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A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP



Dear Friends

Sermon to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Thursday 21st April 2016.

It may seem as though I am stating the obvious, but it will do no harm to say plainly the reason why so many of us are so happily gathered

here today. We are here to thank Almighty God for the long life of Her Majesty the Queen. And I would suggest that the principal reason we can do so as a joy and not merely as a duty, is because, throughout her long life, the Queen has lived as a subject of the Kingdom of God - in the words of the reading from St. Mark's Gospel, she has rendered unto God the things that are God's; that is the tribute of her whole life and personality, surrendered in countless acts of duty, responsibility and love.

Early in 1926 the Queen's mother, then Duchess of York began to make arrangements in earnest for the birth of her first child. She made sure that the maternity nurse who had cared for her own sisters when they were expecting babies would come to help her at the beginning of April. She was a woman called Anne Beevers "tall and dark and very Yorkshire" as she later recalled. In the letter she wrote asking Mrs Beevers to come in April, she also asked her to recommend a tonic "as I get rather tired (and irritable I fear)."

She and her husband had hoped to rent a house in Grosvenor Square where the baby would be born and could spend the summer but the plan fell through in March, so the Duke and Duchess went instead to the Duchess's parents' house, 17 Bruton Street, off Picadilly.

By the middle of March the Duchess's medical advisor Sir Bertrand Dawson had decided that the baby should be induced and after discussing it with the Duke and Duchess he also motored up to Windsor to tell King George and Queen Mary. Contrary to the picture which can so easily be given of rather remote and emotionally buttoned up parents, they wrote immediately to the Duke and Duchess.

Queen Mary desperately wanted to be with her daughter-in-law but knew that if she went the Press would think that something was wrong and that the exaggerated reports would add unneeded stress to an already stressful situation. Unfortunately the Duchess's own mother, Lady Strathmore had a very high temperature and was confined at home in Scotland,

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so instead some friends were asked to come at the time of the delivery. As Queen Mary wrote, "Someone who has had a baby and knows is such a comfort to one at such moments". No husbands hanging around delivery rooms in those days.

As though that wasn't bad enough the Duke of York (who had become very anxious as first time fathers often are) had also to look after a member of the Cabinet, William Joynson-Hicks. He had been summoned in accordance with the convention that the Home Secretary should be present at the birth of a child in the direct royal succession to ensure that no substitution was made. It can't have been much fun for the Queen's father, as Joynson-Hicks was a rather pompous authoritarian figure, known in the country as "Jix" and in the Conservative Party as "Mussolini Minor".

Shortly after her birth an official announcement was made that "The Duchess of York has had some rest after arrival of her daughter. Her Royal Highness and the infant Princess are making very satisfactory progress". The announcement went on to say that "...previous to the Confinement a consultation took place at which [it was decided] that a certain line of treatment should be adopted". A euphemism for a Caesarian section. The new arrival was the King's first granddaughter and third in line to the throne after the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York.

The King and Queen were woken up at 4.00am to be told the news to their very great relief and drove down from Windsor to Bruton Street in the afternoon. Queen Mary recorded in her diary "Saw the baby who is a little darling with a lovely complexion and pretty fair hair". A day or two later she wrote to her son, "I am thankful that all is going well with our darling Elizabeth and that adorable little daughter of yours (as yet they hadn't decided on a name), she is so sweet and pretty and I feel very proud of my first granddaughter."

The Duke of York wrote in reply "You don't know what a tremendous joy it is to Elizabeth and me to have our little girl.....now that we have our daughter it seems so wonderful and strange....I know Elizabeth wanted a daughter. May I say I hope you don't spoil her when she gets a bit older." They decided to name the little girl Elizabeth Alexandra Mary after her mother, great grandmother and grandmother.

So there you have, in more or less the words of her own family, the story of the birth of a little girl, con doubt into a life of some privilege, but with absolutely no premonition that it would also be a life of relentless duty as Queen. And perhaps in that way Providence

provided wisely, because what emerges from that record is the picture of a close, loving family, taking care to express their love in little acts of thoughtfulness and affection. It also meant that the future Queen's character could be formed during her childhood, when the wax was still soft, within a fairly ordinary family setting by an optimistic, charming, life enhancing mother and by a shy, shrewd, devoted and courageous father. All of which qualities combined in her own unique personality and have given such depth and texture to the Queen's life of duty and affection ever since.

But if I could return to what I said at the beginning of this sermon; that her life of duty to the State, and love and affection for the country have been possible only because they have been worked out as part of the Queen's discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Because that discipleship was formed and has been lived in a very particular religious environment (that of the Church of England) it is characterised by a certain reserve and desire for toleration and inclusiveness. It is not a very showy expression of faith, but it obviously runs very deep, and it is no less an authentic form of discipleship than those which are more ardently expressed.

There is a character in Thomas Hardy's novel *Far from the Madding Crowd* who says "There is this to be said for the Church [of England], a man can belong to the Church and bide in his cheerful old inn, and never trouble or worry his mind about doctrine at all." Now,

that is something of a caricature but there is a good deal of truth in it to make it work. True that a life of Christian devotion and duty - of rendering unto God the things that are his, that is, our whole selves - has room in it for the odd gin and Dubonnet and pale ale and smiles when a horse wins at Ascot or (and I find this hard to say) when England win at cricket, just as it has for sitting with Secretaries day after relentless day, poring over correspondence, or with almost superhuman tact and wisdom steering her way through the weary maze of political life or attending to those many duties that fill the Court Circular of the Daily Telegraph.

It seems to me at any rate, that Her Majesty the Queen has understood what many people (including many religious people) fail to grasp, that all life is God's, and that it is the manner that we do the ordinary things of life, which is a true discipleship. It is not everything that has to be said about the Christian Faith, and it presupposes a trust in Him, but it is a great deal.

In finishing if I may use those quaint old words from 1662 The Litany of the Book of Common Prayer; today we give thanks to God that it has pleased Him to guard and bless His servant Elizabeth our most gracious Queen and Governor these 90 years and to have ruled her heart in His faith, fear and love; and we pray that she may evermore have affiance in Him, and ever seek His honour and glory as long as she shall live. Vivat Regina. Long live the Queen.

+ John

CHURCH OF IRELAND NEWS

Bishop of Clogher Elected President of Irish Council of Churches



Caption - The Rt Revd John McDowell, President of the Irish Council of Churches, with Mr Mervyn McCullagh, outgoing Executive Officer, Irish Council of Churches.

The Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, has been elected as President of the Irish Council of Churches (ICC) for 2016-2018. The election took place at the ICC's 93rd Annual Meeting at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on 7th April and Bishop McDowell will be assisted by the Revd Brian Anderson as Vice-President. Mr Anderson is currently the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Bishop McDowell said: 'I am very honoured to take up this role at a time of great challenge and opportunity for the Churches in Ireland. In doing so, I wish to thank the Past President, the Revd Dr Donald Watts, and outgoing Executive Officer, Mr Mervyn McCullagh, for their leadership and hard work in refreshing and enhancing the work of the ICC. I look forward to helping to develop and provide a voice for Ireland's Churches to connect through a common belief in Christ over the next two years.' The meeting reviewed the ICC's work in recent years including the Irish Churches Peace Project and its engagement with government on welfare reform, climate justice, marriage legislation and the integration of migrants and refugees. The Council reaffirmed 10 commitments which included



a recognition and appreciation of cultural and ethnic diversity as gifts of God, working towards inclusive communities, and co-operation with migrant-led Churches and chaplaincies in providing pastoral care and support to migrants.

'The Somme – a Wider Set of Reflections and Experiences'

A Special Event to Mark the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme, Dublin, 1 June 2016

The Church of Ireland Historical Centenaries Working Group is holding an evening of presentations and an opportunity for discussion to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme in the Music Room of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.30pm. The keynote speakers will be Dr Gavin Hughes, a Visiting Research Fellow at Trinity College, Dublin, who will speak on 'Irish Battalions and the long Battle of the Somme' and the well-known writer and historian Turtle Bunbury who will speak on 'Irish personalities who ventured onto the Somme battlefield'. The talks will be followed by an opportunity for questions and answers with the speakers, followed by refreshments, and all are welcome to attend.

The all-island aspects of the Battle of the Somme and its legacy will be explored. Dr Hughes will focus on the military exploits of the Volunteer 'Service' battalions of the 36th (Ulster) and 16th (Irish) Divisions, alongside the veteran 'Regulars' and will consider their military impact through documentary evidence and surviving archaeological traces. Dr Hughes hopes to offer thoughtful and useful conclusions regarding the painful progress of Irish units on the Somme with an active discussion on their attendant horrific casualty rates.

Turtle Bunbury's presentation will consider a wide range of individuals who either ventured onto the battlefield or flew above it both on the 1st July and through the latter stages of the long drawn-out battle. Amongst those whose lives he will discuss will be Sir William Orpen and his experiences as an artist; Woodbine Willie as a padre to the troops; DD Sheehan, a nationalist MP at the Somme; General Gough who commanded the 5th Army and the Gallipoli veterans who died at the Somme.

Admission to the event is free. It would be helpful if those wishing to attend would indicate in advance by emailing: press@ireland.anglican.org

Dignity in Church Life

Everyone expects to be treated with dignity and respect. However, our human relationships are imperfect and, when difficulties arise, we need to emphasise the need to treat others as we would wish to be treated and to pursue reconciliation.

It is in this context that the Church of Ireland has adopted a Dignity in Church Life Charter, and has developed a number of supporting policies to guide members of the Church in dealing with some of the sorts of situations that can arise in Church life and that

may have the potential to affect relationships within the Church community.



The starting point for the Dignity in Church Life Charter is that Church membership implies a commitment to relationship, reflecting the Gospel's invitation into a relationship with God and with all who are likewise part of the life of the Church.

The Charter, which was approved by the General Synod in 2015, is underpinned by the following Christian principles:

- Building and supporting harmonious relationships in church life across all its structures
- Upholding the right of all equally to be treated with dignity and respect
- Seeking reconciliation where there is disagreement or conflict.

The new policies that have been developed in support of these principles aim to bring clarity to how the Church will respond in three particular situations: where bullying or harassment is alleged between Church members; where grievances are reported by members of the clergy; and where members of the clergy experience long-term illness.

Information about the policies is available online at www.ireland.anglican.org/hrpolicies

A copy of the Dignity in Church Life Charter will shortly be sent to every parish and it is hoped that this will be displayed prominently within the parish. Copies of the policies and accompanying guidelines will be circulated to every parish. Every effort will be made to ensure that all members of the Church of Ireland are aware of the Dignity in Church Life Charter and of these Church-wide relationship policies.

Church members, dioceses and parishes accessing the policies will be able to raise any queries with a central human resources advisor.

It is hoped that the Dignity in Church Life Charter, and the policies and guidelines developed in support of it, will be of practical assistance to members throughout the Church of Ireland in resolving issues and affirming relationships within the Church community.

Bishop Harold Miller's The Desire of our Soul - A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer Reprinted

A reprint of The Desire of our Soul – A User's Guide to the Book of Common Prayer by Bishop Harold Miller

has just been released and is available to purchase from The Book Well online Christian bookshop. The book is a companion to the Church of Ireland 2004 Book of Common Prayer. In this guide, Bishop Miller leads the reader through the different services in the Prayer Book, especially the ones newly introduced in 2004. He enables the reader to understand something of the meaning of the liturgies, the reason why they are as they are, and the way in which they can provide the people of God with words which can deepen both public and personal devotion. The publication also includes a series of charts laying out the structure of many of the services, and a set of questions at the end of each chapter which may be used for group discussion or personal reflection. As was said by the

publishers at the time of the first print-run, 'When both spirituality and understanding come together, rooted in the Bible, then the worship of the people of God will be attractive and compelling. This book may be one of the helps on the way to that goal.' This reprint of The Desire of Our Soul is an initiative of The Book Well in conjunction with the Church of Ireland Literature Committee and the General Synod Royalties Fund. The book will appeal to general readers, churchgoers and students alike. The book costs £14.99 and is available via: <http://www.thebookwell.co.uk/the-desire-of-our-soul/> or contact The Book Well by emailing info@thebookwell.co.uk or telephoning +44 (0)75 811 43596 or calling at 73 Belmont Road, Belfast BT4 2AA.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Appreciation and thanks



Pru Mahood retires as Magazine Secretary

Mrs Pru Mahood, Honorary Secretary of Clogher Diocesan Magazine Committee, has recently stepped down after 30 years. The Revd Canon Desmond Kingston, Committee member, presented Pru with a gift to recognize her dedication and loyalty over the years.

A call for singers!

The chairman of P.S.A.L.M., Ethne McCord, has put out a call to churches throughout County Monaghan for singers to join a choir to sing at a Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to be held in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan on Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm. The service, which will feature musical contributions from seven National Schools and Monaghan Collegiate school, will celebrate the end of the present round of funding received under the Ulster-Scots Agency Music Programme for Schools.

This is the third Praise Service to be organised by P.S.A.L.M and kindly hosted by St. Patrick's.

A choir practice will be held (D.V) in St Salvator's Church, Glaslough on Monday 9th May at 8.00pm and all singers are welcome. Choir practices will also be held in Ballybay (led by Mrs Wendy Sloan) and Ballyalbany (led by Mr Ian Lovett).

Further details may be obtained from Mrs Ethne McCord - email: david.ethne@btinternet.com or tel: 07884411896.

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Saturday 10am-6pm
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Praise Service
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 Sunday 7pm

DIOCESAN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2016

Sunday 1st May – The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday (white)

Monday 2nd May – Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles (transferred) (Red)

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.

Thursday 5th May – **Adult Confirmation Service** in Portora Royal School Chapel at 7.30pm (Ascension Day). If you would like to be confirmed please contact your Rector.

Thursday 5th May – The Ascension Day (white or gold)

Friday 6th May – **Mothers' Union Area Service** in Aghabog Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Saturday 7th May – **Vintage Bike Run** from Clabby Church hall at 10.00am. For more details contact Jim Monteith on 028 89521167 or 07751 803660.

Saturday 7th May – **Core Skills Children's Ministry Course** in St Columba's Parish, Omagh from 10.30am to 3.00pm. First session of three organised by Church of Ireland Board of Education and Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Booking form available on our news section.

Saturday 7th May – **Coffee Morning and Flower Arranging** in Rossorry Parish Hall at 10.00am.

Sunday 8th May – Colebrooke Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Sunday 8th May – **Service of Dedication** of the extension to Cleenish Church Porch by Bishop John McDowell in Cleenish Parish at 3.00pm.

Sunday 8th May – The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension Day (white)

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

Friday 13th May – **Mothers' Union Area Service** in Fivemiletown Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Friday 13th May – **Mothers' Union Area Service** in Magheraculmoney Parish Church, Kesh at 8.00pm.

Saturday 14th May – **MU Spring Council** in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at 7.30pm. The usual Bring and Buy Sale will be held at 7.00pm.

Saturday 14th May – **Sponsored Walk/Run** from Boho Parish Church at 10.00am to the Reade Hall, Monea, preceded short service will be held in Boho Church. Proceeds towards the Reade Hall Project.

Saturday 14th May – **Annual Parish BBQ** at Donavacey Parish Hall, Fintona.

Saturday 14th May – Saint Matthias (red)

Sunday 15th May – Mullaghfad Friends' Service at 3.30pm.

Sunday 15th May – **Friendship Service** in Tydavnet Parish Church, Ballinode, Co Monaghan at 3.00pm featuring Bawn Silver Band and visiting singers.

Sunday 15th May – **Annual Pentecost Ecumenical Service** in St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen at 3.00pm led by the Rt Revd John McDowell, The Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid, Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher.

Tuesday 17th May – **Deeper Rural Deanery Event** from 8.00-10.00pm in The Fountain Centre, Kesh. Hosted by Magheraculmoney Parish. Theme: 'Going Deeper into God's Word'

Wednesday 18th May – **Annual Gardening Evening** at 8.00pm in Drummully Church Hall with Kim Rickey.

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.

Thursday 19th May – **Clogher Clerical Association** Holy

Communion at 10.30am in Galloon Parish with meeting afterwards in the Sunday School Hall (clergy only).

Thursday 19th May – **MU Spring Council** in Magheracross Parish Church, Ballinamallard at 7.30pm. 'Bring and Buy' Sale will be held from 7.00pm.

Friday 20th May – **Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch** from 10.30am-2.00pm in aid of County Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society. Mrs Miriam Moore, Vice President of the Society will host the morning at her beautiful home at Bishops Court on the outskirts of Clones on the Newbliss road. Visitors will have the opportunity to buy delicious home-made cakes as well as plants for their gardens. An historical talk will be given at 12 noon.

Saturday 21st May – **Core Skills Children's Ministry Course** in St Columba's Parish, Omagh from 10.30am to 3.00pm. First session of three organised by Church of Ireland Board of Education and Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Booking form available on our news section.

Saturday 21st May – **Sunday School Coffee Morning** from 10.00am – 1.00pm in Newtownbutler Church Hall hosted by the Sunday school teachers and the children.

Sunday 22nd May – Trinity Sunday (white)

Friday 27th May – **Clogh Friendship Service** in Clogh Parish Church at 3.00pm. Guest speaker: Revd John Dixon. Music provided by Ballybay Gospel Group and Mr Jim Dixon.

Saturday 28th May – **Parish Auction** in Colaghty Parish Hall, Lack at 12noon. Viewing from 10.30am.

Sunday 29th May – Open Air Inter-Church Service in Old Rossorry Parish Hall, at the site of the Old Church at 3.00pm.

Sunday 29th May – The First Sunday after Trinity (green)

Tuesday 31st May – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (white)

June 2016

Thursday 2nd June – **Indoor Members Prayer Cycle Afternoon Tea** in The See House.

Saturday 4th June – **Garden Fete/Fun Day** from at 12.30–4.00pm at Clabby Church Hall. All Proceeds to Church Funds.

Saturday 4th June – **Car Boot Sale with Strawberry Tea and Cake Sale** at Drummully Church Hall. Gates open for car-booters at 8.00pm. Teas served from 9.30am.

Saturday 4th June – **Core Skills Children's Ministry Course** in St Columba's Parish, Omagh from 10.30am to 3.00pm. First session of three organised by Church of Ireland Board of Education and Church of Ireland Theological

Institute. Booking form available on our news section.

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

Sunday 5th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity (green)

Tuesday 7th June – **Concert** in Rossorry Parish Church at 7.30pm with Fermanagh Choral Society.

Thursday 9th June – Saint Columba. Abbot of Iona. 597 (white)

Saturday 11th June – **Aughnamullen Coffee Morning** at 10.30am. Proceeds in aid of church funds.

Saturday 11th June – Saint Barnabas (red)

Sunday 12th June – The Third Sunday after Trinity (green)

Thursday 16th June – **Clogher Clerical BBQ** in the See House at 6.00pm.

Sunday 19th June – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (green)

Friday 24th June – The Birth of Saint John the Baptist (white)

Sunday 26th June – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity (green)

Monday 27th June - Friday 1st July 2016 – **Holiday Bible Club** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Halls, ending with a Sunday service on 3rd July in Colebrooke Halls at 11.00am. Suitable for Primary School age children. If you wish to book a place contact Ann Johnston on 028 8953 1596.

Wednesday 29th June – Saint Peter (red)

For full diary dates please visit www.clogher.anglican.org

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Mother's Day Service

Monaghan Branch held a special branch service on Mothers Day. However, Mrs Adie Leitch was unable to attend the service to receive her long service certificate for 68 years therefore was presented to her afterwards at home. A few days later she celebrated her 90th Birthday. Congratulations!



Left to Right: Clogher President, Irene Boyd: Winnie Jordan - 27 years: Myrtle Mills - 39 years: Sadie Jordan - 27 years: Dorothy Adams - 27 years: Ruby Heasty - 36 years: Jean Garland - 27 years.



Mrs Adie Leitch, Monaghan Branch

Congratulations



Mr and Mrs Jeavons



Canon David Skuce, Irene Boyd (MU President), Timothy Elliott and Sandra Kettle

Mr Geoff and Mrs Kathleen Jeavons celebrated 69 years of married life on 16th March 2016. Kathleen is a member of Derryvullen North and Castle Archdale MU with 61 years service and still attends meetings regularly.

