only fainted, again read John chapter 19 v 31-37. Jesus was found to be really dead by the soldiers.

Paul in 1st Corinthians 15 affirms that the bodily resurrection of Jesus was in accordance with the fulfilment of the scriptures (15: 3-4). His Resurrection was evidenced by witnesses (15:5-8). The gospels all give account of his appearance to the women and disciples on several occasions. The gospels also tell us the disciples touched Jesus body and they all ate food (Luke 24: 36-43), John 20:27)

The Christian faith is based on many different truths, the important truth is that Jesus did the impossible and literally his body was raised from the dead. If this truth is rubbish and rejected then we have no hope, no future, no forgiveness of our sins. But if we accept this truth and receive and invite Christ to be our personal Lord and Saviour then we have his free gift of eternal (Romans 6:23, 1st Corinthians 15:12-19)

This Easter as we celebrate again the victory of Christ over sin and death, let us enter into that victory by

being sure we are trusting in Christ and that we living in it and looking forward to it one day when we die or Christ returns.

## Happy Easter

Jean, Deborah, Sarah, James and I would like to wish everyone God's blessing for a Happy Easter and a good holiday.

## March Diary

- 7-9th & 11th March** - Clabby Bowls Tournament
- 10th March** - Clabby Bowls Church league final – Aghavea
- 8th March** Mothers' Union 8.00pm - Tempo Pensioners Parliament – Mrs Patricia McDonald
- 9th March** - Lent Service in Tempo 8.00pm
- 13th March** - Diocesan Ministry of Healing with Revd Dr. Pat Mollan: "He touched me" 3.30–6.00pm in Clabby Church Hall  
6.00–7.00pm Refreshments  
7.30pm Service of Laying on of hands & prayers for the sick
- 16th March** - Lent Service in Clabby

## Holy Week

- Wednesday 23rd** – Clabby at 8.00pm "They don't mix"
- Maundy Thursday 24th** - Tempo at 8.00pm Holy Communion – "A New Life"
- Good Friday 25th** – Tempo at 12 midnight "At the Cross"  
8.00pm Clabby with the young people taking part. "The price is paid".
- Easter Sunday 27th** services at the usual times. Family Service with Holy Communion. "He is Risen".

## Annual General Easter Vestries

- Monday 4th April – 7.30pm Tempo
- Tuesday 5th April – 7.30pm Clabby

## Restoration Events

- 8th April** 5k/10k Fun Run – from Clabby Church Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Details form Colin Stronge 028 895 21830, mobile number 07901 678180 or Alan Robinson 028 895 22193 or 07810 258481.
- 24th April** Annual Friends Service at 3.30pm.
- 7th May** Vintage Bike Run from Clabby Church hall commencing at 10.00am. For more details contact Jim Monteith on 028 895 21167 or mobile 07751 803660.
- 2nd September** Midnight walk from Clabby Church Hall – details from Edwin and Hilary Armstrong 028 89541852.

## Advance Date

- Saturday 4th June** Fun Day Commencing at 12 noon – 4.00pm All Proceeds to Church Funds.

## CLOGHER DIOCESE MINISTRY OF HEALING "He touched me"

Sunday 13th March  
**With Dr. Pat Mollan (CMH Director)**  
3-30 p.m. – 6pm Clabby Church Hall  
Tea 6 – 7pm  
7-30pm 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, or the evening Service or both.

## Trory and Killadeas



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Dear Parishioners,  
I can honestly say I am truly fed up with the winter of 2015-2016. Rain, wind, sleet, frost, grey sky and long hours of darkness. It seems an age from the clocks fell back an hour to winter-time and an age since the winter solstice. So most keenly and perhaps I am not alone - my eyes delight at the day-light making the mornings and evenings brighter. My eyes delight at snowdrops, and daffodils sprouting and the branches of trees thickening with the buds of this years leaves.

These ways of looking at spring are not an exact science but they reflect our pilgrimage in life from one year to another. Life is a procession of events both good and bad, which make us who we are, and how we see God. Nature does things gradually and it cannot always be high summer but then without the journey who would value life in all its glory.

We are in a time of promise. The days of Lent are passing and Holy Week with its eternal drama is coming with its glorious Easter fulfillment. The spiritual pilgrimage through life cannot be measured in time. Each day in spring the evening lasts officially according to measurement approximately 2 minutes longer than the day before.

If we are to fulfill the Easter promise we might be better to measure the light of the love of God as found in us, and not the length of the day, as the sun slips over the horizon.

## Lent

The Priory continue to host the services on a Wednesday evening at 8.00pm. As 2016 is a key anniversary year across the island of Ireland this year our midweek talks

focus on the history of the Irish church. With talks on Celtic Christianity, pre-reformation Christianity, the Irish reformation, Protestant Nationalism, Protestant Unionism and Who are the Christians in Ireland today?

### Holy Week

Services in Trory from Wednesday – Friday at 8.00pm.

#### Easter Day

Killadeas lough shore service at 7.00am (Hopefully followed by the usual Eggs, tea and toast in the Parish Hall)

**Killadeas Holy Communion** at 10.00am

**Trory Holy Communion** at 11.30am

### Rite of Confirmation

The Rite of Confirmation will be conducted by the Bishop on Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm. Confirmation

classes begin on Tuesday 12th June in Killadeas Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Children should be 13 or over in this calendar year. In the mean time children should continue to attend Church and Sunday school.

### Annual General Vestry meeting

Annual General Vestry meeting Killadeas: Monday 4th April 2016 at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Annual General Vestry Meeting Trory: Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 8.00pm in the School House.

### Flower Festival 2017

Trory Select Vestry are planning to hold a flower festival in the church on the first weekend of June 2017. It is hoped that we will be able to show the wonderful setting of our church and the beauties of nature to many in the community.



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