Area Services

Aghabog Parish: Friday 6th May 8.00pm
Fivemiletown Parish: Friday 13th May 8.00pm
Magheraculmoney Parish: Friday 13th May 8.00pm
Branches: Please let the Branch Leader know the number of members attending and also remind your Rector that he/she is very welcome to attend (and to robe).

Spring Council

This year the Spring Council is to be held in Magheracross Parish Hall, Ballinamallard on Thursday 14th May beginning at 7.30pm. The usual Bring and Buy Sale will be held at 7.00pm.

Visitor's Night

Maguiresbridge Branch held its Visitors Night on 11th April. There was a very good number representing various branches. Sandra Kettles, Branch Leader welcomed all present and opened with prayer. The Rector, Canon David Skuce did the Bible reading. The speaker was Timothy Elliott, who kept us all enthralled with his lovely flower arrangements. A very enjoyable supper was served by the ladies of the Branch.

YOUTH NEWS

'Deeper Into God's World'

Monaghan and Clones Rural Deanery Event Saturday 16th April



Monaghan Collegiate School was the venue for a very successful diocesan rural deanery event. With an earlier than usual start time to allow for outdoor activities the fun got off to a great start quickly. The rural deanery team of leaders had a very unique take on the theme and were keen that the evening reflect the importance of a positive image for our young people so that as they go out in Christ's name into His world they go knowing how He sees them made in His image. Our hand prints are unique to us all so the first exercise was to record

these shapes using paint and a colourful collage was created on a large board outdoors for all to see. With the sun setting and warming us on what was a special spring evening we moved to the school playing fields for team games such as the 'Drain Pipe', 'Foot Blanks' and the old faithful 'Sack Race', the line up for which looked and sounded like the Grand National! Our young people laughed and shouted for joy as they fell over and landed on the soft ground got up and jumped on and on. After the warm-up session we turned to the sports hall for more challenges such as 'Drive The Nail', 'Make The Flag' and 'Build A Tower', which involved making as tall a tower as possible using spaghetti sticks and marshmallows.



"Deeper into God's World

Having had so much enjoyment and fun the planned programme changed to thoughts of our theme "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14, and we watched a video 'The Father's Love Letter' which speaks of how we are not only fearfully and wonderfully made but God has equally a particular and unique plan for our lives. Each of the young people were then given a copy of this letter to take home with them as a reminder in time of doubt of what their heavenly father's heart for them is. Having been nourished spiritually by this reflection supper was served which was a veritable feast! Chicken goujons, burgers, chips, sausages, salads, and potato wedges were in ready supply, which was very welcome after the excitement and activity earlier. There was a buzz of conversation which slipped into a mere murmur as appetites were being satisfied.

As a final and all-important element to the evening John Campbell from the 'Love For Life' organisation was invited to speak on the theme for the evening. John underlined the importance of seeing ourselves as our heavenly father sees us and not as the world see us. The world says we must look a certain way, own the right things have the proper friends and be seen in the popular places. Often all of this pressure, results in us not believing the truth of God's word and believing the lies of the world. Worse than that we can come to hate ourselves and how we look and the very nature God has given us. The final result can be tragic. In many ways there could not have been a more pertinent or important message for our young people to hear given the popular current world-view.

The evening drew to a close gently with a reflection and prayer of thanks for the joy and encouragement that comes in the knowledge that we are loved and cared for by our father in heaven and an excitement to see how His plan would be brought to pass as we go out into His world to share this truth with others. So ended what was an exceptionally successful evening that contained so many varied and imaginative elements. All was due to the dedication, prayers and efforts of the youth ministry leaders from the Monaghan and Clones rural deaneries who brought our diocesan 'Deeper' events to a new high.



Young Adults And Youth Leaders Retreat Ballybofey 8-10th April

If you ever wondered 'How to eat an elephant' then the retreat weekend in Ballybofey was for you. This was the title of the first interactive talk given by our speaker Andrew Brannigan from the Down and Dromore diocese on the Friday evening. Andrew took a detailed look at spiritual disciplines and practices over the weekend. He showed us the reality of "Giving up what we cannot keep to gain what we can never lose". We were challenged and yet encouraged as we talked and prayed together, honestly sharing our experiences as we sought to devote ourselves to spending time in the spiritual disciplines.

Jackson's hotel in Ballybofey has been the venue of our annual retreat for the past three years and it was good to be back in familiar surroundings. Open turf fires, comfy settees, excellent service and food providing a backdrop that meant we had peace to take time to read and pray about what we were learning from Andrew.

The Saturday afternoon was a chance to get out into the beauty of the Donegal countryside, travel to the nearby beaches or just walk in the small busy streets of Ballybofey. We had a group from Derry and Raphoe Diocese joining us for the weekend and new friendships were forged, especially during the social opportunities and activities in the evenings.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a late night conversation on vocation hosted by the Revd Canon Brian Harper along with Miss Alison Irvine who is currently studying for ordination at CITI. They both shared with us how they came to hear and see the call of God to full time ministry and ordination. Canon Brian shared his story as a teenager being called and Alison as a result of Youth Ministry leadership in her parish, although already employed full time in secular employment at the time. They left us all with much to think about and again reflected into our theme of staying close to God to hear His voice and call in whatever walk He has for us.

As a follow up to our weekend, an evening is planned on Saturday 4th of June in the Fountain Centre, Kesh at 8.00pm. All young adults are welcome to come along and join those who attended the retreat weekend. We have learnt that discipleship is always best worked out in community and our weekend together underlined this important fact yet again. Like so many things in life nothing big can stand in our way if "You eat it with friends one mouthful at a time!"



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH DROMORE UGANDA PROJECT

Team 2010

In July 2010 a team of eight men from Holy Trinity Church, Dromore fulfilled a pledge made two years earlier that they would fundraise and volunteer to build a school in a village of Burunga, near the shores of Lake Victoria in Southern Uganda, East Africa. This commitment was made in partnership with the Fields of Life organisation. After an enormous fundraising effort, which raised over £48,000 in an eight-month period, the team packed their tools and two weeks later they returned to Dromore having accomplished what they set out to do!



Fields of Life Organisation

Fields of Life is an organisation based in Craigavon, Northern Ireland with offices in Burundi, Democratic Rep. of Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and South Sudan. It is their desire to see local partners and churches throughout Central East Africa strengthened and empowered to be the drivers of change in their own communities so that children especially, are nurtured and developed to realise their potential by bringing hope and future to their nations. They focus on education, clean water and health programmes. It is their vision to see as many people as possible in East Africa impacted practically with the good news of the gospel and to act as an effective Christian response to communities gripped with poverty and suffering.

To volunteer on a short-term mission trip with Fields of Life is an excellent way to experience the East African culture, meet new people and the experience is rewarding and unforgettable! For more information visit www.fieldsoflife.org

From then to now...

After such a successful mission trip in 2010 Holy Trinity Fields of Life Committee decided to continue with fundraising in order to further enhance the Hope Life Primary School which currently has over 400 children including a small number of boarders.

Team 2016



Left – Right: Gordon Deazley (Team Leader & First Aider), Sharon Deazley, Charles Kenwell (Assistant Team Leader), Joe Farrell, Sharon Thompson, Cyril Browne, Laura Gilmour, Keith Patterson (First Aider), Ruth McKane, Jonathan Keys and Rebecca Deazley.

Many events have taken place over the past few years including Cake Sales, a Gala Ball, Auctions, Used Clothes Collections, Car Washes, Coffee Mornings and a Gospel Concert.

It was decided that a team of volunteers would go on short-term mission trip from 19th July to 3rd August 2016. This visit will provide an opportunity to construct teachers' accommodation and a kitchen, together with vaccination and personal hygiene programmes for both females and children within the school and local community. Bible-based teaching has been planned for each class in the school combined with games and craft activities for the children.

Over the past months the team of eleven volunteers have been busy preparing for July, getting the necessary vaccinations, completing Health & Safety / First Aid training, attending Fields of Life policy training and measuring up for hoodies! The team and other helpers have been making various items such as personal hygiene items for women, drawstring bags, loom band crosses and memory verse key rings for the schoolchildren, cardigans and blankets for the local community... to name just a few!

***NONE OF US CAN
HELP EVERYONE***

***BUT ALL OF US CAN
HELP SOMEONE***

A substantial sum of money has already been raised and more donations are currently being received which will provide scope to meet other needs identified. If you would like to make a donation please contact Gordon Deazley, Team Leader on 028 8289 8005 or email gdeazley@btinternet.com

Thank you

Holy Trinity Fields of Life Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported this project and helped in any way with fund-raising events, and those who gave their time, talents and donations to make this mission trip possible.

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-minded towards the poor and needy in your land.' Deuteronomy 15:10-11



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**MATTHEW IS
CHOSEN**

CHILDREN'S SECTION

READ

Matthias is chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (you can read this in Acts chapter 1)

Before Jesus returned to heaven he gave his disciples an important message. He told them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift God had promised. This gift of the Holy Spirit would give them power and they would be Jesus's witnesses over the whole world. Then Jesus was taken up to heaven - that must have been amazing to see. The eleven disciples walked back to Jerusalem. They went upstairs to a room along with other believers, there were about 120 of them altogether. They could have just sat there doing nothing and waited, or left and done other things, but the Bible tells us that they prayed constantly.

Then Peter stood up and explained that they had to choose someone to replace Judas. Judas was dead - he was the disciple who had betrayed Jesus. Peter said they had to choose one of the men who had been with them the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among them, beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up to heaven.

Two men were selected from the group: Joseph Barsabbas and Matthias. The disciples prayed, "Lord, you know the minds of everyone. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to do this work." Then they used lots to choose between them, and the lots showed that Matthias was the one to replace Judas Iscariot. So Matthias joined the other eleven. I wonder how Matthias felt.

DISCIPLE CIRCLE

Start at the shaded S and go round the circle twice in a clockwise direction. Write every other letter to find the names of eleven disciples. Remember that there were two disciples with the same name (so list that name twice).



PRAYING TO GOD

Praying to God is so important. When Jesus was on earth he prayed to God. Here we learned how the disciples prayed for God to show them who would join them in their work. We must remember to pray to God so he can guide us too. Talk to God before you make a decision this week and wait for his reply. Talking to God first and doing what he says is following God. God leads, we follow.

WORDSEARCH

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Find these words from the story in the WORDSEARCH

JESUS	GIFT
HEAVEN	PRAY
WAIT	BELIEVERS
JERUSALEM	GROUP
HOLY SPIRIT	PETER
MATTHIAS	CHOSEN

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

Use this space to write the names of the disciples:

One disciple is missing - he was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. Write his name here:

CORE SKILLS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COURSE



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Services

Sunday 1st May

Aghadrumsee: 12.05pm Holy Communion

Clogh: 10.45am Holy Communion

Drumsnatt: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th May

Aghadrumsee: 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Clogh: 10.45am Morning Prayer

Drumsnatt: 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th May

Aghadrumsee: 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Clogh: 10.45am Morning Prayer

Drumsnatt: 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd May

Aghadrumsee: 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Clogh: 10.45am Morning Prayer

Drumsnatt: 9.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th May

Aghadrumsee: 12.05pm Morning Prayer

Clogh 3.00pm: Friendship Service

Drumsnatt: 9.30am Morning Prayer

An update of recent events



Children enjoying Palm Sunday Service



The Ferguson Family performing at Palm Praise Service

Palm Sunday Weekend

The weekend of Palm Sunday provided a time of music at St Mark's Church, Aghadrumsee. On Saturday organists Marina Elliott, Hazel Doonan accompanied by the Very Revd Raymond Ferguson gave an organ recital from 10.30am to 6.00pm playing at least one verse of each hymn in the Church Hymnal. People could enter and leave at will to sit and listen or even sing along. Refreshments were provided in the hall by the members of Ladies Guild. On the Sunday afternoon we celebrated Palm Sunday with a Praise Service. This was led by Captain David Hamilton and Very Revd Raymond Ferguson and included music from the Ferguson Family, readings were taken by members of the congregation and the Special preacher was Revd Peter Ferguson. Thanks to all who attended and to those who took part.

Jamie Nelson Memorial Concert

On Friday 18th March a band concert was held in Clogh Hall. This had been the inspiration of a young man who served on the hall committee and wanted to organise this event to raise funds for both a Cancer charity and also Hall funds. Sadly a year ago this young man Jamie Nelson was killed in a road accident. This year the committee felt it would be a fitting memorial to him to bring his idea to fruition with the concert.



The compere for the night was Wesley Graydon who also played the pipes. Magheraveely Flute Band, of which Jamie was a member, opened and closed the proceedings. Also taking part were Rosslea Accordion Band and Lisnaskea Silver Band. Captain Hamilton, who welcomed everyone to the concert, Tommy Nelson, Jamie's uncle and Sam Cupples, a fellow student at university paid their tributes to Jamie. Phil McGrenaghan the Representative of Cancer Connect and Gordon Wiggins, Chairperson of the Hall Committee concluded the proceeding. Thanks to all who took part and supported this event and to the ladies who provided the refreshments.



Easter Vestry Meetings

Easter Vestry Meetings recently took place under the Chairmanship of Captain Hamilton. We are extremely thankful to all who gave of their time and skills during the past 12 months. The Vestries for 2016/2017 are listed below.



Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale

Saturday 14th May 2016
10.00am - 12.00noon

Fermanagh House
Broadmeadow Place
Enniskillen

Everyone Welcome

Enniskillen Cancer Focus Group
Proceeds in support of
Cancer Focus Northern Ireland



www.cancerfocusni.org

Aghadrumsee

Rector's Churchwarden: Andrew Elliott; **People's Churchwarden:** Cheryl Madill

Rector's Glebewarden: Edwin Keenan

People's Glebewarden: Wesley Elliott.

Select Vestry: Leslie Annon Brian Blakely James Elliott, Richard Elliott, David Johnston (Treasurer), James Johnston, Moira Johnston (Secretary), Keith Howe, Keith Leary, Alan Madill, Thomas McCartney and Myrtle McCauley.

Parish Nominators: David Johnston and Marina Elliott.

Supplemental Nominators: Wesley Elliott and Keith Howe.

Synodsperson: Marina Elliott.

Supplemental Synodsperson: James Elliott.

Clogh

Rector's Churchwarden: John Egerton

People's Churchwarden: Gordon Wiggins;

Rector's Glebewarden: Gordon McCoy

People's Glebewarden: George Nelson;

Select Vestry: Harry Blakely, Samuel Crowe, Thomas Condell, Florence Egerton (Treasurer), Ronald Egerton, Walter Egerton, William Forster, Florence Graham, Joseph Johnston, Andrea Nelson (Secretary), William Nelson and Eric Nicholl.

Sidespeople: George Nelson, Ronald Egerton and Gordon McCoy.
Parish Nominator: Joseph Johnston.
Supplemental Nominator: Thomas Condell.
Synodsperson: Florence Graham.
Supplemental Synodsperson: Myrtle Fleming.

Drumsnatt

Rector's Churchwarden: Yvonne Martin (Secretary)
People's Churchwarden: Beth Moore (Treasurer)
Rector's Glebewarden: Irwin Martin
People's Glebewarden: Norma Martin
Select Vestry: David Graham, Gareth Graham, James Graham, Norman Graham, Roberta Graham, Elizabeth Haire, Irwin Martin, Nigel Martin, Beth Moore, Ian Moore and Richard Moore.
Parochial Nominator: Norma Martin
Supplemental Nominator: Irwin Martin
Synodsperson: Yvonne Martin
Supplemental Synodsperson: Elizabeth Haire.

Clogh Friendship Service

Clogh Friendship Service will take place on Sunday 29th May at 3.00pm. The guest speaker will be the Revd John Dixon, music provided by Ballybay Gospel Group and Mr Jim Dixon.

Baptism

The baptism of Andrew Robert Lyndon son of Robert and Emma Magee, Smithborough took place in Clogh Church on Sunday 10th April.

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the death of Jim Nelson recently and extend our sympathy to his wife Madge children William, Thomas, Caroline, Johnny, James, Gilbert, Raymond, Sandra, Heather, Trevor and Helen and the extended family circle.

Aghalurcher and Cooneen with Mullaghfad



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Services

Sunday 1st May
 Colebrooke
 10.45am Holy Communion
 12.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 8th May
 Cooneen
 11.00am Morning Prayer
 3.30pm Friends' Service

Sunday 15th May
 Colebrooke: 11.00am Morning Prayer
 Mullaghfad: 3.30pm Friends Service

Sunday 22nd May
 Colebrooke: 10.45am Morning Prayer
 Cooneen: 12.15pm Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th May
 (details will be announced in the church newsheet)

Special Services

Colebrooke
 12th June 11.00am Combined Parish Service
 Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.

Holiday Bible Club

We plan to hold a holiday Bible club on the last week of June, Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Colebrooke Parish Halls, ending with a Sunday service on 3rd July in Colebrooke Halls at 11.00am.

Using music, drama, crafts, games and more we will be teaching the children how to live God's way as we explore the letter to the Philippians using a sea theme. The club will be suitable for Primary School age children, with maybe a year or two on either side of that age range. Registration is essential to allow for provision of crafts etc. If you wish to book a place for your child, please telephone Mrs Ann Johnston on 028 8953 1596.



Confirmation Candidates presented to the Bishop on Sunday 17th April

Coffee Mornings

Our coffee morning fellowship is held on the first Wednesday of every month, the next being on Wednesday 4th May 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

In March the members met after the Lenten Service, where they welcomed Mrs Letitia Moffatt to the meeting.

She gently and sincerely related her walk of faith, giving God the glory as He led her through many valleys and up to mountain tops. God's faithfulness and provision was evident throughout her walk so her story was a great encouragement and challenge to those who were there. Letitia also brought a variety of literature from the I E B Bookshop and those present had opportunity to purchase some books.

Members attended the Visitors' Night on Wednesday 20th April, when they welcomed Revd Eric McGirr back to home territory to share his experience of ministry in Abu Dhabi.

As the signs of spring have appeared, MU has launched the walking club again on Saturday mornings at 10am, walking through Colebrooke Park (permission kindly granted by Lord Brookeborough). The walk is for all ages and abilities. Please come along and enjoy fellowship and refreshing exercise.

'Afternoon Tea' for Senior Citizens is planned for Wednesday 25th May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Colebrooke Parish Hall.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th May at 11:15am - Holy Communion Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, where members from Clogher Diocese share fellowship with members from Tuam, Killala and Achonry Diocese.

Friday 13th May at 8.00pm - Area Service in St John's Parish Church, Fivemiletown.

Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm - Spring Council (preceded by 'Bring and Buy Sale' at 7.00pm)

Mothers' Union outing planned for Saturday 10th September. More details later.

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Services

May

Sunday 1st

11.00am Holy Communion & Sunday School

Sunday 8th

11.00am Morning Prayer & Sunday School

Sunday 15th

11.00am Church Family Service

Sunday 22nd

11.00am Morning Prayer & Sunday School

Sunday 29th

11.00am Morning Prayer & Sunday School

7.30pm Rural Deanery Select Vestry

Commissioning Service

Dear friends,

Last month I wrote about Zacchaeus and his encounter with the Lord Jesus. I said that I had a lot of sympathy for him, being fairly short myself. A recent encounter confirmed my 'vertically challenged' status.

I went along to the Christian Vision for Men event in Fivemiletown College, with some of the Ulster rugby team. Afterwards, there was the opportunity to meet the players, so I got photos taken with Franco van der Merwe, Pete Browne, Louis Ludik and Ruan Pienaar. Well, beside Franco (6' 6") and Pete (6' 7"), I was like a Hobbit, a midget, or (in the words of the Israelite spies in Canaan) 'like grasshoppers' (Num 13:33).

Even though they haven't been having a great season, I enjoy getting along to Ravenhill to 'Stand Up For The Ulstermen'. But it was even better to hear those four rugby players share their stories, as they Stand Up For Jesus. Consider these 'stand out' quotes from the evening - "My confidence is in Jesus" (PB), "Nobody can take my identity in Christ away from me" (FvdM), "Rugby and success are nothing compared to what we have in Christ" (LL). "Faith like a child gives us the true perspective" (RP). Whatever your height, who are you standing up for?

Yours in Christ, Gary

Holy Week Prayer Room



During Holy Week, the Committee Room in the church hall was transformed into an interactive Prayer Room. Various prayer zones provided the opportunity and inspiration to take some time and space with God, to reflect on the Easter story and to pray for the world. Thank you to those who

worked so hard to design and install the space, as well as those who helped to staff the room throughout the week.

Easter Dawn Service

On Easter Sunday the clocks 'sprang forward', leading to what felt like a very early start for our Dawn Service. Over 50 gathered in the open air to celebrate resurrection morning, and then share in a delicious cooked breakfast. Our thanks to Reuben Acheson for cooking, and to all who helped to make this a special Easter morning.

Easter General Vestry

Our Easter Vestry was held on Wednesday 6th April in the church hall. The following were elected to serve for the coming year.

Rector's Churchwarden: Frances Cartwright

Peoples' Churchwarden: Norman McCoy

Rector's Glebwarden: David Atwell.

Peoples' Glebwarden: Kenneth Hall

Select Vestry: Blaney Cartwright, May Cooke, William Crawford, Wayne Foster, Ronnie Graydon, Alan Johnston, Albert McClelland (Hon. Treasurer), Shirley Morrison, Audrey Percival (Hon. Secretary), Leonard Percival, Ernie Thompson and Helen Woods. Please pray for the Wardens and Select Vestry as they minister among us this year.

Concert Thanks

Thank you to all who came along to the Police Male Voice Choir Concert on Friday 15th April. The audience were treated to a fantastic evening of music from the choir, as well as solo performances from singers, pianists, and a cellist.

Favourite Hymns

Sunday 5th June will be our annual Gift Day, and in the evening we will be sharing some of our Favourite Hymns. Nomination sheets will be available during May for you to suggest your favourite hymns - we'll try to sing something from everyone's list. Come along at 7.30pm on 5th June to see which of yours we sing!

Through the Bible in a Year

We've been following the 'Through the Bible in a Year' since the start of January, with two or three Old Testament chapters and half a New Testament chapter each day. The next fellowship group for people following the plan will be in the Rectory on Wednesday 4th May at 8.00pm. If you'd like to start reading the Bible each day, and be able to cover the whole Bible in one year, then why not start today? The plan can be found at: <http://static.esvmedia.org/assets/pdfs/rp.through.the.bible.pdf>

Sunday School

Sunday School meets at 11.00am during the Morning Service. After the opening part of the service, the boys and girls move across to the church hall for age-appropriate Bible teaching and activities. For more information please speak to Linda McClelland.

Mothers' Union

May is a busy month for Mothers' Union members, with lots of events in quick succession. For our May monthly meeting, we are looking forward to a guided tour of Colebrooke House on Thursday 5th. Our annual outing to Ballymena (with refreshment stops in Cafe Vic-Ryn for morning coffee and Viscounts for evening meal) is two days later, on Saturday 7th. Members are also reminded of the Diocesan Festival Service in St John's Fivemiletown on Friday 13th.

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 are meeting in Aghavea Rectory for informal evenings free from revision and exam stress. Dates will be announced on the notice sheet. New members are very welcome - registration forms can be filled in by parents on arrival.

Football

Every Thursday night at 9.00pm a group of men gather to play football at the Castle Park Centre in Lisnaskea. We are always looking for more to join us - speak to Alan Johnston for more details.

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Club Diversity

The Youth club met on 23rd April for our last youth club session for the summer season. This is a special cinema night and lots of juicy refreshments will be served. Kick off is at 6.00pm in Ballybay Church Hall and should be a night to remember. New members always welcome!

Clontibret

On Wednesday 13th April our church emerged from the shadows of the Sexton's House which has been a landmark at Clontibret Cross for hundreds of years. The Minute Book shows that in 1872 it was agreed to pay Mrs Mary Curry 14 shillings and 6 pence (75c) each year for washing the surplice, cleaning the church, black leading and lighting the stoves. The Curry family was long associated with the post of sexton and many members of the congregation have fond memories of times spent round the hearth fire in their school breaks when the Curry family made them tea. Joe Curry was the postman and John worked with a local farmer while Minnie and Molly kept house. Although not having much income visitors never left without a cup of tea and something to eat and many happy exchanges took place when Joe returned from his post round which he undertook on foot delivering the post and gathering up the local news. However, time passes on for all of us and the house has not been habitable for a number of years and its removal lets the church take pride of place on the corner.

We held our Easer Vestry meeting on the evening of 13th April and were pleased that Mrs Yvonne Donaldson agreed to take on the duties of Honorary Treasurer. Yvonne has been assisting the outgoing Treasurer, David Johns, who has been undertaking the duties for over 30 years. We are very grateful to him for his commitment over the years. The Select Vestry and various positions remain unchanged with the exception of the co-option of Dillon Duffy to the Vestry.

We remember in our prayers those who have been unwell and especially Jim and Robert Graham. We pray for Esther Dunn and Mable Leathem in St Mary's Nursing Home and for the staff who look after them day by day in such a caring manner.

As the children and students move into exam mode we wish them well and trust that they and their parents will not find the weeks ahead too stressful and that they will achieve the results they need to embark on their chosen careers.

Date for the Diary

Clontibret Parish BBQ at the New School on Saturday 23rd July at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome!

Muckno

We are delighted to announce that St Mary's Parish, Castleblayney, will hold their services in St Maeldoid's Church during the renovation of St Mary's which will take about 10-12 months starting in early May. St Mary's parish community convey their "heartfelt and sincere thanks of all our parishioners for your kind and generous invitation to use St Maeldoids Church during the period of closure of St Mary's Church for renovation. We are delighted to accept your offer and wish to convey the appreciation of the congregation and wider faith community of St Mary's. We look forward to being part of the rich sacramental and prayer life of St Maeldoid's.

Bishop MacDaid joins with us in expressing his wholehearted support and gratitude and commends the wonderful spirit of neighbourliness and good will which this represents". The Rector will formally welcome the congregation and Fr. Pat McHugh PP, Fr. Eoin and Fr. Leo of St Mary's at their first service in St Maeldoid's in early May.

We continue to pray for John Montgomery as he recovers from major surgery. We also remember in our prayers Mrs Mary Hardy, Eddie Robinson, Ian Collie, Willie John Coulter and Valerie.

Ballybay

Holy Communion Services

Holy Communion services will be at 9.00am in Christ Church in May, June, July and August – all on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Good Friday All Age Service

A huge crowd turned up for the Good Friday All Age Service. The Church Hall was literally overflowing as young families, teenagers and grandparents turned up to remember the events of Good Friday. This was a very informal service, we sang three popular hymns, had a wonderful feast of hot cross buns and refreshments was served. Everyone enjoyed the very creative time of making the Easter Garden out of peat, moss, stones, flowers, palm crosses and flower pots etc., which everyone got to take home on a special plate provided. A big thank you to everyone who helped out in any way. Remembering and praying for those housebound in the parish, especially Mrs McGregor and also Mrs Jean Harkness in St Mary's Hospital in Castleblayney.

Carrickmacross Union, Magheracloone and Ardragh

Vacant
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Services

May

Carrickmacross

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

Magheracloone

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

Ardragh

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

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

A generation or so ago sheep numbers in Ireland were quite low. European agricultural policies changed all that and numbers increased greatly. Now instability in prices and intense regulations have changed the situation again. In south Monaghan there are not that many intensive sheep units at this stage, but where there are this time of the year with lambing is busy for all concerned.

The springtime experience with lambing has interesting parallels with the scene being presented frequently in the liturgy material of the period between Easter and Ascension. We hear how Jesus called Peter to "feed my sheep". Peter was called, as we his successors are, to be a shepherd of Christ's flock, a shepherd of Christ's followers, gathered together into the Christian Church. "Feed" is a strange word to use in an English translation of the Bible, because mostly we associate it with feeding a toddler. It would be odd to pick up the grass and put it into the sheep's mouth for them! It means of course leading them to good pastures where they can feed themselves. David said in the famous psalm that the Lord God is our shepherd. Jesus takes up this idea, when he says "I am the good shepherd". He takes on himself, as we see from the post resurrection period, God the Father's role of being a shepherd to his people by defending them from spiritual dangers, and leading them to where they can find spiritual nourishment.

The dangers that Jesus means are the things that can take us out of the fellowship of the Church. The voices which despise belief in God as old-fashioned and irrelevant, and tempt many who used to be church-goers with the delusion that there are better ways of spending Sunday. But if we are listening we'll hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us back and sooner or later we'll return. "No one will snatch them out of my hand", he says.

Bowling Club

The highlight of the Bowling Club's season in this area is always the keenly contested competition for the Merrin Cup. The situation this time was no different. The match in which it was decided was on the 9th March and was very close in the end. Nigel Eakin won through in the end narrowly beating Lorna Lewis by just two points. The Merrin Cup was presented to the Club some years ago by Irene Merrin in memory of her husband. The Club competed during the season against teams from Drogheda, Bailieborough, Cootehill, Billyhill, Castleblayney, Derryvalley and Ballyalbaney. Bowls will commence again in September, and as always new members are sought. Contact the Secretary, Dawn Farrelly on 087 2030920.

Table Tennis Club

The North Eastern Churches League is the structure to which the Carrickmacross Table Tennis Club is affiliated and had 7 teams competing in the League. Each year

one club is overall secretary and this past season it was the turn of Carrickmacross. David Mitchell did an excellent job of running the league this year. There are 9 divisions in the League and four cup competitions. Carrickmacross Division 9 team won the League. This division is for beginners and consisted of Blake McCullagh, Debra Wilson, Aaron McCullagh and Gareth Kingham.

Carrickmacross Division 4 team was runner-up in the League and was made up of Leona Hill, Amy McCullagh, Kyle Eakin and Jamie Eakin.

Success continued in other divisions for Carrickmacross as follows:

Division 1: consolation runner-up was Bobbie Wilson.

Division 3: consolation winner was Leona Hill and runner-up was Kyle Eakin.

Division 4: main runner-up was Jamie Eakin.

Division 5: consolation winner was Jeffrey Eakin.

Division 6: consolation winner was Adam Wilson and runner-up was Esther Wilson.

Division 8: consolation winner was Debra Wilson.

Division 9: main winner was Aaron McCullagh and runner-up was Blake McCullagh.

Friday night practices were managed by Ian McCullagh and the club is indeed much indebted to him.

The season finished with the annual prize giving dinner dance which was held on Friday 8th April in the Cavan Crystal Hotel. The function was attended by 250 people. A pleasant, happy and well-catered for night appropriately concluded a most successful season.

Annual Easter Vestries

The **Carrickmacross Easter Vestry** was held on 14th March and resulted in the following elections for 2016-17:

Churchwardens: Alan Sweetnam and Sammy Babington.

Glebewardens: Freddie Merrin and Robert Greer.

Select Vestry Members: Doreen Monahan (Secretary), Caroline Merrin (Treasurer), Gordon Sweetnam, Richard Hill, Eleanor Howell, John Howell, Graham Howell, Helen Sweetnam, Robert Monahan, Gerry Garland and John Babington.

The **Magheracloone Easter Vestry** was held on 6th April and resulted in the following elections for 2016-17:

Churchwardens: David Babington and Richard Smyth.

Glebewardens: Thomas Babington and Jimmy Babington.

Select Vestry Members: George Anderson, Robert Henry, Margaret Babington (Secretary), Violet Babington (Treasurer), Martha Rountree and Jackie Smyth.

Fundraising

Because of the developing situation in Carrickmacross Parish, especially relating to the fabric needs of the church and the reconstruction of the fallen boundary wall, a number of fundraising efforts are in train.

Running at the moment is the Gift Day Appeal. Please consider this situation as sympathetically as you can. The next issue of the magazine will include details of other fundraisers to come.

Cleenish and Mullaghduin



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Church Services for May

Sunday, 8 May

10:00am Morning Prayer,
Mullaghduin Parish Church.
11.30am No Service, Cleenish.
3:00pm Church Porch, Dedication
Service, Cleenish Parish Church.

Wednesday, 11 May

10:00am Monthly Healing Service,
Mullaghduin Parochial Hall.

Sunday, 15 May Whit Sunday

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

Sunday, 22 May

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

Sunday, 29 May

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

Sunday, 5 June

10:00am Holy Communion,
Mullaghduin Parish Church.
11.30am Holy Communion, Cleenish Parish Church.

Please see the local Services Sheet in Church for up to date changes, which may occur from time to time

General Easter Vestry Meetings

At the Select Vestry meeting in Cleenish on Wednesday 6th April, the following office bearers were elected;- Vestry as follows (2016 - 2017):

Rector's Churchwarden: Rosemary Forde

People's Churchwarden: Cecil Brownlee

Rector's Glebwarden: Ossie Clements

People's Glebwarden: Balfour Hoey

Secretary (non voting): Joan Brownlee

Assistant Secretary (non voting): Angela Graham

Treasurer: Robert Forde

Assistant Treasurer (non voting): Janet Dowson

Members of Vestry: Clive Smyth, Robert Donaldson, Leslie Nixon, Eddie Keys, Marion Keys, Trevor

Kingston, Mervyn Willis, Sue Hogg, Ian Crawford, Robert Forde, Desi Smyth & Owen Wilson.

Members paid tribute to Ken Coulter who did not stand for re election. Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Ossie Clements, who has almost recovered from an arm injury sustained by an accident at his home.

Mullaghduin General Easter Vestry

Mullaghduin General Easter Vestry was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 7th April. The Rector, Canon Geoff Bridle presided, and opened the meeting with a Bible reading and Prayer.

The following appointments were made:-

Rector's Churchwarden: Mrs H Carson;

Rector's Glebwarden: T Elliott;

People's Churchwarden: D Coalter;

People's Glebwarden: G McCutcheon;

Select Vestry: Mrs C Scott, Mrs A Wilson,

Messrs D Benson, W Blair, G Carson, J Clements, T Gallagher, J Gamble, A Humphreys, G Lucy, S Moffatt & R Watterson.

Hon Secretary: Robert Gibson.

Assistant Secretary: Mrs Eveline Clements.

Hon Treasurer: Mrs Caroline Scott.

Following the meeting, Mrs Mae Kells served a welcome cup of tea.

Future Vestry Meetings

Wednesday 18th May, Cleenish
Wednesday 25th May, Mullaghduin

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 11th May.

Dedication of Church Porch, Cleenish

Reminder the new extension to the Church Porch will be dedicated by Bishop John McDowell, on Sunday afternoon 8th May.

Bicentenary of Mullaghduin Church

The Church was first built on its present site in 1817, and since that time the building has been upgraded on several occasions. To mark this historic occasion it is anticipated some type of event will be held in the Church next year 2017. The Select Vestry would be interested if any history could be provided by any member or former member of the congregation, nearer the time leading up to this celebrated occasion.

Cleenish & Mullaghduin Mothers' Union

A large number of Mothers' Union members met on Tuesday 15th March in Mullaghduin Parish Hall. Raymond Farrell read from Luke 10 vs38, and referred to Psalm 139 highlighting how wonderfully we are made. He went on to show us how to identify an imbalance in our Mental Health by using the illustration of a seesaw as a means of identifying a problem ie stress. We were reminded of the importance of recognising that a problem exists, and encouraged to think of the (3E,s) Eat, Exercise, and Engagement in maintaining a healthy balance and reading of the scriptures, to observe, apply and pray (SOAP) on a daily basis.

Congratulations from members to Kathleen and husband Herbie Hicks, on their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Sympathy was expressed to Barbara Smyth and family circle, on the recent death of husband Clive's dad, Andy Smyth.

Area Service, Friday 13th May at 8pm. Magheraculmoney Parish Church.

Cleenish Brownies

Brownies took part in the Lorne Walk through the grounds of Castlecoole, on Saturday morning 16th April. The weather was bright and dry but cool, and the many daffodils in bloom added to the spectacular colour, and nature of the Walk. The Pack continue their regular evening meetings until the last Wednesday in May.

Parent and Toddler Group

The Group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings in Cleenish Parish Hall, and retains a high level of interest with as many as forty eight children attending with their mothers or carers.

Illness

We remember and ask God to bless those who are ill at this time. At time of writing, from Mullaghduin Parish. George Hazlett and Billy Blair are both in Hospital. Mrs Bertha Vance. and Dick Cutler, have just returned home. From Cleenish Parish, George McCutcheon is at present in Hospital, and Anne Burleigh has returned home.

Bereavement

Rev G N Sproule

The former Rector of Cleenish Parish during the 1960's, the Rev G N Sproule passed away in a Nursing Home in Co Down on Friday 18th March. Gerry as he was commonly known was predeceased by his wife Sadie, and is survived by his family Andrew, Jennifer & Adrian. Sympathy is extended from the older members of Cleenish, who remember him.

Florence Benson

Mullaghduin Parish's oldest parishioner, Mrs Florrie Benson died peacefully at her home at Letterbreen on Tuesday 5th April, following a short period of declining health. Born Florence Elizabeth Hall, at Drumconlin, Letterbreen in May 1919, she was Baptised, attended Sunday-School, was Confirmed and was married to William Benson in Mullaghduin Parish Church. Being used to farm work from an early age, Florrie was a "hands on" farmer's wife, working alongside William on the family farm. Growing vegetables, fruit & baking bread, cakes & apple & rhubarb tarts, as well as jam making and knitting. In her later years, Florrie derived great pleasure from her grand-children and great- grand-children, and from the care and attention she received from her family. Following a Service of Thanksgiving in Mullaghduin Parish Church, Florrie was laid to rest in the adjoining Churchyard. We extend sympathy to Florrie's son, Derek; daughter-in-law, Hilary; Grandchildren, Amanda, Nicola, Sharon and Julie; her sister Margaret and the wider family circle.

Gillian Pennell

We also sympathise with Linda McCutcheon, Mullaghduin Parish, and her family circle following the death on Sunday 10th April of her sister Gillian Pennell, in her home at Inishmore, Lisbellaw. Following a Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk, Gillian was buried in the adjoining Churchyard.

Cleenish Centre



Easter Sunday outside The Cleenish Centre

Once again it was lovely to join together to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, on Easter Sunday morning. It was great to see that the wet weather, and the change to British Summer time did not deter the faithful number of both young and old who attended, and who stayed to enjoy the breakfast and fellowship afterwards.

The Centre with its many outdoor attractions, is now taking bookings for the Summer period. It is situated in private grounds overlooking the boating marinas along the River Erne. To travel by vehicle take the minor road which continues off the major A509, in the centre of Bellanaleck village.

If you feel that you are called to serve in any way, please contact the Centre by email: enquiries@cleenishcentre.com or telephone 02866349647.

Bellanaleck Community Group



The Bellanaleck nameplate stone decorated with flowers

At the March meeting of The Group, it was agreed to inform the Police, their concern about speeding vehicles through the village.

Alan Crooks, The Community Safety Warden from FODC, met nine residents from the Cornmill, on Monday 29th February, to consider a Neighbourhood Watch within the estate, as a result of a recent robbery.

The apple tree planting in the Community Garden is now complete, and organising of the erection of bat & bird boxes is now being undertaken. The wildflower planting is to be co ordinated with the installation of the MUGA. The Group again thank Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, for the beautiful displays of flowers planted around the Village at the present time. Next meeting Wednesday 28th May.

Bellanaleck Local History Group Event



The Local History Group held a very successful Opening Exhibition in Cleenish Parish Hall, on Thursday 14th April. The subject related to a Showcase Research on the Cleenish Island houses, constructed after the First World War. Secretary Marion Maxwell explained how the Exhibition included the profiles of eleven Ex Servicemen, who came to live on the island. The Exhibition was opened by Dr Elizabeth Cooke, Professor of Heritage and Museum Studies, University of Ulster.

Cleenish Island is steeped in history, and retains the site and graveyard of the former Cleenish Church. Thanks also to Marion K, Maureen and Ruby, who provided supper for all present.

The exhibition opened early on Sunday 17th to facilitate members of the congregation leaving Church.



Local History Group Evening

Senior Irish Bouldering Championship

It is a unique achievement for a 17year old student from Mullaghduin Parish to win the Senior Irish Bouldering Championships. Victoria Watterson a 17year old student at Enniskillen Collegiate School, is the daughter of Robert & Caroline Watterson. Victoria learned to climb at Gortatole, which is near to her family home at Letterbreen. When taking time travelling to and from Dublin, away from her studies for her AS subjects, she is also participating in cross country and long distance running. Having already travelled to many parts of Europe, Victoria hopes to travel to China this November to compete in her first International Federation of Sport Climbing World Youth Championships. Her main aim is to participate in the Olympics in four years time. Victoria has an older sister Rebecca, and a younger brother William. The family are very active in Church life in Mullaghduin, her father Robert is a Parish Reader in his local Church.

Holy Baptisms

Cleenish Parish Church

Sunday 27th March 2016

Reuben Leslie Balfour, Clontymore, Macken
Infant son of Kirk & Claire

Sunday 17th April 2016

James Ryan Nixon, Drumane, Bellanaleck.
Infant son of Ryan & Nicola.

Both infants were presented with a Baptismal Cube on behalf of the Mothers' Union, by Mrs Lettie Coulter.

Christian Burial Mullaghduin Parish Church

Friday 8th April 2016

Florence Elizabeth (Florrie) Benson
Letterbreen, Enniskillen
Aged 96 years.

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Services

May

Sunday 1st

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

Sunday 8th

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

Sunday 15th

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

Sunday 22nd

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

Sunday 29th

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

This spring has been a difficult time for many families in the Cathedral Group. The passing of Teenie Blackburn, David Rea, brother and sister Jane and John Keys and Paddy Farmer evoked many memories and also a deep sense of loss among the parishioners and the wider community. It proved a challenging time in the last weeks of my ministry before retiring but I was so grateful for the help and support of the curate, Rev. Olivia Downey and also the care and support provided by the parishioners knowing that we are all human and clergy feel the pain endured by those entrusted to their care. It is at times like these that the church is at its best and I hope and pray that people feel comforted and cared for by the structures, rites of passage and

the liturgy as drawn from Holy Scripture. All of this provides order when people are adrift and there is chaos all around. It reminds us that there is a God who cares and remains the same and that we are justified in believing the words of Paul to the Romans "That neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord".

On Saturday 23rd January St. Macartan's Cathedral was packed for the funeral service of Emily Martha Blackburn, Teenie as she was affectionately known was a very well known figure in the Clogher Valley and further afield. She had served the community as a midwife and in the early part of her career would have cycled to homes where her services were required. She was predeceased by her husband Gerry who was an undertaker in the area. Most of her married life was lived at Killaney, where they farmed and which is now run by their son John. She was light of both foot and spirit and always able to bring light relief to any difficult situation. She loved music, singing and dancing and was a member of the Cathedral choir for many years. She was also very involved in the community where she was a founder member of the informal social club for the elderly known as the 'Thursday Club'. This proved an invaluable point of contact for many in the autumn and winter of life. To her five daughters, Ann, Joan, Christine, Elaine, Marjory and son John and their families we extend sincere sympathy.

St. Mary's Church in the beautiful setting of the Favor Royal Estate was the venue for the funeral of David Rea. For generations the Rea family worked on this once great estate. Talented craftsmen particularly with wood, they had been joiners on the maintenance of the demesne. The pews in the estate church of Errigal Portclare were carved by David's grandfather. David worked for many years in Augher creamery before coming back to run the family farm. The funeral was large and attended by many of his former colleagues and from the farming community. We remember his sisters Valerie, Daphne, Evelyn and Hazel at this time as they come to terms with his sudden passing.

Jane Keys, formerly of Station Road, Clogher had been a resident of St. Macartan's Nursing Home for five years. Her family are most appreciative of the excellent care she received and the very warm and welcoming atmosphere created by the staff. Jane was a private person who enjoyed her garden and working in the great outdoors. In her working life she was employed in Augher creamery and also spent a number of years in Tullybroom, now the Valley Nursing Home. The removal service was conducted by the curate, Rev. Olivia Downey and the funeral service by the rector assisted by the curate. During the address the rector referred to the absence of Jane's one surviving sibling John who was unable to attend the funeral as he was

critically ill in Craigavon hospital. Sympathy was extended to Hilary and the family at this stressful time.

There was widespread sympathy expressed in the Clogher Valley as it was learned that Paddy Farmer had become another statistic and had succumbed in her battle with cancer. Barbara Ann (Paddy) had fought both her illness which was relatively short and the ravages of her treatment with tremendous courage and bravery, always positive and thankful for the care she received from professionals and also her family. Together with her husband Alan they were well known in the community as the proprietors of the filling station and garage, now Centra. She was a former P.E. teacher originally from Killyman and taught for many years in Aghnacloy Secondary School. She was a keen and competitive sportswoman who was also passionate about motor bike racing. The North West T.T and those taking part were second nature to her. On Palm Sunday 20th March Killyman Church of Ireland was packed to overflowing for her funeral service by people who knew her and her family. Precentor Regan conducted the service assisted by the Rev. Olivia Downey. In extending sympathy to her husband Alan and their family, Wendy, David, Kathy and Keith and their families, the rector also expressed gratitude to the Rector of Killyman, Canon Robert Boyd for the use of the church and the hall for catering.

On Monday of Holy Week 21st March St. Macartan's Cathedral lost one of its most faithful and dedicated parishioners by the death of John Keys. After a lifetime of service to the community in one form or another John died peacefully in Craigavon Area Hospital. He was a man of deep faith, upright and honourable in both word and deed. He lived his whole life within the sound of the bells of a building which shaped and moulded him and taught him what was important in life. In his younger days he worked with Tyrone County Council but is best known to generations as the school bus driver. Along side this he was a member of the fire service in Clogher attending many difficult situations over the years. Together with his wife Hilary they were a constant presence and positive force in everything that was happening whether it was in the community or church life. John had served a lifetime on the select vestry only stepping down last year. He was a man who when he spoke he had something constructive to say. His funeral service in Clogher Cathedral was widely attended with a guard of honour provided by his colleagues from the 'Fire Service'. Sympathy was extended to his wife Hilary, son Jonathan, daughters Rachel and Alison and their families. It being Holy Week and Easter looming the Precentor, who once again was assisted by the curate spoke of the hope of resurrection and the symbolism of the empty cross.

*"The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluia"*

Baptisms

Errigal Portclare: 30th January 2016 - Isaac Damien, Joshua Thomas and Caleb Hugh, sons of Damien and Melanie Sheehan

St. Mark's Augher: 20th March 2016 - Lexie Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Nicola Wiley - Ruby Isabella daughter of Roslyn Currens.

Clogher Cathedral: 31st March, 2016 - Kedrey Stuart, son of Stuart Coulter and Kelly McConnell

"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.

Personal

The last two months of my ministry among you proved to be an absolute whirlwind, an extremely challenging and busy time culminating with Holy Week and the great Christian Festival of Easter.

The past five years have passed so quickly and I now have to come to terms with the reality of life and time passing. I look forward to catching up with friends from the past and having more time with my family and in my home.

I would like to thank you all for your work and commitment to the church during my time, the many great services held, our trips down south which were enjoyable, your generosity to the various charities collected by Black Santa. I have enjoyed my time in the Cathedral Group and should very much like to thank everyone for their hospitality and their generous gifts to Joan and myself at the farewell service which was special to me. It was lovely to have that united service which included people from the wider community all gathered together under one roof.

May the Lord bless you and keep you now and always. Noel, Joan and family.

Music in Clogher Cathedral

On the evening of 26th February St Macartan's Cathedral resounded to the strains of singing voices, instrumental and organ music. Most of the talent was local. The Four Seasons – the Bloomfield Family String Quartet from Fivemiletown played a selection of classical and traditional pieces.



Three members of the Four Seasons String Quartet with Canon Regan & soloist Gillian Davidson

Among the items performed by the Fivemiletown Community Choir were 'Top of the World' and 'You raise me up'. Also on the programme were flautist Jack Rainey and soloist Gillian Davidson.



Members of Fivemiletown Community Choir

The fine Conagher organ was played by Mrs Diane Whittaker, resident organist and by Dr Peter Thompson, Rector of Castlecaulfield. There was also a recital by Alf Potter from Sligo who accompanied tenor Jonathan Carter. Canon Regan sang 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree' and 'The Holy City'. Roughan Silver Band brought the evening to a close and in their last piece Alf Potter joined them on the organ for a high volume finale. The large audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening and pronounced it a great success.

Canon Noel Regan retires from St Macartan's Group of Parishes.



Representatives from four parishes pictured with The Bishop of Clogher, Right Revd John McDowell, Canon Noel Regan and Mrs Joan Regan at Evensong in Clogher Cathedral to mark the retirement of Canon Regan as Rector of the St Macartan Group of Parishes. Back row: William Thompson, Ian McLaren, Stephen Bell, John Hull, Alan Lavelle. Missing from photo is another parish representative, Sammy Little. Front row: Canon Regan, Mrs Regan, Jackie Foster, Jack Johnston, Bishop John McDowell. Photo courtesy of Damien Donnelly, Press Box Media.

On Sunday 28th February a choral evensong at St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher marked the retirement of the Reverend Precentor Noel H. L. Regan after 5 years as Rector. A large congregation of the 4 parishes and from the wider community attended. Canon Regan sang the service with Mrs Diane Whittaker at the organ. The

choir was augmented by singers from other churches within the group and from neighbouring parishes.



Bishop John McDowell thanks Canon Regan for all his dedication to St Macartan's over five years as Rector. Photo courtesy of Damien Donnelly, Press Box Media.

In his sermon Canon Regan referred to the historic site of St Macartan's Cathedral and to its important role within the diocese and the community. He took as his text "love one another", which he described as the essence of the Christian faith.

Lessons were read by Mr Glenn Moore, who has often played the organ in the Cathedral, and by the Reverend Roy Campbell, minister of Clogher Presbyterian Church. Other clergy present included Canon David Skuce, Father Noel McGahan and the Reverend Olivia Downey, who led the prayers. Bishop John McDowell pronounced the absolution and the blessing.

At the close of the service Mr Jack Johnston, speaking on behalf of the Cathedral Parish, paid tribute to Canon Regan. He highlighted his great musical talent and his compassionate ministry to the sick and bereaved. Mr John Hull, the verger, presented the Canon with gifts and wished him a happy retirement. Mrs Regan was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Mrs Jackie Foster, who had also arranged them. Gifts from the other three parishes were then presented. Augher was represented by Mr Ian McLaren and Mr William Thompson, Errigal Portclare by Mr Sammy Little and Newtownsavile by Mr Stephen Bell and Mr Alan Lavelle.

The Parish invited everyone to the Royal British Legion Hall for refreshments after the service. Members of Canon Regan's family and many friends from Sligo were present. This was an opportunity for people to pass on their good wishes to both Canon and Mrs Regan for a happy retirement.

Augher

Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day was celebrated on 6th March and the Sunday School played an active part in the service. They performed a drama, read the lesson, recited poems and prayed. Canon Harry Trimble gave an inspiring address using the acrostic for M.O.T.H.E.R. Primulae and pens were given to all the ladies present by the children at the end of the service.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Peter and Rachel Robinson and family on the death of Rachel's father, John Keys and also her Aunt Jane Keyes.

Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss



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Services

May

Sunday 1st The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

8th of May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (the Sunday after Ascension Day)

11.00am Killeevan: Holy Communion,
Group Service. Visitors from Sweden

15th of May: Day of Pentecost

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

22nd of May: Trinity Sunday

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

29th of May: The First Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Currin (Scotshouse): Family Service,
Group Service. Refreshments in the rectory.

5th of June: The Second Sunday after Trinity

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

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

Coffee / Tea Morning & Soup Lunch

at Bishopscourt, Clones

WELCOME TO BISHOPSCOURT!



Church of Ireland Clones Parish and Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society invites you to a Coffee – tea morning extended into lunch in aid of Co Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society on Friday the 20th of May between 10.30am and 2.00pm at Bishopscourt, Newbliss Road, Clones, Co Monaghan by kind invitation by Mrs Miriam Moore, vice-president of the society. Cake and plant stalls, at 12 noon Mr Turtle Bunbury will speak on: ***Cassandra Hand, the Famine and the Kindness of Strangers.***

ALL WARMLY WELCOME

Please support the society's important ministry.

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Leprosy Mission

Please return the Leprosy Mission Collection boxes to Mr Roy and Mrs Etta Crowe as soon as possible. Thank you very much for supporting the Mission.

Visit from the Church of Sweden

A group from Lackalänga parish in the south of Sweden will join us for worship on Sunday the 8th of May at 11.00am in Killeevan. This is a group service and after the service we have opportunity to talk to and learn from our visitors as we enjoy refreshments in the hall.

An evening of singing and music: Praise service

You are all welcome to St Patrick's Church, Monaghan for an evening of singing and music and praising

God at 7.30pm on Thursday the 19th of May. Several schools in Co Monaghan will participate and you may also join and sing with a pop-up choir.

Bereavement

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member and relative, or a friend. We include in our prayers Mrs Barbara Hall and family on the death of her mother Mrs Anna Kathleen Jordan; Revd Margaret Pringle and family, on the death of her sister Lola and Mrs Laura Hall and family, on the death of her aunt.

Congratulations

We all rejoice with Mr Jack Hall (Lisarilly), Mr William Genoe and Mr Jack Mealiff who on Maundy Thursday each received a Bishop's Plaque for their dedication and long service to Killeevan Parish and as members of the Select Vestry. In his speech, Bishop John congratulated the three gentlemen and said that their service is an inspiration to us all and may we all serve Christ the way we are called. Welcome Arthur, Mr Adam and Mrs Arlene Rusk's, Ethan's brother. May God bless Arthur and his family. Congratulations to Mr Ivor and Mrs Katie Lendrum on the birth of their grandson Adam, Rebecca and Emmon's son, Lily's brother. Congratulations to Mr Roy and Mrs Etta Crowe on the birth of their granddaughter April, Hannah and Kenneth's daughter, Johnathan and Judith's sister.

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Services

May

- Sunday 8th**
11.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 15th**
11.30am Family Service
- Sunday 22nd**
11.30am Morning Prayer
- Sunday 29th**
11.30am Morning Prayer

June

- Sunday 5th**
11.30am Holy Communion
- Sunday 12th**
11.30am Family Service (in hall)

Sunday 19th

- 11.30am Morning Prayer
- 7.00pm Orange Anniversary Service

Sunday 26th

- 11.30am Morning Prayer

Christian Burial

- 3rd April 2016: **Arvina Annabella (Ivy) Martin**, Mullaghmore, Ederney
- 10th April 2016: **Isobel Margaret Ann Irwin**, Tiermacspird, Lack

Over the period leading up to Easter, an appeal for much loved teddy bears was had, and we sincerely thank everyone who lovingly give their teddies to these worthwhile charities, Spud Bear and Deborah House. It will bring joy to those who receive them and in the sharing of love from one to another with the simplest of gifts.

Easter General Vestry

The meeting took place in April, we would offer our continued support, and prayers to those re-elected and elected for the incoming year. The treasurer presented the parish accounts, and the rector conveyed his thanks, and the thanks of the parish for their support throughout the previous year and to all who contributed through the various groups/clubs in the ministry and mission of the church.

Young@Heart



The club were pleased to welcome the 'Still Active' group from Ballymena for an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship and food. This was followed by a time of favourite hymns/songs before the frog racing heats took place with overall winners being the visitors. Our best thanks to those who prepared the stew and dessert, served the meal and did the general preparation before and after. The Still Active of Ballymena extends their sincere thanks for an enjoyable day to everyone who made it so special.

Woman's Fellowship

The Woman's Fellowship was delighted to have Noel Moore present at their visitors' night coupled with a 'bring and buy' sale. Noel give a passionate update on his work in Kenya and the provision of classrooms and other relevant utilities for the children and parents. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful supper at the close of

the meeting. Frances Boyd was the speaker at the April meeting, where she shared her passion on photography and how it relates to her faith.

Parish Auction

On Saturday 28th May our parish auction takes place and the usual items can be left in on Thursday 26th in the evening during the preparation of the hall from 7.00pm or on Friday 27th from 12.00noon until 8.00pm.

Police Male Voice Choir and Friends

On Saturday 4th June 8.00pm we will be hosting the Police Male Voice Choir and Friends in the parish hall. Cost will be £10.00 with all proceeds going to a local cancer charity and parish maintenance funds. Please endeavour to attend what will be an inspirational evening of music. Check weekly notices for dates and times of other activities and events.

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

'This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it' - Ps 118 v24

Services

May

Sunday 1st (Holy Communion)

Castle Archdale 10.15am

Derryvullen North 11.30am

Sunday 8th (Family Service)

Derryvullen North 10.30am

Castle Archdale 11.45am

Sunday 15th (Morning Prayer & Holy Baptism)

Castle Archdale 10.15am

Derryvullen North 11.30am

Sunday 22nd (Morning Prayer)

Castle Archdale 10.15am

Derryvullen North 11.30am

Castle Archdale 7.00pm

Closing Service for Mothers' Union and Women's Group and will include enrolment for Mothers' Union

Sunday 29th (Morning Prayer)

Castle Archdale 10.15am

Derryvullen North 11.30am

June

Sunday 5th (Holy Communion)

Castle Archdale 10.15am

Derryvullen North 11.30am

Diary Dates

10th May: Tuesday Club at 2.30pm

10th May: Faith & Friendship in

Mahon's Hotel at 8.00pm

Boys Brigade Display

The BB Display took place on Saturday 12th March. We congratulate the boys for their excellent display. Four boys achieved their Queen's Award and eight boys achieved their President's award. Harry McKenzie P3 from the Anchor Boys was awarded 1st prize in the Northern Ireland colouring competition. Our parishes are very grateful to the officers and helpers for their dedication to the Company. Mrs Paula Moore was Inspecting Officer and Mrs Eileen Cutler led the opening worship.

Tuesday Club

Members attended for Easter Holy Communion on 15th March; housebound members and other older parishioners received Holy Communion at home and for this we thank Archdeacon Cecil Pringle assisted by Mrs Eileen Cutler.

Castle Archdale Annual General Vestry Meeting

This took place on 15th March; chaired by Ven Archdeacon Pringle. We appreciate the faithful and devoted service of our Church Wardens, Bryan Thompson and Gwen Robinson, also our Sunday School teachers and organists. We thank Mrs Sylvia Woods and Mrs Heather Clyde as Secretary and Treasurer and Mrs Eileen Bleakley as Parish Recorder and all who in any way contributed to the life of the Parish. It is significant to record that Mr John Mitchell has given 55 years as a vestry member and has now retired.

We are indebted to all those who provide cover for Sunday worship and to Miss Isobel Stewart for her pastoral care. Mr Bryan Thompson remains as Rector's Church Warden and we welcome Mr Derek Anderson as People's Church Warden.

Derryvullen North Annual General Vestry Meeting

This took place on 11th April chaired by Ven Archdeacon Pringle. We appreciate the faithful service of our Church Wardens, Mrs Sharon Duncan and Mrs Margaret Humes over the past year, also our Sunday School teachers, organists and choir. We thank our Secretary Mr Hazlett Moore, Treasurer Mrs Irene Gibson, Parish Recorders Mr Neville Scott, Mrs Edith

Pearson, Mrs Ivy Robinson and Mr Norman Johnston and all who in any way contribute to the life of the Parish.

The Select Vestry remains unchanged and the roles of the Church Wardens are reversed. Mrs Margaret Humes is now Rector's Church Warden and Mrs Sharon Duncan is People's Church Warden.

We record our appreciation to all those who provide cover for our Sunday worship and to Mrs Eileen Cutler for pastoral visits along with Ven Archeacon Pringle.

We anticipate that the Rectory repairs will soon be in place.

Easter Services

There was a good attendance at our services of Holy Communion in both parishes, the celebrant being Revd Lorraine Capper assisted by Dr Margaret Knox. We thank those in both parishes who decorated our churches, also thanks to our organists and the choir in Derryvullen North.

We record our thanks to Mr John Irvine for covering our Lenten services.

Baptism

20th March 2016: **Robyn Sadie Philomena** infant daughter of Rodger and Karen.

Prayers

A number of our parishioners have been ill in hospital; please continue to pray for those who are still hospitalized and also remember their families going through worrying times.

We offer our prayerful sympathy to those in our Parishes who have recently been bereaved – may God's presence and peace be very real to them.

We send good wishes to Revd Chancellor John Stewart who is recovering from surgery.

We offer our condolences to Mr Walter Pringle and Revd Margaret Pringle whose sister died recently. Also to Revd Stephanie Woods & the Revd John Woods whose sister died suddenly.

May the power of the cross, the joy of the resurrection and the presence of the risen Lord be with us all, now and always. Amen.

Derryvullen South and Garvary



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Services

May

Sunday 1st May

10.30am Holy Communion Garvary

12.00noon Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Sunday 8th May

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday 15th May

10.30am Morning Prayer Garvary

12.00noon Holy Communion Derryvullen South

Sunday 22nd May

10.30am Morning Prayer Derryvullen South

12.00noon Morning Prayer Garvary

Sunday 29 May

Confirmation Garvary (Time to be confirmed)

Chancellor Stewart is presently off sick and in his absence Canon Skuce Rural Dean is providing pastoral cover. Parishioners can contact the Rector's Church Wardens if they need assistance. Garvary Derek Wilson 66327073 Derryvullen Kathleen Kettyles 66387700.

Bereavements

We extend sympathy to Freda Burleigh on the death of her brother-in-law James Burleigh Cookstown.

Mothers' Union

The summer outing this year will be to Orchard Farm Lisnarick on May 16th.

Easter Vestry

Derryvullen South held their Easter Vestry on Monday 4th April. Revd Charles Eames chaired the proceedings. Thanks was extended to all members for their support and hard work throughout the year. No changes within the vestry. Mr. Robert Boles remains Peoples Church Warden and Mrs. Kathleen Kettyles remains Rector's Church Warden.

Garvary's Easter Vestry was held on 7th April with Canon Dr. William Johnston in the chair. Again thanks was extended to all members of the vestry with all members being re-elected. Mr. Derek Wilson remains Rector's Church Warden and Mrs. Margaret Porter Peoples Church Warden.

Confirmation Classes

Dr. Johnston will take confirmation classes in Chancellor Stewart's absence.

Clothes

A sum of £235 was raised from the collection of used clothes. Thanks goes to Hilda for organising the event, also thanks to all those who contributed clothes.

Devenish and Boho



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Services

May

Sunday 1st

10.00am Holy Communion Boho
11.30am Holy Communion Devenish
7.30pm Evening Service Devenish

Sunday 8th

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

Sunday 15th

10.00am Morning Prayer Boho
11.30am Holy Communion Devenish
7.30pm Evening Service Devenish

Sunday 22nd

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

Sunday 29th

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

Palm Sunday

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

Good Friday

At the Good Friday Service in Devenish Parish Church, the Passion Reading was read by Carole Whittaker, Vivienne Ferguson, Georgina Whittaker, Alan Gault and Joan Cathcart. Revd Sampson gave the reflection and the choir sang the anthem 'God so loved the world.'

Easter Sunday

Revd Sampson Ajuka conducted the Easter Morning Service. The choir sang the anthem 'The Easter Morning'. The readings were read by Kenneth Ferguson and Dorothy Scott and the Gospel reading by Mrs Joan Cathcart. The organist was Mrs Gill Spence.

General Easter Vestries

Boho Parish

Rector's Churchwarden: Innes Redmond
Peoples Churchwarden: David Little
Rectors Glebewarden: Trevor Irwin
People's Glebeward: Eileen Little
Select Vestry: Hilary Redmond (Honorary Secretary), Enid Redmond (Honorary Treasurer), Barbara Buchanan, Austin Stronge. Caroline Britton, Melanie Irwin, Kathleen Irwin, Lynn McDowell, Jean Smyth and Trevor Smyth.

Devenish Parish

Rector's Churchwarden: Ken McKeown
People's Churchwarden: David Ferguson
Rector's Glebewarden: Eric Whittaker (Graveyard Treasurer)
People's Glebewarden; William Harpur
Select Vestry: David Scott (Honorary Secretary), Stuart Brooker (Honorary Treasurer), Albert Connor (Gift Aid Secretary), Bruce Harron, Raymond Bell, Kenneth Ferguson, Keith Little, Richard McClure, Clive McKee, Joe Reilly, Wesley Scott and Mrs Georgina Whittaker.

Walk/Run - Boho Parish Church to the Reade Hall, Monea

On Saturday 14th May commencing at 10.00am we are having a sponsored Walk/Run from Boho Parish Church to the Reade Hall to raise funds for the Reade Hall Project. At the commencement of the event a short service will be held in Boho Church. Sponsor forms are available in both churches or from David Scott: email drumcose@live.co.uk Everyone is welcome to join us. Chris McCarthy is providing a bus free of charge to bring the walkers from the Reade Hall to Boho Church. The bus will be leaving the Reade hall at 9.30am.

Coffee Morning

The ladies of the parish held a coffee morning on Saturday 19th March to raise funds for the Reade Hall Project. We were delighted to see a large number of people from our neighbouring parishes, other churches and the local community. Thank you to everyone that attended and the ladies of the parish for all their work. £1170 was raised as a result.

Launch of DVD to celebrate 125th Anniversary of Devenish Parish Church

During the Coffee Morning Revd Sampson Ajuka launched a DVD in celebration of the 125th anniversary of Devenish Parish Church Monea, Enniskillen. The DVD which was compiled by Lynda and Rebecca Collum commences with a brief history of the church

including the connection with Devenish Island, the amalgamation with Boho Church, information on each of the stained glass windows in the church as well as photographs of each of the Rectors since 1890 until the present day. The Parish was grateful to obtain a photograph of the very first bride and groom in the church together with many photographs of parishioners, past and present and special events since that time.

Lynda and Rebecca hope you enjoy listening to the hymns in the background and at the same time reading through, and learning about the Parish history and watching for faces old and young!

The cost of the DVD is £10 and all proceeds will go towards The Reade Hall renovation works.

Copies of the DVD can be obtained by contacting Lynda Collum by e-mail: lyndacollum@btinternet.com or by telephone on (028) 66341770 after 8.00pm (Monday-Saturday).



Parish Gift Day

Parish Gift day in aid of the Reade Hall Project will be on Sunday 12th June.

Confirmation

The Bishop will be administering the rite of Confirmation in Devenish Parish Church on Sunday 19th June at 3.30pm.

Unveiling of Plaques in memory of RUC and UDR Personnel

Devenish Parish Select Vestry has given approval for the erection of two plaques in memory of UDR and RUC personnel that were killed in terrorist action in County Fermanagh during the recent troubles. The plaques will be unveiled at a service on Sunday 4th September at 3.00pm in Devenish Parish Church, Monea. The preacher will be Bishop John McDowell.

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

Sunday 1st May

10.00am Barr Holy Communion

11.30am Donacavey Holy Communion

Sunday 8th May

10.00am Barr Morning Prayer

11.30am Donacavey Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th May

10.00am Barr Morning Prayer

11.30am Donacavey Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd May

10.00am Barr Morning Prayer

11.30am Donacavey Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th May

10.00am Barr Morning Prayer

11.30am Donacavey Morning Prayer

Sunday 5th June

10.00am Barr Holy Communion

11.30am Donacavey Holy Communion

Barr

Christian Burial

5th March 2016: **Mrs Olivia Surphlis** from Barr parish passed away peacefully just a few weeks after her son Eric. We offer prayerful sympathy to her family and assure them that they are very much in our thoughts and prayers especially in the days ahead.

Donacavey

Sunday school at 10.15am each Sunday.

Mothering Sunday

A special service was held for Mothering Sunday on the 6th March. The Sunday school children sang special pieces and did readings to reflect on the role of mothers. Mothers in the congregation took part also. At the end of the service each lady in the congregation received a beautifully wrapped Easter egg.

Congratulations to all the couples within our group of parishes who have become new parents. We pray that God will richly bless these children and the homes from which they come.

Afternoon Tea

The fund raising committee held an afternoon tea in the church hall on Saturday 12th March. The special guest for this afternoon was Margaret Johnston from Ballinamallard.



The ladies provided a delightful afternoon tea with a variety of sandwiches, tray bakes and a wonderful selection of homemade cakes. The cakes proved a winner with the ladies who enjoyed sampling the delights.



After tea we were entertained by Margaret who sang and played her accordion much to the delight of everyone. We thank her for taking the time to share her faith with us and all agreed it was such a success that it should become an annual event. A retiring collection was available for Meningitis Research and the sum of £140 was collected and forwarded to Mrs

Pamela Woods who is running a marathon to support this cause. £1050 was also raised for Church funds.

Bowling Club

The annual Bowling Club dinner and presentation of awards was held on Friday 8th April. The venue was Fintona British Legion Hall and members enjoyed a lovely meal and fellowship together. Thanks to those who organised the event and provided the food. The Bowling Club is closed for the summer but will resume again in the autumn.

Mothers' Union

The speaker for our April meeting was the Revd John Hay who gave us a very informative and interesting talk on the work of the Leprosy Mission.

Annual Easter Vestry Meeting

The Annual Easter Vestry meeting was held in the Church on Wednesday 6th April at 8.00pm. The meeting was chaired by the Revd Canon Mark Watson, Rural Dean. The Officers elected for the incoming year are:

Mr Sam Colhoun, Rector's Church Warden; Mr John Beattie, People's Church Warden; Mr Ian Woods, Rector's Glebe Warden and Mr Brian Beattie, People's Glebe Warden.

Mr Sam Colhoun was also appointed as Caretaker of the Church for the incoming year. We thank all those who agreed to serve on the Select Vestry and in church offices.

Children's Sunday

This will take place on Sunday 12th June during the Morning Service. We look forward to the children taking part in this service.

BBQ

The annual Barbeque will take place on Saturday 14th May. There will be further announcements about this event nearer the time. Tickets will be available from members of the fund raising committee.

We thank all those who work so hard to keep our parish running smoothly during the vacancy, especially the Clergymen and Lay Readers.

Donagh and Tyholland with Errigal Truagh



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Services

May

Sunday 1st The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday 8th Sunday after Ascension Day

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

Sunday 15th The Day of Pentecost

Donagh 10.30am Morning Prayer
Tyholland 12.00noon Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd Trinity Sunday

Donagh 10.30am A Service of the Word
Tyholland 12.00noon A Service of the Word

Sunday 29th The First Sunday after Trinity

Donagh 10.30am A Combined Family Service

Easter General Vestries

The Easter Annual General Vestry for The United Parishes of Tyholland with Errigal Truagh took place on Tuesday 8th March in the Boardroom of Monaghan Mushrooms. Thanks to those who served faithfully during the past year in both Tyholland Church and Errigal Truagh Church and with them God's blessing for the incoming year. Thanks also to Mr Ronnie Wilson for the use of the premises.

The Easter Annual General Vestry for Donagh Parish took place on Wednesday 6th April, in the Church Hall. My thanks to those who served faithfully during the past year in Donagh Parish Church and wish them God's blessing for the incoming year.

Girls Brigade

23rd Company Glaslough Girls Brigade

The 37th Annual Display took place on Friday 18th March 2016. This was a great evening and thanks is due to the Captain Margaret Dudgeon and the officers and girls. To raise funds they produced a quiz sheet on well-known 'sweets and chocolates'. Thanks to everyone who supported this and bought a quiz sheet and congratulations to the two winners.

St. Patrick's Day

A service was held in Donagh Parish Church on St. Patrick's Day at 11.00am. After the service everyone was invited to the church hall for refreshments and fellowship. Thanks to Marina for organizing games for the children and to those who provided the refreshments.

Mothers' Union

On Wednesday 16th March the branch meeting took the form of a social evening to celebrate Saint Patrick. It was a very successful evening with fun and fellowship and great food. Thanks to Dorothy Keith and Eleanor

Stewart for organizing this. The Closing Service will take place on Wednesday 27th April in Tyholland Parish Church.

Vortex

On Saturday 19th March the Youth Group held their 2016 "Easter Eggstravaganza" around the Houses. Thanks to the host/hostesses for supplying the food and the games in the various houses the young folk visited. The evening was brought to a close with a devotional talk by Rev. Betty Thompson in the Church Hall and a Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to all the leaders and to Amanda and Lynn for organising this.

Easter Day



Many thanks to the Junior and Senior Choir for their anthems and songs as we celebrated Easter Day. My thanks to the ladies in both Donagh Parish Church and Errigal Truagh Parish Church for decorating the church with spring flowers and also to Maureen Atkinson for providing the Easter eggs for the young people in Donagh Parish Church.



Choir Practice

Monday 9th May at 7.00pm the Junior Choir Practice will take place in Donagh Church. Following on at 8.00pm Ethne and the Senior Choir will host a choir practice in preparation for the Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to take place in St. Patrick's Church, Monaghan on Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm. This Service will feature a combined adult choir from various churches throughout County Monaghan as well as musical items from seven National Schools and Monaghan Collegiate School.

Tyholland Community Party Night

This was an evening of food, fun and music held in Tyholland Community Centre on Friday 8th April. Thanks to the ladies of ICA, Geraldine Evans and Elizabeth Garland for organising this. A delicious meal was served which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Sympathy

To the Wilson Family circle and especially Robert her son and Shirley her daughter-in-law we offer our deepest sympathy and prayerful support on the death of Robert's mother Susan Viola Wilson. Viola was a member of Mothers Union for 60 years, she was at one time the organist in St. Sillians Parish Church - Tyholland. Up to a few months ago she was an active member of Tyholland Parish Church and seldom missed a service. She died suddenly on Monday the 4th of April in Cavan hospital. A service of thanksgiving was held on Thursday 7th April in Tyholland Parish church after which the interment took place in the adjoining graveyard.

On Wednesday 6th April, Baby James Isaac Coulter was born in Craigavon Area Hospital. I had the privilege of baptizing James soon after he was born. Sadly he died on Friday 8th April. His funeral service took place from his parents home on Sunday 10th April, and afterwards James was buried in the church graveyard. Our sympathy and prayerful support to James' Mum and Dad, Diane and Clayton, his sisters Rebecca, Jessica and Emma his grandparents and the wider family circle.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayer the lonely and housebound and those in Nursing Homes at this time.

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)

Service times for the months of June, July & August

Please note that the service times for the summer months will be at the earlier time of 10.30am instead of 11.30am.

Sympathy

The Church family wish to convey to John Stafford, his wife Rae and family our sincere sympathy on the recent death of his mother Sidney. We pray that they will know God's comfort and presence in the days ahead. Mrs Stafford's funeral service was held in Lisliminaghan Parish Church, Omagh and the interment took place in Holy Trinity graveyard on Saturday 26th March.

Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those from our Parish who have been unwell at home or in hospital in recent weeks.

Joint Holy Week Mission

We thank God for the very successful Mission held in partnership with Togherdoo Methodist Church and Dromore Presbyterian Church during Holy Week. This Mission was the vision of the three local Ministers in the village: Revd James Boyd, Holy Trinity, Revd William Newell, Togherdoo and Revd John Hanson, Dromore Presbyterian and arrangements began over a year ago.

The opening and closing services on Palm Sunday evening and Good Friday evening respectively were held in Holy Trinity with the Monday and Tuesday services in Togherdoo Methodist Church and the Wednesday and Thursday evenings in Dromore Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to the special speakers for the week: Mr Roy Walker, Mr Jonathan Reid, Mr Trevor Matthews, Mr George Conn and Mr George Newell.

Attendance at all services was excellent and many were blessed by the faithful preaching, inspiring worship, including the special contribution of soloists, groups, the United Choir, the community hymn-singing before each service, and personal testimonies on each evening.

Sincere thanks also to Revd Canon Dennis Robinson from Lisbellaw who led the two services in Holy Trinity due to the current vacancy. Also thanks to Mrs Peggy Mills and her helpers for providing tea and biscuits for everyone after both services in Holy Trinity.

Fields of Life Fundraising

A very successful Coffee Morning, Cake Sale and Car Wash was held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 26th March in aid of the Fields of Life Mission Trip to Uganda in July.



We pray for our eleven team members as they prepare to travel from Holy Trinity to assist the building of teacher accommodation and kitchen facilities and deliver hygiene programmes in the Burunga community and Bible teaching to the children in Hope Life Primary School. Team members will be commissioned at the Service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 19th June.



Clothes Collection

Parishioners are reminded that Mrs Peggy Mills continues to collect unwanted clothes etc. for cash on behalf of the Parish for the Fields of Life Ugandan Project and we take this opportunity to thank Peggy for co-ordinating this. Anyone who wishes to donate unwanted items should contact Peggy on 028 82 898163.

Easter General Vestry

The Easter General Vestry was held on Thursday 7th April at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall and was chaired by the Rural Dean, Canon Mark Watson. The Churchwardens, Glebe Wardens and Select Vestry members during the 2015/16 year were re-elected to serve in the current year.

Children's Day

Children's Day will be held on Sunday 12th June at 11.30am.

Hoisting the Union Flag

The annual hoisting the Union Flag on the Church Tower will take place on Thursday 23th June at 8.30pm.

Mullnagoagh LOL 669 Anniversary Service

The Anniversary Service will be held on Sunday 26th June at 3.30pm led by Mullnagoagh Pipe Band.

Drumkeeran, Templecarne and Muckross



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Services

May

Sunday 1st

10.00am Templecarne MP
11.30am Drumkeeran HC

Sunday 8th

10.00am Muckross HC
11.30am Drumkeeran MP
7.00pm Dernasesk

Sunday 15th

10.00am Templecarne HC
11.30am Drumkeeran MP

Sunday 22nd

10.00am Muckross MP
11.30am Drumkeeran HC

Sunday 29th

11.00am Drumkeeran Joint Children's Service

Youth Service



The Sunday School service in Drumkeeran on Palm Sunday 20th March, was well supported by parents and friends. It was great to see so many children in the church.



Thank you to the children who participated and a big 'Thank You' to the teachers who had them well prepared. And a very big 'Thank You' to Mandy Aiken who gives much time and effort to the organising of the Sunday School - teachers, materials, events, etc. And they had the church appropriately decorated for the theme of Palm Sunday and Easter. Much effort was given in this by the children and their teachers. Again, our thanks. It is planned to have a group Sunday School service to mark the closing of Sunday School for the summer, in Drumkeeran on 29th May at 11.00am.



Holy Week

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

Communion services were held in Templecarne and Drumkeeran. Thanks to all who supported the services, particularly to those who attended all three.

Annual Easter Vestry meetings

Drumkeeran meeting was held on 5th April with both Muckcross and Templecarne vestries on 7th April. Thanks to all who serve on the Select Vestries, particularly to the Office bearers, the Treasurers and Secretaries, FWO Recorders and Church Wardens. A welcome to a new member of Drumkeeran Select Vestry, Charlotte Mawhinney. Charlotte reads in church, is a Sunday School teacher and organises catering in the Parochial Hall.

Annual Display

Many of the young people from the group of parishes attend Pettigoe B B or G B in the Pettigo Methodist Church Hall. This year the B B Display was held on 11th March and the GB Display on 18th March. Both events were well supported. Good wishes to the new Captain of the BB, Geoffrey Knox, a parishioner and Select Vestry member of Drumkeeran Parish. Thanks to all the officers and helpers. As a group of parishes we benefit from the facilities provided by the BB and GB week by week in the Methodist Church Hall.

Mothering Sunday

At the end of the service in Drumkeeran on Mothering Sunday little gifts were handed out to all the ladies present. Again, thanks to the Sunday Teachers and organisers.

Holy Baptism

On Sunday 3rd April, Morgan Irene Lucas was baptised in Drumkeeran Church at the 11.30 service. We welcome Morgan into the family of God and pray for God's guidance on all who will have the care of her in the years ahead, home family, Sunday School, day school and all others with whom she will have contact. And it was great on that Sunday after Easter so many of the family and their friends present.

On Monday 21st March, Ben, Zak and Olly, children of Gary and Karen McLaren were baptised in Drumkeeran. Again, we pray that God will be with them, with their parents and family and with their family and with all who will have an influence on them in the days and years ahead.

General Synod

This year the General Synod of the Church of Ireland is being held in Dun Laoghaire 12th – 14th May. Members of the Synod are elected from each of the dioceses. We pray that God will guide the members of the Synod in their discussions and decisions. May it all be to God's glory and for the well being of the church.

Advance Notices

The Harvest Thanksgiving services in the group of parishes will be held on the usual weekends in September, second, third and fourth Sundays, this year 11th, 18th and 25th, with a Friday evening Harvest Service in Muckross on 9th.

Parade Services

This year's annual Parade Services will be held on 10th July and 31st July both at 3.30pm.

Ematris with Rockcorry, Aghabog, Aughnamullen and Drum



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Services

May

Sunday 1st The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Aghabog 9.45am Morning Prayer
Rockcorry 11.00am Morning Prayer
Drum 12.15pm Morning Prayer

Friday 6th May

Mother's Union Area service in Aghabog at 8.00pm

Sunday 8th The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension

Aughnamullen 9.45am Morning Prayer
Dartrey 11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday) (Red)

Aghabog 9.45am Holy Communion
Rockcorry 11.00am Holy Communion
Drum 12.15pm Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd Trinity Sunday (White)

Aughnamullen 9.45am Holy Communion
Dartrey 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 29th The First Sunday after Trinity (Green)

Aughnamullen 11.00am United Service

Aghabog

On 17th March, St. Patrick's Day, a united all age service was held in Aghabog. One of our young parishioners dressed as a young St Patrick and read to us a potted account of the life of St. Patrick.



The service was followed with refreshments in the adjoining hall. There was the sound of 'craic' and background Irish music. A variety of games were organised by Walter Pringle.

Thanks to Archdeacon Helene and some of her parishioners who supported us in this new venture. The aim of the day was to meet together to give thanks to God for the life of St Patrick and to have fun and fellowship as well.

Bowling Club

The bowling club had their finals and presentations on Monday 11th April. It was good to see everyone in attendance in the finals. The knock out singles winners was Richard Truell and runner up Jason Wilkin, league singles winner, Maureen Howe and Andrew Ritchie - Runner up, pairs winners were Jackie Kennedy and Noel Wilkin with Warren Adams and Daniel Hawthorne runners up. Junior winner - Lee Hall and Runner-up - Eanna.

Each year the club plays for charity. This year the charity was Crumlin hospital for sick children and for this competition the winner receives the Fred Norris Memorial cup, which was Nigel Norris with Daniel Hawthorne as runner up. Thanks to everyone who donated to this charity. This year the club entered Monaghan Bowling league for the first time and won the 4th Division. It was a credit to all the team. The evening was brought to a close with supper.

Bereavements

We express our sympathy to Revd Margaret Pringle and family on the recent death of her sister Lola in Bangor,

also to Irene Wright and family on the death of her aunt, Mrs Anna Jordan.

Aughnamullen

Our thanks to our Bishop, Rt. Rev John McDowell for conducting our Easter Gift Day service on Easter Sunday 27th March.

Annual General Vestry

The meeting was held on 9th April and was chaired by Archdeacon Helene Steed.

Rectors Warden: Harold Weir

Peoples Warden: Helen Mc Murray

Rectors Glebe Warden: Kenny Jordan

Peoples Glebe warden: William Jordan

Select Vestry: Jim Carey, Teresa Carey, Andrew Carey, Kevin Carey, Alice Forde, Betty Jordan, Robbie Jordan, Trevor Jordan, George Montgomery, John Patterson and Josephine Patterson.

Hon. Secretary/Assistant Secretary: George Montgomery, Helen McMurray

Hon. Treasurer/Assistant treasurer: Teresa Carey, Josephine Patterson.

Thanks to the secretaries and treasurers in the group for all their hard work during the year.

Bereavement

Our sincere sympathy with the families who have suffered the loss of loved ones, especially the Fox family, Revd Margaret Pringle, Hazel and John on the death of their sister, Mrs Lola Taniane (Bangor). Lola's cremation took place at Roselawn cemetery followed by a service of thanksgiving and burial of ashes in Aughnamullen. Thanks to Archdeacon Cecil Pringle for officiating at the funeral service in Aughnamullen. Sympathy to the Jordan family from Tamlet on the death of their mother Mrs Anna Jordan in her 95th year.

Dates for your diary

Aughnamullen Coffee Morning: Saturday 11th June at 10.30am, in aid of church funds.

Drum

The closing service with Holy Communion for Mother's Union took place on Thursday 27th April in Drum. At the close of the service certificates for years of membership and service were presented to :Iris Egerton: Aghabog; Lottie Lancashire: Drum; Shirley Stewart: Drum; Agnes Phair: Rockcorry.

During the year the ladies had been busy knitting and putting together two multi-coloured blankets which they will present to Drumbear Lodge and Oak view Nursing homes. Both these homes have parishioners in resident there. Thanks to the ladies who once again provided a supper ' fit for a king' on the night.

Dartrey /Rockcorry

Congratulations

Donegal parish church, Wednesday 10th March, provided a lovely setting for the wedding of our school Principal teacher of Rockcorry National School. Julie Montgomery was married to Jason Coalter of Enniskillen. The ceremony was performed by the Venerable David Huss, Archdeacon of Raphoe, followed by the reception in Harvey's Point hotel. We wish Julie and Jason every blessing in their married life.

Bereavement

The parishioners offer their condolences to Revd Margaret Pringle and her family on the recent death of her sister.

It was with regret that we heard of the death of Bertie Moore's sister, Vera Brown in Canada. The late Vera is also an aunt of Jackie Hall.

Sympathy to Miriam Wilkin on the death of her aunt Daisy Mills, Rossory Parish.

A personal word of thanks to everyone who have sympathized with myself, Revd Margaret on the recent death of my sister Lola, for the many who attended the funeral and sent sympathy cards.

Please continue to remember in prayer those who are experiencing ill health at home, in hospital or nursing homes. We ask for God's blessing and help for each family and we pray that they will know his presence with them at this time.

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Services

May

Sunday 1st May: Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

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

Thursday 5th May: Ascension Day

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

Thursday 12th May

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th May: The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Holy Communion
3.00pm Bishops Annual Pentecost Service
7.00pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 19th May

11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd May: Trinity Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Prayer (Family Service)
7.00pm Holy Communion

Thursday 26th May

11.00am Holy Communion
1.05pm Healing Service

Sunday 29th May: The First Sunday after Trinity

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

Christian Burial

23rd February 2016: Doreen Jean Grundle, Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen

6th April 2016: Elizabeth Ann Sidwell, 17 Breandrum Court, Enniskillen

11th April 2016: John (Jack) McKinney, 3 Killmacormick Road, Enniskillen

14th April 2016: Elizabeth Eveline Annie Rankin, Millcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen

Annual Pentecost Ecumenical Service

On the afternoon of Sunday 15th May at 3.00pm, the Day of Pentecost, the annual ecumenical service which has customarily been led by both Bishops of Clogher will take place this year at St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen. The Church of Ireland Bishop of Clogher, the Rt Revd John McDowell, and the Most Revd Dr Liam MacDaid, Roman Catholic Bishop of Clogher, will lead this special annual service, together with local clergy. During the service two young people will give their reflections on Pentecost, and singing will be led by church choirs from the local area. A warm invitation is extended to all to join in this occasion, and refreshments will be made available afterwards.

Donations In Lieu Of Flowers

The Church can benefit greatly from donations made in lieu of flowers at the time of a death or the

anniversary of a death. Please keep this in mind, and we acknowledge with grateful thanks all who have contributed in this way in the past.

Bible Reading Notes

Copies of Our Daily Bread (Bible Reading Notes) are available free of charge at the back of each church. Please take one and you will find an order form included so that you can order them direct by post to your own home. These will make the reading of the Bible easy, enjoyable, interesting and relevant to every day life.

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path' Psalm 119

Missionary Boxes

Please return all US and CMSI Lenten Project missionary boxes as soon as possible.

Confirmation



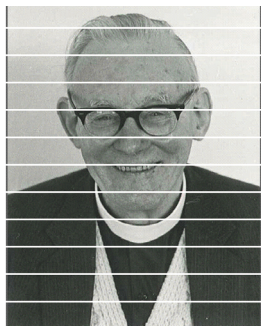
A Service of Confirmation took place on Sunday 17th April evening. The following were confirmed by the Bishop, The Rt Rev John McDowell: Tori Beresford, Mark Crawford, Ryan Daly, Leah Elliott, Blane Hicks, Gareth Lendrum, Alice Lindsay, Bethany Little, Aleta Love, Tia McCabe, Robert Mills, Ben Monteith, Dominic Robertson, Neil Rutledge, Jonah Somerville, Kyle Southam and Becky Virtue. Arthur Brooke and Emma Mitchell from Colebrooke parish were also confirmed.

We wish them every blessing and grant them the grace and courage to bear witness to God's love in all things.

Easter Rising Link to the Parish

Older parishioners will have fond memories of the late Rev Nelson Rowe who served St Macartin's very faithfully over many years. Following the Easter Rising, his father, Head Constable William Rowe, was shot dead while attempting to arrest members of the Kent family who were suspected Sinn Fein activists. On the 2nd May 1916, Head Constable Rowe and other officers surrounded a farmhouse near Fermoy, County Cork, where the Kent family lived. As they approached the house the Kent brothers opened fire and in an exchange of gunfire Head Constable Rowe

was shot dead. Richard, one of the Kent brothers also died following the exchange of gunfire. Thomas Kent, another brother, was subsequently executed for his part in the murder of the police officer. In September 2015 Thomas Kent was reburied in his family's burial plot at Castlelyons, County Cork, and was accorded a State Funeral by the Irish Government.



Rev Nelson Rowe

Head Constable Rowe left a widow and five young children, one of them being Nelson – who was aged 11 at the time. After his education at the Masonic Boys' School and Cork Grammar School, Nelson graduated from Trinity College, Dublin. He taught in Drumcondra Primary School, where he became Principal, before training

for the Church. He was ordained in St Macartin's Cathedral on 1st July 1962 where he served under Dean Clements as Curate until his appointment as Rector of Lack in 1966. In 1968 he was appointed Rector of Currin, Drum and Newbliss. He retired as rector in 1976 in the year his wife died. He then came to serve as assistant to Dean Clements – an appointment that gave the parishioners great pleasure. He continued in this role for a further five years before finally retiring. In retirement, he continued to play a full part in parish and community activities. He was very active in the cathedral bowling club and was a member of the Probus Club. Rev Nelson Rowe died in December 1996 and following his funeral service in the cathedral he was buried with his wife at Drumcondra, Dublin. (Sam Morrow).

Mothers' Union

Branch Leader Stephanie opened the March meeting with a bible reading and prayer. Deepest sympathy was conveyed to four of our members who have lost close family since our last meeting, our thoughts and prayers are with each of you at this sad time. We are sorry to say farewell to the Rev Rob, Julie and family, a parting gift was presented from Mothers Union and best wishes extended.

Miss Kate Doherty, guest speaker of the evening, gave a most interesting account of the ongoing support to the region of Mekelle in Ethiopia. Along with Kate's Soroptimist friends in NI, funds were raised and a Community Centre was built for the elderly and a minibus purchased, enabling the elderly ladies to avail of the daily privileges we take for granted.

Dean Hall opened the April meeting with prayer and bible reading. Branch Leader Stephanie welcomed guests and the guest speaker, Mrs Eva Baxter, who presented a most interesting story of the life of Hymn writer, Cecil Frances Alexander. Among the hymns she wrote are 'There is a green hill far away' and 'All

things bright and beautiful'. Supper was served by the committee.

The annual outing is to Tully Mill Restaurant, Florencecourt on Monday 9th May, where a meal will be served at 7.30pm. Please phone Eleanor if you wish to attend.

The Area Service is on Friday 13th May at 8.00pm in Magheraculmoney Parish Church. If transport is required, please be at the Cathedral car park at 6.45 pm. Overseas Missionary donations may be left with Beth at the office or with Jenifer, overseas Rep for the Branch.

The Diocesan Spring Council will be held on Thursday 19th May in the Archdale Hall, Ballinamallard at 7.30pm, preceded by a Bring & Buy sale at 7.00pm.

Thank you to members for the donations of knitted garments and cot mattresses for the use of the neonatal ward at SWAH.

Tuesday Club

Members met on Tuesday 26th April in the Hilliard Room. There was an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship on what will be the last meeting in the Hall before refurbishments begin. The summer outing on Tuesday 31st May brings the season to a close. Members will be picked up to travel to Florencecourt for tea/coffee in the Church Hall before going to the Parish Church to see around and hear some of its history. Dinner in Rosemary Armstrong's Guest House will conclude the day. Members are wished a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing them again in September.

Bowling Club

The Annual Bowling Tournament took place over the week commencing 7th March. As expected there was a reduction in entries due to the uncertainty surrounding the Hall refurbishment, but we still managed to have seventy four entries over the three nights with eight pairs returning on Friday for the final night. After the preliminary rounds the final was played between William and Gillian Stevenson against David Dickson and Esther Forster with David and Esther coming out on top after a very exciting game. We were pleased to have sponsorship from Monaghan Bros and Scotts Fuels.

Club Competition Results

Ladies singles: Primrose Woodburn.

Men's singles: George Miller

Pairs: Noel Lafferty and Bertie Turner.

Triples: Noel Rafferty, Melvin Schofield and Violet Vennard.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, by water and the Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life: Guide and strengthen us by that same Spirit that we who are born again may

serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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Sunday Services

9.30am: Kiltermon

11.00am: St John's

7.00pm: BREATHE a quieter time of prayer and worship: on first Sunday of month

Today the skies outside the parish office are overcast, and the weather has been colder in recent days. But the office has been abuzz all morning with people coming and going. There have been bookings for the Men's Group Walk to be held tomorrow morning, requests for tickets for this evening's Church Lads' Brigade Fundraising Fashion Show in aid of group funds, and a health care project in Peru. Preparations are underway for the Mother's Union Area Service in May, and the photocopier has been busy with service sheets and worship preparation for our time together as God's people this Sunday. Pastoral visiting cards are being sent out, and conversations are on-going about future planning and events.

Our parish office is a very small space tucked away on a corridor in the parish hall. But it is the centre of much that is good and positive in church life here. Our secretary is a joy to work with and we are very indebted to her for her welcome and goodwill as we come and go with our needs and requests. Paperwork is visible from the very large piece of work, which was the preparation of the annual report and the task of its distribution across the parish.

In recent days we have held a very positive Easter Vestry, and God willing this Sunday I will pray for the recently elected Select Vestry members as they begin a new year of work. We also welcomed many more

people than expected to a very successful Craft Fair and Coffee Morning held to raise funds for one of our young people, Hayley Corbett, as she prepares to go on a mission trip this summer, to Uganda. Last Sunday we also welcomed Revd Mark Lennox and members of the mission trip that last year went to Peru. They spoke to this year's team from the parish here, and their families and friends, at a lovely service and tea.

As you can imagine, May and June promise to be busy months in church life. We are looking forward to Youth and Children's day and the Parish BBQ on 19th June. God willing we will welcome Bishop Ken Clarke, now missions director for SAMS UK and Ireland, who will commission the 12 people going out on mission projects this summer.

On a quieter note, the work of prayer is on-going in the parish, and is a particular focus in me at this time. We are settling in to BREATHE, which are quieter evenings for prayer and worship. God willing next week I will meet with someone who may be able to help us as a parish to develop in prayer, and conversation is happening as we think about formally establishing a Prayer Group/Ministry, which would meet monthly, to help us in this work of prayer.

The rain has now arrived from those dull skies. The office will quieten, before the busyness of the evening's event. And I must go home and polish my shoes. There is talk that the First Minister Of Northern Ireland is coming to open the proceedings. Parish life is far from dull!

Mothers' Union

The April meeting was held in St. John's Hall with 22 members attending. Hilary Kenny welcomed members and our guest speakers Ian & Lorraine Stewart from Christian Guidelines. Following the opening hymn, Bible reading and prayer, the meeting was handed over to our speakers. Ian spoke on fruitfulness in our later years from a Biblical perspective using the quote "They shall still bear fruit in old age. They shall be fresh and flourishing".

He emphasised that there is no retirement age in working for the Lord. Lorraine then spoke on modern day practicalities from a grandmother's perspective – how encouragement, affirmation and praise are needed for our own children as they embark on parenthood and the power grandparents have to influence their grandchildren's lives. She stressed that one of the greatest things we can do is pray for our grandchildren. Congratulations were extended to Olive Morrow who will celebrate her 40th wedding anniversary on 17th April, and a letter of thanks from Margaret Cowan was read for a gift and card received on her 50th wedding anniversary.

The Southern area Service is being held in Aghabog Church on 6th May. Three members to attend.

The Northern Service is being held in St. John's Church on 13th May. Speaker: Revd Kyle Hanlon.

Our next meeting is our Visitor' Night on 11th May when the speaker will be Colin Davies from Spud

Bears Ministry. Their ministry supplies hospitals and orphanages in Uganda, Ghana and Tanzania with cuddly teddy bears to bring comfort and encouragement to the children many of whom are alone and afraid. The second part of their ministry involves talking bears who are able to read Bible stories and share God's love with the children, many of whom are unable to read or are blind.

Final arrangements were made for our outing on 7th May to Tropical World, Letterkenny with a meal in The Silver Birches Hotel Omagh

The Branch Leader, Elvina Funston closed the meeting with prayer.

Galloon, Sallaghy and Drummully



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Services

May

10.30am: Sallaghy

12.00pm: Galloon

Sunday School Times for May

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

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

A Family Service

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

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

United Group Service

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

Easter Praise Service

Easter Praise Service On Easter Sunday the three parishes came together for an early morning service of

Holy Communion in Sallaghy. This was followed by a well-attended Praise Service at 11.00am in Galloon.



The Easter Garden

At this service the children brought their completed Easter themed teardrop shaped pictures which were then transformed into the petals of flowers based on the theme of Rev Anita's address "The Easter Garden". Joanna and Andrew Crawford led the opening hymn "Praise my soul", on their brass instruments. The Group Choir sang three pieces: "All I once held dear", "King of Kings, Majesty" and "Above all".



The combined Sunday Schools on Easter Sunday

Good News Group

The Good News Group will meet on Wednesday 4th May in Galloon's Sunday School Hall, providing "a chance to have a coffee, chat and hear what God has got to say!" Subsequent meetings will be held at the same venue on Wednesday 1st June and Wednesday 6th July. There will be no meeting in August. This is the follow up from the Lent Bible Study meetings in Sallaghy.

Galloon Parish

Parish Auction

The Parish Auction was held on Saturday 2nd April, which so far has raised £2,420. As always, our sincere thanks to William Little, and his ever-faithful team of supporters. Also thanks to the Ladies who provided the refreshments and also to those who came along and supported the event by purchasing the items auctioned. The next auction is planned for Saturday 3rd September.

Church Hall

It has been decided to hold an open meeting of information, discussion, expressions of interest for the future development of the Church Hall. This meeting will be held in the hall on Friday 13th May at 8.00pm. It is planned to have Mr Stephen Leighton and Mrs Carol Follis in attendance. Everyone who may have an interest is invited to attend.

Sunday School Coffee Morning

A Sunday School coffee morning will be held in Newtownbutler Church Hall on Saturday 21st May from 10.00am – 1.00pm. The event will be hosted by the Sunday school teachers and the children.

Holy Baptism

Hugo George Noble, on Sunday 10th April, son of William and Helen Noble and brother for Alfie.

Bereavement

Doreen Eleanor Moore died peacefully at Seabank Residential Home, Portrush. Formerly of Station House, Newtownbutler. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Moore. Doreen's remains were interred in Galloon Parish Churchyard on Wednesday 6th April.

Sallaghy Parish

Parish Dance

A Parish Dance was held on Friday 1st April in the Church Hall. The music was provided by Dusty Diamond with £670 being raised for parish funds. Thank you to all who supported this event in any way and in particular thanks to Wray Whittendale for all his organisation for the event.

Mothers' Union

In May the Mothers' Union area services are being held. There are two in this area: Friday 6th May in Aghabog Parish Church at 8.00pm and Friday 13th May in Fivemiletown Parish Church at 8.00pm.

In June Sallaghy Mothers Union will hold their 90th Anniversary Service in the parish church on Thursday 9th June at 8.00pm. The Speaker will be Mrs Irene Boyd (Diocesan President). The service will be followed by supper and everyone is welcome to attend.

Hall Tables

Our thanks go to the Bowling Club who purchased 5 folding tables at a cost of £900 for general use in the Church Hall.

Drummully Parish

Church Roof

We are delighted to announce that work has commenced on replacing the slates on the Church roof. 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. If you need to visit graves during the works being carried out please contact either William Armstrong on (028) 67738833 or George Moore on (028) 67738648. Sunday worship will be held in Sallaghy at 10.30am and Galloon at 12.00 during the roof refurbishment. The Sunday School have been invited to join with Sallaghy Sunday School for the summer term.

Gardening Evening

Our annual gardening evening will be held in Drummully Church Hall on Wednesday 18th May at 8.00pm. Kim Rickey will be back by popular demand.

Car Boot Sale

The first of our summer car boot sales will be held on Saturday 4th June in Drummully with the annual Strawberry Teas and cake sale. Please note that the gates will be open at 8am for Car-booters to set up their stalls, but the Hall will not be open for teas until 9.30am.

Garrison, Slavin, Belleek and Kiltyclogher



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Services

May

Sunday 8th

Kiltyclogher 10.00am Holy Communion
Belleek 11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15th

Garrison 10.00am Morning Prayer & Family Service
Slavin 11.30am Morning Prayer & Family Service

Sunday 22nd

Kiltyclogher 10.00am Morning Prayer
Belleek 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th

Slavin 11.30am Service of Thanks & Praise

June

Sunday 5th

Garrison 10.00am Holy Communion
Slavin 11.30am Holy Communion

Mothers' Union

The March meeting was held in Slavin Church and we welcomed Mrs Hilda Thompson from our neighbouring parish in Ardess as our guest speaker. Hilda gave her testimony and how she came to be a Christian. She interspersed it with lovely witty stories and entertaining facts. It was a lovely evening and thank you Hilda so much for sharing your personal story with us.



MU Branch Leader, Dot Barlow & Sally Carson MU Member with some of her knitted teddies



The Rector with Dot & MU member Edie Kilpatrick and her knitted crosses

The photo shows Dot Barlow, Mothers' Union Branch Leader with Sally Carson who brought along, to the March meeting, a very large bag of knitted Teddies and little baby caps for the SWAH neonatal unit. Thank you Sally, and also thanks to her daughter Wendy who also knit some of the items. These will be passed on to Lynn Winslow, Diocesan Action and Outreach Co-ordinator. Another photo shows Rev Ngozi Njoku, Dot Barlow, MU Branch Leader, and Edith Kirkpatrick. Over the past months Edith has distributed little crosses, done in cross stitch, by her friend Beth, and has raised £120 for The Mothers Union Worldwide and Relief Fund. Some of these crosses are in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and also in England and Scotland!

Fifth Sunday Group Service

The 5th Sunday group service is the turn of Slavin Church for the month of May. It will service of thanksgiving and praise with some hymns from the additional hymnal. Everyone welcome from all 4 churches for the service at 11.30am.

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 think of Betty McVitty and Edward Stephenson who have been in Altnagelvin Hospital and pray for a speedy recovery for them after surgery.

Christian Marriage

Breege & Martin Spencer chose Kiltyclogher Church as their venue for their wedding on Friday 1st April. Many friends travelled from England to join them and some of Martin's family gave a special rendition ringing their handbells. Revd Ngozi conducted the ceremony and Joy Graham was the organist. Many thanks to those choir members who gave up their time to come along to help with the singing. We wish Breege & Martin every happiness in their married life in England.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday was held as a family service in both churches with the children taking part. In Garrison Church Baby Brody Gordon Brock, accompanied by his parents, Ian and Arlene, was received into the church and blessed by the rector, Revd Ngozi. The Sunday School children all had a chance to welcome baby Brody to the church fold.



The Easter Egg Hunt in Belleek Church, was enjoyed by all the Sunday School children and also some of the adults!

Easter Vestry

At each of the Easter Vestry meetings the Rector thanked the members and in particular the office bearers for their dedication to their roles throughout the year. All of the meetings have now taken place and the following is an update of the Office bearers in all four churches.

Garrison

Secretary: Joy Graham
Treasurer: Lorraine Boyd & Assistant Lisa Acheson
Rector's Church Warden: Jason Acheson
People's Church Warden: Adrian Elliott

Slavin

Secretary: Florence Earls
Treasurer: Elizabeth Ovens
Rector's Church Warden: Rector's
Church Warden: Raymond Gregg
People's Church Warden: Church Warden: Tom Ovens

Belleek

Secretary: Helen Thompson
Treasurer: Billy Nelson
Rector's Church Warden: Rachel Love
People's Church Warden: Robert Johnston Jnr

Kiltyclogher

Secretary: Pauline Carson
Treasurer: Pauline Carson
Rector's Church Warden: Edward Stephenson
People's Church Warden: Gordon Carson

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

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Bereavements

Our sympathies are with those who grieve the passing of a family member, relative or friend. Mrs Olive Saunderson on the death of her nephew Neville Carson and to Mrs Dorothy Elliott on the death of her sister-in-law Mrs Wylie. And to anyone unknown to us who have been bereaved recently.

Christian Burial

Sunday 10th April 2016: **Mrs Betty Ferguson**

Illness

We remember in our prayers all those who are ill either at home or in hospital and wish them a speedy return to good health.

Annual Easter Vestry

The following people were elected to serve on the Select Vestry for 2016/2017 year.

People's Churchwarden: Elizabeth McClelland;
Rector's Churchwarden: Ronald Ferguson
People's Glebewarden: David Bailey;
Rector's Glebewarden: Ian Rutherford
Select Vestry: Albert Hamilton (Hon. Secretary),
 Kathleen Elliott, Jennifer Ferguson, Julie Ferguson,
 Janette Wray, Leanne Muldoon, Rowena Anderson,

James Pattison, Derek Saunderson, Richard Harkness, Edward Rogers and Harry Anderson.

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Services

May

Sunday 1st: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Trillick Holy Communion

11.45am Kilskeery Holy Communion

Sunday 8th: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th: The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd: Trinity Sunday

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th: The First Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Trillick Morning Prayer

11.45am Kilskeery Morning Prayer

The AGM's took place on March 14th (Kilskeery) and 16th (Trillick)

The following were appointed to serve on Kilskeery Select Vestry for the year 2016/17

Rector's Church Warden: Stanley Hilliard

People's Church Warden: Gareth Armstrong

Rector's Glebe Warden: Gwen Crozier

People's Glebe Warden: John Armstrong

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Herbert Gray, Harold McKinley, James Crozier, Winston Cluff, Sandra Irvine, George Lawder, Eric Hunter, Christina Harris, Joyce McKinley, Sam Collins, Adrian Irvine and Derek Edgar.

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

The following were appointed to serve on Trillick Select Vestry for the year 2016/17:

Rector's Church Warden: Billy Funston

People's Church Warden: Claire Magee.

Rector's Glebe Warden: Thomas Farrell

People's Glebe Warden: David Thompson

In addition to the Church Wardens and Glebe Wardens the following were elected to serve on the Select Vestry: Wendy Keys, Linda Brunt, Nigel Farrell, May Kee, John

Bleakley, Roger Funston, William Magee, Norman Kee, Helena Thompson, Pauline Farrell, Joan McAuley, and Robin Clements.

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

Three members of the outgoing Select Vestries indicated that they did not wish their names to go forward for selection - David (Armstrong) following 10 years of service at Kilskeery and Robert (Armstrong) and John (Knox) following a lifetime of service at Kilskeery and Trillick respectively!

We, again, say a sincere 'thank you' to David, Robert and John and 'welcome' to Gareth, Sandra and Claire - you have big shoes to fill!!

Sincere Thanks

Sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way with the planning and organisation of all events and services over Lent and Easter, for their help throughout the year - our organists/musicians - Elizabeth, Wendy, Art & Choirs; outgoing Churchwardens - Adrian Irvine and Derek Edgar (Kilskeery), Linda Brunt (Trillick); Rector's Glebe Wardens, Gwen (Kilskeery) and Tommy (Trillick); People's Glebe Wardens, John (Kilskeery) and David (Trillick); those who look after our churches and halls in a particular way; those on the cleaning rotas and flower rotas; those who give so much of their time in looking after our young people via, Sunday School, (Grateful thanks also to all those who help with the Crèche), Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Youth Club, Messy Kids; those whose interest is with our more senior parishioners - Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club, our Mothers' Union Group and our Bowling Club; our Select Vestries.

Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club

Kilskeery Senior Citizens Club had a very lively AGM on 12th April with Emily continuing as Treasurer (66 388683), George as Secretary (895 61285) and Robert as Chairperson (895 61494). Members continue to form the Committee - sincere thanks to all!

The addition of weekly dinner for members, which got off the ground in September last has proved a resounding success (sincere thanks to Gwen Crozier, Pauline Farrell and Violet Hunter).

Members look forward to their first outing of the year with a trip to Portrush on 17th May.

The hall continues to open on every Tuesday from 2 - 4.00pm for Boccia/New Age Curling etc.

Mothers' Union

Our Service on Mothering Sunday was a Family Celebration of Holy Communion, with Revd Rosemary speaking on 'Scent with Love' - showing us the perfume sent with love by her daughter and speaking of the perfume lovingly used to anoint Jesus' feet - asking the simple question: 'are we willing to show our love for Christ through offering costly discipleship?'

Children and young people distributed chicks and rabbits (of the fluffy variety!) to the congregation together with Bookmarks.

Members at the time of writing look forward to a talk by Linda Brunt, following her visit to Bailleul Communal Cemetery, Nord, France to visit the grave of her great, great uncle, Corporal Robert McCourt, 2nd Bn., Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers who died on 9th November 1914.

Boys' Brigade

Boys' Brigade held their Parents' Night/Display on 8th April, Messy Kids had their monthly meeting on 19th March and Girls' Brigade their Annual Dinner/Display on the same day - see our pics!

And, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to a Mini Auction/Table Top and Coffee Afternoon at Kilskeery Parish Hall on 16th April, with our Parish BBQ planned for July 8th!!



Parents join in the fun at BB



Younger members of our GB having fun



Rev. Rosemary presents prizes at BB Parents' Night



Joy Milligan with Captain Gwen Crozier at GB Dinner

Lisbellaw (including Coolbuck)



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Services

May

Sunday 1st: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

Lisbellaw

11.00am Holy Communion in Eastertide

Coolbuck

3.00pm Holy Communion in Eastertide

Sunday 8th: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension Day

Lisbellaw

11.00am Service of Holy Baptism

Coolbuck

3.00pm Service of the Word for the Ascension

Sunday 15th: Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Lisbellaw

9.45am Holy Communion for Pentecost

11.00am Service of the Word for

Pentecost (Family Service)

Coolbuck

3.00pm Service of the Word for Pentecost

Sunday 22nd: Trinity Sunday

Lisbellaw

8.45am Holy Communion for Trinity

11.00am Confirmation Service

Coolbuck

3.00pm Service of the Word for Trinity Sunday

Sunday 29th: First Sunday after Trinity

Lisbellaw

11.00am Service of Holy Baptism

Coolbuck

3.00pm Evening Prayer

Sympathy

The parish extends its sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Elizabeth (Lizzie) Wylie, formerly of Main Street, Lisbellaw; the late Julia Elliott, formerly of Queenspark, Lisbellaw; the late Dessie Keogh, formerly of Lisnarick and the late Isobel Irwin, formerly of Tiernacspird, Lack.

Thank you

Thank you to Joy and Graham Brown for the beautiful new 'all-seasons' runner for the communion table. This, together with a set of green falls, was given in loving memory of Joy's parents, Alice and Tommy Beacom, formerly of Beechmount, Lisbellaw.

Select Vestry

Select Vestry Meeting on Thursday 26th May at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Canon J. John

Canon J. John continues his DVD series on the Ten Commandments in the church at 8.00pm

Wednesday 4th May: Take God Seriously

Wednesday 11th May: Know God

Wednesday 18th May: Live by Priorities

Thank you

Thank you to Canon David Skuce who provided pastoral cover while the rector was on holiday and to Mr John Irvine who took the services in Lisbellaw and Coolbuck.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes continue on the following dates at 10.00am in Lisbellaw church: 1st May; 8th May and 15th May. Confirmation candidates are expected to remain for the church service or attend the service in Coolbuck at 3.00pm and know, by memory, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. They will be tested on this knowledge before confirmation on 22nd May.

Knitting and Croche

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

Non-alcoholic wine is available on request.

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.

Parish Registers

Baptisms

27th September 2015: Isabella Margareta Irvine, daughter of Johnny and Emma Irvine, Farnamullen Road, Lisbellaw

18th October 2015: Will Ronald Crawford, son of Gareth and Lorraine Crawford, Faughard, Lisbellaw

15th November 2015: Amelia Rose Crawford, daughter of Matthew Crawford and Jodie Collins, Tamlaght Park, Tamlaght

3rd April 2016: Joven Finn Cinnamond, son of Karl and Sheryl Cinnamond, Clarence Drive, Glasgow



Rodney and Ruby Doherty with their great grandson, Joven, who was baptized in Lisbellaw church on 3rd April. Also included are Miss Isobel Stewart and the Revd Stephanie Woods.

Burials

15th September 2015: Gladys Margaret Walker, Cloughcor Road, Lisbellaw

2nd October 2015: Muriel Elizabeth Graham, Belfast

16th October 2015: Elizabeth Winifred (Lily) Henderson, Church Brae, Lisbellaw

2nd December 2015: Harriet Adams, Milcroft Nursing Home, Enniskillen

28th December 2015: John Henderson Creighton, Farnamullen Road, Lisbellaw

6th January 2016: Stella Martha Hetherington, Cloughcar Road, Lisbellaw

24th January 2016: Isabella Elizabeth Foster, Myrtle Cottage, Lisbellaw

1st March 2016: David Noel Johnston, Derrybrusk

15th March 2016: Elizabeth Wylie, Main Street, Lisbellaw

20th March 2016: Julia Josephine Elliott, Queen's Park, Lisbellaw

Lisnaskea



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Services

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Sunday 1st 11.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th 11.30am Service to mark Queen's 90th Birthday followed by a celebratory lunch at Trinity Hall

Sunday 22nd 11.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th 11.30am Holy Baptism & Children's Church Prize-Giving

Burial

Monday 4th April: Muriel Scholes, Gortacharn Nursing Home, Lisnaskea.

Confirmation

On Sunday 17th April seven candidates were presented to The Bishop for Confirmation: Erin Hannigan, Tanya Hannigan, Alice Parkinson, Megan McCusker, Aaron Lunny, James Ritchie and Jay Robinson. It was lovely to see so many family members who came along to offer support and encouragement to the young people. Our readers at the service were Molly McAlister and Ryan Storey. The Revd Capper presented each of the newly confirmed with a copy of the Book of Common Prayer.



Mothers' Union

We had a very enjoyable and informative meeting in the Drumhew Fold this month. We were shown round all the facilities and were very impressed. It is good to know that there is such comfortable and homely accommodation in our own town for any of us should we need it. We were pleased to have some of the tenants join with us for our meeting and we were treated to two solos by Carol Sommerville. Thanks to Mandy for inviting us.

We will have no more Branch meetings now till September as we will be attending the area service in Fivemiletown on Friday 13th May and in June we have our outing. We are arranging a bus trip to attend a Festival of Flowers in St Anne's Church in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal on Saturday 28th May. At the moment arrangements for the rest of the day and evening meal are in hand but if anyone is interested please contact Doris 02867721798 or any of our members. We need to fill the bus so come and bring your friends.

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Belfast Marathon

On 2nd May a team from the parish has entered the Belfast Marathon Relay. They are Raymond McCordick, Nicola Cinnamon, Edel Liggett and Brian and Heather Harper. Sponsorship will be forwarded to CMSI as part of the "Meeting Places" Sunday School Project.

Barbecue

Three girls from the parish are taking part in the Ulster Project this summer. The parish will be hosting a family barbecue for them on 20th May at the Rectory from 6.00pm. The girls are Alex Kernaghan, Lorna McHugh and Rachael Fyffe.

Mothers' Union

The Branch met on Thursday 7th April with 25 members and 2 visitors attending. The visiting speaker was Andy Smallwood who gave a very informative and detailed talk on the Mallard Credit Union.

Important dates for the diary

Friday 13th May: The Area Service this year will be held on in Magheraculmoney Parish Church at 8.00pm.

Thursday 19th May: The Spring Council Meeting will be held on in Magheracross at 7.30pm, which is open to all members. The evening begins with a Bring & Buy Sale with business meeting to follow.

Thursday 2nd June: Our annual trip this year will be a boat trip on the lake with Erne Tours followed by a meal in the Killyhevlin Hotel.

Bowling Tournament results

Almost one hundred pairs entered the St. Patrick's week 3-night tournament competing for the Northern Bank Cup. £1050 was raised and was presented by club secretary, Ann Brian, to representatives from Marie Curie and Palliative Transport Services. Club Captain, Sammy Nixon, thanked the tournament sponsors, Severfield, for their continuing support.



The final, with Matt Livingstone and Christopher Crawford playing against Alan Brown and Trevor Morrow. This exciting game entered the last end with only one point separating the pairs. Matt pushed the jack into the ditch and Alan, attempting to draw to it, just inched across the line leaving the winning pair with an 8-4 win.



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Whats your plan

There is a verse that we find in the book of Proverbs 29:18 which says *"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he"*.

The book of proverbs is filled with many little gems of insight, but this is one that is certainly true. Everyone has a vision of what they are about, they may not use the word vision but when you listen to them they have an objective to achieve, a goal to reach, a target to hit. In other words they are not aimlessly wandering through life but they are going after a specific purpose in life. Every organisation and group will have a vision and a purpose that they are about and the success of that group will depend on how well people have caught the vision. Take a moment and think of the various things you are involved in and ask your self - what is their vision? what are they about? For those that are wandering aimlessly unable to state what they want to get out of life we find that they are still in the same place after a number of years. I believe the church is the same and we need a vision of what we are about and Jesus gives us the vision, the purpose and the objective of the church. This may come as a shock to many people but it is not about maintaining all the wonderful buildings we have, I cannot find that in the bible, but I do see a very clear call for the people of God to reach out to those who do not know God personally and make the introductions, Matthew 28:18-19. If you were at a party or any gathering and you were with someone who did not know everyone in the room you would not hesitate to introduce them. God wants us to do the same for him that we introduce folks to him. The vision that Jesus has for the church is a simple one, for the people of God to live lives that honour God and to share that love with those who don't. The church is the people of God meeting together.



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The picture I have for the church is of a jigsaw but all too often that jigsaw is very incomplete there are many pieces missing where people are not taking an active part in the life of the church. The picture is a simple one we are all a piece of the jigsaw, but where do we fit in? Often we force a piece into the wrong place because we need that task covered but God will provide the people for every task. Why not ask God what piece am I and where do I fit, with elderly, youth or children, talking to people or working with people? There is a place for every piece.

Registers

Baptism

10th April 2016: **Georgia Elizabeth Law**, daughter of Ryan and Kim Law, 4 Dunnamona Grove, Omagh.

Burial

21st March 2016: **Mrs Alice Armstrong** (93) of 12 Rossculban Avenue, Kesh. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of those who are bereaved at this time.

Rector 25 years Married



Canon Henry and Helen celebrated 25 years of marriage at the beginning of April, and the occasion was marked by a presentation of a bunch of flowers

and a gift from the parish. Canon Henry and Helen expressed their thanks to the parish for their support and encouragement and their gift to mark the occasion.

Parish Administrator

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sonya Evans as part of the parish team. Sonya will be in the office to deal with any of your queries. You can find all the relevant times in the parish newsheet.

Mothers Union Area Service

This year we host the area service for the Mothers Union on Friday 13th May at 8.00pm. The preacher for this service, that sees all the mothers union groups in the area come together, is Revd Olivia Downey.

Volunteers wanted

All of our youth activities are really successful and we are becoming a victim of that success as we need more adult volunteers to assist in all the activities. Every area of the life of the church needs more volunteers to support and relieve those who already serve. Are you able to help out in some way?

Easter Vestry

After the Easter vestry the following appointments were made:

- Rector's Church Warden:** Robert Thompson
 - People's Church Warden:** Alan Spence
 - Rector's Glebe Warden:** Glenn Johnston
 - People's Glebe Warden:** David Morrow
 - Honorary Secretary:** Tanya McKeever
 - Honorary Treasurer:** Carol Buchanan
 - Select Vestry:** Alan Crawford, Tanya McKeever, Carol Buchanan, Jonas Knox, Ruth Graham, Bob McCurry, June McCutcheon, Gerald Knox, Frances Spence, Louie Lee, Brian Stronge and Diane Smith.
- Can I thank the outgoing wardens for all their work over the last year and welcome our new wardens.

Going Deeper Youth Event

We are hosting the Clogher Diocesan rural deanery youth event at the Fountain Centre on Saturday 7th May from 8-10pm. The theme for the evening is going 'Deeper into God's Word'. Why not come along and join us or if you are too old to be classed as youth then pray for the evening using the following prayer points:

- Pray that as other youth ministries receive the invitation to the event they will be encouraged to come along
- Pray for Revd Gary McMurray as he prepares to speak at the event and Nathan and Jason Blair as they lead us in worship
- Pray that God will stir up a passion for his word amongst the young people at the event. Pray that the Bible reading notes they receive at the end of

the event will be used by the young people and encourage them in a daily relationship with God.

Read Hebrews 4: 12

For further information please contact Ardess Parish Office in The Fountain Centre on 028 6863 2695, email office@ardess.org or visit our Facebook page.

Maguiresbridge and Derrybrusk

Vacant

During the vacancy the Ven. Helene Steed, is in charge. Canon Robert Riddel is providing pastoral cover together with Mrs Sue Hogg, Diocesan Pastoral Assistant.

Dedication of Gifts



L to R Mr Joe McAlpine (People's Church Warden), Rt. Rev. John McDowell, Canon David Skuce and Mr David Graydon (Rector's Church Warden)

On Sunday 10th April, in Christ Church, Maguiresbridge at 10.30am, the Bishop dedicated the following gifts:
 A Clavanova, presented in memory of the Bullock family, Lisaderney, by their nieces and nephews.
 Pulpit and prayer desk falls presented in memory of Ivan Downey, Aghinure, by the Downey family.
 A tapestry of the Lord's prayer, presented in memory of Dolly Magee, Main Street, Maguiresbridge, by her daughters.
 A photographic album of repairs to the Church and graveyard, presented in memory of Bobby Moore, The Orletts, Maguiresbridge, by his wife, Esther.
 A baptismal jug presented in memory of Alan Graydon, presented by his parents, brother and sisters, Corranewey.



Derrybrusk Church Wardens L to R: Mr John Stubbs (Peoples Church Warden), Canon David Skuce, Rt. Rev. John McDowell and Mrs Jean Kennedy (Rector's church warden)

On Sunday 10th April, in St. Michael's Parish Church, Derrybrusk at 3.30pm, the Bishop dedicated the following gifts and the completion of the works of restoration to St. Michaels Parish Church:

Carpet: by Robert Hogg in memory of his wife Eileen and parents Frank and Mary, Derryhoulagh.

Coat stand and tables in the porch: in memory of Alastair Stubbs by his daughter Ava and the Stubbs family, Belle Isle

Chest of drawers and mirror: in memory of Matthew Pennell by the Pennell family, Inishmore

Car park lighting: in memory of Mark Noble

Maguiresbridge Mothers' Union

Timothy Elliott was the guest speaker at our Visitors' Night on Monday 11th April. Special thanks to Timothy for arranging some wonderful displays on the evening. A lovely supper was had by all.

The Branch Leader thanked Canon David Skuce for all his help over the years and wished him well as he takes up his position of Rector of Inishmacsaint Parish.

Monaghan, Tydavnet and Kilmore



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Services

May

Sunday 1st: Seveneth Sunday after Easter

10.30am St Patrick's Holy Communion 2

12:15pm Kilmore Holy Communion 2

Sunday 8th: Day of Pentecost

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word

12:15pm Ballinode Morning Prayer 1

Sunday 15th: Trinity Sunday

10.30am St Patrick's Morning Prayer 2

3.00pm Ballinode Praise Service

Sunday 22nd: Trinity 1

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word All Age Worship

12:15pm Kilmore Morning Prayer 2

Sunday 29th: Trinity 2

10.30am St Patrick's Service of the Word

The Ladies' Group

The Ladies' Group met on Tuesday 15th March in the Hall when local optician Mr Tiernach Ronaghan gave a talk on 'Taking care of your eyes'. The large number of members

present benefitted from a very informative talk. The evening concluded with refreshments.

The Girls' Brigade Display

The Girls' Brigade Display and Parents night was held in the Hall on Wednesday 16th March and the members are to be congratulated on their performance. We are, as ever, indebted to the Captain and her officers for giving of their time and talents to work with the girls, to enable them to seek, serve and follow Christ.

Holy Week Services

Holy week services were held in Ballyalbany Presbyterian Church and were supported by the Christian churches in the town, with the address each evening being given by one of the clergy. The theme was the cross explained under the following headings; undeserved righteousness, wise folly, fatal reconciliation, present history and tragic victory. The service on Thursday evening was a celebration of Holy Communion as in previous years.

Bible Study

Bible study continued each Wednesday during lent in the Rectory.

Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 5th April in the Hall with the guest speaker Tracey Allister giving a talk on Hearing. It was also the night for receiving contributions for overseas. The evening concluded with supper and chat. There will be no meeting in May, but members are encouraged to attend the area service in Aghabog Church.

Easter Services

Easter services commenced with a Dawn service at 7.00am at Monaghan Collegiate School supported by all the local Churches – it was followed by a cooked breakfast for those in attendance. There was an all-age Communion Service in St. Patrick's and a Holy Communion Service in Ballinode.

Illness

Your prayer support for those who are ill or recovering, the housebound and those in residential care and their families would be greatly appreciated.

Condolence

We express prayerful sympathy to the family of the late Revd Gerry Sproule, a former Curate in our Group of Parishes.

General Easter Vestries

St. Patrick's was held on Monday 4th April and the following were elected.

Rector's Churchwarden: Sammy Genoe

People's Churchwarden: Bertie Wedlock

Rector's Glebewarden: Bertie Wedlock
People's Glebewarden: Dick Shirley
Select Vestry: Chris Treacy, Elizabeth Murphy, Flo Crawford, Muriel Treacy, Pat Shirley, Lila Hardy, Albert Hall, Fern Lyttle, Trevor Jordan, Amanda Garland, Dawson McConkey.

Kilmore Select Vestry

Rector's Churchwarden: Robert McBride
People's Churchwarden: Robert Brown
Select Vestry: George Anderson, Ruby Brown, Georgina Anderson, Rachel Brown, Robert Anderson, Jim Brown, William Anderson, Lynn McBride.

Ballinode Select Vestry

Rector's Churchwarden: Herbie Mollan
People's Churchwarden: Tommy Carson
Select Vestry: Ronnie Wilkinson, Hilda Wilkinson, Heather Stirrat, Ruth McMahon, Tommy Wilkinson, Betty Wilkinson, Doreen McClean, Willie Carson.

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Services

May

Sunday 1st

9.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 8th

9.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 15th

9.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Family Service

Sunday 22nd

9.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th

9.00am Holy Communion
 11.00am Morning Prayer

Parish Register

Bereavements

The Parish was saddened to learn of the death of one of our parishioners and extend our sympathy, prayers and support to their family.

David Morrell of Ferney Rise, died on 31st March 2016 and was buried on 5th April at Rossorry after a private service.

Baptism

On Sunday 27th March 2016: Sienna Allie Christina Williams, infant daughter of Graham and Serena. A very warm welcome to the newest member of the congregation at Rossorry!



Sienna with Mum and Dad

Celebrating 175 years of Worship at Rossorry



The Rector with his two predecessors and Niall Howe and the Bishop

A service of Thanksgiving was held in Rossorry Parish Church on Sunday 3rd April to mark the 175th anniversary of the church on its present site.

The service was led by the rector and the preacher was the Bishop of Clogher, Rt Revd John McDowell.

The congregation included parishioners as well as many people who had links with the parish over the years. The lessons were read by Mr Niall Howe, son of a former rector, Chancellor Howe; Archdeacon Cecil Pringle, former rector, and Dean Arthur Barrett, former rector.

Also taking part were parish readers Mrs Sarah Maguire and Mr Nick Hambly. During the service a group of senior parishioners joined with some of our younger parishioners in a sequence illustrating the handing on of our faith heritage.

The choir and praise band led our music and singing under the direction of our organist Mrs Catherine Irwin.

We were delighted to be joined by a number of local clergy and lay readers along with local civic representatives

including the First Minister, Mrs Arlene Foster and Mr Tom Elliott MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone.

The service was much appreciated by all who attended as a fitting thanksgiving to God for the inheritance of faith we have received in this parish. It is an important landmark in the history of Rossorry and the service inaugurated a year of special celebratory events, details of which are being presently being publicised.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to this memorable service.



The Howe family with the Bishop and the Rector

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 7th May: Coffee Morning and Flower Arranging in Rossorry Parish Hall at 10.00am

Sunday 29th May: Open air Inter-church service in Old Rossorry on site of the Old Church at 3.00pm

Tuesday 7th June: Concert in Rossorry Parish Church by Fermanagh Choral Society at 7.30pm

Andrew Irwin Concert: Date to be announced for Autumn

Easter Tree

This year to as part of our Easter celebrations we placed and decorated a special Easter Tree in church. It was also a way to raise some funds for a local cancer support charity – Cancer Connect NI. Parishioners were asked to write a dedication on a label to be attached to a decorative Easter Egg and then placed on our Easter Tree. They could also make a donation to support the charity Cancer Connect NI which is a Fermanagh based charity. The tree was decorated on Easter Eve and on Easter Day was a magnificent bright display visibly demonstrating the promise of new life we proclaim at Easter.

The collection for Cancer Connect, Enniskillen realised just over £1500 – well done and thank you.

Rossorry Old Church

We are currently planning an event to connect our congregation with the ancient site of St Fanchea's Church at Old Rossorry which was the original Rossorry Church. The Service has now been arranged at Old Rossorry on Sunday 29th May at 3.00pm. It is anticipated other local churches will join us as we use the opportunity to reflect upon our common Christian heritage of the ancient church in this land.

Wednesday Club News

Programme - May

4th May: Memories of the year looking back

11th May: Summer Outing

(Club closed until September 2016)

The meetings of the Club 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 last monthly meeting was at 8.00pm on Thursday 21st April. The Guest Speakers were Denise Walker and Mabel Greaves from Homestart. The next meeting will be on Saturday 7th May and will be the Area Service. All welcome.

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Clabby Restoration Fund

10K / 5K run

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on the 8th April by their participation or financial contribution. Also, our thanks to Colin Stronge and Alan Robinson who organised the event and to those who helped on the evening as stewards or with the refreshments. The amount raised was £1125.

Vintage Bike Run

We are looking forward to the Vintage Bike Run on Saturday 7th May from Clabby Church Hall at 10.00am. For further information contact Jim Monteith on 895 21167 or 07751 803660.

Quiz Sheet

Thank you to Miss Mary Elliott one of our joint Missionary Treasurers who compiled a quiz sheet towards Church Missions our Parish supports. The amount raised was £666. Thank you to the members of the select Vestry, some parishioners and friends of Mary who sold quiz sheets, also thank to everyone who supported the initiative. Thank you to Mrs Vera McConnell, the joint Missionary treasurer for the support by distributing the sheets and collecting the money, also thanks to Mrs Jean Armstrong for typing the sheets and photocopying them.

Garden Fete/Fun Day

Saturday 4th June. There are a variety of events to suit all age groups. It runs from 12.30pm – 4.00pm at Clabby Church Hall grounds. Everyone welcome. Proceeds to Church Funds.

Tempo Parish Auction

Thanks again to those who worked and supported this fund raising event for Church Funds the amount raised was £1825.

Link Missionaries

The Parishes will act as Mission Partners for the Watson Family. Trevor and Andrea who along with their three children Emily, Grace and Alice will be serving God through Crosslinks in Sweden commencing in June.

Healing Service

13th March. The Revd Dr Pat Mollan from the Churches Ministry of Healing in Belfast spoke in Clabby Church Hall on the theme "He touched Me" in the afternoon. After refreshments a Healing Service, which was well attended, was held in the Parish Church, at which Dr Pat Mollan preached. Helen Humphries told about her experience of cancer and how God helped and healed her. Other members of the Healing Committee took part in the service. Our thanks also to Ann Bloomfield and the music group who led the worship. Our thanks to all who provided sandwiches for the afternoon tea and Jean Armstrong for providing tray bakes etc., and to Jenny Crawford who helped in the hall. Also thanks to Hilary & Edwin Armstrong and Melanie Stronge who served tea after the service in Church.

Annual General Vestries

Tempo

Rector's Churchwarden: Mr Jim Beatty (Hon. Secretary)

People's Churchwarden: Mr Adam Nixon

Rector's Glebwarden: Mr Richard Woods

People's Glebwarden: Mr Cecil Armstrong

Select Vestry: William Rutledge (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs Joan Rutledge (F.W.O. Ass Treasurer/Gift Aid Secretary), Mrs C White, Mrs R Whiteman, Mr D Williamson, Mr B Monaghan, Mr J Trimble, Mr K Parsons, Mr M McDonald, Mr G White and Mr R White.

We welcome Mr Rodney White as a new member of the Select Vestry.

Missionary Treasurer: Mr J Beatty

Magazine Secretary: Mrs I Creighton

Clabby

Rector's Churchwarden: Mr Edwin Armstrong (Hon. Treasurer)

People's Churchwarden: Mr Colin Stronge

Rector's Glebwarden: Mr Harold Wilson

People's Glebwarden: Mr Leslie McCutcheon

Select Vestry: Miss A Woods (Hon. Secretary) Mrs V McConnell, Mrs K Turner, Mrs W Gardiner, Mr A Adams, Mr I Adams, Mr I McCutcheon, Mr T Suttle, Mrs J Crawford and Mr J Monteith.

We welcome Mr Trevor Suttle and Mrs Jenny Crawford as new members. Mr T Morgan did not want to stand again due to ill health the Rector thanked him for his service as his Churchwarden and on the Select Vestry.

Gift Aid: Mrs J Armstrong

Missionary Secretary: Miss M Elliott & Mrs V McConnell

Magazine Secretary: Mrs K Turner

F.W.O: Mrs C Bell and Mrs W Gardiner

Recording: Mrs T Armstrong

May Diary

Saturday 7th: Vintage Bike Run from Clabby Church Hall at 10.00am

Saturday 7th: Deeper into God's Word in The Fountain Centre, Kesh

Friday 13th: Mothers' Union Area Service in Fivemiletown Parish Church at 8.00pm

Sunday 29th: Aghavea Parish Church Rural Deanery Select Vestry Dedication Service at 7.30pm

All Select Vestry members, Spouses and Parishioners welcome to attend.

Special Events

During the month of May we observe two special events in the church calendar. The first is the Ascension of Christ, forty days after His Resurrection. The Ascension means that Christ had completed his work on earth and now returned to his place in Heaven, seated at His Father's right, in His place of equality. "After he had provided purification for sins, he set down at the right hand of the majesty in Heaven". Hebrews chapter 1 v 3 In Heaven He would continue his work on our behalf, as our high priest or intercessor. "He always lives to intercede for us." However ten days later the promised gift of the Holy Spirit is remembered on Pentecost (see Acts Chapter 2). The Holy Spirit who had different names and roles was promised by Jesus as we read in John's Gospel (chapter 14,15). He would come to give power to the apostles to go out with courage to proclaim the gospel (Acts chapter 1 v 8), with the return of Christ to Heaven also came the promise that Christ would return again (Acts chapter 1 v 11).

As we await Christ's return, we are called to trust in him, to live for him, serve him and be ready for his return. The Holy Spirit living in Christ's followers will enable them to grow in their faith, become more like Jesus and receive help to live out their faith. He will help us to live with God's strength for all of life's situations.

Vintage Bike Run

Saturday 7th May at 10.00am

All Vintage bicycles welcome

Entry £15.00 (includes all refreshments)

Come and view the bicycles from 10-11am

Leaving Clabby Church Hall Car Park at 11.00am

Clogher Rural Deanery

The Clogher Rural Deanery held a retirement meal in Clabby Rectory on Friday 15th April to mark the Retirement of Revd Canon Noel Regan.

The Rural Dean, Revd Canon Maurice Armstrong presented Noel with a gift voucher on behalf of the Clergy and Revd Olie Downey presented his wife Joan with flowers on behalf of the clergy and their wives. The Rural Dean expressed thanks to Noel on behalf of his colleagues and to Joan for her support to Noel in his ministry and wished them both a happy retirement.

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Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago as an undergraduate one of our base textbooks was called Positive Economics and was written by a man called R. G. Lipsey. The text ran to over 900 pages and the lecturer told us if we could remember everything in the book we would pass. The trouble is that the author would bring out a new book every two or three years to reflect changes in economics. The book was always, at least two steps behind the world. But I still have my copy and it lives on a bookshelf, worn, ignored, unused and left face it unloved. I could put it on Amazon but its only worth a penny but at one stage it was priceless and the source of much knowledge.

For many the same fate has befallen our Bibles. Dust gathering, worn, ignored, unused, and perhaps unloved. May be its the fact that we think that God has not released a new edition in almost two thousand years that it does not reflect changes in the world.

But you see, unlike economics theory, God has no need to alter the truth. The revelation of God to the world Father, Son and Holy Spirit is still the same. The facts of how to attain Salvation are still the same. Good and evil are still the same. Living and dying still happens. Yet, the Bible gives new insight to the glory of God each time we read it. From Genesis to Revelation it still speaks the living power of God.

May be you could put your copy on Amazon and get a penny for it. But one truth remains - You cannot buy love. You can only give it away. Your Bible contains something more precious than gold, silver or gain. It is the story of the Almighty and his eternal, unchanging freely given love for you. Perhaps it's time to look beyond the economics of this world and open again our bodies, minds and souls to God.

Trory Bell

The bell as I write has been broken for the last couple of weeks. Repairs to the transformer which has broken are as we speak being undertaken in Keady, Co. Armagh. I hope by the time of publication the bell will again be ringing out the call to worship in Trory.

Trory Bowling Club



Shirley Johnston, Trevor Neely and Mena Coalter being presented with the winners trophy for the triples

On the 15th of April Rona and I were guests of the bowling club at the annual dinner and prize giving in The Encore Steak House in Ballinamallard. Alan the Patron and his family sponsored the prizes.

Peter's going walking

As I wrote last month Peter Watson is hoping to climb Mount Snowdon in Wales, Scafell Pike in England and Ben Nevis in Scotland during the first nine days in July. Peter is hoping to raise money for Trory Parish through sponsorship and these will be available this month. At present he is undertaking training for this challenge.

Spring tidy up at the Priory

Parishioners are asked to bring their labour to keep the Priory neat and tidy on Saturday 7th May at 10.00am.

Rite of Confirmation

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

Thanks and Praise Hymnal

The family circle of the late Mrs. Ellen Thompson are donating sufficient copies of this new hymn book to the Priory for parochial use. The Thanks and Praise hymnal is already in use in Trory and has proved a valuable liturgical resource.

Queens Birthday

The Union flag was flown at Trory Church on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of Queen Elizabeth on the 21st of April. Thanks are offered to the Dean for organising a community event and service in the cathedral in Enniskillen.

Orange Lillies

Various members of Trory Select Vestry are growing orange lilly bulbs in planters for a display outside the church on the first of July to remember the 41 soldiers who left the Parish of Trory to serve in World War 1.



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